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Photos: Lion welcomes guests at Hobart's Town Hall, ACFS member Anthony Whitty and CCAT Vice President Daniel Chan, Tony Ren, Jason Xu, Youyou Pan, and Dennis Zhang toast guests at Kwan Ho Restaurant Mid-Autumn Dinner.

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Hobart celebrates the Mid-Autumn Festival

Hobart celebrations for the Mid Autumn Festival celebrations started on Sunday 16th September at the Hobart Town Hall. The festival is an important celebration of the harvest and reunion of family and has a history of 3,000 years. The venue was packed to capacity with attendees standing four to five rows deep at the back of the room. This was the 10th Mid Autumn event sponsored by Chinese Students and Scholars Association UTAS, Tasmanian Chinese Students and Scholars Association, Australian Fujian Association Inc. Tas. and the Tasmanian Chinese Buddhist Academy of Australia.



There was a wide variety of entertainment which featured a Lion Dance, sword and traditional dance, instrumentals, singing, Sichuan opera, live calligraphy and a lively show of skills with the diablo.

Mid-Autumn Festival Dinner



On Sunday 23rd Sept. the Kwan Ho Restaurant, at Wrest Point Casino was the venue for a dinner to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival. The evening was co-ordinate by Dennis Zheng from the Tasmanian Chinese Art and Communication Society and was a combined event for some of Hobart's Chinese Associations which included the Tasmanian Chinese Art and Communication Society, Fujian Association Tasmanian, Shandong Association and Shanghai Association in conjunction with New World Holidays and Ozstudy Group.



Hobart now has a diverse Chinese population; some are permanent residents others are studying here. They come from many different provinces. They are representative of some of the 54 ethnic minorities in China.

Photos: Elise Archer MP, Ald. Anna Reynolds/ President Chinese Art Society, Aust. and ACFS Tas. patron, Prof. Wong and Mrs Nancy Wong, event sponsors posters/ Jason Xu, Fujian Ass./ Geng Song, Shandong Ass/ Denis Zhang, TCACA.



Mid-Autumn Festival (Zhong Qiu Jie) Luncheon

The Chinese Community of Tasmania held its annual Mid-Autumn Festival Buffet Luncheon for members and friends at the CCAT Club House on Sunday 23rd September. This festival is a time of thanksgiving, reconnecting and spending time together. This was evident in the large number of families that attended the luncheon. The capacity crowd enjoyed great food and entertainment. There was an abundance of delicious food, beautiful performances and traditional Moon cakes generously sponsored by EIG Cash & Carry, Moonah. The Speaker of the House of Assembly, Ms Sue Hickey MP and partner Alderman John Bull, Hobart's Lord Mayor, Alderman Ron Christie and wife Lili Sun, Alderman Marti Zucco and partner Nittira Suwattanakorn and Louise Bloomfield who is a candidate in the upcoming Hobart City election also joined the celebration.



Photos clockwise: VIP table Ald. John Bull, Madam Speaker Sue Hickey MP, Hobart Lord Mayor Ron Christie, Lili Sun, Master Wang.

Lion with a tray of oranges/ Lord Mayor Ron Christie and CCAT Vice-President Daniel Chan/ Ald. Marti Zucco, Nittira and Louise Bloomfield



Mid-Autumn Stamp

China Post issued a set of stamp to celebrate the upcoming Mid-Autumn Festival on Sept 15. The set, designed by Cui Jingzhe, comprises one stamp and has a nominal value of 1.2 yuan (around \$0.2).

As the second Mid-Autumn Festival themed set following the 2016 stamp, this one continues the art technique of traditional gongbi (meticulous brush strokes) style. The upper part



of the stamp shows the legend of Jade Rabbit pounding medicine, which symbolizes the wishes for a healthy and safe body, happiness and longevity. The lower part of the stamp portrays the folk custom of "walking under the moon", which symbolizes a happy marriage and fertility

2018 Chinese Language Teachers Association of Tasmania



Taroon High School with awards they received, teachers and Tai Chi Fan Dance Girls.

