



## Christchurch Branch Newsletter – July 2018

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### Monthly Meetings Held

Last Thursday of the Month (except January, September, November and December)  
 7:30 pm  
 Rewi Alley Education and Cultural Centre  
 (Wharenui School)  
 32 Matipo Street, Riccarton

### Next Meeting – 26<sup>th</sup> July 2018

This month's speaker on Thursday 26th July is Sarah Walters, Board Chair of Rewi Alley Chinese School

### “What's in a name?”

Sarah will cover an update on the school – what has been happening, who we are and where we are heading.

I am sure there will be many questions around the school and where it is headed and see what activities they are doing that might be of interest to you.



The poster features a red background with a large black treble clef and musical notes. At the top left is the logo for the China-NZ International Culture & Arts Association. At the top right is the UC Music logo. The title 'GOLDEN RIBBON CONCERT' is prominently displayed in yellow and black. Below the title, the location and date are listed: 'RIGHT AT THE LA VIDA CENTRE, RICCCARTON THIS 6:30PM, AUG. 13, 2018!'. A vertical banner on the left reads 'CHINA-NZ CULTURE & ARTS FEST 2018'. The bottom section contains several logos of sponsors and partners, including 'THE OFFICE OF ethnic communities', 'creative communities NZ', 'c.n.c.a', 'TOPA ELECTRICAL', and others. Text at the bottom provides ticket information and contact details.

**CHINA-NZ CULTURE & ARTS FEST 2018**

# GOLDEN RIBBON CONCERT

RIGHT AT THE LA VIDA CENTRE, RICCCARTON  
THIS 6:30PM, AUG. 13, 2018!

ENJOY THIS SEASON'S GOOD VIBES

SEE YOU AT LA VIDA CENTRE!

BY : CHINA-NZ INTERNATIONAL CULTURE & ARTS ASSOC. SCHOOL OF MUSIC, UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY, NZ.

TICKETS: (ADULT - 20 / CHILDREN - 15)  
CNCA CENTRE, 39 LESLIE HILLS DRIVE, RICCCARTON  
BASICS ASIAN SUPERMARKET, 8 BRAKE ST,  
WESTLINK MALL, UPPER RICCCARTON  
EMAIL: CNCAASSOCIATION@GMAIL.COM

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TOPA ELECTRICAL

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We have tickets available for this amazing show.

Email [nzcfchristchurch@gmail.com](mailto:nzcfchristchurch@gmail.com)

## International Students Help at Sister City Garden in Halswell Quarry Park

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of May, a special planting event was hosted by Christchurch China Sister City Committee at the Chinese Garden in Halswell Quarry Park. 80 volunteers were

putting on the gardening gloves and helping make “a big jigsaw puzzle of plants”. These enthusiastic volunteers are mostly from international students who are currently studying in Christchurch.



University of Canterbury student Jack Wang and Middleton Grange School student Lucy Li were among those came to volunteer.

Originally from China, it was their first gardening experience. “I saw this on wechat and I thought, it’s quite meaningful,” Jack said. “I’ve never planted anything before, it’s quite interesting.”



Middleton Grange School year 12 student Coco currently studying in Christchurch for two years participated the planting day as well.

“My friend and I have always been looking for opportunities like this, as a city girl, we don’t really have such opportunities to get involved in volunteering and contribute something meaningful to the environment when living in China. So when we saw this on social media, we decided that we should give it a try, and it is for the China garden, something I feel even more connected! It is great to know that there is a China garden in Christchurch!”



Erin Diao, a committee member of the Christchurch China Sister City Committee and the designer of the China Garden, suggested that this event was the biggest ever planting day we have organized, we received 80+ registrations three days after the event was promoted. I was amazed how our Chinese young people are willing to help and contribute their time to help us with this, as a Chinese national, I am very proud of this too.

“The Chinese garden concept in Halswell Quarry Park has been long set up back in early 2001, however unfortunately things didn’t go well with the design and consent etc, therefore our garden was way behind the other five sister city gardens in terms of the feature and planting establishment. In 2014 I was lucky enough to get asked to re-start this special project again, and in the last three years, thanks to the great help from our HQP rangers and landscaper, we managed to re-do the garden tracks, and plant trees and shrubs which have special Chinese heritage etc. Due to the garden situates on a very sloping site, we have only planted half of the garden so far. Now, we are encouraging more people be involved and help us to make a difference to our Chinese garden in the future, because It is a definitely a rewarding process to see those tiny plants get established and grow up on the hill.”



