

## Community history, Chinese

### Joyce Cheong Chin (b. c.1940)

**Joyce Cheong Chin:** When I was at school [in Darwin], there was no discrimination there at all. There was certainly equality. There were *always* Chinese House captains and Chinese prefects, Chinese leaders, leading the Social Club and the Student Representative Council.

**Diana Giese:** Sports have become a large part of the outdoors Territory way of life—

**Joyce Cheong Chin:** And that's where a lot of the part-Aboriginal children were recognised, too—on the sportsfield. There was absolute equality out there. It didn't matter who you were or what your background was. You were equal or better: you proved yourself out there for just what you could do. And it was academically the same, which I'm pleased to say.'

*She taught in high schools and from 1965 was a pioneer of Adult Education. By 2001 she had become Associate Dean at the Northern Territory University, from which she retired as the longest-serving member of staff.*

(From interview with Diana Giese, 1992 and her ABC Radio program, *Reclaiming the Past*, 1996)

### Daryl Chin (b. 1965)

Growing up in Darwin we never really felt any different to anybody else. There was only once, in Sydney, that I did feel any racial sort of pressures or undertones in the community. But it was quite new to me, coming from Darwin, because I'd never experienced it before. When I attended university [the University of NSW] being Asian by sight, many people asked me where I was from. I said 'Darwin'. I think it threw them seeing someone Chinese and then having them tell them in a broad Australian accent that they're from Darwin.

I'm first and foremost an Australian: it's in my voice; it's in my accent; it's in the way I think. But I think differently from an Australian-Australian...

*Daryl Chin is a long-term activist with the Chung Wah Society in Darwin, involved with its historical work, including setting up the Chinese Museum and the Lion Dance troupe.*

(From Diana Giese's ABC radio program, *Reclaiming the Past*, 1996)

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