The Award Ceremony for this year's competition for Mandarin students was held on Friday 14th September, at the Performance Art Centre, St Michael's Collegiate School. President of the CLTAT, Bing Xu welcomed guests and students from Hobart's schools and colleges and Scotch Oakburn Collage Launceston. Awards were presented for the categories of poetry, conversation, speech and performance. The students also delighted the audience with their performances of a Tai Chi Fan Dance, the Guzheng and traditional song and dance.

Chinese icebreaker Xue Long (Snow Dragon)

In Sept. 1982 a delegation from the Chinese Committee for Antarctic Research visited Hobart. While visiting the Kingston Antarctic division, chairman of the committee Mr. Wu Heng praised the co-operation between Australia and China in the Antarctic. He said that three scientists had already wintered with Australians in Antarctica and it was hoped that the close contact would continue. China he said was hoping to set up its own base in the future. Those hope were realised with the first expedition and setting up of Zhongshan station with the polar ship Ji Di in the 1988/89 season.



That co-operation has continued with the Chinese Arctic and Antarctic Administration announcing that the Chinese icebreaker Xue Long (Snow Dragon) will dock in Hobart twice this summer. The Tasmanian Government estimate the visits will inject \$2.5 million into the local economy. This will be the first time the icebreaker has made two visits to Hobart during one season at the Zhongshan station in the Antarctic. While he was in Shanghai, Premier Will Hodgman said the visits would help to establish Tasmania's status as Australia's Antarctic gateway.

Snow Dragon left Shanghai on 21st July for this season's expedition.



The "Snow Dragon" was built in 1993 at the Kherson Shipyards in Ukraine. She was converted from an Arctic cargo ship to a polar research and re-supply vessel by Hudong-Zhonghua Shipbuilders, Shanghai, in the mid 90s. The vessel was again extensively upgraded in 2007 and 2013.

China State Shipbuilding Corp in conjunction with the Finland-based Aker Arctic Technology have started assembling China's Xuelong 2 – Snow Dragon 2 at the Jiangnan Shipyard, Shanghai. It will be China's first self-developed icebreaker. The Xuelong 2 is expected to be commissioned in the first half of 2019 and to start its first scientific expedition to the Antarctica that year.

The newly built vessel will considerably improve performance in icy zones; it will be the world's first icebreaker for scientific exploration in polar areas to use two-way icebreaking technology with the ability to break ice using either its bow or stern. Xue Long with ACFS members with crew on her first trip to Hobart/ after upgrade Source: Maritime executive.com, ACFS archives.

Up Coming Events

Tai Chi & Qigong

at the Multicultural Hub
with Bill Pearson



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10.00am

65 Hopkins Street, Moonah

Classes are open to everyone interested in participating
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Cost: \$5

Bill is a former National President of the Australian Traditional Medicine Society and was awarded Life Membership in 2009. Bill has instructed and demonstrated for other organisations including Adult Education, Calvary Hospital, LINC, the Department of Infrastructure and Energy, Risdon Prison, The Premier's Department, REACT Drama School, Rosny Drama department, TasCOSS, staff of Glenview Nursing Home, Hobart Hospital, TMAG, the MS Society, World Tai Chi Day, and the Glenorchy Works Festival.

Bill is a resident of Moonah where he has his acupuncture practice.

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Bill runs an acupuncture clinic in Moonah.

University of Tasmania Public Lecture

China's Growing Influence in Tasmania: The good, the bad and the ugly

Clive Hamilton's controversial new book, *Silent Invasion: China's Influence in Australia*, almost went unpublished after three publishers pulled out, citing fears of reprisals from Beijing. Since arriving in bookshops in February, the book has been subject to both criticism and acclaim. In this lecture Clive will explain the Chinese Communist Party's influence and interference operations in Australia, the structure of its overseas influence network, and the techniques it uses.

