



# NZ China Friendship Society

## Dunedin Branch

### OCTOBER 2010 NEWSLETTER

## FLEDGLING BRANCH TAKES WING

After some months of preparation the Dunedin Branch of the NZ China Friendship Society is holding its first public meeting. A small group of keen supporters have been getting together through the year to reestablish this branch. They are thrilled to present a great local speaker who has international connections. MICHAEL STEDMAN, Managing Director of NATURAL HISTORY NEW ZEALAND (NHNZ) will speak about his work in establishing links and the path to becoming the best international producer of film documentaries in China. Examples of his work will be a visual feast for those of you who join us as the Dunedin branch of NZ China Friendship Society gets flying.

### YOU ARE INVITED TO ....

A Talk by Dunedin based Film Producer Michael Stedman "The NHNZ in China"

TIME: WEDNESDAY 27 OCT 7.00pm

PLACE: Burns Lecture Room 3, Arts Building, Otago University.

Ring Steven if you need directions, or link to campus map

<http://www.otago.ac.nz/about/campuses.htm>

No charge.

WIN WIN WIN VOUCHER  
for reduced price entry to  
Dunedin CHINESE GARDENS

### Michael Stedman

As the Managing Director of NHNZ Ltd, Michael has spent the last 12 years taking NHNZ from point of closure to world leader status. NHNZ documentaries are seen in over 220 countries and have won over 250 international awards. Michael Stedman has worked in the television industry for over 30 years.

Michael was a member of the 2003 Government Screen Task Force and is currently a board member on the New Zealand Screen Council; in addition he sits on a number of other boards. In 2004 he was made an ONZM for services to the industry and a year later received an Honorary Doctorate (Laws) from Otago University.

### NHNZ's Work in China

NHNZ is the pre eminent producer of documentaries made in and about China for the international market.

Our focus in China is documentaries that are about China's rich and remarkable history, China's extraordinary engineering achievements, both ancient and modern and China's diverse and unique culture. The documentaries we have made about China screen in over 180 countries. To date we have produced a total of 30 documentaries about China.

This year NHNZ also co-produced a 5 part series on Rewi Alley with CCTV 10, the first of the documentaries screened in China to coincide with New Zealand day at the world expo in Shanghai.

[www.nhnz.tv](http://www.nhnz.tv)

## FEATHERING THE NEST

Is this an appropriate term for getting the branch ready to launch? Committee members have networked with a number of national and international visitors who have encouraged them to grow the branch slowly but confidently.

**Bill Willmott**, National Exec member, and Delegation Leader for the PROMINENT PERSONS & LEADERS DELEGATION to Shanghai and the Friendly and Sister Cities two yearly Conference

Chinese Official Bo Ming, was hosted to a dinner at the Asian Restaurant in Moray Place where he presented us with commemorative medals from the Shanghai Expo.

Committee members have also shared their own recent experiences. President Steven Spelman spent three weeks visiting the Shandan Baillie School in Shandong province.

## THE COMMITTEE

Members come from a variety of backgrounds with a diverse range of skills but a common interest in China –its fascinating past, present growth and developing future relationships with New Zealanders.

### Committee Members:

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Mike Buckle, Colin Child

## LINKS

### NZ CHINA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY

[www.nzchinasociety.org.nz](http://www.nzchinasociety.org.nz)

.....From the notebook of Eric Livingstone,  
National President NZ China Friendship  
Society

### TOUR LEADERS FOR 2011 WANTED

With two great tours planned for next year, one to Tibet, one to Shanxi and Henan, Expressions of Interest are invited from suitably experienced or members knowledgeable about China who would like to be considered as leaders. Contact Vice President Trevor Linyard [linyards@actrix.co.nz](mailto:linyards@actrix.co.nz)

### TEACHER URGENTLY REQUIRED - SHANDAN

Available for start as soon as possible, or late February, 2011, Conversational English, 14 to 16 hours per week for students aged 17 to 20. A teaching qualification or degree required, age limit of under 65. Salary 3000 yuan per month, air fares support, travel within China and an apartment provided. Contact Dave Bromwich [dbchinz@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dbchinz@xtra.co.nz) with a brief CV.

### NATURAL HISTORY NEW ZEALAND

NHNZ

[www.nhnz.tv](http://www.nhnz.tv)



Rewi Alley

This five-part television series celebrates the life of an extraordinary New Zealander.



Man Made Marvels:

China 402: China's Forgotten City

The modern city of Xian is world-famous as the home of the terracotta warriors and for its massive 600-year old city walls. But that's only scratching the surface.

### COMING UP....

More opportunities to enjoy Chinese meals, movies, guest speakers, ...

*And remember: Wednesday 27 October  
Michael Stedman "NHNZ in China"*