The event was followed by a Kiwi-style BBQ. Many thanks to our Christchurch City Council park ranger Nigel Morritt, our great landscaper Ross Baldwin, and our CCSCC chair Bernard Duncan. After the event, some of the students walked around the Sister City Gardens at the quarry – they were very excited to see that the garden was built to signify the relationships between their countries and Christchurch.

Christchurch Educated next event is this weekend and looks to be fun.

We here as a society have kindly donated some funds to help with this event.

Ara Institute of Canterbury and Christchurch Educated bring you

# International Food Festival



**Saturday, July the 28th**

**5:30 pm - 9 pm @ Visions Restaurant**

Come try a range of delicious international food made  
by students around Canterbury.

These students will be competing for best meal of the  
evening so you know it will be great!

There will also be fun games and prizes for guests, too.

**Tickets just \$10!**

Purchase a ticket on [eventbrite.co.nz](http://eventbrite.co.nz)  
by searching International Food Festival

## Wuhan Students visit.

### NZ Hubei Economic Trade Culture Association

### facilitated education exchanges between NZ and China

Reported by Yang Zhou, NZ Hubei Economic Trade Cultural Association

Photographed by JianHai Chen



Mr Kevin Felstead (right 3), Deputy Mayor of in Waimakariri District,

Consul Jianjun Zai (left 3), Chinese Consulate General in Christchurch,

Dr Yafei Zhou (Left 4), President of the NZ Economic Trade Cultural Association, Elizabeth McMeeken (Right 4)

Deputy principle of Kaiapoi High ,

Head girls of Kaiapoi High (Right 1 and 2)

Recent years, the NZ Hubei Economic Trade Cultural Association has made efforts to promote exchanges and cooperation between NZ and China, via private organization and local governments, and exchanged ideas and visited each other in the cultural, educational, tourism, and agricultural science and technology fields in Wuhan and

Enshi. With the interaction, we have achieved positive results.

In May this year, our association helped and organized the mayor delegation of Waimakariri visited Enshi and Wuhan. The delegation has paid more attention to the NZ China education exchange, and hope Chinese teachers and students to visit. They are eager to let NZ children get know of the talents of Chinese children and their comprehensive quality. Before the Wuhan education delegation arrived, the local media forecasted the activities of the delegation and attracted the attention of the local kiwis.

In early July, we organized 37 teachers and students to fly from hot Wuhan to the southern hemisphere cold winter, and visited schools in Christchurch, Waimakariri and Queenstown. The youngest student in the delegation is only younger than 9 years old, it was one of the highlights of the cultural exchange activities of the Wuhan Education Delegation.

On 2nd July, our association held a unique cultural exchange event at Kaiapoi High School in Waimakariri. Mr Kevin Felstead, Deputy Mayor of in Waimakariri District, Consul Jianjun Zai, Chinese Consulate General in Christchurch, Dr Yafei Zhou, President of the NZ Economic Trade Cultural Association, Ms Elizabeth McMeeken, Deputy principle and head girls of Kaiapoi High, delivered welcome speeches. Executive deputy President Dr Gong Qin, members and representatives of our association, local Chinese community, media representatives, Kaiapoi High School deputy principal, teachers and students, more than 100 people attended the event. They sincerely praise and encourage the Chinese students carrying out education and cultural exchanges, and promote mutual understanding and friendship between teachers and students of two countries. The head of the Wuhan education delegation, Wu Xiaohong, and the deputy principal of Kaiapoi High School, Elizabeth McMeeken, exchanged souvenirs and expressed their desire for future cooperation. The leaders of the two sides were pleased to present the honorary certificate of “NZ and China Cultural Exchange Ambassador” to the members of the educational delegation coming from Wuhan China, then took group photos. After the impassioned Maori kapa haka,

an elegant Chinese folk songs and dances and the traditional Beijing Opera performed. The delegation members visited the school's teaching facilities with enthusiasm, watched the way the students were studying, and experienced NZ learning style and atmosphere, participated in cooking demonstrations, tasted creamy scones, then entered the music class, and enjoying the performance of NZ students, a Chinese student played a piano as well. Through a short visit and interactions, the teachers and students of both sides left a deep impression and made friends.