Speaker: **Clive Hamilton**

Venue: **Stanley Burbury Theatre,
Sandy Bay**

Time: **Tuesday 2nd October 6.00-7.30pm**

Book Launch by Prof. Wong Shiu Hon on 12th December *Casual talks on my artistic journey and Chinese Culture.*

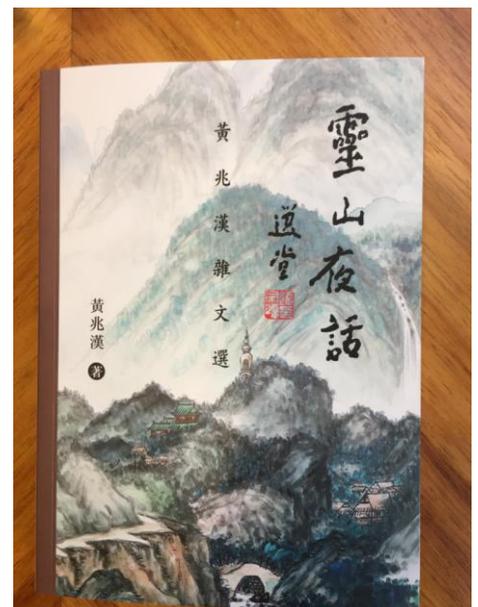
Professor Wong's latest book will be launched at the Hobart Town Hall Ballroom, at 5:30-7:00 pm.

This book is a collection of 53 essays written by the author in the past 20 years. Divided into 4 parts; 1) Journey of life; 2) People and experiences in life;

3) On arts and literature; 4) Academic treatises. This book serves as a reflection of the author's views on the essence of Chinese culture and his artistic journey.

The book is now on sale in many large book stores in Hong Kong.

This book is in memory of the author's teacher Professor Jao Tsung-i who wrote the title calligraphy shortly before the great scholar passed away in February 2018.



ASIO and the China scare

Bob Carr, August 14 2018

Australia was 'unimaginable' without the dynamic presence of Chinese-Australians. Those were the words of Malcolm Turnbull last week, resetting the rhetoric of Australia-China relations.

The new language is welcome, especially to someone such as Kun Huang, who might be wondering if it had been a mistake to have been born in China 27 years ago. At nine, he arrived as a migrant. He worked at McDonald's while studying for degree in finance and went on to become a staff member to a Labor senator. Last year he was elected to Cumberland council, Sydney, with a 17 percent swing. Any Australian party would want to claim this poster child of multiculturalism.

But in January he was 'fingered' by Clive Hamilton in his submission to federal parliament because at university Huang had been a member of the Chinese Students and Scholars Association, although he says his role was organising speed dating and harbor cruises.

Australia's new McCarthyism declares guilt by association. After the Hamilton submission, Huang resigned from his job with the senator rather than risk embarrassing her and is looking for a new one while still a local councillor.

NSW upper house member Ernest Wong is also a victim of the troubled air. The ALP apparently had decided to retire Wong from the party's ticket. But a sinister article in *The Sydney Morning Herald* on June 27 may have put paid to any post-politics career as well.

The article said: 'It is understood Australian agencies have evidence of direct dealings between suspected Chinese government intelligence agents and Mr Wong.' It added sinuously: 'However, there is no suggestion that Mr Wong has ever acted inappropriately' or that he 'ever knew he was being cultivated or targeted by Beijing's agents, although sources aware of sensitive information gathered by national security agencies said he appeared to be the target of a long-term operation'.

In *The Weekend Australian* last month, Noel Pearson settled on the Wong case and concluded we're entering the territory of Salem, Massachusetts, dramatised in Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*.

Wrote Pearson: 'Anyone doing yum cha with Chinese down the wrong end of Sydney's Sussex Street will soon come under suspicion.' Sorry, Noel, the excitable Professor Hamilton has already seized the argument. On page 95 of his *Silent Invasion*, he feels obliged to point out the University of Technology Sydney 'abuts Chinatown'. This implies, one guesses, that wafting odours of Cantonese cuisine must warp the judgment of scholars on anything related to China.

In similar spirit, he observes on page 66 that the NSW branch of the Labor Party is 'located in Sussex Street, in Sydney's Chinatown as it happens'.

Not even the anti-reds of the Cold War era drew a link between the location of the Sydney Trades Hall and the nearby Green Jade or Old Tai Yuen and their treason tainted smells of soy sauce.

