



新中友好協會

New Zealand China Friendship Society Inc

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About Us

The New Zealand China Friendship Society is a membership group dating back decades; which promotes goodwill, understanding, and friendship between our countries.

The society welcomes anyone into our organisation who is interested in building relations across our borders

Feature News



[Explore China: The Centre](#)

Chongqing (days 8 to 10).

The largest municipal area in China, with a total population of over 30 million including more than 18 million in the urban area. We visit the Wulong Karst National Geology Park in Chongqing's county of Wulong, and Chongqing is also the starting point for our cruise through the three gorges.

The urban area is extensive, but we will stay on the narrow, hilly peninsular between the Yangtze river and its largest tributary, the Jialing River. From here, we can wander down to Hong Ya Dong, tumbling down the hillside to the Jialing River, lit up in gold at night. A great place for dinner in one of the local restaurants. We plan to visit the 1000 year old town within the city of Ciqikou, and the Three Gorges museum, which presents the history, culture and civilisation of the three gorges we will travel through.

[Rewi Alley: A story retold and rejuvenated](#)

On the evening of November 23, 2017, a young caucasian named Laurence Larson belts the impassioned refrains of an original song in fluent Mandarin Chinese in the concert hall of Central China Normal University. To pay homage to Rewi Alley, a special concert was organized for the college of students of Hubei Province in commemoration of Rewi Alley's 120th Anniversary



Society News



A message from your new Hawkes Bay President

My name is Amy Tanabe.

认识你很高兴

I was born and raised in sunny Hawkes Bay and recently returned after living in Auckland for six years. I am currently studying business and IT whilst also working with Simon Appleton at Eastern Bridge, supporting him with Administration and IT.

I am aiming to increase NZCFS membership and to organize more events throughout the year.

In Hawkes Bay, I also run a social group called the Geeks Guild. We have 365 members on Facebook and I am hoping to run some joint events with the two groups.

The history, culture and also the economic advancements in China have always impressed and inspired me. I was excited to be involved in the New Zealand China Friendship Society and was further honoured to be nominated and then voted in as president for the Hawkes Bay branch at the recent AGM.

I'd like to thank everyone for the opportunity.

I am looking forward to working with you all.

"Heart and Soul of the Garden"

Ian Melvin has been described as "the heart and soul" of the Dunedin Chinese Garden.

The *Dunedin Chinese Garden* is an authentic example of a late Ming/early Ching Dynasty Scholar's Garden and celebrates Otago's Chinese heritage.



Dunedin branch of NZCFS is pleased to announce Ian as our guest speaker in February.

This comes as Ian retired after 10 years working as head gardener at this special place in Dunedin. It will be a privilege to hear him speak and be guided around the garden by him at the branch's February meeting and AGM.

See upcoming events for details.

Follow [this link](#) for a copy of the Dunedin branch monthly Newsletter



[Teacher Wanted](#)

For Shandan Bailie School, start late August/early September 2018. Follow link for more information

Updating your details

At the AGM last year, it was agreed upon that all branches would provide their membership database to the National organisation. It is concerning that a number of the branches have still not completed this. If you are one of the Branch executives please spare a few moments to ensure your branch is compliant.



[Why join the New Zealand China Friendship Society?](#)

By getting involved you will learn a lot and gain experience, which will be transferable to your working life. Moreover, you will make friends and have fun.

Three Toi Ohomai students at JxUT





Upcoming Events

Hamilton Chinese New Year Concert 24 February 2018

Xin Nian Kuai Le

We would like to invite you to join us for this year's Chinese New Year Concert on Saturday 7pm, 24 February 2018 at Activate Church 11 Bisley Road, Enderley, Hamilton. Please see the attached Invitation for more details.

Ticket: \$10 each for non-members; \$5 each for members; \$8 each for groups with 10 or more people.

Tickets can be purchased by paying online to NZCFS Hamilton Branch (account number 06 09540066860 00) with surname, number of tickets and reference CNYC. Tickets might also be available at the door to purchase on concert day. You can collect your ticket at the door of the venue on concert day or email this email address or Annette Wright (annettew_nz@yahoo.com) with your name and number of tickets to arrange pickup or collection.

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NZCFS Hamilton Branch

Dunedin February Meeting and AGM

Wednesday 21 February

6.00 - 7.30pm

Venue: Tower Room,

Dunedin Chinese Garden

Enquiries: dunedin@nzcfs.com

2018 NZCFS Conference/AGM

The NZCFS National Conference will be held on Saturday the 26th of May this year at Waikato University in Hamilton. The theme of the conference is 'Working Together'. More information will be updated on the website, or contact the organizer, Annette Wright at hamilton@nzcfs.com

The AGM will be held on the morning of Sunday 27th, with the first National Executive meeting being held that afternoon. Other activities will be run over the weekend, commencing on Friday afternoon

China Language Week

Dates have been penciled in for this annual event as September 23-29, to be confirmed. This fits in with a mid-autumn festival date of Monday September 24.

Interesting Extras

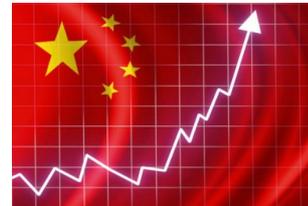


[Millions tune in to see Hawke's Bay showcased on Chinese TV](#)

More than 33.5 million viewers in China tuned into get a glimpse of Hawke's Bay's tourism hotspots, after a TV show starring superstar chef Nicholas Tse went to air across China.

[Economics through Video](#)

Although slightly out of date, this informative music video will teach you more than you need to know about China and Fixed Asset Investment. Why can't all economics lessons be taught through song!



[Chinese New Year](#)

An article on the Chinese New Year, with a brief explanation of the Year of the Earth Dog!

[The Nirvana of China](#)

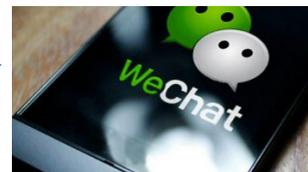
When I say 'Nirvana', I am not referring to the Buddhism concept of transcendence but the American band. The Chinese band I am referring to is Xie Tian Xiao (谢天笑) and the Cold Blooded Animals (动物乐队).



[7 of China's more interesting laws.](#)

Follow the link to read up on some of China's more peculiar laws

[Tencent: the first Asian company to reach the \\$500 billion club](#)



[Chengdu named China's happiest city](#)

According to a recent survey by Oriental Outlook Magazine Chengdu is the happiest city in China

[Hukou Reform](#)

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