



NZ China Friendship Society

Dunedin Branch

NEWSLETTER UPDATE SEPT 2015

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- * Chinese Music opportunity
- * Chinese Moon Festival
- * Another Mandarin Course – following enthusiastic response from the winter course, Spring is here – and the course begins on October 1.

Our September meeting featured our President, Paul Fawcett telling us about the NZCFS Tour to Mongolia and North East China. Paul covered the history of Mongolia, from the empire of Ghengis Khan, through the period of Soviet domination to independence in 1992, and of course life in Mongolia today.

His recommended reading included: "*Genghis Khan and the making of the modern world*" by Jack Weatherford and "*In the empire of Genghis Khan*" by Stanley Stewart, the former from the University Library and the latter from the Public Library.

His powerpoint presentation showed wide landscapes, the unique ethnic dances and cultural activities, the food and the people.

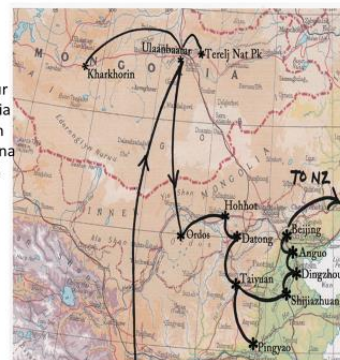
Paul also gave his presentation the following night to over 60 people at the University Club.



Genghis Khan
1162-1227
"You can conquer
an empire on
horseback, but
you cannot rule it
from the saddle"
Old Chinese



NZCFS Tour
to Mongolia
and North
Central China
July 2015



Another Response to NZCFS Tour to Mongolia and North China

Jenny Campbell lives in Mossburn – so a member of Dunedin NZCFS because we don't have a branch closer to home! Yet! Since returning from the tour she says:

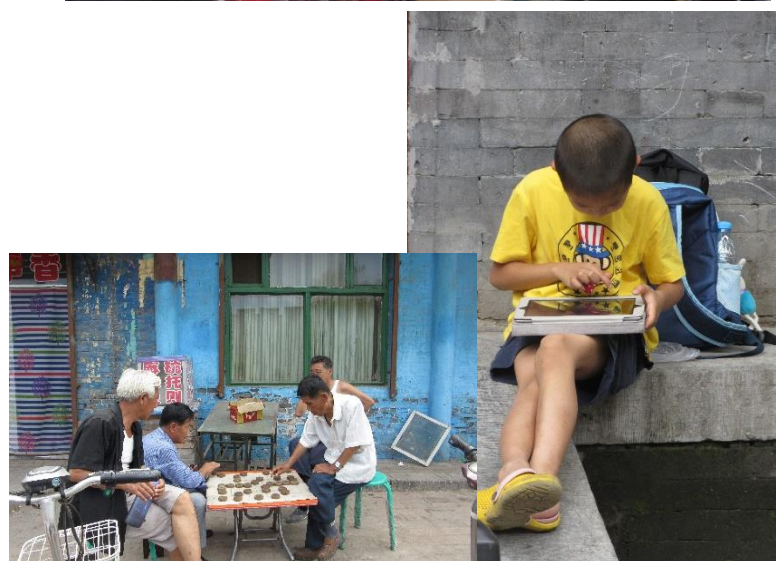
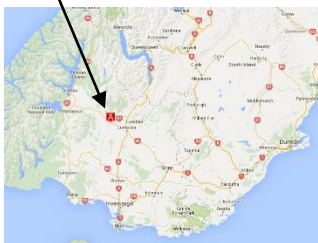
I spoke to an Inver(Invercargill) women's group about my trip on Tues and have a simple ppt set up from my thousands of photos! I am going to Mossburn and Lumsden Primary schools to talk to pupils as well.

I have told people I am open to go to talk! It all builds understanding is my perspective. Turns out the young man living in a wee house next door here in Moss, works at local garage, been here 3 years and speaks good English, is actually Russian, and moved with his family to Tel Aviv when he was 14. He speaks Russian, Hebrew and English. His mother is over for 6 weeks at present. His mum does not speak English unfortunately.

