



NZ China Friendship Society

Dunedin Branch

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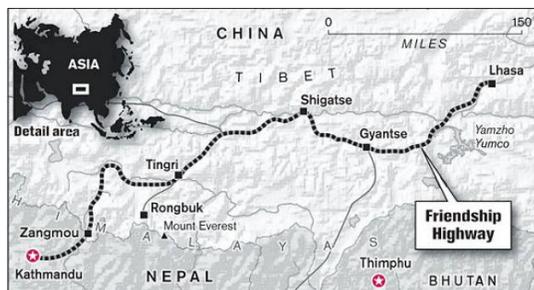
Our term two language class for beginner Mandarin learners was very successful.



Your committee is also exploring the possibility of running beginner English classes for recent Chinese migrants. We are exploring the model in which an English and Chinese language speaker is the teacher/laoshi, supported by conversation helpers. If you have thoughts on this please contact secretary or committee member Simon Wang WeChat: 444858620 or

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September – Cycling here and there



Source: ESRI

The Chronicle

Interested in learning Mandarin?

For more details about future courses, contact Language Class Facilitator, committee member Karen Tang Liantingtang2013@gmail.com

Coming up...

AUGUST MEETING

(Our July meeting with Brian Moloughney was postponed because of the snow weather) Here it is... This time

**TIME: Wednesday 30 AUGUST
7.30pm**

PLACE: St John's Church - seminar room. 373 Highgate, Roslyn. (Come up the driveway. Warm welcome and supper.)

“CHINA AND THE PACIFIC”

Guest speaker: Professor Brian Moloughney, University of Otago



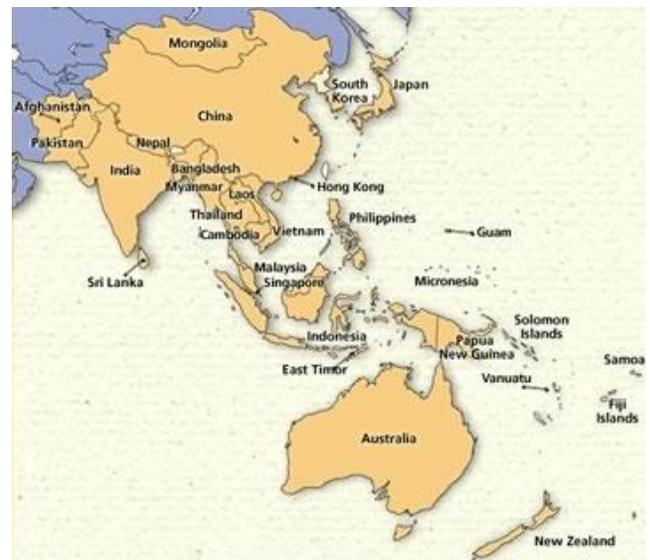
Following a number of years teaching Chinese history at the University of

Otago, Brian became Head of the School of Languages and Cultures at Victoria University of Wellington, where he taught in both the Chinese and Asian Studies programmes. For five years he was Editor of the New Zealand Journal of Asian Studies and he has served as President of the New Zealand Asian Studies Association. From 2010 until 2015 Brian was Pro-Vice-Chancellor Humanities at the University of Otago.

He will be talking to us about what the “Belt and Road Initiative” could mean for the Pacific. And we will enjoy his passion for China’s history, its culture and his understanding of China’s contemporary place in the world.

For a background article on the “Belt and Road Initiative” see this recent ODT article:

<https://www.odt.co.nz/news/dunedin/new-roads-new-vistas>



Coming up in September... see next page

Coming up: CYCLING IN TIBET

Branch member Rob Duffy talks about his 2016 cycle trip.

But first... A Saturday afternoon walk or cycle on the Harbour Cycleway. Meet at 3.30 for a leisurely walk or ride (you choose), then back to our (as yet secret) venue for soup and dumplings and presentation by Rob. For those who are less physical, or busy with spring gardening, work, shopping, family, or just plain lazy... or if the weather is less than wonderful - meet us at the venue at 4.30.

After a week of acclimatisation Rob spent 3 weeks with 6 cyclists (family members and friend) and a Tibetan support crew. The terrain was mostly on the Friendship Highway - an 800-kilometre scenic route connecting the capital of Tibet, Lhasa, with the Chinese/Nepalese border. It includes the westernmost part of China National Highway 318 (Shanghai-Zhangmu) and crosses three passes over 5,000m before dropping to 1,750m at the border.



The group cycled 782km and drove many hundreds of kms sightseeing high country plateau, Namsto Lake (Tibet) and primary school in hill country out of Kathmandu.

Details next newsletter about where we meet.

In your diary... **Saturday 16 September**

A chance for a touch of fitness, and an interesting presentation. Some of Rob's photos...



Some August viewing suggestions

* INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL DUNEDIN



Born in China 2016

*“Directed by Lu Chuan and narrated by John Krasinski, **Born in China** features stunning cinematography that spans China’s vast landscape, from the frigid and jagged mountains of the west to the deepest points of the lush bamboo forest. By offering a remarkably intimate look into the lives of some of the world’s most majestic animals, the film highlights the importance of continued global conservation efforts to protect them and their natural habitats.”*

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East Meets East

Director: Julie Zhu Producer: Tema Pua
The honest musings of a Chinese grandmother brings an unseen community into the spotlight.

79-year-old Fang Ruzhen immigrated to Auckland to help raise her grandchildren. Seventeen years on, English is still a foreign language, but she has found community with other elderly Chinese grandparents through her daily ritual of riding the bus to the Asian supermarkets of East Auckland.

Meet a group rendered invisible not only by their migrant status but also by their age. This is an often-untold perspective of those who do not assimilate but nevertheless are as much New Zealanders as they are Chinese.

Film Festival:

<https://www.nziff.co.nz/2017/dunedin/films/title/>

Search for Chinese Films from past festivals:

<https://www.nziff.co.nz/2017/dunedin/search/chinese/>

Documentaries from Loading Docs: Diversity 2017 on line from Aug 11

<http://loadingdocs.net/2017shorts/>

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Also on... today



University of Otago Winter Symposium



Queenstown – Tuesday 8 August

Something in the water – water quality, tourism and the economy vs the environment

One of the presenters in Queenstown next week is Dunedin Branch Member Marc Schallenberg. Marc went to China on an NZCFS delegation last year, presented a talk to us of his experience at Kunming, and participated in a further workshop in China last month. Dr Marc Schallenberg, of the Department of Zoology, is a freshwater scientist who has studied more than 80 NZ lakes, from Northland to Campbell Island, and is the current president of the New Zealand Freshwater Sciences Society.



Dainchi Lake, Kunming



NZCFS National President Dave Bromich is one of the members of the Advisory Board to the **NZ China Council**.



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<http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/>

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