



## Christchurch Branch April Newsletter 2020

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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

### National Conference and AGM

**The National Conference has unfortunately been cancelled, and our National AGM is to be held online via a Zoom meeting.**

**Please click the link below to register for attendance to the AGM online.**

**Date: Saturday 16th May**  
**Time: 9:00am - 1:00pm**

<http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/2020-conference-agm-registration-form/>

**Important: you must register by end of day Friday 24 April, to be able to take part in the meeting.**

## Christchurch Branch AGM

We held our Branch AGM at the end of February.

Elections were held and the results were:

Branch President – Michelle MacWilliam

Vice Presidents – Vivien Qin and Graeme Tinkler

Treasurer – Felicity Cheng

Secretary – David Stringer

Newsletter Editor – Craig Ashby

Committee – Ailsa Dodge, Matt McKenna, Anna Chen, William Qui, Anna Lu, Chris Goodwin, Dave Adamson and new to our executive is Alex Fraser. We still keep Prof. Bill Willmott as an Honorary Patron to our Branch and executive.

Our speaker that evening was our National President Mr David Bromwich.

His talk was about a core part of NZCFS' objectives is "To promote friendship, understanding and goodwill between the peoples of China and New Zealand...".

Our society is at a crossroads, we are one of many players involved with China. Does NZCFS have a point of difference?

In a time of increasing concerns about China, it is necessary to gain a deeper understanding of the foundation of "What is China", and how that is reflected today, in Chinese society and internationally.

Our national president Dave Bromwich has been to China more than 50 times since 1991, has travelled it extensively for a total of more than nine years, and speaks the language. Come along and hear him give his views on the changing world we live in, and why it is important we remain as friends of China.



**You can view this presentation online at this link:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jz9fFl6gd9c&t=2s>

## *Helen Bain Obituary*

Sadly, this is to inform of the passing of Helen Bain.

Helen was drawn to Chinese culture, and loved Opera, Poetry and Art of China that she first encountered through the early works sourced by Dr Roger Duff at Canterbury Museum.

She saw NZCFS as an avenue to have contact with this, and was one of the early members of Christchurch Branch back in the 1950s.

She served for many years on the committee of the Christchurch Branch, and Branch President for three years.

She was a National Executive member for a number of years as well as National Secretary for a period of five years in the 1990s. During this time, CPAFFC President Li Xiaolin stayed in her home in Christchurch.

In later years she was a passionate advocate of Pengjing (bonsai) art, with an extensive collection of her own.

She suffered a brief period of illness with brain cancer, and passed away on March 18.

I will remember her as a warm, calm and competent person who was always smiling.

Our sympathies to Ken and family.

Dave Bromwich



## *Vice President South Island message*

Dear Members and friends of our Society, we have come to a point in our lives when everything has changed.

We have all entered a time which some may feel very uncomfortable in, and that is all right, you are not alone in thinking this way.

Covid 19 is here and as a little country down at the bottom of the Earth, we will all join together to try to stamp this out.

These will be hard times for many, either in business or personal lives.

**WE NEED TO STAND TOGETHER AS ONE WORLD, ONE NATION, ONE PEOPLE.**

As you may have seen in social media or heard on radio or even seen on television, there are many reports on Covid-19 and its origins.

I have seen many various reports from leading scientists as picked by various media outlets and all give a different picture or a different outcome depending on where they sit.

I would ask that we all sit back and take a breath of fresh air and then realise we are here to go forward in life with friendship, peace and prosperity.

As we see these different reports, with their doom and gloom outcomes, regarding sources of the virus, please do not repost or comment on with attacks as it just gives the anti-brigade more ammunition to carry on with their own agendas.

Please just reach out and support those who need our help, check on those people next door to you.

Stay calm and remember we are all in this together.

If you need help during Covid19 lockdown then please let us know as we may be able to help. Just email us in English or Mandarin. We will get back to you.

All relevant information can be found at [www.covid19.govt.nz](http://www.covid19.govt.nz)

如果您在 Covid19 警报期间需要帮助，请告诉我们，我们会尽可能给您提供帮助。如需帮助，请给我们发电子邮件。邮件中、英文都可以。我们会尽快给您回复。

Stay home and stay safe. Kia Kaha (Be Strong).

Kindest regards to you all,

Craig Ashby  
Vice President South Island

## *Kathleen Hall, (He Ming Qing)*

We all know the story of Kathleen Hall, or as the Chinese called her, He Ming Qing, and of how she worked to bring medical help and relief to the poor people of China from 1923 to the late 30s.

In the February/March 2020 edition of New Zealand Memories, an excellent glossy magazine full of fascinating stories on early New Zealand, there is a seven page story on Kathleen Hall. The magazine is available at most book shops etc. The article is well worth the read. It acknowledges the HMQ Scholarship our society operates, and which our branch has fundraised for over many years at our banquets, so that our society can train one young person a year (soon to be two!), to become a nurse and work in the villages. A great story.

Dave Adamson



## Our major sponsor

As a society we rely on support from our members.

As a Corporate member, John McFadden, Mark Wang and the team at Harcourts Gold Realty in Papanui have supported our society for many years.

Many of you have come to our banquets and enjoyed an evening meal with a nice glass of wine or two.

The team at Harcourts Gold Papanui has always been there to sponsor the wine at our events, and we really appreciate the support they give us.

Without their assistance the price per head for our events would be much greater.

We as a society thank them for their support.

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All our corporate memberships have the opportunity to advertise in our monthly newsletter.

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## Christchurch Branch WeChat group

Stay in touch 24/7 with our members. If you have a WeChat account then just scan the code below and you can keep in contact with all our friends.



Valid until 4/29 and will update upon joining group

## *Subscriptions are now due for 2020*

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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 2020 (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           | \$50 (Includes Advertising in our Newsletters) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family              | \$35   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unwaged             | \$20   |

#### **Payment Methods**

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

**BANK DEPOSIT** These can be made at any Kiwibank branch into the above account.

**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.***

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