

Comments by NZCFS members on hearing of Dave Feickert's passing

Christine and Gerald Strickland – Wellington Branch:

Dave was a good friend of the Wellington branch. He spoke at our branch meetings several times on the topic of coal mine safety, and often joined us at our banquets. Gerald and I enjoyed our chats when he visited us at our home. Our deepest sympathy to Jing and the family.

Dave Bromwich (National President):

Dear friends

Sadly, I am writing to inform you that Dave Feickert passed away at 8.00am Thursday morning. He was a tremendous supporter of NZCFS, and a great friend of China. We will all miss his cheerfulness, his clarity of mind and the strength and courage he has shown us all in the last several years.

Dave's sister Ali is with Jing at this time.

Regards

John Hodgson - Tauranga Branch:

Words fail me.

Dave always seemed a tower of strength and sensibility and I, for one, will miss his imposing presence at National Executive Meetings, generous with his time, wise in his comments.

There is no stopping The Grim Reaper.

*Kua hinga he totara nui i te wao nui a Tane.***

Condolences from Tauranga Branch.

** *"The totara has fallen in the forest of Tane"* A Moari proverb when someone of importance passes away.

George Andrews - VP North Island NZCFS:

I am immensely sad, that Dave has left us. He was a huge friend of China and of our society. I will miss his smile, his energy, his wit and his stories. Here in Auckland we were lucky enough to see Dave up here on his way to China or South Africa and also to see his daughter Sonja her husband and their children. My heart goes out to them and to Jing.

Haere ra, Dave, Haere ra, Dave, Haere, Haere, Haere ra [Farewell, Dave].

Christine Ward - Nelson branch:

Nelson friends are sad today. A tall tree has fallen leaving a big space. May his thoughtful energy and generous friendship remain as an on-going memorial in our midst.