

# ***TEACHER NOTES***

This activity supports the learning objectives for Stage 3 in the unit The Australian Colonies. A student describes the significance of people, places and events in the development of the colony.

Historical concepts can be explored by the events and circumstances of Chinese migration to Australia and the social impact of this migrant group. Cultural customs and religious beliefs are introduced as historical characters bring to life colonial Australia in two short film clips.

Research skills can be utilised to explore the contributions made by Chinese migrants in shaping of the colony.

## **SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES**

Students can gain insights through the dramatic reenactments of events through the eyes of Minna and her friend Adelaide and Henry in their friendship with the Wong family. Students can discuss some of the experiences and difficulties Mr. Wong may have faced in making a new home in a foreign country.

An object study is included to introduce students to the museum collection accessible online. The theme of Julian Woods' encounters with Chinese migrants is continued via the opportunity to study an object connected to Fr Woods' travels to Asia.

## **RESOURCES**

My Place for educators [www.myplace.edu.au](http://www.myplace.edu.au)

1868 The Chinese House - MP4 file.

1878 The Chinese Dragon - MP4 file.

eHive Collection online

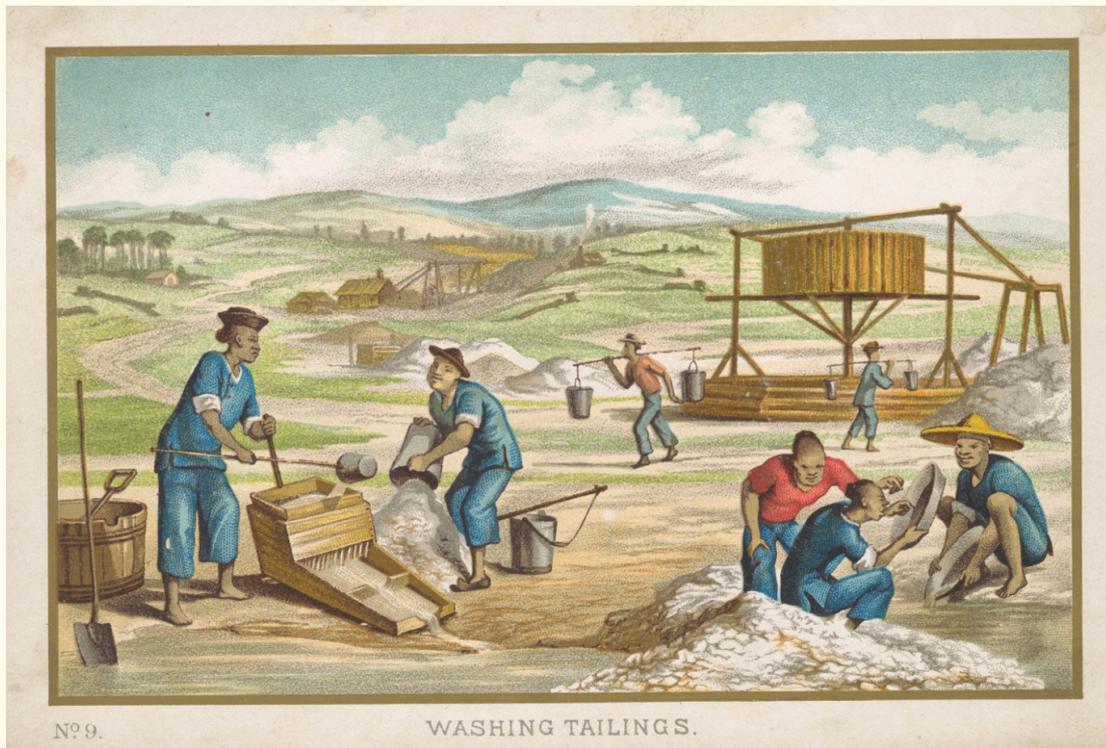
**MARY MACKILLOP PLACE MUSEUM on eHive.**

## ***SHAPING OUR SOCIETY IN COLONIAL AUSTRALIA***

In 1857 Julian Tenison Woods and his brother Terry travelled by steamer to the port town of Robe after he was ordained as a priest. They discovered a town which was a busy centre for Chinese migrants [15,000 arrived in that year alone] travelling from China and then overland to the goldfields of Bendigo and Ballarat. This was Fr Woods first encounter with Asian people. Later in Julian's life he would travel throughout Asia and build lasting friendships with Chinese Malay people .



