



# NZ China Friendship Society

Dunedin Branch

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## Branch President Paul Fawcett reports...



... with branch member Annie Zong I supported teacher Mao Wei in the recent Mandarin Business Culture and Language Course;

... with branch members Colin, Viv, Malcolm and Annie, we were pleased to meet new Chinese Consul-General Mr Jin Zhijian;



*Back: Viv, Mr Frank Fan, Colin*

*Front: Annie, Mme Jin, Mr Jin, Malcolm, Paul*

... presented a talk at the Otago Southland Chinese Association titled: **Shandong and Dong**

**Bei: China's Cradle and Crucible**

## November meeting...

# INSIDE RED CHINA

A film by Rudall and Ramai Hayward

In 1957 NZ China Society filmmakers Rudall and Ramai Hayward were among the first westerners to travel widely in the People's Republic. Their documentary exploring the new China soon after liberation includes a remarkable sequence when Ramai Hayward presents a Maori cloak to Chairman Mao.

A New Zealand China Society Video

With additional DVD features. 45min.

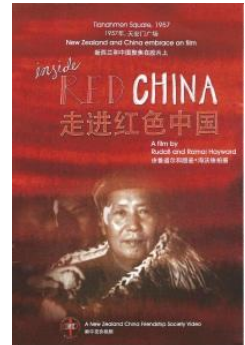
*New Zealand and China embrace on film*

Dunedin Branch NZCFS Screening

Time: **Friday 7 November 7.00pm**

Place: **Burns Room 1 Film Lecture Theatre**

*The Arts Building (aka the Burns Building) at 95 Albany Street is located in the central region of the Dunedin campus, near the Castle Theatre Complex at the end of the Information Services Building.*

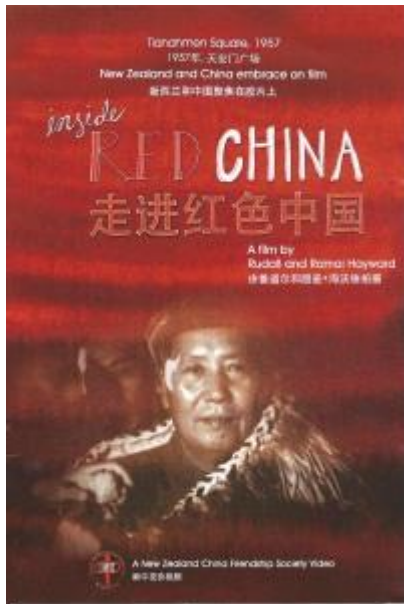


## BACKGROUNDERS to the film

<http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/18215/our-dvd-inside-red-china-is-making-waves-already/>

# Our DVD 'Inside Red China' is making waves already!

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'Inside Red

**China'**, a 1957 film by then-Society members, *Rudall and Ramai Hayward*, was relaunched at a reception to mark the 65th anniversary of the PRC. It was held at the Consulate in Auckland and guests were branch members of NZCFS. 'Inside Red China' gives an honest and unbiased report of China at a time when the West had a very jaundiced view of communism, and includes rare historic footage denied to any outside of China at that time.

The film has been re-mastered into a Society-sponsored DVD, by **George Andrews**, Vice President, Northern North Island. **Alistair Shaw**, Wellington member of NZCFS, explains how the film came about and its significance for friendship with China; and Ambassador **John McKinnon** gives an explanation of how the Maori cloak presented to Mao Zedong, having been lost for some years, was found again in the National Museum of China. The cloak was then briefly [returned to New Zealand in 2013](#)

and the DVD shows the *powhiri* made by the Maori delegates at **Te Papa [Museum of New Zealand]** who received it.

The DVD includes Ambassador John McKinnon speaking in a **Mandarin version**.

The DVD is already making waves, with lots of media reports in China. See the following links:

**Xinhua:** [http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/30/c\\_133684818.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2014-09/30/c_133684818.htm)

WELLINGTON, Sept. 30 (Xinhua) -- Since New Zealand became the first developed nation to sign a free trade agreement with China in 2008, trade has famously soared, cheered on with commentaries about the long-standing and unique bilateral friendship.

But an old black and white documentary -- digitally re-mastered and set for a relaunch on China's National Day holiday -- recalls a time when the friendship was based on loftier issues than trade.

"Inside Red China" was made by independent-minded New Zealanders who helped to found the New Zealand China Friendship Society, and played a significant role in strengthening bonds early in the Cold War.

"In those days it was about peace - it wasn't about trade. The organization was formed to give aid to China, to stop the lies being told and to get it recognition," said George Andrews, who produced the re-mastered version.

### People's Daily:

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/n/2014/0930/c90782-8790249.html>

..."It was a remarkable reminder of how courageous these people were when they founded the society," said Andrews.

