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## March Meeting

# Terracotta Warriors: Two Underground Armies

Friday March 16, 5:30 p.m.



Dr. Rose Kerr and husband Steven are in Nelson again, and we are to get the benefit of her extensive knowledge of things Chinese. She was keeper of the Far Eastern Department at the Victoria and Albert Museum, now teaches and lectures internationally, and is the author and contributor to 20 books on Asian art. Dr. Kerr holds many roles as an expert advisor in Chinese arts and museums in the UK and in China with particular interest in Chinese ceramics.

But Dr. Kerr will be speaking about rather different Chinese ceramics.

The illustrated talk will describe two incredible finds near the Chinese city of Xian: the burial of Qian Shihuangdi (died 210 BC) and the burial of Han Emperor Jingdi (died 141 BC). The Terracotta Army of more than 9,000 life-size soldiers and horses belonging to Qin Shihuangdi is well known. The vast array of burial figures accompanying Jingdi is even more numerous, numbering up to 200,000 artefacts, but not as well known.

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

**To arrange catering, please contact Barbara Markland  
by Monday, March 12  
ph. (03)544 4712 text: 021 447 180 e-mail: erm@xtra.co.nz  
Please make sure she knows you are coming!**

## Last meeting – A.G.M. and New Year Banquet



This year, Chinese New Year was able to be celebrated very near the official date (February 16) as it did not coincide with a local holiday. Nearly 60 members and guests were present for the banquet.

President Ferry welcomed all, particularly three MLAs and three Life Members present. A moment of silence was held to remember Kathy Beatson and Ailsa Clark.

After the Treasurer's report was passed with branch accounts looking healthy, Royden proposed that subscriptions remain unchanged for this year; that also passed.

### Election of Officers:

<b>President:</b>	Barbara Markland
<b>Vice-President:</b>	Sally Warren
<b>IPP:</b>	Ferry Van Mansun
<b>Secretary:</b>	Jeanette Jones
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Royden Smith
<b>Committee:</b>	Bruce Ward, Bill Findlater, Jane Lister, Christine Ward, Lori Brudvik-Lindner, Jifang Black, Nigel Hucklesby, Susie Su.

Thanks were given to Pam Frahm, Dyann Calverly, Ferry van Mansun, and the Executive Committee for

their various contributions to the success of the Nelson branch.

Ferry Van Mansun introduced Nelson's new MLA, Ling Ling, and then the three MLAs entertained with two Chinese songs.

The banquet food was plentiful and well up to the usual standard. Many people were taking containers of food away at the end.

Treasurer Royden has reported that \$215 was raised at the banquet, to go to our projects fund.

We welcome a new member, Jeanette Trillo, who came to the banquet and joined on the night.

### Ferry steps aside

After two years as President, Ferry van Mansun has stepped down because of other commitments. With his extensive knowledge of Chinese people, customs and language he was impressive in the president's role and in representing us on the national executive. His special interests in sister-city work and China Week was also important. A highlight was his management of the Rewi Alley photograph exhibition and the Chinese Art exhibition as part of China week in November last year. He becomes Immediate Past President (IPP).

### From Nelson Executive, March

- Ferry reported on the recent National Executive meeting.
- Executive roles and duties were allocated.
- Jane Lister reported on the preparations for the student exchange to Yangjiang.
- Ideas for managing the collection of books which constitute the branch library are requested.

### National Conference – Hamilton

Conference and AGM will be held at Waikato University from 25 to 27 May. If you are interested in going, keep an eye on <http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/31962/nzcfs-conference-hamilton-2018-working-together/> and note that 'early bird' registration is \$110. After April 16 it will cost \$140. It appears that registration forms are not yet available.

## **Yangjiang Student Exchange**

The arrangements for this are progressing well.

The leaders of the Yangjiang student exchange, Jane and Ian Lister, have had a lot of China experience when travelling on behalf of NMIT. They have visited Yangjiang, so they are well placed to lead Nelson's group of year 12 and 13 students on their cultural exchange trip to Yangjiang in the April school holidays.

The Listers have met with the 6 students and their parents to get to know one another. There will be more meetings over the next weeks as there are many preparations to be made for the trip. Ian and Jane have prepared a comprehensive handbook covering aspects of travel in China and the requirements of attending school in Yangjiang, as much as these can be foreseen.

The eight airfares, paid before Christmas, were financed by a \$9,000 grant from the NZCFS Simon Li Deng Fund for projects which focus on cultural exchanges for young people. Other funding has come from Nelson City Council Sister City grants. The travellers have also made their own contributions to their funding. Yangjiang is Nelson's second Chinese Sister City and this exchange is the first involving students.

The group will be meeting with the Nelson City Mayor and two of the students have started Mandarin language classes.

The good wishes of Nelson Branch go with Ian and Jane, Sam, Sidney, Lark, Jade and Meila. We look forward to receiving their reports at our May meeting.

## **The Aims of the New Zealand China Friendship Society**

Sometimes it is useful, or even important, to revisit the aims and objectives of an organisation. With that in mind, here are the NZCFS aims as posted at <http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/>:

- To promote friendship, understanding and goodwill between the peoples of China and New Zealand by encouraging visits and exchanges of ideas, information, culture and trade between the two countries
- To foster interest in and promote the study of China, its history, culture, political and social structures – past and present
- To support specific aid projects in China
- To promote the study of the Chinese language by New Zealanders and advanced English studies in this country by Chinese
- To foster on-going development of all sister-city links between New Zealand and China
- To assist both visiting students and new migrants from China requiring help to fit in to New Zealand society

These set out the ideals we are trying to achieve. How well do we do?

## **NZCFS Explore China: The Centre Tour**

NZCFS tours always offer the best value of tours to China. This is because of our contacts in China through Wang Fang. The latest tour to be offered is 3 weeks and visits Jiangsu (Nanjing), Henan (Kaifeng, Luoyang), Chongqing (Three Gorges and the dam), Hunan (Zhangjiajie, Changsha, birthplace of Mao), and Shanghai. More details at <http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/31827/nzcfs-explore-china-the-centre-tour/>.

## **From National Executive**

- Whanganui has an active branch again, having ceased activity after the death of Dave Feickert.
- An Auckland lawyer, Robert Hong Hu, is setting up a Rewi Alley Trust without consulting the Alley family.
- NZCFS Tours to China are very good for the organisation's finances!
- RAFE funding round is finished and not to be repeated, although there may be a little money left after all projects are completed.

## Daphne gets her brother's award back

Nelson Branch's oldest member, 92 year-old Daphne Crampton, became a celebrity this week when she featured in the Sunday Star Times. The story involved the return of her brother's World War II Memorial Cross medal, which had been buried in the Christchurch earthquake. The young man working on the demolition followed many leads before Daphne, the present owner of the medal, was found living in Nelson.



Daphne has belonged to NZCFS for many years, and she has worked as an English teacher in China. On the night of the 2011 earthquake she was evacuated to Whareama, and transferred her enthusiasm for China to Nelson, taking a lively interest in NZCFS affairs.

The article can be found at the Stuff website [here](#).

## Branch archives and goods

The branch has a number of boxes of papers comprising our history, books of the branch library, and other artefacts. Up to the present it has fallen on the president to store these, but that is not possible at present. Can you help to provide some storage?

## Subscriptions are due

They can be paid at the next meeting or use the subscription form here with instructions for payments by internet banking and post.

				
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