The Dastyari affair was the pint-sized scandal behind months of China panic. Yes, it was a mistake of the backbench senator to give a speech saying the South China Sea historically belonged to China. It was worse given that he'd declared two donations from Chinese sources.

But it appears Australia's domestic intelligence agency slipped the media information gleaned from taps of Dastyari's conversation with one Chinese donor. Should ASIO be able to prosecute a domestic agenda using media?

In 1983, ASIO surveillance suggested former national Labor Party secretary David Combe had been cosy with a Soviet diplomat. The ASIO director-general at the time, Harvey Barnett briefed the prime minister, Bob Hawke. He didn't offer the story to a newspaper. For an intelligence chief, this would appear to be the more professional course.

ABC's *Four Corners* in June last year reported ASIO advice that an Australian public servant had been investigated because he'd allegedly kept government files at his Canberra flat. It was the only suggestion of Chinese espionage although all know nations spy on one another. The investigation took place three years ago and there's no prosecution.

Other counterintelligence agencies, such as the FBI and MI will prosecute or expel a wrongdoer, not slyly shunt to the media a case they find hard to resolve.

ASIO and the China scare

ASIO may have been behind another newspaper article, this time in *The Australian* on September 23, last year, that 'fingered' four Chinese-background candidates in NSW local government elections: two ALP, one a Liberal and one an independent.

Apart from the liability of their Chinese heritage, they were members of the Australian Council for the Promotion of Peaceful Reunification of China.

Its critics say the council is linked to the Chinese Communist Party. I'm on record saying the mere suggestion of such a link should be enough for Chinese-Australians to set up their own association of which that cannot be said. But in the meantime the council stands for a principle that Australia and US diplomacy embraces: Taiwan is recognised as a provir of China.

These local councillors can only guess how their careers may be compromised now by a briefing slipped to media by ASIO, if, in fact, that's how their memberships came to the newspaper's attention.

None of the local government candidates, to my knowledge, has any record of agitation on foreign policy. Australians from other ethnic backgrounds routinely seek to influence Australian foreign policy in a way sympathetic to their former or favoured countries. That includes citizens from Jewish, Arabic, Greek, Cypriot, Macedonian, Tamil and Vietnamese backgrounds.

Bob Carr is Director of the Australia-China Relations Institute at the University of Technology Sydney. He is a former foreign minister and was the longest serving premier of New South

Article courtesy of the ACFS NSW September Newsletter.

Australian's numbers of international students now make up more than a quarter of enrolments at some universities.

The number of international students in Australia has increased by 12 per cent this year as enrolment numbers continue to rise exponentially.

Department of Education figures show that in February, Australian universities, private colleges, English language courses, and schools registered a combined 542,054 enrolments.

That compares with 305,534 total enrolments five years ago.

Students from China make up the largest proportion of students at 31 per cent, followed by India, Nepal, Malaysia and Vietnam.

But universities have been seeking to diversify their international student markets, and the latest figures show there have been big rises in the numbers of students from Brazil and Colombia.

Chinese students make up largest group of foreign students in every popular study-abroad destination, including the US and UK. But a major shift is underway; the beginning of the century, only one in 10 Chinese students returned to China after studying abroad. In 2017, it was eight in 10.

There has been no slowdown in Chinese students studying abroad, but since 2010 a majority have gone back home after graduation.

Historically, studying abroad was a path to upward mobility for Chinese students: By staying abroad after graduation, they could earn far more than their peers at home. But that has changed over time. The strength in China's job market, as well as its favorable domestic policies toward returnees and family pressure in an aging population are also factors in students returning after they attain their degrees. [Source: Forbes /South China morning post.](#)

Climate Change Fears at Nauru Forum

At a forum of Pacific Island leaders in Nauru in September, the leaders said that they consider climate change their nations' "single greatest threat", and that some low-lying Pacific islands would cease to exist as sea levels rise.



