



Christchurch Branch Newsletter – June 2018

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Monthly Meetings Held

Last Thursday of the Month (except January, September, November and December)
 7:30 pm
 Rewi Alley Education and Cultural Centre
 (Wharenui School)
 32 Matipo Street, Riccarton

Next Meeting – 28th June 2018

This month's speaker on Thursday 28th June is David Stringer.

"HUNAN, When and Where"

'Pottery and Poetry, Music and Mountains, Past and Present'

David will have a presentation and talk of his trips to China.

He might also give us a demonstration and talk of some traditional Chinese musical instruments.

New Monthly meeting format

We have now introduced a new segment to our Monthly meetings.

Every meeting we will have a secondary speaker giving us a presentation on their hometown back in China.

This month's speaker will be Felicia Cheng who has not long ago joined our society. She will be giving us her impression on Hubei.

Chinese Miners' Memorial Reserve (KUMARA)

Chinese Miners' Memorial Reserve

June 2018 update

Below is a summary of the different work happening with this project...the main news is we have now engaged our first contractor to undertake the civil construction and actual site work has started at the garden.

Civil construction Contract: The project management team of Chris Glasson Landscape Architects (CGLA), Elmac Consulting Ltd (ECL) (John McKenzie) and Harrisons Quality Surveyors (HQS) (Brian Le Fevre) have now completed the first tender process. The successful contractor Westroads (Greymouth) is now engaged to do the civil contract.

This local firm is currently carrying carry out the preliminary ground excavation and fill and then formation of the contours of the garden. By the end of the contract, we will be able to walk around the garden and see the actual garden shape, paths, garden zones, water feature etc. It is expected to be completed mid June 2018.

We appreciate the Chinese Community's support in this project and it is exciting to reach this milestone together, and see work finally commencing on the ground, after all our hard work with planning, design work and fundraising. We have had a good window of fine weather so it has been a perfect start to building our foundation for the garden.



We had a site visit from members of the **New Zealand Chinese Exchange Incorporation**, who have been following and supporting this project. They visited the site the week before the work started on site.



Another boost to the project, **a local Kumara family has donated \$5000** to be used to fund a table and chair set to be located in the picnic area of the garden. We are grateful to have received this significant donation from a local family which shows the ongoing local connection with the project. There have now been several local families who have donated either land or funds for this project.

International Miners Heritage Sculpture: The contract has been signed for the “Shovels” sculpture that will represent other Gold miner nationalities. This sculpture is being constructed and will be included within the Chinese Miners Memorial Reserve. It is being partly funded by the Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust Fund.



Taylor's Hill Carpark: Kumara Residents Trust and Kumara Sportsground Committee sought community support for the Westland District Council's application for a Kumara Package for Tourism Infrastructure Funding. The Kumara Package application includes upgrading the Taylor's Hill carpark which is adjacent to the Chinese Reserve and is likely to be used by the people visiting the reserve. We are waiting the outcome of this application.

Lottery Community Facilities Fund: Our application to this fund is underway (to be submitted 30th August). We will be seeking letters of support from our Chinese Community partners for this application. It is envisaged that if successful, this funding would nearly cover the costs of completing the construction of the reserve. We will find out in November if we are successful.

If you have any questions, ideas to help this project etc please feel free to contact me.

Cheers

Fiona Pollard

Project Coordinator

China honours departing friend



As he prepares to bring down the curtain on eight years as our man in Beijing, Assistant Commissioner Hamish McCardle has received a rare honour from his hosts.

He has been appointed Visiting Professor at the People's Public Security University of China – the first foreigner to hold such a role.

The university is where China's Ministry of Public Security (MPS) trains the elite of

China's police.

The appointment includes the opportunity to return each year to teach both undergraduates and advanced classes. Hamish says he plans to spend two weeks each year teaching in Beijing.

"It's always a great honour to be asked to share your opinions with fellow learners, so on a personal level I'm humbled by the award," he says.

"It will provide a wonderful opportunity to share ideas in both directions, develop a New Zealand and China awareness and foster an alumni of the university with some Kiwi characteristics."

Hamish holds a Master of Laws from a different Chinese university - the China University of Political Science and Law – but has had regular contact with the Chinese Public Security University, and has presented to senior courses there since 2011.

The university and the Royal New Zealand Police College have had a bilateral training relationship since 2016.

Since being posted to Beijing as Police Liaison Officer in 2010, Hamish has been central to the developing relationship between investigators here and in China, with a focus on disrupting the flow of drugs and precursors to New Zealand.

He leaves China in July and takes up the position of Assistant Commissioner Strategy and Performance, based at Police National Headquarters, in August.

He says the university appointment is an endorsement of the healthy state of the New Zealand-China bilateral relationship, and "underscores the idea that New Zealand has values and ideas worth considering in the Chinese context".

It also aligns with the aims and values of the New Zealand-China Friendship Society and the pioneering work of New Zealander Rewi Alley who fostered a life-long friendship with China from the 1930s.

"China's role on the global stage has never been more relevant, and it's important we understand China, and for China to understand us as distant Pacific neighbours," says Hamish.

"One of my roles as a visiting professor is to continue to act as bridge for cultural exchanges between our societies.

"This is important work for both countries, in trading relations naturally, but also in law enforcement and criminal case cooperation as well. I'm looking forward to this new challenge as one that can develop step-by-step over the years."

Hamish also holds a Master of Public Management degree from Victoria University in

Wellington.

“This role will have some great advantages in the overall relationship development with MPS and New Zealand over the long term,” says Superintendent Brett Kane, National Manager International Services Group.

Explore China: the Centre Tour

7 – 29 October 2018

This is going to be an amazing tour; our society tours are always the best value. Have a look at it, and be convinced! Please get this out to your friends and in fact anyone you know who could be interested in the trip of a lifetime.

<http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/31827/nzcfs-explore-china-the-centre-tour/>

Articles for publication in our newsletter.

We are always looking for interesting articles or events to share with our newsletter subscribers.

There are over 500 people and organizations receiving our newsletters so it is a great chance for your article to be read by many.

If you would like to submit an article or event, please email to nzcfschristchurch@gmail.com and if we feel it is appropriate we will add it to our publication.

From our National President

Winston Churchill NZCFS Fellowship

This is administered by the Department of Internal Affairs for the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust. The first recipient of this fellowship was Diana Coop, a museum curator. Her report

“Conservation of Cultural Materials in China A dialogue with Chinese conservators” is available here.

<https://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/assets/WCMT-FRR-PDF/WCMT-2017-Diana-COOP.pdf>

The second fellowship is now open for application, and is open to all New Zealanders .**Please promote as widely as you can.** For information on what the fellowship offers, and the criteria, click here: <https://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/ask-us/view/715>

and for the application process follow this link: https://communityadviceandgrants.dia.govt.nz/user_sessions/new

Dave Bromwich

National President

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CHRISTCHURCH BRANCH

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

I/We would like to renew/commence membership of the Christchurch Branch of the New Zealand China Friendship Society Inc. for 2018 (the financial year is January to December):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Student (full time) | \$5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single | \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional | \$35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate | \$35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | \$35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unwaged | \$20 |

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Please send your cheque (with clear name and contact details) to:

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Sydenham
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BANK TRANSFER Society Bank Account No **38 9010 0816274 00** (Kiwi Bank).

IMPORTANT: please be sure to enter your name as a reference.

Remember to send an email with your Name, address and a contact number to nzcfchristchurch@gmail.com.

We are always looking for new members so please do not hesitate to bring along any friends who may be interested in our society.