



# NZ China Friendship Society

Dunedin Branch

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### FEBRUARY MEETING AND AGM and CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR

**Wednesday 10 February.**

Our guest speaker is **NZCFS National President Dave Bromich**. Dave B has had long experience in China, particularly in developing rural cooperatives and more recently has been studying new models in developing sister city relationships. He will share his insights on our NZCFS theme **“Building new friendships on solid foundations”**.

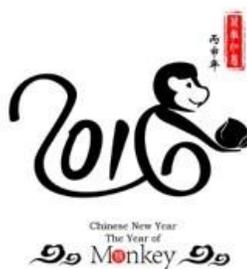
Also present will be **Dave Adamson**. Dave A is NZCFS South Island Vice President and our branch has valued his insights from building the branch activities in Christchurch.

Hear from our **Branch President Paul Fawcett** a summary of 2015 activities in Dunedin and plans for this year. We value your participation and input.

So... interesting insights, good company, and a celebratory meal to follow.

Venue: Wong Gok Restaurant

Time: 7.00pm (see details Page 6)



Celebrate with us

- \* AGM
- \* GUEST SPEAKERS \*
- \* DINNER

### Beginner Mandarin Lessons

Our thanks to Wei Mao for her teaching last year in the NZCFS Mandarin Classes. Course facilitator Martha reports from the final lesson: *I loved the class too and Wei wants to do more next year so we can gather a sense of community I think as we try to keep in touch with previous students and invite*

*new ones. She has such an engaging way of teaching.*



## Beginner Mandarin Lessons

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 the Course Facilitator, Dunedin NZCFS Branch member Martha Bell:  
[bell3patman@orcon.net.nz](mailto:bell3patman@orcon.net.nz) 021 067 1858

Another important branch member is Vivienne Child, Treasurer, and she says it is time for branch **membership applications and renewals**.

Be first in to renew your membership and win a prize!

**NZCFS Membership Fees now due for 2016.**

*See the attached form. Remember to include your name when you make an automatic bank transfer. Or Pay at the AGM – see you there.*

From our National Website..

## RAFE PROJECTS

The New Zealand China Friendship Society's Rewi Alley Friendship and Exchange (RAFE) Fund Committee

### Projects receiving Rewi Ally Fund allocations - 2015

The projects fulfil one or more of the criteria:

1. Commemorating the legacy of Rewi Alley
2. Involve cultural and art exchange, educational exchange and youth exchange which aim to promote China-New Zealand friendship
3. Involve friendly exchange projects

#### **1. Bay of Plenty IRIS\* 2015:**

*\*Independent Research Internship for Secondary Students* studying international business and trade.

#### **2. NW China Women's Handicraft Exchange – visit in November 2015 to NZ**

#### **3. Revive Rewi Alley Legacy of Gong He:**

Visit five or six places where Rewi Alley worked and identify local farmer co-operative development situations and opportunities.

#### **4. An Independent Travellers' Guide to Rewi Alley Locations in China:**

Produce web-based information, in English, on places associated with Rewi Alley's life and initiatives.

#### **5. Memorials of the Past:**

Bring to life the story of Kathleen Hall, with production of DVD.



More details of these projects at:

<http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/22303/projects-receiving-rewi-ally-fund-allocations-2015/>

## Our AGM Guests:

### National President: Dave Bromwich



Dave Bromwich was elected as NZCFS President in May 2013.

He has had active involvement in China since 1990, with over four years

total spent in China through 25 visits. In 1995-1996 he spent one year with his family in Napier's sister city Lianyungang teaching English, and has travelled and worked extensively throughout China.

Since 2002, his main work activity has been in rural poverty reduction development projects. This has been in a private capacity in Guangxi and Guizhou provinces, and extensively in representing NZCFS in its project work, especially in NW China. A programme of rural economic development focusing on establishing cooperatives has been operating there since 2006.

Dave has been the main contact person for Shandan Bailie School, where he has facilitated placement of New Zealanders as English teachers since 2002.

He has been an executive member of ICCIC (Gungho) since 2006, and was elected as International Vice-Chair in 2010. He has also served on Hastings – Guilin Sister City Board since its inception in 1997. In 2012, he was appointed to the NZ China Council Advisory Board as NZCFS representative.

