



# NZ China Friendship Society

## Dunedin Branch

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**Our next branch meeting:**

**FONTERRA...CHINA...NEWS**

**WHAT A COMBINATION**

**from our guest speaker**

***ODT Agribusiness reporter,***

***Sally Rae***

***FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER 7.00pm***

***Venue:*** Home of Dr Haixin Jiang  
55 Glendining Ave, North East Valley

***ODT Agribusiness reporter Sally Rae recently visited Beijing as part of an NZCFS Media Tour. She will share her insights.***

***She writes:*** From a farming background in North Otago, I have been a journalist for the Otago Daily Times for the past 18 years - 16 of those covering general news and the past two

years as farming editor, and business reporter. Travelled to China for a week in May (Shanghai and Beijing) at the invitation of the NZCFS, along with four other senior journalists and a photographer (I was the only South Islander), and our delegation leader George Andrews, with the objective of discussing topics of our choice with key policy makers in the Chinese Government. My chosen subject was dairying - particularly the expansion of Fonterra in China, and also Chinese investment in NZ.

***In the meantime, look for her articles in the ODT LINK: <http://www.odt.co.nz/history/105>***

Normally Sally is behind the camera taking photos of her interviewees, but here she is on the NZCFS Media Tour of China earlier this year.



The media team get their first sight of Shanghai streets. L to R; Sally Rae Agriculture Editor, Otago Daily Times; Liam Dann, Business Editor, NZ Herald; Heather McCarron, Reporter Radio Live; and David White, photographer for the Herald and the NZ Listener.

**A foretaste of Sally's material:**

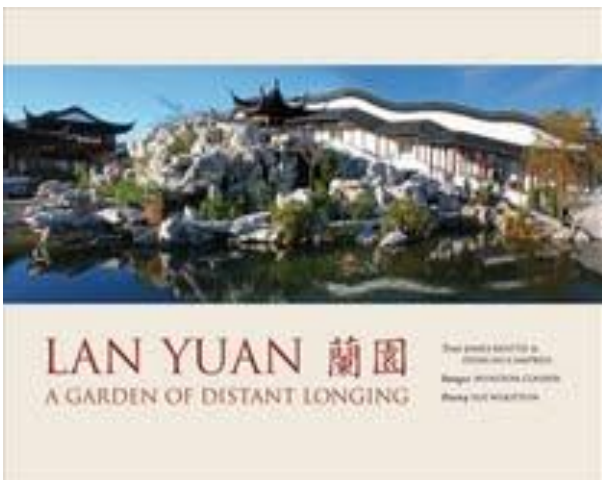




A bit different from a 54-bail at Telford - they were milking 3200 cows, and also had 2700 young stock under cover. Mind blowing!!!

**This meeting will be of interest to members, travelers, farmers, ODT readers, those with Chinese business links, and those who buy milk!**

**Recently: NEW BOOK!**



## **LAN YUAN: A GARDEN OF DISTANT LONGING**

Published by The Dunedin Chinese Garden Trust and Shanghai Museum  
 ISBN: 978-0-473-25799-6 Size: 240 x 190 mm (w x h), 112pp  
 Format: paperback with full colour throughout  
 RRP: \$29.99

Lan Yuan: A Garden of Distant Longing tells the story of the world's southernmost Chinese garden, a garden that was conceptualised in New Zealand, designed and built in Shanghai, before being shipped 13,000 kilometres to Dunedin. Lan Yuan thus connects two different histories, traditions and peoples. In following the garden-building principles of seventeenth-century China and in acknowledging the history of Otago, this beautiful garden both evokes the memory of the Chinese gold miners who reached New Zealand in the 1860s and confidently looks forward to the strengthening of the New Zealand-China relationship.

This book invites readers to linger in the world of Lan Yuan, and to inscribe the garden with new meaning.

Books can be purchased from the Dunedin Chinese Gardens Trust (email the secretary [Adrian.Thein@dn.octa.co.nz](mailto:Adrian.Thein@dn.octa.co.nz) for enquiries), the Dunedin Chinese Garden and Toitu Otago Settlers Museum.

