



NZ China Friendship Society

Dunedin Branch

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RECENTLY ACUPUNCTURE

Our April meeting featured guest speaker **Dr Hong Wang**, a local acupuncture practitioner. He presented a very interesting talk about Traditional Chinese Medicine – its origins, philosophy, important components, tongue and pulse diagnosis, meridians, acupuncture points.... and how it is practised today.



Question time helped explain how members of Acupuncture NZ have been recognised as ACC Treatment Providers since 1990. Anyone who has been injured as a result of an accident and has had an ACC claim raised may choose to have acupuncture treatment to assist with their recovery.

And the various
....physiology

And there was lots of opportunity for members to ask individual questions during supper time and chat, and to enjoy the chocolate cake made by Ella(aged...)



We are certainly a bunch of people with diverse backgrounds who thoroughly enjoy our time together because of our common interest in China... “building new friendships on solid foundations”



LANGUAGE CLASS

Thanks to Exec committee members for making this happen: Craig for his welcome, Karen for coordinating enquiries, Simon for organising conversation helpers, and of course Annie our laoshi.



The class has been going very well and final lesson is on June 7 followed by dinner together.

Interested in learning Mandarin?

For more details about future courses, Contact Language Class facilitator, committee member Karen Tang Liantingtang2013@gmail.com

Or Learn Mandarin in Balclutha. Branch Member Dong is offering classes

Chinese Mandarin Class.
Every Tuesday from 6:30pm to 7:30pm
Cost \$10 per class per person
Qualified ESOL and Mandarin Teacher Dong
Contacts: 028 4050730 or visit www.bpdong.org



Coming up...

JULY MEETING

TIME: Wednesday 12 July 7.30pm

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

“CHINA AND THE PACIFIC”

Guest speaker: Professor Brian Moloughney, University of Otago



Following a number of years teaching Chinese history at the University of Otago, Brian became Head of the School of Languages and Cultures at Victoria

University of Wellington, where he taught in both the Chinese and Asian Studies programmes. For five years he was Editor of the New Zealand Journal of Asian Studies and he has served as President of the New Zealand Asian Studies Association. From 2010 until 2015 Brian was Pro-Vice-Chancellor Humanities at the University of Otago.

He will be talking to us about what the “Belt and Road Initiative” could mean for the Pacific. And we will enjoy his passion for China’s history, its culture and his understanding of China’s contemporary place in the world.

For a background article on the “Belt and Road Initiative” see this recent ODT article

<https://www.odt.co.nz/news/dunedin/new-roads-new-vistas>



NZCFS National Conference

Branch Members Viv and Colin Child recently attended the national NZCFS conference in Christchurch... a great opportunity to learn more about what other branches are doing, and to celebrate the achievements, past and present.

Colin reports...

Great to hear speakers on the ‘Rewi Alley’ heritage, spirit and future. One was Izze Guo, a Shandan Bailie Rewi Alley School graduate now working in Christchurch and presenting the current links and continued NZ teacher input.



Lots of growth in Shandan area and new developments, the “Rewi Alley” hotel, memorial museum and growth in school and university.

Current Kiwi teacher Michelle Elia (of Porirua, Wellington) with students in Shandan.

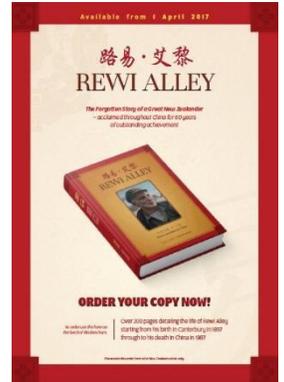
Lots of wonderful cultural input e.g. from guzheng player Chen Xi Yao - and the good news is he’s willing to come to Dunedin to perform.



Viv says... The Conference was inspiring, full of music, art and interesting discussion. At the AGM on Sunday we heard updates from the 12 NZCFS branches, as well as pointers to the future including a five year plan for tours, from our National President, Dave Bromwich. Financial statements were presented, and the Exec committee was re-elected.