That climate change is a threat to the Pacific Islands is in some way obvious; indeed the climate change wording in the "Bao Declaration on Regional Security" was derived from

previous Forum leader's Communiqués. What is new is the explicit recognition, in a security declaration, that climate change is the single greatest threat to the region.

Samoan Prime Minister Tuilaepa Sailele lashed out at climate skeptics and urged Australia to make deeper cuts to carbon emissions to help save the Pacific Island nations from the looming "disaster".

Several other leaders including Fiji's Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama and Marshall Island's President Hilda Heine, have also called on Australia to do more to cut emissions.

When speaking in August at Sydney Lowy Institute, a foreign policy think-tank, Mr Sailele said that developing countries needed to do more to curb raising temperatures and sea levels.

"We know the problem, we need political courage and some political guts to tell people in your country there is a certainty of disaster", Mr Sailele said. "So to any leader of any country who believes that there is no climate change, I think they ought to be taken to the mental confinement.

They are utterly stupid and I say the same to any leader here". The Prime Minister also took a thinly veiled swipe at Australia's anxiety about China's rise in the Pacific, warning that brewing geostrategic competition was creating uncertainty for small nations in the region.

China's increasing presence in the Pacific has unnerved foreign policy officials in Australia, New Zealand and the United State, and all three countries have been scrambling to reassert their influence.

But Mr Sailele warned against "manipulation" of Pacific Island nations by any major power.

"Some might say there is a patronizing nuance, believing Pacific Nations did not know what we are doing, or we are incapable of reaping benefits of close relationships with countries that will be in the region for some time". The Samoan prime minister also took aim at countries for patronising Pacific Island nations with their concern about debt problems and criticism of China's surging lending in the region.

"One has the tendency to be amused by the fact that the reaction is an attempt to hide what we see as strategic neglect". The Samoa's prime minister also took aim at other countries for patronising Pacific Island nations with this concern about debt problems and criticism of China's surging lending in the region. China has spent \$1.3 billion on concessionary loans and gifts since 2011 to become the Pacific's second-largest donor after Australia, stoking concern in the West that several tiny nations could end up overburdened and in debt to China.

On 21st Sept. Prime Minister Scott Morrison speaking on green house emissions said that they would stay in the Paris agreement because of their partners in the Pacific.

Photo: Mr Sailele Source Lowy institute/SBS news

Comments by Malcolm Turnbull's son

Following his father's loss of the Liberal leadership Malcolm Turnbull's son Alex who is a hedge fund-manager has spoken out on Australia's energy policy on the ABC. He has described it as 10 years of panic and mania. Alex commented that building new coal fired power plants made no economic sense.

If you wish to read more on this interesting article follow the link below.

http://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-08-28/alex-turnbull-says-coal-miners-have-undue-influence-on-liberals/10170908?utm_source=sfmc&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=%5bnews_sfmc_newsmail_pm_df_in1%5d%3a8935&user_id=a77cb0ca91b6f75f97de1a362d9d84675d9406fe6997cf7d295e4789c6d908d0&WT.tsrc=email&WT.mc_id=Email%7c%5bnews_sfmc_newsmail_pm_df_in1%5d%7c8935&utm_content=ABCNewsmail_topstories_articlelink

World Artificial Intelligence Conf.

The 2018 World Artificial Intelligence Conference, with the theme of "A New Era Empowered by Artificial Intelligence", opened in Shanghai from 17th till 19th Sept. Scholars and entrepreneurs from nearly 40 countries and regions were invited to share their insights into the latest artificial intelligence (AI) technology, industrial trends, and related hot issues. China has about 1,011 AI companies in the mainland, accounting for 20.53 percent of the world's total, following the United States with 2,028, according to a report by the China Institute of Science and Technology Policy at Tsinghua University. [Beijing Review](#)

Seat Saga

Passengers on a train from Shanghai have witnessed what is the latest in a series of incidents over seating involving train passengers. They take other people's seats to get a better position and refuse to move when asked. This has begun to ignite national anger. In this case the woman refused to move when the person requested her assigned seat. A conductor was called and the woman told him "I don't care" and refused to show her ticket. She became agitated and threw water on another passenger. These types of actions can result in a passenger being fined and barred from taking trains for a specific number of days for "disturbing order on public transport" [news.yahoo](#)