Dave has a Graduate Diploma in Chinese language and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Development Studies. He has received Foreign Expert Awards from Guangxi and Gansu provinces.

### National Vice President South Island: Dave Adamson

Dave Adamson has been a member of the Christchurch branch of the NZCFS for eleven years, and is currently the South Island Vice President.

Until he retired in 2009, he worked for 11 years in the Christchurch City Council Civic and International Relations team. The role's main focus was the city's relationships in China, predominantly the sister city links with Wuhan City and Gansu Province, but also working with delegation visits from various parts of China to the city.



He is also a deputy chair of the Christchurch China Sister Cities committee, which handles Christchurch's links with Gansu Province and Wuhan City. He was on the board of Sister Cities New Zealand for eight years, seven of them as Vice President.

*Ed. My preferred pictures:*



Dave B. ...always a good story to tell.



Dave A. ...passionate and friendly

## SHANGHAI -DUNEDIN SISTER CITY

Places of Interest in Shanghai

**An article on the national website**

**<http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/21302/places-of-interest-in-shanghai/>**

*If you are planning a visit to Shanghai, you might consider the places of interest suggested below by Nelson branch secretary Barbara Markland. This article is based heavily on a document that Barbara gives to people who are going to China and ask her "what can we do in Shanghai?"*

**- with easy info links and travel directions.**



Double Dragon wall in the Yuyuan Garden

## CHINESE NEW YEAR

Chinese New Year

Monday 8  
February  
2016



Celebrate the Year of the Monkey with us!

- 7.15pm - Dragon parade from the Octagon
- 7.45pm - Dragon dance, cultural performances, food stalls and more at the Garden

Visit the Chinese Garden and celebrate our Chinese heritage while welcoming in the new year. Exotic, surprising and fun. Gold coin entry.

Fireworks finale starts at 10pm.

**Dunedin Chinese Garden - a reminder of regular events:**

What's happening at the Dunedin Chinese Garden?

[chinesegarden@dcc.govt.nz](mailto:chinesegarden@dcc.govt.nz)

What about an Annual Pass for \$20 as a Gift?



Pavilion and the Pond; photo by: Keith McMillan

This month's COASTAL PHOTOS. Where are they?

China



Otago



Last month:

China



Xiamen Port

Otago



Rock formation Aramoana

SEND to the secretary for inclusion in next newsletter – your answers, and or favourite Otago or China coastline photo!

## NZCFS Explore China, the South-West Tour, 21 Days October 2016

The New Zealand China Friendship Society offers a further educational tour in the “Explore China” series.

The tour will visit the two SW provinces of Sichuan and Yunnan for an in-depth experience of this area. Starting and ending in the two provincial capitals Chengdu and Kunming, the traveller will experience aspects of the social and physical geography this area has to offer.

<http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/22403/nzcfs-explore-china-the-south-west-tour-21-days-october-2016/>

NZCFS Tour departing on 10 October and returning to New Zealand on 3 November.

- This is a 23 day tour to the two South West provinces of Sichuan and Yunnan.
- The itinerary has been revised due to road works on a section of the tour, not being completed by October.
- There is also an inclusion of a two night stay in Shanghai at the end of the tour, to accommodate first time visitors to China.
- For those who have visited Shanghai before, an alternative programme, according to group preferences, will be organised.
- The Tour includes a visit to the panda sanctuary near Chengdu and the Ethnic Minority Communities, paddy fields and the stone forest in Yunnan Province.
- A deposit to confirm a place on the tour, is payable at the beginning of 2016.

NZCFS Tour Leader - Ann White  
NZCFS Deputy Tour Leader – Dave Adamson  
Chinese Tour Guide – Ms Wang Fang

If you would like to join us on this tour, please contact me, so your names can be included on my list of interested persons.

If you would like more information please contact:  
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## 2016 looking forward MEMBERS' NEWS

Anticipate interesting presentations this year on seafood, mushrooms, archaeology, music...the Chinese connection

**Reminder Wednesday 10 Feb 7pm  
AGM – Chinese New Year Dinner,  
Guest  
Speaker and  
some  
business.  
See you  
there at  
Wong Gok  
Restaurant**



282 Moray Place. Cost \$30 BYO

Please email secretary to confirm attendance or apology.

## 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/>

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