



NZ China Friendship Society

Dunedin Branch

NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO MLAs

MLAs (Mandarin Language Assistants) from the Confucius Institute are working in our Dunedin and Clutha Schools.

Dunedin Branch of NZCFS (New Zealand China Friendship Society) welcome them with a favourite walk and dinner.

Goals: * to make MLAs welcome and introduce them to our Society in Dunedin as a support and resource



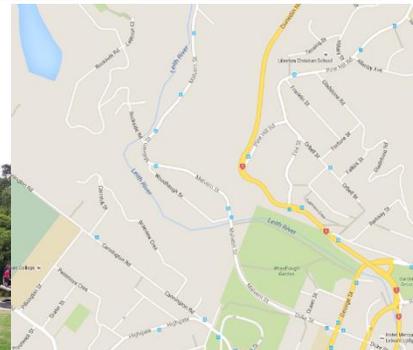
* to introduce our members to the MLAs – young Chinese people, where they are from, what motivates them, how their introduction to NZ and NZ schools is going;

* an opportunity for the MLAs to get together after a few weeks of school/culture shock, and an opportunity for MLA hosts to get together and compare notes



Liu Xin Yu, Ren Xin and Peng Zheng based at Tahuna Intermediate

DATE: SATURDAY
12 MARCH



Meet **3.00pm** at Woodhaugh

Gardens - (meet at the playground) -we will walk to Ross Creek reservoir, a delightful natural bush walk)

Info about Bush walks around Dunedin

<http://www.dunedin.govt.nz/facilities/walking-tracks/bush-walk>

The Water of Leith Walk. connects with the lower Ross Creek Track.

https://youtu.be/BhQ2jXMAw_s



Then at **5.00 pm** (if it's really!! wet or you don't want to walk come directly)

to the home of our wonderful host Dr Haixin Jiang (retired Professor of Language, Otago University) 55 Glendinning Ave, North East Valley, Dunedin. NZCFS members bring food to share.

DUNEDIN NZCFS PRESENTS:

SOUTHERN CLAMS – THE CHINA CONNECTION

Wed March 30. Our Guest Speaker will be Roger Belton of Southern Clams – over 15 years developing relationship with China from their base at Blueskin Bay. Also branch member Miao Zhang (marine scientist who works for Roger); and maybe some clam chowder! (a great website here: <http://www.nzclams.com/>)

All Saints Church Hall 7.00pm

786 Cumberland Street, - close to the university campus on Cumberland St opposite North Ground park.



Southern Clams is a thriving New Zealand seafood fishery that harvests in Otago coastal waters. Southern Clams is recognised as a pioneer in environmental responsibility in the clam fishery industry and has carved out niche markets in Europe, North America and Asia and supplies the New Zealand market.

Mandarin Lessons

Our thanks to Wei Mao for again offering to be the teacher in this year's NZCFS Mandarin Classes. Course facilitator Martha reports an enthusiastic response from last year's classes and already there are those who have enrolled for the term one beginner class.

We welcome Simon Edmunds back from teaching in China and he is keen to run an intermediate conversation class for those with some Mandarin, and at our AGM there were certainly some wanting to take up his offer. Thank you, Simon.

Beginners Class Tuesdays April 5-May 22 5.50 -6.50pm

Interested in learning Mandarin? Beginner class or intermediate conversation class. Contact Martha now!

"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 021 067 1858

Interested in learning Mahjong.

Branch member Roger Bell is an enthusiast and would love to share his passion for the game. Saturday evening once a month. If you want to receive info, send your expression of interest *"Please send me info about the Mahjong Course"* to Course Facilitator, Dunedin NZCFS Branch member Roger Bell 4bellbirds@gmail.com



Interested in Go/Weiqi Contact OUSA Go/Weiqi sec. Graeme Parmenter ousagoclub@gmail.com

Dunedin Chinese Garden - a reminder of regular events:

What's happening at the Dunedin Chinese Garden?



, chinesegarden@dcc.govt.nz

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



This month's COASTAL PHOTOS.

Where are they? Send your answer to one or both of these photos to the secretary and be in the draw to win an annual pass to Dunedin Chinese Garden.

China



Otago



Last month:

China



Xiamen Port

Otago



Rock formation Aramoana

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

MEMBERS' NEWS

AGM – Thank you to **National NZCFS President Dave Bromich** for his overview of the Society - its credibility and achievements, its dynamic responses to change, and future challenges. South Island Vice President Dave Adamson also spoke of his personal enthusiasm for the organisation. Branch President Paul Fawcett (elected for another year) gave his annual report and challenge for this Year of the Monkey with its theme of enthusiastic action. 24 members present followed by a wonderful dinner at Wong Gok restaurant.



(No photo at dinner –forgot – too much enjoyable food and chat! Ed.)

See P.5 for a report on Dave Bromich's other activities while in Dunedin.

We welcomed new committee member Simon Wang. Simon is already into action as he introduced two new members **Frank Wu and Yu Xin**.

