



NZ China Friendship Society

Dunedin Branch

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NEXT BRANCH MEETING...

Fresh back from leading the NZCFS NE China Tour, branch president Paul Fawcett will present highlights of the tour.

We will have a shared meal (please bring a Chinese main or Kiwi dessert). Our host is Dr Haixin Jiang (about to retire from Otago University Dept of Languages)

You are welcome. Please let the secretary know if you are coming.

JUNE MEETING:

THURS 26 JUNE 6.30 pm

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

(*Editor: *The NZCFS NE China Tour departs on 28 May with a full complement of 16 tour members. The tour is led by our Dunedin Branch President Paul Fawcett who has lived and worked in that area. The tour concludes on June 20, so we look forward to seeing him on the 26th*)

ON LEARNING MANDARIN AND LANGUAGES – A FOLLOW-UP TOPIC

The beginners' course in learning Mandarin concludes later this month. 20 students with teachers Huang Baohua and Li Min and kouyu ke (conversation) helpers are enjoying the challenges of the course.



Interested in future lessons? Contact the branch secretary, or Mandarin Course Coordinator: Kate Miller katebjb@gmail.com

Do you want to continue your studies, or can't make it to a language course? Here are some websites for learning Mandarin recommended by two of our members:

Ivy Ding, Mandarin teacher at Columba College recommends:

<https://chinese.yabla.com/?a=1389>



Dr Haixin Jiang, Dept of Languages and Cultures, University of Otago, recommends:

<http://www.chinesecio.com>



What do you think of this opinion piece: *Forgetting a language: Why it happens and how to avoid it*

<http://www.fluentin3months.com/never-forget/>

SHANDAN TEACHER BLOG ON THE NZCFS

WEBSITE: Natalie Bowie, NZCF's new teacher at Shandan Bailie School, has been writing a fascinating blog on her time in Shandan, summarised on our website at: <http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/16019/natalie-bowies-diary-from-shandan-contd-march-2014>

The full blog, which is well worth reading, has some great photos and can be found at: <http://natsbowie.com>

If you register on the blog, you can make sure



you receive the latest entries by email.

Backgrounder on NZCF's involvement with Shandan Bailie School

山丹培黎學校

The NZCFS sends teachers, equipment and other support to help this school live up to the ideals of its founder, New Zealander Rewi Alley.



Part of the old Shandan Bailie School c.1947

Throughout its existence the NZ China Friendship Society has had a special relationship



with the Shandan Bailie School, founded by [Rewi Alley](#) in 1944.

The new Shandan Bailie School of Agriculture, Forestry and Animal Husbandry opened in 1987. Read more:

<http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/shandan-bailie-school/>

EXCITING NEW NZCFS ARTS TOUR:



Look out for more news on the next exciting development in our NZCFS tours – a comprehensive, high-quality **Arts Tour**, with a focus on painting but

also including elements of calligraphy, folk art, architecture, Beijing Opera and a glimpse at garden design. It will include lectures, demonstrations, participatory workshops, plus visits to classic tour sights. A detailed itinerary of this 15-day tour in October, 2014, will be available on the tours section of the Society's website soon.

<http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/news/tours-to-china>

From our national website:

KIWIS AT PEKING UNIVERSITY

Otago Graduate [Charles Rowe, our first Youth Intern](#), has spread his wings and is now the Liaison Officer for the [New Zealand Centre at Peking University](#) where he is working and studying for a Master's degree in International Relations at the School of International Studies, Peking University and he serves as a teaching assistant for the NZ History and Culture undergraduate course (when in session).

Charles recently welcomed our President, Dave Bromwich, to the New Zealand Centre, to meet an invited group of Kiwi youth leaders (who are all working in Beijing) to present recent developments involving the NZCFS youth initiative. Amongst the group were visiting Confucius Institute scholarship recipients, China Government Scholarship recipients, a James Bertram Scholar and young entrepreneurs recently settled in Beijing undertaking various endeavours in the fields of journalism and marketing.



NZCFS President Dave Bromwich (fourth from right) and Charles Rowe, liaison for the New Zealand Centre (third from right) with Kiwi youth leaders, at the New Zealand Centre, Peking University, March 2014.

Other attendees (from left to right) are: Christiana Zhu of Wild China Group; Jessica Rowe of CCTV; Clinton Watson, James Bertram Scholar at Peking University; Ashton Jones of Beijing Language and Culture University; Mea Mackay of Wigram Finance, Dunedin; Sophie Mazzone-Olissoff of Tsinghua University; Simone van Nieuwenhuizen of Peking University and Marissa Toomata, also of Peking University.

To read the whole story, click [HERE](#)

Charles has also had some very interesting encounters, some good and some challenging experiences:

He states that one highlight was a University of Otago alumni meeting for all the Chinese graduates from Otago living in Beijing. "It was absolutely brilliant, and the Otago alumni directors were simply astonished at the turnout and how positive everybody was – they're scratching their heads how to make a network." He also attended the club arranged by the embassy for Kiwis passing through and living in China. It was an opportunity to meet some good people from business circles. He feels strongly, however, that the NZCFS are the only people interested in getting behind a working network for youth in China and he's of the opinion that it's up to NZCFS youth to do it!"

Charles was initially supported by the NZCFS RAFE fund, but is now on a Chinese Government scholarship.

Teri France, April 2014

NZCFS National Conference 2014



Branch President Paul Fawcett is representing us at the NZCFS National Conference this month.



As well as association business the conference has a theme of “**Voices for Youth**”.

Xi Yao, a young traditional Gu-Zheng musician with the Traditional Chinese Music School in Hamilton, has composed a musical work to be transcribed by the Hawke’s Bay Youth Orchestra for western instruments and performed as a feature of our Conference concert.



A number of young people will speak about their thoughts and experiences including Hawke’s Bay high school exchange students recently returned from Hastings’ Sister-City schools in Guilin and other young adults from various Branches.

Hawke’s Bay, 23 – 25 May 2014
Havelock North Function Centre

Read more about Xi Yao here:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chen_Xiyao

NEW ZEALAND CHINA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY

“Building New Friendships on Solid Foundations”

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

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

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

There are **advantages** in membership of the branch.

- * Free participation in NZCFS Language Classes - beginner classes now on; intermediate classes later
- * Specific support for the aims of NZCFS, and national and local projects.
- * The New Zealand China Friendship Society has had 60 years experience working with China. This has given us strong connections and good contacts.
- * Opportunities for participation in unique NZCFS tours and delegations.
- * We need your membership support to continue the work.

Thanks to new members and those who have recently renewed membership.

Please join. Check out our goals and activities on the website and

Contact the branch treasurer vivholmes1@gmail.com with ‘membership enquiry’ in the subject line.

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