In May this year, with the delegation of the mayor of Waimakariri district, Mrs Sarah Saunders of Kaiapoi High School, the marketing and project manager, visited the Enshi and Wuhan. In an interview with the media, she said during the visit, she watched the Chinese students' calligraphy performance, electronic video teaching and experience the 3D anime visual film, interacting with the various teaching methods of teachers and students, was deeply impressed! She once again thanked the NZ Hubei Economic Trade Cultural Association for facilitating the exchange of NZ and Chinese education, and will strive to promote exchanges and cooperation with Wuhan and Enshi education. The local medias reported on the visit of the Mayor of Waimakariri delegation to Enshi and Wuhan, and the cultural exchange activities of the Wuhan Education Delegation.

From July 3rd to 5<sup>th</sup> July, the delegation visited the Breens intermediate School, Merrin School in Christchurch, and St Joseph School in Queenstown. They were warmly received and welcomed by hundreds of teachers and students from each school. In the auditorium, in addition to speech by both school principals and watching the short video introduced by each schools, the students exchanged ideas each other, made Maori handicrafts Putiputi and Chinese papercut art. After interactions such as conversation, practice, calligraphy demonstration and talent show, they interacted with each other. Handmade souvenirs donated by students, even though they are not classmates, but seems better than classmates!

The leaders of each schools met more cordially on the basis of communication prior to meet and consensus. After the conversation face to face, it was agreed that the

establishment of a friendly school relationship would be beneficial to the long-term exchanges between the teachers and students of the schools and the cooperation of the project. Under the witness of the president of NZ Hubei Economic Trade Cultural Association, the principals of two sides signed the “Letter of Intention for the Schools Friendship”.

During the tour of NZ, the delegation visited the well-known Otago and Canterbury University, experienced the atmosphere of the iceberg of the Antarctic life, explored the beautiful scenery of NZ. While spreading the Chinese culture overseas, teachers and students have also broadened their international horizons. They took home the full of the learning experience and the love of NZ teachers and students, and look forward the bright future with confidence!







## *Explore China: the Centre Tour*

**7 – 29 October 2018**

This is going to be an amazing tour; our society tours are always the best value. Have a look at it, and be convinced! Please get this out to your friends and in fact anyone you know who could be interested in the trip of a lifetime.

<http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/31827/nzcfs-explore-china-the-centre-tour/>

## *Yum Cha afternoon*

We held an impromptu Yum Cha at Maxine's Palace in Lincoln Rd.

This was enjoyed by 23 of our members and friends and a great time was had by all.

We even had to order extra dishes for a few who wanted the traditional Chicken Feet.

While I was not going to partake in this dish I must admit the rest of the menu was very delicious.



*From our National President*

## Winston Churchill NZCFS Fellowship

This is administered by the Department of Internal Affairs for the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust. The first recipient of this fellowship was Diana Coop, a museum curator. Her report

“Conservation of Cultural Materials in China A dialogue with Chinese conservators” is available here.

<https://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/assets/WCMT-FRR-PDF/WCMT-2017-Diana-COOP.pdf>

The second fellowship is now open for application, and is open to all New Zealanders .**Please promote as widely as you can.** For information on what the fellowship offers, and the criteria, click

here: <https://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/ask-us/view/715>

and for the application process follow this

link: [https://communityadviceandgrants.dia.govt.nz/user\\_sessions/new](https://communityadviceandgrants.dia.govt.nz/user_sessions/new)

Dave Bromwich

National President

NZCFS

## *Annual Subscriptions are now due*

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### **NEW ZEALAND CHINA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY CHRISTCHURCH BRANCH**

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#### **MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION**

I/We would like to renew/commence membership of the Christchurch Branch of the New Zealand China Friendship Society Inc. for 2018 (the financial year is January to December):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Student (full time) | \$5  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single              | \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional       | \$35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate           | \$35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family              | \$35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unwaged             | \$20 |

#### **Payment Methods**

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Sydenham  
Christchurch 8240

**OR**

**BANK TRANSFER** Society Bank Account No **38 9010 0816274 00** (Kiwi Bank).

**IMPORTANT: please be sure to enter your name as a reference.**

**Remember to send an email with your Name, address and a contact number to [nzcfchristchurch@gmail.com](mailto:nzcfchristchurch@gmail.com).**

**We are always looking for new members so please do not hesitate to bring along any friends who may be interested in our society.**