



# NZ China Friendship Society

Dunedin Branch

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## COMING SOON

### ACUPUNCTURE

Guest Speaker:

**Dr Hong Wang.** He is an acupuncture practitioner. Dr Wang was born in China and graduated from Liaoning University of Traditional Chinese Medicine. He became a full member of the New Zealand Register of Acupuncturists (NZRA) in 2006. He has more than 20 years of both foreign and domestic practical experience in acupuncture and Chinese herbs. His passion is helping the local community to promote better health.

**Acupuncture** is one of the most commonly used complementary medical treatments in the world. Originating in China more than 2,500 years ago as an essential part of traditional Chinese medicine, acupuncture actually describes a collection of procedures involving stimulation of anatomical points on the body by a variety of techniques. The most common, in addition to **acupuncture**, are: **moxibustion, Tui na (Chinese Massage), and cupping.**



Dr Wang will share his experiences and answer our questions. A great opportunity to learn more.



**TIME: Wednesday 26**  
**April 7.30pm**

**PLACE: St John's Church - seminar room. 373 Highgate, Roslyn. (Come up the driveway. Warm welcome and supper)**

## RECENTLY...



A VERY  
ENJOYABLE  
WELCOME  
ACTIVITY on  
March 11 for the



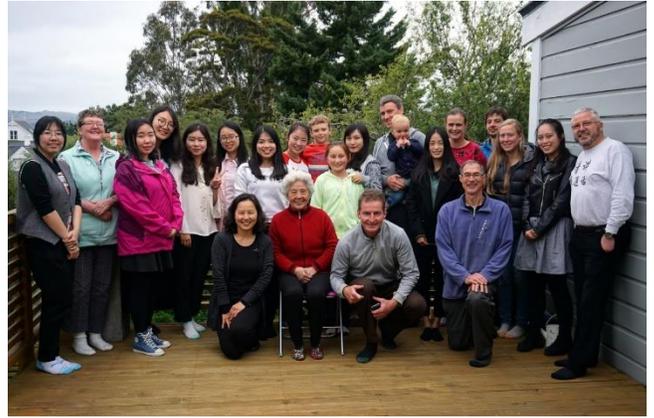
Mandarin Language Assistants (MLAs)  
from the Confucius Institute who are  
working in Dunedin and Otago schools.

Hosted by committee member Annie  
Zong, she led us on a walk up Ross Creek  
and there was great chat around dinner.



The MLAs from Dunedin and Balclutha  
appreciated the opportunity to get together  
and share their experiences in adapting to  
New Zealand culture and schools. They  
are really enjoying the experience, and

some are preparing their students for the  
Chinese Language competitions.



*Photos by Stephen Young*

## NZCFS NATIONAL CONFERENCE Christchurch 2017: REWI ALLEY “The Spirit Continues”

We warmly welcome  
you all to attend the  
National Conference and  
Annual General Meeting  
to be held in  
Christchurch, May 19-  
21.

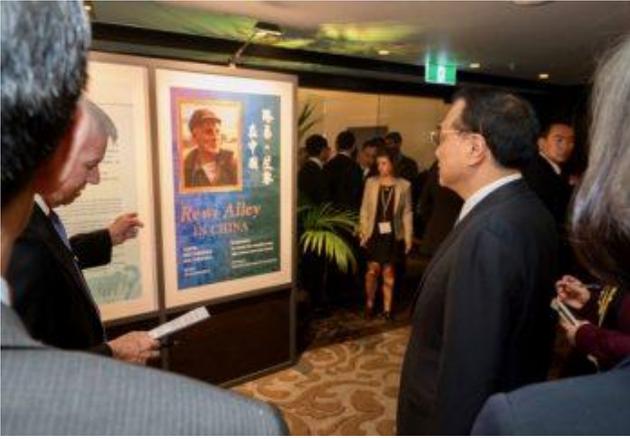
We have chosen **REWI  
ALLEY “The Spirit  
Continues”** as our  
theme this year as we  
celebrate 3 milestones:

- The anniversary of 120 years since his birth,
- His first landing in Shanghai 90 years ago, and
- His passing 30 years ago.

See <http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/29507/nzcfsc-conference-christchurch-2017-rewi-alley-the-spirit-continues/>

Dunedin members: Interested in coming to  
conference? A subsidy towards Conference  
Registration cost is available. Contact Sec.