Chinese miner, 1868  
Queensland State  
Library



## ***ACTIVITIES***

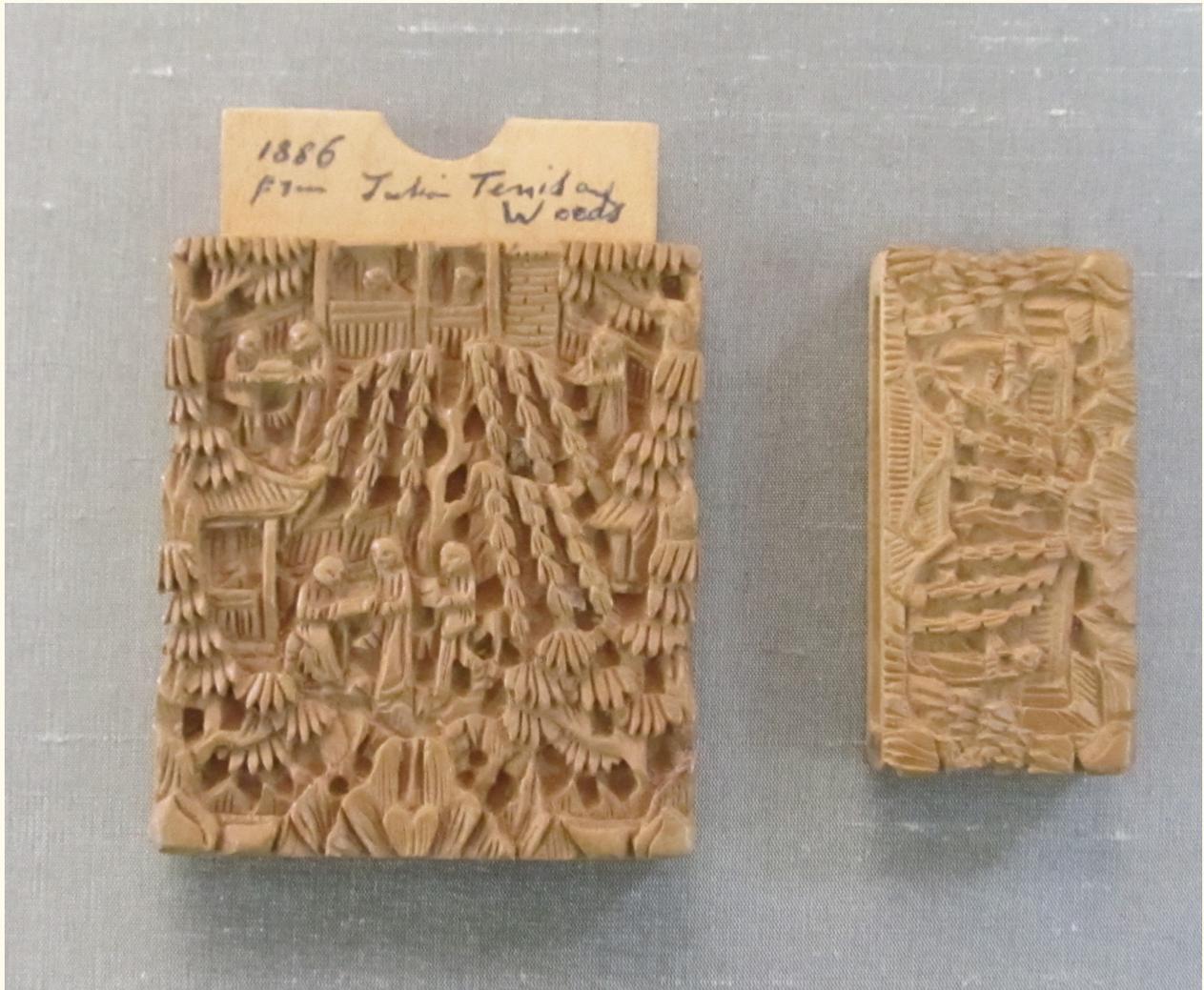
Watch the My Place clips and follow Minna and her friend Adelaide and Henry as they meet Mr. Wong and his family and celebrate Chinese New Year.

Discuss what these clips show us about being accepting and respectful of other cultures.

Share with your class a current news item on the theme of discrimination and migration in Australian society today.

Complete the Object study by discovering the museum's collection online.

# **OBJECT STUDY**



Mary MacKillop Place Museum Collection on line eHive 94.53

## **ACTIVITY**

Take a close look at this small object which belonged to Fr Julian Woods and was kept in his pocket.

1. Can you guess its use? Share your answer with the group.

2. Look online and research the object

Where is it made?

What material is it made of?

How was it decorated and what process would have been used?

Can you describe the scene depicted?