And they brought back some copies of the recently published:

Read about Rewi Alley book republished for the next generation, 15 May 2017



<http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/30218/rewi-alley-book-republished-for-the-next-generation-15-may-2017/>



Viv Colin and AGM delegates



BRANCH NEWS

Branch President Craig Holmes (pilot with Otago Harbour) shares his recent article in his work newsletter



What Does It All Mean?

We see it every day we come to work and, to be fair, most of us probably remember that ZPMC are the builders of the container gantry cranes, Zhenhua Port Machinery Company. Underneath, however, are a few squiggles which are stylised, but all the same fairly obviously, Chinese characters. And they represent the short name in Chinese for ZPMC. The first two characters are 上海 (Shang Hai), the well known port city where the cranes were built. Shang means “on”, “upon” or “on top of” and Hai means “sea”, so Shanghai is literally translated as On Sea, which is probably an apt enough description.

The remaining two characters are 振华 (Zhen hua – pronounced Jun hwa), which is the trading name of the company but it translates literally as

“to rise up with magnificent spirit”! What a fine inspirational name for a company, even if it is a bit flowery to western ears. A gantry crane is a 天车 (tian che – pronounced tee-an chur), which literally translated means ‘sky car’, by the way.



The other photo shows the test weight with the characters 自重 (zi zhong – pronounced zur jong) and means “don’t drop this mother on your toes”! Ok, not really. In fact, it has two meanings and depends on context; in this case it means “deadweight”, however it also means rather bizarrely, “to conduct oneself with dignity”.

So, anyone intending to visit and wanting to hopefully 自重 themselves in China in the near future are welcome to find out more about how to speak, listen, read and write the fascinating language that is what we know as Mandarin Chinese at the Dunedin Branch of the New Zealand China Friendship Society, <http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/dunedin-branch/> which conducts beginners Mandarin courses on a regular basis.

TOURS

TOURS TO CHINA

The New Zealand China Friendship Society has a long history of providing in depth and specialised tours to China. Because of our unique contacts built up over many years we can provide access to this wonderful country that other providers cannot match.

"We know China best" is our motto and we have been successfully demonstrating this to our many clients for over thirty years.

Several of our branch members are joining this year's **NZCFS Explore China: The Northwest/Silk Road Tour** – October 2017, 21 Days in China. Find out more: <http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/news/tours-to-china/>

Future Society Tours

Five Year Plan

The tours committee has recently completed its five year tours plan; details as follows:

Explore China

These educational tours are semi-adventurous, and go into areas not commonly offered by commercial tour operators. They require a certain fitness and mobility, and need to retain an element of mild adventure and backblock travel. The travel is contained in specific regions. However, this does not exclude the need for some big travel days in order to deliver the 'explore' element. This does

not exclude some big city and top attractions in each itinerary. They will include a range of scenic and cultural experiences.

Draft programme; Explore China series:

2018 : The centre – may include Nanjing, Henan (Kaifeng, Luoyang, Shaolin monastery); Anhui (Huangshan or similar mountain reserve); Chongqing-Hubei : three gorges; Hunan (Zhangjiajie, Fenghuang); Guizhou (Eastern minorities area).

2019: The South East – (Fujian, Jiangxi, Zhejiang), possible inclusion of Taiwan, to be determined.

Greater Tibet, a chance to get beyond the normal tourist route – could include Qinghai, and SE of Gansu on the Yellow River, or Sichuan, Chongqing and Yangtze River cruise.

2020: The NE, based on the 2014 tour.

2021: The SW, scope here to explore new areas, but include 2016 tour highlights.

2022: The North West or repeat the NW/Silk Road Tour earlier than 2022.

Specialist Tours

April 2018, Handicraft Tour: Dave

Adamson Dave Adamson intends leading a craft group tour to China in about April 2018, which will involve meeting with many ethnic communities, and experiencing their craft work and culture, taking part in craft activities as well as sightseeing too of course.

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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