Rise in sea levels

China's oceanic authority earlier this year have called for measures to cope with rising sea levels. A report released by the State Oceanic Administration (SOA) said that the average sea level along China's coast in 2017 was 58 mm higher than the average level between 1993 and 2011. In the past six years, the sea level along China's coast had remained at a high level compared with the previous 24 years. The situation is the result of climate change and global warming, which have increased the temperature of China's coastal regions and the ocean, according to the report. Rising sea levels will increase the area inundated by sea water, aggravate marine disasters, and harm the ecosystem, said Chen Zhi, an SOA official. [Source: A report released by China's State Oceanic Authority](#)

China imports less solid waste

For decades, China was the world's largest importer of waste which many countries took for granted. China began to import solid waste as a source of raw materials in the 1980s, despite its weak capacity in garbage disposal. Some companies illegally bring foreign garbage into the country for profit, posing a threat to the environment and public health. Now with more public awareness and a green development drive, the government decided last year to phase out and completely halt such imports by end of 2019, except for those containing resources that are not sustainable.

In one month alone, Chinese customs authorities seized 137,000 tonnes of illegal trash imports. Beijing's surprise decision to stop taking the 24 types of scrap waste has left some exporters scrambling for an alternative to China, experts told CNBC. China already has its own problems dealing with waste materials. [Source: CNBC](#)

Xinjiang major power supplier

Northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region has supplied electricity to 250 million people in 16 provinces and cities across the country.

Xinjiang has supplied 150 billion kwh of electricity, including 34 billion kwh of new energy power, since the region began outbound power transmission in 2010, according to the Xinjiang branch of the State Grid Corporation of China.

In recent years, Xinjiang has invested heavily to improve the region's power grid and guarantee power supplies.

An extra-high voltage power transmission project was launched in 2016. It is expected to be completed in 2018 with annual outbound power transmission capacity of 66 billion kwh. [Source: Beijing](#)

Domestic waste in China

Domestic garbage is mainly comprised of solid waste generated by people's daily lives and everyday needs. As urbanization continues in China, the urban population also continues to grow. By the end of 2017, the country had an urban population of 813.47 million, an increase of 20.49 million from a year earlier, representing an urbanization rate of 58.52 percent, according to statistics from the National Bureau of Statistics.

More urban residents mean greater pressures on living environments, especially for the disposal of household garbage. In China, an urban resident generates around one kilogram of household waste on average every day, totaling nearly 400 million tons of household waste a year across the country.

There are three principal methods to carry out the treatment of household waste: the sanitary landfill, incineration and compost. In 2016, a total of 196.74 million tons of urban household waste underwent treatment, according to a report on the prospect of investment in household waste treatment released by the Industry Research Institute of Qianzhan, a Beijing-based industry consulting service provider. Landfill, incineration and compost treatment made up 60 percent, 35 percent and 5 percent, respectively.

Large cities such as Hangzhou, have taken steps to reduce this growing problem. "Every day, roughly 3,000 tons of domestic garbage is transported by trucks to a factory near Hangzhou for treatment. This accounts for one third of the total volume generated in Hangzhou," said Xiong Jianping, General Manager of the Hangzhou Jiufeng waste-to-energy project run by Everbright International. He calculated that if no treatment measures had been taken, garbage generated by the capital of east China's Zhejiang Province would have filled the city's West Lake in a mere five years.

Four years ago when the local government first announced the location of the waste incineration project without fully informing residents thousands of villagers gathered around the site to protest and attempted to obstruct its construction by smashing vehicles and attacking enforcement officers.

Everbright International headquartered is based in Hong Kong. They are the largest waste-to-energy investor and operator in Asia, and were the contractors for the project along with the local government.

To elevate people's fears of "not in my back yard" the company invited over 5,000 villagers between August and October 2014 to visit similar Everbright projects in the cities of Changzhou, Suzhou, Nanjing and Jinan and related compensation measures were unveiled.

