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A night to remember

THE Australia Day dinner at Gunnedah PCYC tomorrow night promises to be one of the biggest, and best ever, with 270 bookings and 33 nominees for Australia Day awards.

Gunnedah's 2008 Citizen of the Year and Young citizen will be announced at the dinner along with the Volunteer of the Year and winners of the cultural, community event and senior's divisions.

For his services to the Chinese/Australian community, Gunnedah's Australia Day Ambassador, Dr Anthony Pun, received two NSW Premier's Awards for Community Services (1991 and 1996) and the Medal of the Order of Australian in 1997.

He is a graduate from the University of NSW with a Ph D in Molecular Biology.

Dr Pun started his career with St Vincent's Hospital in Sydney and retired as Chief Medical Scientist, Haematology Department's Blood Transfusion Service.

He is the author and co-author of 11 papers and more than 20 abstracts on blood transfusion, clinical laboratory computing and bone-marrow transplantation.

After changing careers to Administrative Law, Dr Pun served five years as a Member of the Immigration Review Tribunal (Sydney Registry 1994/99 and three years as a Member of the NSW Administrative Decisions Tribunal in the General and Equal Opportunity Divisions (2001/2004).

Since 1998, Dr Pun has worked as a consultant in the financial sector.

A former President of the Australian Chinese Community Association (1989/92), Dr Pun is a prominent member of the Chinese-Australian community and is actively involved in a number of community organisations.

For his services to the Chinese Australian community, he received two NSW Premier's Awards for Community Services (1991 and 1996) and the Medal of the Order of Australia in 1997.

He is the Chairman of the Chinese-Australian Union and he also chairs the Chinese-Australian Celebration Committee, which celebrates Australia Day in the community.

Dr Pun was elected President of the newly-formed national body, the Chinese Community Council of Australia in mid-2007.

He has been involved with the promo-

tion of Australia-China relations since the early 1980s.

In 1984, as part of a St Vincent's Hospital delegation, he was invited by the Chinese Academy of Medical Science to lecture in Beijing, Shanghai, Tianjin and Hangzhou.

His efforts were recognised by the Shanghai City Government when he was appointed the Overseas Director of Australia for the Shanghai International Culture Association.

In 2001, Dr Pun was part of a NSW Parliamentary Trade Delegation, which toured Beijing, Tangshan, Dalian, Qingtao and Shanghai.

In 2003, he was appointed advisor to the Australia-China Chamber of Commerce and Industry of NSW.

Dr Pun served twice as Chairman of Australia's largest community organisation, the Ethnic Communities' Council of NSW and is now serving as a Member of the Australian Pharmaceutical Advisory Council and the NSW Ministerial Advisory Committee Hearing.

He is also an Australia Day Ambassador with the Australia Day Council of NSW and has visited regional Australia (Leeton, Inverell, Wakool, Nambucca Heads and Northern Midlands (Tasmania) in this role.



DR ANTHONY PUN