

Manawatu Branch

New Zealand China

Friendship Society

February Newsletter 2018

Next Event

To Celebrate Chinese New Year

A Pot-luck Dinner

To be held on

Friday 2nd March

**At 6.30 pm at Anne Henderson's house
20 Collingwood St, Palmerston North**

The Year of the Dog

Chinese astrologists believed that those born under this sign were inclined to seek true love, to pursue humanitarian causes, to be idealistic and independent but tended to be impulsive. Along with those born under the tiger and horse, they are said to be productive, enthusiastic, independent, engaging, dynamic, honourable, loyal and protective.



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WARNING: However, those born in the year of the dog can also be rash, rebellious, quarrelsome, anxious, disagreeable or stubborn.

Donald Trump was born in the year of the dog.



Chinese Dance and Opera

Group Visits

Palmerston North



At the performance by the Longjiang Centre for Performing Arts Troupe in the Regent theatre on Wednesday 14th February, Mayor Grant Smith received a hand written calligraphy scroll from the Chinese cultural Ambassador. Our city was one of only three venues visited by this excellent group of dancers, musicians and acrobats while they were in New Zealand. The concert included 14 performances from a wide variety of polished young artists; 4 more apparently than were performed in Wellington. The tour was organised by the Chinese Ministry of Culture and the Manawatu Chinese Community Trust.



Acrobat Wang Deqian head balancing pottery jars at Regent theatre performance



The Longjiang Song and Dance Group performing "Beautiful China"

At Our Last Events

As part of Chinese Language Week last year the Branch organised the showing of an interesting documentary video "A Bite of China" on the preparation of common Chinese foods. It was shown in the City Library and accompanied by a short talk from Kate Ngai on Chinese cultural heritage and traditions. With the help of Jérémie Coroenne and the Library staff, the Branch also organized the placement of signs in Chinese language marking the different book sections around the City library.



This documentary series covers the history of food, eating, and cooking in China. It was directed by Chen Xiaoqing and 1st shown in China in 2012.



Kate Ngai talking in the City Library as part of Chinese Language Week



Also as part of Chinese Language Week Maurice Alley and Kate Ngai attended the opening of the Manawatu Chinese Language competition held in the Globe Theatre. It was opened by the Palmerston North Mayor Grant Smith.

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