

# New Zealand China Friendship Society Inc. – Nelson Branch

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~ June meeting ~  
~ 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ~  
Friday 24 June, 5:30 p.m.



This is our birthday, and we intend to have a party! This meeting will be different.

## *NZ China Friendship Society Nelson Branch 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

There will be a look at branch history and an opportunity to hear anecdotes as well as a toast to the branch, its past, present, and future. It would be particularly interesting if members from the early years could tell us what it was like, 'back then'.

The meal will be a pot-luck dinner, provided by you, the members. We are asking members to bring food to share. If you have a particular dietary requirement, please bring suitable food. There will be a small amount provided by the Oriental Restaurant.

Christine Ward, who was the director for the successful Nelson-Huangshi Schools' Art Exchange last year, will present the story of the project. This Art Exchange won the Air New Zealand award for 'Best Youth Education or School Project' at the recent Sister Cities conference in Nelson.

At this time we will also be bidding farewell to our MLA, Emma (Mengjie Zhang), who has been here teaching Mandarin in schools and at NMIT since July.

Although there will be no charge for this meeting we do ask that you register with Barbara Markland so that we know how many to plan for.

The meeting will be at Hearing House, 354 Trafalgar Square (next to Synagogue Lane). Visitors are welcome.



**To book for this, please  
phone Barbara Markland, ph. 544 4712, or email erm@xtra.co.nz  
by Tuesday 21 June  
Please make sure she knows you are coming!**

**National Conference and AGM:** President Dave Bromwich has issued a brief newsletter after this Tauranga conference and many items in that newsletter are mentioned here. In his newsletter he particularly thanks John Hodgson for organising a successful and worthwhile event, Ann White who will retire after 3 years of service, Ross Cao for his year of service, and Heiko Lade for his five years of service as National Secretary. The text of his AGM report at the conference is available on the NZCFS web-site, [nzchinasociety.org.nz](http://nzchinasociety.org.nz).



**New Executive** (all positions elected unopposed):

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| President:                              | Dave Bromwich  |
| Vice President North Island (Northern): | George Andrews |
| Vice President North Island (Central) : | Luke Qin       |
| Vice President South Island:            | Dave Adamson   |
| Treasurer:                              | Chris Goodwin  |
| Secretary:                              | Simon Appleton |
| National Executive Committee Members:   |                |
| Heiko Lade (Hawkes Bay)                 |                |
| Miao Fan (Hamilton)                     |                |
| Deborah Rhode (Christchurch)            |                |
| John Hodgson (Tauranga)                 |                |
| Kirk McDowell (Wellington)              |                |
| Co-opted Executive Members:             |                |
| Ken Liu (Auckland)                      |                |
| Anna Lu (Christchurch)                  |                |

**Philip Burdon address:** NZCFS Patron Hon. Philip Burdon addressed the delegates and members. He pondered over our role in the NZ-China relationship, observing that NZCFS is “no longer defending the outsider” and has become mainstream.

In noting that China’s legitimate role in the Pacific region receives ongoing criticism, he placed a challenge to us consider what our role is for the future: “Clearly we want to be satisfied that we are a catalyst for a distinctive role, and if on the other hand the relationship is now so multi-faceted that reality has superseded our capacity to contribute, then so be it”.

**Beijing Youth Forum:** Beijing Youth Federation is inviting members of the NZCFS, particularly youth members, to the 2016 International Youth Organisation Forum & Beijing Sister City Youth Camp from October 24 to 30.

The event is aimed at enhancing communication, co-operation and friendship among international youth organisations, expanding their influence in the world, and providing a platform for them to publicise and make contact with one another.

Information is available on the NZCFS web-site, [nzchinasociety.org.nz](http://nzchinasociety.org.nz).

**Fellowship for travel to China:** NZCFS has recently joined with the prestigious Winston Churchill Memorial Trust in awarding an annual Fellowship for Kiwis who wish to add and build value to their vocation, pastime, etc. — New Zealanders from all walks of life. This Fellowship is for travel to China to gain knowledge, understanding and experience of Chinese culture and values, and sharing of New Zealand culture and values in China.

