

Manawatu Branch

New Zealand China

Friendship Society

April Newsletter 2018

Next Meeting

AGM on Friday April 13th at 7 pm

In the ETC (English Language Teaching College) Rooms

1st Floor, BNZ House, 140 the Square, Palmerston North

Followed at 7.30pm by a talk from Dr Wendi Roe

Bear Bile Farming In China

Speaker:-

Dr Wendi Roe

*Assoc Professor in Anatomical
Pathology, School of Veterinary
Science, Massey University*



Bear bile has been used in traditional Chinese medicine since around 650 A.D., and commercial bear farming has been practiced in China since 1984, predominantly using Asiatic black bears, *Ursus thibetanus*, (moon bears). Bile extraction techniques have been modified over the past 30 years, mostly to facilitate the extraction process and improve the quality of bile produced.

International public opinion on the welfare implications of bile farming has put increasing pressure on the Chinese government to make changes to farming practice, and in 2000 the Animals Asia Foundation was licenced to remove 500 black bears from farms and house them at a rescue facility at Chengdu. All rescued bears that die in the facility undergo a full post-mortem examination. Recently Wendi visited Chengdu and was able to examine the liver and gall bladder tissues of 188 bears which had died. She will describe some of her more interesting findings.



Whanganui

Branch

Rejuvenated



**Hao Shi Duo Mo
(Good things take time)**

Following the untimely death of Dave Feickert in 2014 the Whanganui Branch of the NZCFS underwent a period of remission as it was hard to replace someone with Dave's formidable international profile. However, the Rewi Alley photographic exhibition which recently ran in Whanganui for more than a month created great interest and provided a list of people keen to revitalise the Branch. The new Branch office bearers are:-

President Jonathan Parson

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Secretary: Doug Davidson

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Treasurer: Lupton For

At Our Last Meeting

To celebrate the Chinese New Year (Year of the dog) a very successful Pot-luck dinner was held at Anne Henderson's house on Friday March 2nd. It was a pleasantly warm evening and an excellent variety of chinese dishes were eagerly consumed by Branch members and their friends.



Among those attending were Fleur Wang, Dairu Shu, Anne Henderson, Isabel Castro, Maurice Alley, Jonathon Goodson and Malcolm Alley

Commemoration of Rewi Alley's 120th Anniversary

A large crowd of 160 people gathered in Christchurch on the 1st - 2nd of December last year to attend this celebration. It included 70 overseas Chinese visitors (of which 17 were relations of Rewi's adopted son Duan Simou). The event was attended by Dorothy, Maurice, Malcolm and Aofei Alley from Palmerston North and Jan MacLeod and Neville Johnson from Whanganui.

Activities included a symposium, a celebration banquet, visiting places important to Rewi as a boy and a young man, particularly to Springfield where he was born and to Amberley where he spent his primary school days and a commemorative garden has now been created.



The Consul General from the Chinese Consulate in Christchurch, and the Governor General, Patsy Reddy, at the opening of the Chinese Friendship bridge in Amberley Gardens, North Canterbury.

Maurice Alley

April 5th 2018

NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2018



The National Conference this year will be held in Hamilton on May 25th 26th and 27th.

The focus of the meeting will be "working together".

A variety of interesting speakers have been organised including Dr Miles Barker. Miles is now retired from the University of Waikato, where he was an Associate-Professor of science education and environmental education.

Other speakers and cultural events will be announced shortly.

To register for the conference go to :-

<http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/2018-Conference-Registration-Form.docx.pdf>