



# NZ China Friendship Society

Dunedin Branch

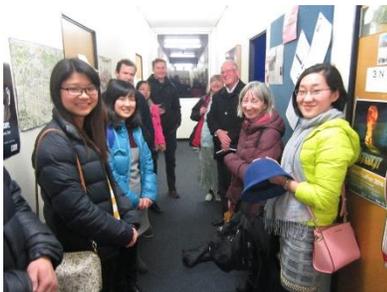
NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2015

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## AUGUST REVIEW

A big thank you to Dr Paula Voci for her enthusiastic presentation on Chinese Film and Contemporary Video. She is an inspiring teacher. Dr Voci introduced us to material which had inspired her own passion for Chinese film, as well as contemporary internet, Youju (youtube) material and 'The Memory Project' which showed both change and continuity through time. She challenged us, with examples, to think about the nature of infotainment – its playful, subversive, political or poetic impact.



*Ed. The good group of 17 were so involved that I forgot to take a photo, but when the lecture*

*room had to close some were keen to continue the discussion in the corridor!*

## COMING UP ...SEPTEMBER MEETING Thursday Sept 10.

Celebrate Chinese Language Week with a Beginner Mandarin conversation and Mandarin Corner at 7.00 pm ... followed at 7.30 pm by a presentation from Branch President Paul Fawcett on his recent NZCFS Tour to Mongolia and North Central China.



**Venue: home of committee member Annie Zong 540 Highgate. See maps below. All welcome.**

## Beginner Mandarin Lessons

Interested in learning Mandarin? The winter course is over. More to come...

If you want to receive info about **future courses**, send your expression of interest "Please send me info about the NZCFS Mandarin Course" (for those not at school or University Mandarin course).

Send to Course Facilitator, Dunedin NZCFS Branch member Martha Bell:

[bell3patman@orcon.net.nz](mailto:bell3patman@orcon.net.nz) 021 067 1858

One of the Mandarin Language Assistants reported:

*'Last Thursday we cooperated very well with (teacher) Wei, and had a great time with the passionate Mandarin learners there.'* Sia

**More appreciative comments from the winter course:**

*I've thoroughly enjoyed the class. I was interested in the sounds, characters, semantics and structure of the language rather than mastering any more than a few phrases. Wei is a great teacher. The language assistants were delightful and helpful. Thank you very much for this stimulating course!!!*

Linda

*Nǐmen hǎo,  
I'm recovering from a completely unfair and quite uninvited dose of the flu-like cold that seems to be sweeping parts of Dunedin.  
I'm really sorry I can't be at the final summing up lesson and meal tonight.  
It's caught me just at the wrong time.  
I assure I had done my home-work (wo zuo le gongke???) If that's not the right phrase please ignore it and go with my Yīngyǔ.  
Thanks to you Martha for your great organisation.  
Lǎo shī Mao - I thought it was a really well planned programme and you are a born teacher! (hen hao laoshi) And in a short time taught me lots. I feel my Chinese is now about at the same stage as my cold - a sort of groggy*

*recognition of what life might be - and an equal recognition of what i can't do!*

*And thanks to Annie, Faye, Miao, Simon, Leo (I hope I haven't missed anyone). Your promptings, corrections, suggestions etc were invaluable. And Annie, you got me into this, so thanks for that!*

Ganbei

David



New Zealand  
Chinese  
Language Week  
新西兰中文周

**7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Sept 2015**

**See what's on around the country, competitions, and resources for learning**

<http://nzclw.com/>

**Look at the "Chinese Crash Course" from**



网络孔子学院  
CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE ONLINE

<http://www.chinesecio.com/cms/en/course/chinese-crash-course>

**and check out what's on at the Dunedin Chinese Garden – see next page.**



## Celebrate Chinese Language Week At the Dunedin Chinese Garden

### Chinese Language Classes:

**Beginners Class Chinese** Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> Sept,  
1.30pm Tower Room

Always wanted to learn a few greetings and basic phrases in Chinese? Come to this beginners class and get started! *Limited space, please make a booking.*

**Chinese Corner** Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> Sept, 3pm Tower Room

Higher level Chinese language learners have the chance to practice their Chinese language skills with this discussion group on Chinese topics. *Limited space, please make a booking.*

**Storytelling in Chinese and English** Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> Sept, 10-10.45am Tower Room

Popular Chinese children's stories will be told in Chinese and English for children and adults to enjoy. *Limited space, please make a booking.*

**Calligraphy** class Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2pm - Tower Room

Learn to write some Chinese characters using brush and ink. *Limited space, please make a booking.*

**Movie Screening** daily, Tower Room

**Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> Sept,** 1.15pm: Xishaungbanna  
(documentary in English)  
2pm: **The Go King and his Son** (movie in Chinese w. Engl. subtitles)

**Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> Sept,** 1.15pm: Jiuzhaigou  
(documentary in English)  
2pm: **Confucius** (movie in Chinese w. Engl. subtitles)

**Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> Sept,** 1.30pm: Li Mi Conjecture  
(movie in Chinese w. Engl. subtitles)  
3.15pm: **Dunhuang**  
(documentary in English)

**Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> Sept,** 1.15pm: Shangri-La  
(documentary in English)  
2pm: **Love, come back**  
(movie in Chinese w. Engl. subtitles)

**Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> Sept,** 1.30pm: The Flowery March  
(movie in Chinese w. Engl. subtitles)  
3pm: **Guilin** (documentary in English)

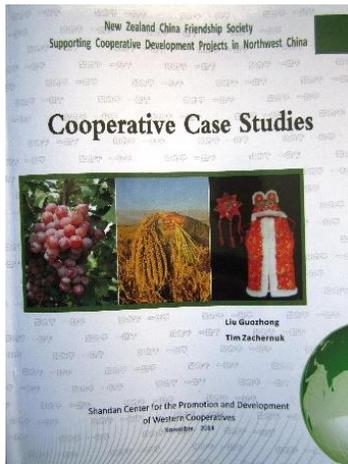
**Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> Sept,** 12.30pm: Great Wall  
(documentary in English)

**Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> Sept,** 11am: The Queen of Cooking  
(movie in Chinese w. Engl. subtitles)  
12.30pm: **Shanghai and Wuzhen** (documentary in English)

For further information and bookings please contact the Dunedin Chinese Garden  
Ph 03-477 3248,  
[chinesegarden@dcc.govt.nz](mailto:chinesegarden@dcc.govt.nz)



All events are free with paid entry to the Garden.



## COOPERATIVE CASE STUDIES

### New Book on NZCFS-assisted Co-ops in China – Part 2 (Case Studies)

Published 2015

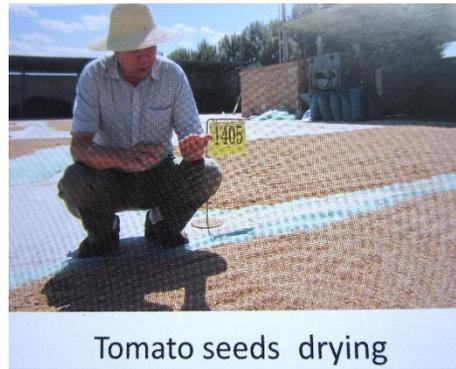
Check out the NZCFS website for a book on NZCFS involvement in poverty alleviation in NW and Central China through aid in the development of co-operatives in those regions.

Detailed case studies are presented of *12 of the 50 co-operatives assisted by NZCFS*. It sets out in informative detail the many trials and significant successes that the Chinese encountered in their goal of creating co-ops.

The website has, as a taster, three of the co-operatives covered in the book and we summarise their development, both present and past, and something about the people who initiated them. Their connections to NZCFS are also explained. For the rest, we recommend you read the book.

<http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/19889/new-book-on-nzcfs-assisted-co-ops-in-china-part-2-case-studies/>

**Copies of the book available at our  
September meeting.**



Tomato seeds drying  
*Gaotai Yonghe Tomato seed cooperative*



*Xinxing co-operative members working in groups*

The co-author **Liu Guozhong** was hosted by Dunedin NZCFS in 2012 – when he visited Telford Campus and Central Otago agriculture ventures.



*Miller's Flat Pumpkins with Liu Guozhong and  
Dunedin branch treasurer Vivienne Child*

## MEMBERS' NEWS

### Welcome to new members:

Peter Brook: *Peter is an IT specialist in Research and Enterprise at Otago Polytechnic. His motivation for joining our branch came through language and culture which was recently acquired at Otago University Mandarin classes.*

Paul Wheeler: *taking part in NZCFS Photographers' Tour*

Destinations specially selected for amazing photographic opportunities in different environments ranging from Huanglong & Jiuzhaigou UNESCO parks with waterfalls, multi coloured lakes, and minority villages to modern cityscapes and peaceful landscapes to the bustle of daily life. A broad varied offer of old and new.

Our visit includes:

- Sichuan landscapes and pandas
- Tibetan culture and train trip
- Scenic Dongchuan Red Land
- Chengdu cityscape



Potala Palace

**VENUE FOR  
SEPTEMBER 10  
MEETING  
540 Highgate,  
Maori Hill, Dunedin**



## Branch President...Paul Fawcett

Look forward to a talk by branch President Paul Fawcett on his experiences in Mongolia with the NZCFS tour.

Thursday 10 September

**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/>

Contact the secretary for a membership form.

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