The fellowship is offered to applicants who are actively involved in an occupation or sphere of activity which would benefit from time spent in China, or where building of knowledge and understanding would be of benefit through the deepening or extension of New Zealand-China relationships. Application must be made by July 31 for travel in 2017.

A press release with information is on the [NZCFS web-site](http://nzchinasociety.org.nz)

**2017 Rewi Alley Commemoration:** Next year marks 120 years since Rewi Alley's birth, 90 years since his arrival in China, and 30 years since his death in Beijing. National Executive consider commemorating this to be a priority activity for NZCFS and Branches in the coming 18 months and are proposing that the 'Rewi Alley in China' photographic exhibition tour the branches.

The exhibition consists of about 120 photographs with captions as well as a video. These were sourced mainly from historical records and collections of Shanghai Municipal Archives. Originally shown at the Canterbury Museum in 2013, the originals are now held by the Christchurch branch (having been kindly donated by Shanghai Municipal Archives) and they are available for any NZCFS branch to hold a similar exhibition in their locality.

To host this exhibition we will need to arrange a venue and probably schedule it in co-ordination with other branches. NZCFS Executive are planning the development of resources to accompany the exhibition and raise the awareness and profile of Rewi Alley in New Zealand.



**Project Middle China:** NZCFS is providing an opportunity to work and live in Zhengzhou city, Henan Province, where Chinese civilization began. It is proposed that up to 500 NZ graduates, over three years, will have the chance to teach English language and western culture to students, while living and experiencing the rich culture of Henan for one year. Zhengzhou city, is a prefecture level city and includes the Shaolin Buddhist Monastery, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the supposed origin of Kung Fu. For more detailed information, look at the NZCFS web-site, [nzchinasociety.org.nz](http://nzchinasociety.org.nz).

**Queen's Birthday Honours:** Maurice Alley, who is president of the Manawatu branch of NZCFS, has been awarded the honour of Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM) for services to conservation and education. He has worked at Massey University for 47 years and his research has helped in the identification of causes of health issues and the recovery of endangered species, particularly for native birds such as kiwi and kakapo.



#### From Executive, June

- Prominent Persons and leaders Tour: Ferry advised Rachel Boyack's nomination has been accepted and also that of Jifang Black.
- Appo Hocton Scholar: Yuan Meng, has been appointed. Representatives of the branch will meet her on arrival and give her our contribution to the scholarship.
- Children's Culture Camps: The Rewi Alley School in Christchurch has suggested the branch observe the holiday camp run there. Ferry is to liaise with George Elder of the school.
- Discussion about interacting with local youth: Suggestions were find a way to introduce information about Rewi Alley to schools in 2017; contact the person responsible for international students in local high schools; fund a field trip relating to Appo Hocton - talk, town sites, grave site; fund a Spring Festival function and invite NMIT and high school students.
- NZCFS Conference: Ferry informed the meeting of ideas from other branches to reach out to their communities.



**This may be of interest to someone you know:** There is already much interest, so do not delay!

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## NZCFS EXPLORE CHINA: THE NORTHWEST/SILK ROAD TOUR October 2017, 21 Days in China

### Xi'an to Kashgar

Explore the ancient historical civilisations and buried cities in the vast Xinjiang Province. Enjoy the culture of the Uighur and other peoples, and travel through dramatic landscapes as we journey east by train and coach along the Old Silk Road into Gansu. Follow the legacy of Rewi Alley and the Bailie school he founded.

### Highlights include:

#### Xi'an

- Terracotta warriors
- History Museum

#### Xinjiang

- Kashgar animal market
- Karez underground irrigation site, old Jiaohe ruins - oldest preserved earthen city, bazaar, Turpan
- Buddhist caves, Kuqa
- Cross the Taklamakan Desert
- Hotien jade carving factory

#### Gansu

- Dunhuang Buddhist Grottos and Crescent Moon Lake, sand dunes
- Zhangye Danxia landscape
- Visit Shandan Bailie School and legacies of Rewi Alley
- Lanzhou City University, Yellow River Park

A full itinerary will become available later.

Fully escorted, 4-star twin-share accommodation.

All inclusive indicative price \$8,500 (subject to currency exchange) , includes domestic flights in NZ, all meals, etc., (excludes Chinese visa and insurances).



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