When a garbage truck enters the factory, it is unloaded into a vast treatment pond. The garbage is left to ferment for a week. The atmospheric pressure in the pond is lower than that outside, thus keeping the smell of rotting garbage locked within and sparing the neighborhood the smell. Once fermentation has significantly lowered the water content of the garbage, it is fed to incinerators, where generated heat is transformed into electricity through steam turbine generators. Power generation from waste is an important solution to a growing problem and a win for environmental protection.

The company has now developed a furnace which can process 750 to 850 tons of waste per day and is expecting to leap up to 1,000 tons per day by 2023. This will make it the largest and most advanced system in the world. In addition, special leachate treatment technology has been developed to deal with the high moisture content of Chinese household garbage.

Remarkable breakthroughs have been made in areas such as waste-to-energy, water treatment, biomass utilization and equipment manufacturing," said Li, who noted that these endeavors are targeted at building Everbright International into a global frontrunner in the eco-environmental industry.

Everbright has signed up for over 80 waste incineration power projects scattered throughout 13 provinces, with roughly 50 projects in operation and treatment capacity totalling 45,000 tons per day.

In order to propel garbage classification, reduction and treatment, the National Development and Reform Commission recently published a guideline on innovating and improving the pricing mechanism of green development, which requires establishing an all-round pricing system for domestic waste disposal by 2020.

Source: ABC News/ Beijing Review



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Brian Boyd - Tour Leader

Brian Boyd was a trade union activist and official for four decades. However his other passion, bird-watching, started nearly sixty years ago. At Morwell Primary School he became a member of the Gould League.

Today as an active Member of Birdlife Australia, Brian continues his lifelong love of all things ornithological. He has criss-crossed Australia many times, including visits through its far northern rainforests, thirteen deserts and a number of key offshore pelagic waters, in search of many elusive bird species.

Birds like the orange-bellied parrot, regent honeyeater and forty-spotted pardalote were hard worked for 'gets' along the journey.

Brian says bird watching is now in his DNA and he loves encouraging others to enjoy its unique pleasures.

Highlights

- **Rudong, Jiangsu.** Tens of thousands of migratory shorebirds and woodland birds including Saunders Gull, Black-faced spoonbill, the endangered Spoon-billed Sandpiper, and Nordmanns Greenshank flock to this area in Spring.
- **Hangzhou, Zhejiang.** Crested Ibis may be spotted.
- **Wuyuan, Jiangxi.** Blue-crowned Laughingthrush, endemic Masked Laughingthrush, Hwamei, Grey-sided Scimitar Babbler, Short-tailed Parrotbill, Dusky Fulvetta, Chinese Bamboo Partridge, and other woodland birds including Pied Falconet, Red-billed Leiothrix, Red-billed Starling, Red-billed Blue Magpie, Chestnut Bulbul, Grey-headed Parrotbill and more may be spotted.
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ACFS Tasmania is an independent, voluntary organization that was founded in 1964 with the aim of promoting friendship and understanding between the peoples of Australia and the People's Republic of China. There was also the aim to secure the diplomatic recognition of the Chinese government by the Australian government. This objective was achieved in 1972.

The Society consists of people with interests in the diverse aspects of life in China and furthering strong relations between our two countries.

We aim to stimulate and help satisfy Tasmanian's interest in China, past and present. We aim to know what is happening between Tasmania and China in any sphere (education, trade, adoption, tourism, food, language, medicine, music, art, crafts and sister state relations).

We aim to have an attractive program that helps our members keep in touch with as many of the Tasmania – China – Tasmania links as possible.

We offer hospitality to visiting and newly arrived Chinese.

ACFS Tasmania is a supporter of the teaching of mandarin in schools, colleges and universities. ACFS has supported its inclusion in Tasmanian education system since 1995. We maintain close ties with the Chinese Community Associations in Tasmania.

We are connected to ACFS associate members in Australian states and territories.

ACFS receive invitations to join official delegations to China.

There are special interest tours to China that are available at discounted prices to members.

Membership of a branch is open to any person or corporation who agrees with the objectives of the Society and makes payment of the membership fee.

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