I had them over for a meal last night and talked about my recent trip. They know all the places as it seems they have travelled a lot and Ulaanbaatar, Gobi etc very familiar to them. We did lots of talking about places I had been and the way of life there eg driving all over the steppes as they needed to make new roads... to pass others... no fences...

Mossburn (wiki)

Mossburn is a small town in the northern Southland Region of New Zealand, south of Queenstown and east of Te Anau. Population about 240. The town is located in a very scenic area, with the mountains of Fiordland creating a beautiful backdrop. The town's main industry is agriculture, with many cattle, deer, and sheep farms nearby. Due to the amount of deer farming, Mossburn claims to be the deer capital of New Zealand.



1. With the Ambassador, Beijing
2. Horse head fiddle band
3. Children around the world!
4. Community building – local relationships

MANDARIN LESSONS FOR BEGINNERS

The Dunedin Branch of
NZ China Friendship
Society (NZCFS) is running
an eight week course in
Mandarin for beginners,
or those with a few
greeting phrases (ni hao)
who want more.

THURSDAYS 6 PM

starting on **OCTOBER 1**
for eight weeks. One
hour lessons.

Venue: St John's Anglican Church
Hall
373 Highgate, Maori Hill

Course cost: \$20 Members of NZCFS
free.



Coordinator: For enquires or to
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Find out more:

www.nzchinasociety.org.nz





Pavilion and the Pond; photo by: Kerby McMillan

CHINESE MOON FESTIVAL

27 SEPTEMBER 2015
10AM - 5PM



Normal admission charges
apply. Children **FREE**

Join us for a weekend of
cultural activities visit:
www.dunedinchinesegarden.com

For further information and bookings please contact
the Dunedin Chinese Garden

Ph 03-477 3248, chinesegarden@dcc.govt.nz

All events
are free with
paid entry to
the Garden.



Dunedin Chinese Music/ Instrument Association

Are you interested in Chinese music? Are
you able to play Chinese instruments?
Are you a fan of Chinese traditional
singing and dancing?



Dunedin Chinese Music Association has
recently been founded calling for
members to join this fantastic group.
They currently have 14 members and a
group of committee members, Jane,
Luna, Wendy and Sherry, who are able
to perform Guzheng, Pipa, Erhu,
Yangqin, Hulusi, Bawu, as well as singing
and dancing. Please feel free to join and
take advantage of upcoming fantastic
music activities in happy places such as
Chinese Garden and University of Otago.
Join by sending email to
dunedinchinesemusic@gmail.com, or
join Facebook Group “Dunedin Chinese
Music Association” by
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Receiving this newsletter but not a Dunedin Branch NZCFS member?

Bonus offer – Join now and gain 15 months membership – through to the end of 2016.

Membership benefits include:

Supporting local branch work: financial cost of venue hire, supporting Mandarin classes, hosting visitors, China contacts.

This year we have hosted visitors from Beijing Youxie, promoted a visit to Shanghai by Dunedin Youth Choir, ran Mandarin classes for beginners, sent a representative to National Conference and Executive meeting...

And support National NZCFS work: see the website for the wide range of activities promoting the friendship and educational goals.

NEW ZEALAND CHINA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY

“Building New Friendships on Solid Foundations”

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

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JOIN NOW.

Contact the secretary. Email with subject line: *“Dunedin NZCFS membership enquiry”*

to receive info on how to join. Or use the form on next page.

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Sign up to NZCFS Facebook page for up-to-date info, articles and links.

<https://www.facebook.com/NZChinaSociety>





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Dunedin Branch**

Membership Subscription - 2016

Name:

Address:

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Annual subscription: Renewal/ New Tick

Adult \$20

Couple/family \$25

Student \$10

Donation: \$.....

Amount enclosed:

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