



## NOTE

## GENERAL MEETING

As advised in the September Newsletter, following the National Day get together dinner on the 1st of October, there are no further meetings of the Branch until the Annual General Meeting on **Wednesday November 19<sup>th</sup>**. Don't forget a nomination form was in the September newsletter, and these can be handed in at the AGM. In addition nominations will be accepted from the floor on the night.

Although as yet we do not know the exact dates involved, we are delighted to announce that our Branch invitation to Wuxi has been accepted, and we will have the pleasure of hosting this six person delegation mid November or early December.

Mr Xu Weiguo Secretary General of the Standing Committee of the Wuxi Municipal People's Congress

Mr Feng Guopeng Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Chongan District People's Congress of Wuxi

Mr He Guoshi Vice Chairman of the Jiangyin Municipal People's Congress

Mr Tu Zhongliang Deputy director of Wuxi Municipal Foreign Affairs Office

Ms Xin Zhihong Interpreter of Wuxi Municipal Foreign Affairs Office

As mentioned in the last Newsletter we intend to keep members aware of progress in the major projects in which the Society is involved. Included in this newsletter is a report given to the National Executive on activities in three of them.

Hello everyone. Stan, Meryl, Diane, Jenevere, and Royce are all still overseas (and having a great time according to their Emails) so your committee is rather thin on the ground at the moment.

Stan and I have been in touch with our old Wuxi friend Tu Zhongliang. Dates have not been confirmed, but we still expect the visit towards the end of November. Tu Zhongliang is planning to meet me in Nanjing early next week, so I hope to find an update on the Wuxi delegation travel plans.

Our sincere condolences to Bill Earle on the recent passing away of Dorothea. Bill and Dorothea have been stalwart supporters of our Society for a number of years.

Ian, Assistant Deputy Newsletter Editor

## Projects/Aid Report to National Executive August 2003

### Shandan Bailie School

#### **Teacher**

SBS has requested two teachers, one to commence asap, the second to commence in March next year. We have two teachers available to fill these vacancies. The first will be able to commence in mid November. Dave and Douglas have spoken with the person. NZCFS will need to provide one airfare for the two placements.

**Legal Training** - application to Good Governance Fund, April 03, still waiting to hear from NZAID

**Strategic Planning** - application to Embassy HOF, April 03, still waiting to hear

**Animal Husbandry** - Project Aim: To carry out breeding goat meat skill training project among 300 rural women in 25 villages of Lao Jun and Chen Hu, to be implemented from November 2003 to the end of November 2004.

Step 1: To teach 5 training courses among healthy rural women aged 18 to 45, from 25 villages in Lao Jun and Chen Hu in aspects of goat husbandry, breeding, feed management, building heated shelters, disease prevention etc. Budget 55,825 RMB or approx \$11,600. (our contribution \$2300)

Step 2: To choose respectively 50 families from Feng Chen village and Dong Men Village as models. To help every family buy goat and build shelter as well, with 2000 RMB project loan. The pay back may be cash or may be a female kid, the details on this are still being thought through in Shandan. Budget 2000 RMB per family, plus some admin/management costs.

Step 2 can be negotiated depending on the other applications for funding. Also branches may be interested in supporting x families at \$100 per family, as part of the overall VASS application.

### Guangxi projects

**Sanzhiyang Project:** VASS accepted report. No further input into this successful project.

**Capacity building project:** the Guangxi Women's Federation applied for funding through the New Zealand Embassy in Beijing, and have heard back that the Fund will only support 2 of the 3 training sessions in the year 2004-5.

The Women's Federation have come back and asked us to support the preparation of materials and one session this year. Wu Xiufang says "that the project managers course is needed now as the Women's Federation has some projects after SARS. That means people are think highly of public health after SARS and also the rural women need to know how to keep public health. So the WF in some counties have applied to

international organizations to publicize the public health knowledge to the rural women." The total cost is 126,000y or \$28,000.

The plan is to apply to VASS for the next funding meeting, in mid September. We require approx \$5,500 and have \$3,500. **Request \$1000 from national funds.**

### Kathleen Hall Clinic

Diana Grant-Mackie (Auckland Branch) is visiting Thailand in November and will visit Songjiazhuang after that. Diana has a travel grant from the NZ Nurses' Organisation for the Bangkok-Beijing travel. Diana is going to look at the proposal to send a New Zealand nurse to the clinic, the practicalities, usefulness, difficulties etc.

While there she will look at as much of the general clinic work as possible, and ask about the work that the New Zealand Embassy is supporting. Diana says "I also want to find out about Eunice Preece who was there with Kathleen"

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