Introducing:

Hello everyone, my name is Frank. I am a 3D animator and motion graphic designer at Natural History New Zealand(NHNZ). I went to NHNZ after I graduated with a Postgraduate Diploma in Film Making of Science and Communication from Otago University in 2012. It's a great honour to be a member of NZCFS. I worked as a documentary film maker before coming to NZ. I was fortunate enough to participate in multiple projects which cooperated between China and other countries such as US, Japan, Singapore, Germany etc. I am happy to be able to help on contributing to NZ and China's relationship in future.



And I am glad to introduce my partner, YU XIN. She is currently studying English at Otago University. She used to teach Chinese folk dancing at several schools in China. Since 2010, she graduated from dancing study of Guizhou University. She is really interested in dancing, music and stage performance, and she



hopes one day she would be able to introduce New Zealand folk dancing to Chinese students.

It's good to know Professor Paul used to teach pharmacology at Otago University and Universities in China. I am looking forward to learn from him and other members in future :)

Thank you, **Frank Wu**

Photos: **Frank** in front of Drum display wall in 2008 Olympic Park, Beijing.

Yu Xin with children of Biasha minority group in Yunnan province. This village is famous for its traditional welcome ceremony with long rifles.

Watch video here:

<http://www.chinahighlights.com/kaili/attraction/basha-miao-village.htm>

N.B. NZCFS Explore China Tour in October this year spends time in the Yunnan Minorities Museum and Village Guest House in Kunming, Yunnan province.

WRITERS FELLOWSHIP

New Zealand's literary exchange with China continues with the call for applications from New Zealand writers to attend the international writers' programme run by the Shanghai Writers' Association in September and October 2016.



This opportunity is available through a partnership between the [New Zealand China Friendship Society Inc](#), [The Michael King Writers' Centre](#), the Shanghai Writers' Association, and Shanghai People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries.

<http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/23545/applications-open-for-2016-shanghai-writers-programme/>

COMING UP:

Thursday 5 May Dr Ian Hall,
mushroom and truffle world expert.
Dunedin based Ian will present
“Mushrooms and the China Connection”.

June Paul Wheeler – The
Photographers Tour – fascinating talk
and visuals

August – Anne Ford – Archaeology and
the China Connection

Note: later in the year our branch hopes
to host the Dunedin Chinese Music
Association in an opportunity not only to
listen to their music but also learn about
them and their instruments.

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/>

For information about the Dunedin

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**2016 SUBS are due. Send to treasurer by end
of March. See attached.**

**Thanks to the work of committee member
Simon Wang: Keep up-to-date with...**

SOCIAL MEDIA OF DUNEDIN NZCFS



Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/nzcfsdunedin>



WeChat: 444858620

National Society

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

Twitter <https://twitter.com/nzchinasociety> to
receive instant notification of NZCFS
National News, Project Updates and more.



Dave Bromwich's Visit February 10- 11, 2016

On Thursday 11 February, Dave accompanied
by Paul participated in **four meetings related to
his work as National President NZCFA**. The
meetings were with the following people:

Mr Hui Zhang, Project China Manager,
Enterprise Dunedin, Dunedin City Council

Dave raised the prospect of a new type of sister
city relationship that would encompass a county
of largely empty land abutting onto the
Shanghai Metropolitan Region. The county is
currently looking for investment and joint

ventures with a New Zealand city or region and Dave felt the DCC should consider it.

Professor Helen Nicholson, Deputy Vice-Chancellor for External Engagement, University of Otago

Dave and Helen explored areas of overlapping interest in relation to tourism and education. These included the University's potential involvement in setting up a course in tourism and marketing to be located in Hainan and areas in China where Otago staff are involved in a variety of projects.

Mr Bruce McKinlay, Technical Advisor Ecosystems & Species, Department of Conservation

Bruce was exploring the possibility of joining the forthcoming NZCFS sponsored visit to China related to environmental protection. Dave encouraged him to apply and to contact the tour leader.

Professor Brian Moloughney, Department of History, University of Otago

Brian is an expert on Chinese history with a particular focus on the period following the end of the Qing Dynasty in 1911. Dave and Brian shared a wide ranging discussion of contemporary issues such as the rise of Chinese nationalism and the situation in Tibet and Xinjiang.

P.S. Branch President Paul Fawcett's report to the AGM went to members prior to the meeting. He concluded:

... As always the support of Branch Committee members Colin Child, Viv Child, Annie Zong and Martha Bell has been great and I thank them sincerely for their efforts. My thanks also go to Haixin Jiang, Paola Voci and Geoffrey Sparrow for assistance with organising venues and to all other members on whose participation in

activities and financial support we rely. There wouldn't be a Dunedin Branch without you so I hope lots of you will take part in our activities this year. Hopefully they will include presentations on Seafood exports to China, archaeology research in China, the Dunedin Chinese Music Association, and mushrooms. I also encourage members to consider events and projects for the Branch to undertake that fit with the Society's goal of "Building New Friendships on Solid Foundations".

Best wishes for the Year of the Monkey

Paul Fawcett

President Dunedin Branch NZCFS

Contact the Sec if you would like a copy of the full report.