**News** - Read this article about the recent visit of Chinese Premier Li Keqiang and the connection with Rewi Alley  
<http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/29656/china-premier-li-keqiang-views-photos-of-rewi-alley-in-china-exhibition-auckland-march-2017/>

## **BRANCH NEWS**

### **From Branch President Craig Holmes:**

#### **海的故事**

So, with just over a month in the role as branch president, I'm still on a Baldwin Street gradient of a learning curve, catching up on how we do things before hopefully pushing new things ahead in the not too distant future.

Activities already in place prior to my presidential tenure are going ahead as planned with the good Dr Hong Wang showing us something of the art and science of the acupuncturist. Perversely, from a health point of view at least, I find myself hoping that I have something physically wrong with me on the day so

that I can experience acupuncture first hand. Maybe that hope is evidence that I need some other sort of therapy first?

Then on May 3<sup>rd</sup> the, now famous in all of Dunedin, Mandarin Beginners Classes begin and I'll be there on Day 1 to cajole and encourage the brave novices, for brave they are, in their first steps to 流利普通话/liu li pu tong hua/ fluent Mandarin. It's a landmark time for anyone who picks up the gauntlet as they will look back in years to come and will always remember their first faltering steps at their second language and the teacher who first sent them on their way. All power to Annie in her endeavours to bring Putonghua to the masses! Well, a dozen or more of them anyway.

Finally, there's the National Conference from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May in Christchurch and I must ask you all to collectively pray to the God of Lost Causes, such that my work commitments change to allow me to attend. Failing that, I will be at next year's conference, even if it is scheduled for the caves at Dunhuang!

祝好

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## **Mandarin Language Classes.**

### **Beginners' Class**

6-week Beginner Mandarin class will start on 3rd May and every Wed afterwards. 6:00-7:30. St John's Roslyn.

Tutor: Branch member Annie Zong and her conversation assistants.

Interested in learning Mandarin?

For more details about this course, and an Advanced Beginner/Intermediate "Language and Culture Class", Contact Language Class facilitator, committee member Karen Tang

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## **Introducing 2017 committee member and Language Teacher, Annie Zong**



My home town is Tianjin, a big city with 16 million people which is 120km southeast of Beijing. I qualified as a Chinese lawyer and practiced law in China for eight years. Tianjin, Beijing,

London, Hong Kong, Christchurch – I have lived in many places.

In 2009, my husband and I finally settled in Dunedin. My association with NZCFS started when I was invited to be a guest speaker at the Dunedin branch in 2014, after which I became a member and later a committee member. I have thoroughly enjoyed all the activities organised by our branch.

In May, our Dunedin branch will host a 6-week beginners' course in Mandarin and I will be the "Lao Shi" (Teacher). This is a great opportunity and it will be a wonderful experience for me to share my native language with my "Tong Xue Men" (students)! I am looking forward to meeting you!

## **An article by branch secretary Colin Child**

### **Notes from an NZCFS Tour diary:**

#### **FUJIAN UNIVERSITY OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE**

**Thursday 3 November**

Our morning visit was to Fujian University of Traditional Chinese Medicine. <http://hwxy.fjtcn.edu.cn/ywxxjj.jhtml> It was just one of the many universities in this city. Their old campus in the city had been 12 hectares; this new campus was 68 hectares and they claimed it was "the

most beautiful campus in China.”  
Certainly it had lots going for the claim. It had a backdrop of hills, a river, lake and plenty of trees. There were lakeside guesthouses for visiting lecturers.



We looked at items linked to tongue and pulse diagnosis. A 2250 glass ball chandelier in the foyer was beautiful, as was the garden with its herb and shrub displays and waterfall feature.



I enjoyed the opportunity to chat with several students.



There were 40 specialty schools within the university, two hospitals and connections to 80 hospitals in Fujian province. They encourage exchanges with many overseas universities.

A highlight on the campus was the **Traditional Chinese Medicine Museum** and we were able to appreciate how old the tradition of acupuncture is.



**NZCFS Membership Fees now due for 2017.**

**Your membership fee is appreciated as it supports the work we do (meeting expenses, Mandarin classes, projects and the wider work of NZCFS)**

*See the attached form. Remember to include your name when you make an automatic bank transfer.  
Please note the change in fee for couples.*

## **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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