## The authors:

### **James Beattie** (text)

James Beattie currently teaches garden history and environmental history as well as world history, imperial history and historical methodology at the University of Waikato, having previously worked and studied at the University of Otago. Although presently living in Hamilton with his wife and family, he still regards Dunedin as his spiritual home. Fascinated by the different cultural meanings given to plants and gardens around the world, James also writes on environmental change in the British Empire and is especially interested in its interactions with East Asia. He also publishes on Chinese art collecting and European landscape art. Webpage: <http://www.waikato.ac.nz/fass/about/staff/jbeattie>

### **Duncan M. Campbell** (text)

Duncan M. Campbell, a Wellingtonian, presently teaches aspects of traditional Chinese culture and thought, late imperial Chinese history, classical Chinese language and literature, and translation at the Australian National University in Canberra, having previously taught at both the University of Auckland and Victoria University of Wellington. His research focuses on the literary and material culture of the late imperial period, with specific areas of interest including: gardens and their literary and pictorial representation, letter writing and diaries, travel and travel writing, aspects of print culture, the history of the late imperial private library, and biographical and autobiographical writing.

### **Wynston Cooper**, ARPS (photography)

A keen photographer for some 40 years, Wynston specialises in landscape photography. His images have been published in a number of books, magazines, information pamphlets, interpretation panels, and calendars. He has previously participated in international colour slide exhibitions with considerable success. In 2005, he was invited to participate in an exhibition of contemporary photography from around the world held in Barcelona, Spain, having six images displayed. Wynston was enrolled as an Associate of the Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain (ARPS) in 1974. Some of his images can be seen at [www.flickr.com/photos/35290264@N05/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/35290264@N05/)

### Sue Wootton (poetry)

Sue Wootton is a Dunedin-based writer whose previous publications include three collections of poetry (Hourglass, Magnetic South and By Birdlight), a short story collection called The Happiest Music on Earth and a children's book called Cloudcatcher. She has received several awards for her work, and has held the Robert Burns Fellowship at the University of Otago. Further information is available on her website: [suewootton.com](http://suewootton.com)



Read more about the Dunedin Chinese Garden here: (but buy the book to linger longer!)



See the winners in the Dunedin Chinese Garden Harvest Moon Poetry Competition here:

<http://www.dunedinchinesegarden.com/latest-news/news-items/harvest-moon-poetry-competition-2013-winners>

### Chang E Visits the Garden of Distant Longing

Slender Shadows of shy  
bamboo and cherry blossom  
float

on granite paths  
ripple  
in the faint breeze  
of distant longing

Hearts lift on the full moon  
night of dreams, lady of light  
whispers

in courtyard spaces  
breathes  
love along each winding  
path and straight terrace

In the low sun of winter  
the lake's heart mirrors  
place

upon far place,  
time lines  
captured within  
the climbing mountain

**Jenny Powell - 1st place – Adults Section**

## More from Shanghai Delegation

The October newsletter highlighted some of the activities experienced by Viv and Colin on their NZCFS delegation to Shanghai. They also visited the Municipal Archives, an unexpected highlight. They recommend you visit if you have the opportunity. It's on the Bund, very accessible.

### From Colin's Journal...

After breakfast, off to the Shanghai Municipal Archives for the morning activity. Sounds boring, but what a great insight. Excellent introduction, and confirmation of the Friendship Association through the Rewi Alley Exhibition being sent to Christchurch. The video and tour of the Archives permanent exhibition was very impressive. The current exhibition was about foreign journalists' presentations of early CCP activities.



*Shanghai Municipal Archives team welcomes us.*

*Shanghai Municipal Archives created the **Rewi Alley in China Exhibition**, held in Christchurch 2013*



*Edward Snow's article on Mao 1936*

The history of Shanghai was very revealing and wonderfully presented, especially as one of our guides was Hu Jie who had designed some of the exhibits. Her background is as an interactive designer so she is also in the process of making some of the older exhibits more attractive.

quietly talking together and getting to know each other well. Hu Jie grew up in the Pudong area when it was just farmland, not the high rise financial area it is now. She is keen to follow up our meeting and has offered to be a guide for us if we visit again. We hope she can come to Dunedin, stay with us and she is keen to see the techniques used in our museums.