"New Zealand governments at the time just wanted nothing to do with them, but they forged ahead and kept the

relationship alive - you have to remember the context of the Cold War." The Haywards had a unique experience among Western film-makers, filming without interference as they visited Guangzhou, Shanghai, Beijing and Wuhan, recording interviews with a foreign businessman, who had reconciled to the nationalization of his company, and officials within the Christian churches. They also spoke to ordinary Chinese and captured daily life through the street scenes in China's cities as well as the historic construction of the Wuhan Bridge across the Yangtze River.

#### FILMMAKER RAMAI HAYWARD

##### BIOGRAPHY

<http://www.nzonscreen.com/person/ramai-hayward/biography>

#### TV3 on her death July 2014

<http://www.3news.co.nz/entertainment/maori-filmmaker-ramai-hayward-dies-at-98-2014071216>



## RECENTLY...

### A SUCCESSFUL Mandarin Language Course aimed at those with business connections.

The three-day crash course in basic Mandarin was organised by the new Otago branch of the Confucius Institute, at the University of Otago, in association with

Dunedin Branch NZCFS.



### Read the ODT report:

## Getting taste of Mandarin before Shanghai trip

By [Chris Morris](#) on Tue, 7 Oct 2014



Teacher Mao Wei gives a lesson in Chinese writing. The characters read: "My given name is Wei". Photos by Gregor Richardson.

It's every traveller's worst nightmare - arriving in a foreign land, phrase book in hand, and accidentally professing your love of fine pigs rather than love of the host's beautiful city.

But when you're Mayor Dave Cull, and you're representing Dunedin in Shanghai, such subtle distinctions of language can carry quite a bit of significance.



-Practising their Chinese are (from left) Toitu Otago Settlers Museum director Jennifer Evans, Dunedin Mayor Dave Cull and city councillor Chris Staynes.

It's one of the reasons Mr Cull, his deputy, Chris Staynes, and Dunedin City Council chief executive Dr Sue Bidrose were busy practising pronunciation of their "ni haos", "xie xies" and other phrases in Dunedin last night....

The Dunedin City Council trio were among sixteen students taking part at the start of a three-day crash course in basic Mandarin, organised by the new Otago branch of the Confucius Institute, at the University of Otago.

The classes were aimed at a business and tourism industry audience and had proved popular since being launched earlier this year.

Mr Cull told the *Otago Daily Times* the latest classes were ideally timed, just two weeks before his next trip to Shanghai, which would mark the 20th anniversary of the signing of the sister city agreement between the two centres.

He hoped to add a "smattering" to his small vocabulary of "one or two" Mandarin phrases, but said the effort was more a "matter of respect".

"We constantly go on about how good it is when people learn English. Well, the boot's on the other foot. It would be a good thing for us to learn our sister city's tongue," Mr Cull said.

.... Read the full article here:

<http://www.odt.co.nz/news/dunedin/318555/getting-taste-mandarin-shanghai-trip>

## 2015 TOURS

### Chinese Gardens & Missionaries Tour, 25 April to 13 May 2015

Is this scene natural or man-made? The Chinese garden mimics nature with elements of rock, plants, water and pavilions. On this tour, explore the depth of this art form and get insights into Chinese culture and philosophy as it is reflected through different forms of gardens, culminating in the spring showing of the beautiful Peony garden in Beijing.



We will also have a unique opportunity to learn more about the contributions of missionaries in education and health care in the early 20th century. Prof. Bill Willmott was the son of university educational missionaries in Chengdu. He will share memories and places of his childhood in Sichuan (his first language is Chinese). A highlight will be the new Museum of Missionary Photographs in the old Qing dynasty town of Xinchang.

[Read more...](#) Ctrl+click to follow link

**And other 2015 Tours here:**

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

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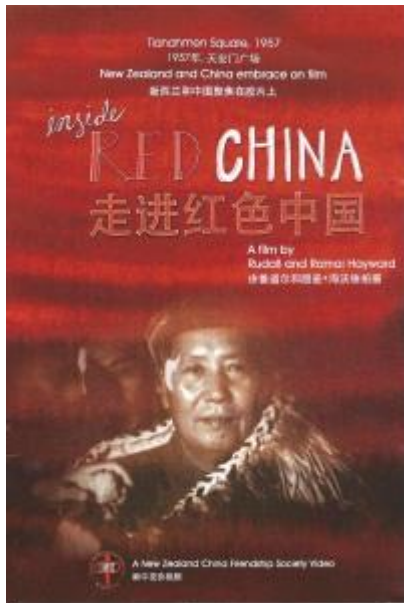
**YOUR**

\* **Mahjong Evening ... in the New Year**  
...details coming

\* **Film 'Inside Red China'**

**Friday 7 November 7.00pm,  
Burns 1 Film Theatre**

Entry free of charge to NZCFS members.  
All welcome.



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SOCIETY**

*"Building New Friendships on Solid Foundations"*

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NZCFS, its history, its current projects

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

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