*(Shanghai Municipal Archives –located on the Bund)*



*Delegation with Hu Jie and one of her interactive displays*

At lunch Viv sat with Hu Jie. While the main dignitaries conversed and used translators, Viv and Hu Jie were at the far end of the table,

Lunch was a banquet at a hotel with a great view of the Bund. The Municipal Archives also has a good view from the 4<sup>th</sup> floor balcony apparently but we just ran out of time. There is a café too so it is worth visiting another time.

9 Zhongshan Er Rd E. southern end of the Bund.



From our National Website:

## Shandan News – October 2013



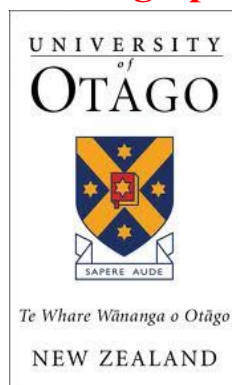
Students window cleaning at Shandan Bailie School

[Brendan Corbett](#) has been teaching at [Shandan Bailie School](#), Gansu Province, China, since September, 2013. He will finish his stint in February, next year, at the end of the third semester.

Click [HERE](#) for his first 'report' that is very interesting; delightful and perceptive observations.

<http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/14831/shandan-news-october-2013/>

### Coming up .....



Chinese PROGRAMME | 奧塔古大學語言學院中文部

Wednesday 20 November  
Richardson Building, 6th Floor, 6N4  
University of Otago, Dunedin, NZ

An all-day event, free and open to the public.

## Chinese soft power and culture: between complicity and independence



Jointly sponsored by the **NZCCRC (New Zealand Contemporary China Research Centre)**, the **CIW (Australian Centre on China in the World)**, the **Chinese Programme** of the Department of **Languages and Cultures** and the **Division of Humanities** of the University of Otago, and the **Confucius Institute** in Auckland - Otago Office.

### Overview

"Soft power" has now entered China's official language. In his keynote speech to the 17th National



Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) on October 15, 2007, Hu Jintao stated that the CPC must **"enhance culture as part of the soft power of our country to better guarantee the people's basic cultural rights and interests."** [...] But just as China's economic and military power does not yet match that of the United States, China's soft power still has a long way to go. [...] The Chinese may have excelled in gold medals, but the 2008 Olympic games did not turn the tables on the United States in the realm of soft power. One hopes that China's leaders will learn the importance of free expression to creating soft power. Joseph Nye, "The Olympics and the Chinese"

### **A sample of workshop titles:**

"Toward a 'Chinese Cinema' in New Zealand: soft power, agency and cinema across borders"

"Projecting influence: Mapping Chinese films' global impact at film festivals"

"Light Power: a hitchhiker's guide to the Chinese animateur "

### **Full Programme and details:**

<http://www.otago.ac.nz/chinese/chinasoftpower.html>

### **Dunedin Branch Member News:**

**President Steven Spelman** is off to Africa doing voluntary work in radiography. We wish him well in this new venture.

**Paul Fawcett** (*our April guest speaker*) is in Changchun Dong Bei. What am I doing? "I'm studying Chinese at Dong Bei Shifan Da Xue. Taking classes in the mornings and then going to my friend's laboratory and working on English polishing and any other jobs that come my way in the afternoons until 7 or 8 o'clock. I am staying in the same Chinese Hotel Bei Yuan Bing Guan as last time (remember I told you about it in my



talk) and spend a lot of my time walking either to class 40 min there and back or to the lab 40 min there and back. It's flat walking through the streets trying to avoid being knocked down by the crazy traffic.... Been to Urumqi during the Chinese National day Holiday... then to Shenyang for a couple of days to meet up with people from a British University setting up a course in Pharmacy to be taught in English in Shenyang...."

### **NEW ZEALAND CHINA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY**

Learn more about the aims of NZCFS, its history, its current projects

<http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/>

### **SPRING OFFER OF MEMBERSHIP**

There are advantages in membership of the branch – so if you are receiving the newsletter and would like to join, consider the Spring offer. Join now and your first annual membership fee will run until the end of 2014. Contact the branch treasurer "membership enquiry"

#### **REMINDER. NEXT MEETING**

You are welcome to come and hear...

**Sally Rae – NZCFS Media Tour**

**FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER 7.00pm**

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