



Dunedin Branch NZCFS

Newsletter

February 2019

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* **COMING UP 2019 BRANCH AGM**

Wednesday 20 FEBRUARY

**Put this date in your diary.
Time, Place and Activity info
coming in separate reminder.**

**An important meeting for the
future of our branch.**

Recently... DECEMBER GET-TOGETHER "BEST 10"

Lots of our branch members went to China in 2018– for business, tour, friends, family holiday, education ... Hard to keep to the best 10 photos and the time limit – so much to talk about. A good time. And great food to share also.

Some of our speakers were:

CRAIG AND LIZ–
exercise class in
Qinhuangduo



ANNIE - family
trip close up to the
terracotta warriors
in Xi'an.



SIMON - in Beijing –
with Sue Medary,
International Director at
Columba College



VIV –with a 1996 picture of herself in a recent photo exhibition at a museum in **Baoding**



STEPHEN –at the Furong Stalactite Cave, **Wulong**



IAN –Trying to get some sleep prior to his presentation to a conference in **Honqiao (and CONGRATS IAN. See below)**



ROSALIE – and friends



and CHRIS –how he dealt with taxi drivers.



From **BRANCH PRESIDENT** **Craig Holmes.....**

President's Plea

大家新年快乐！一月一号是西方人的新年快乐和二月五号是中国人的新年快乐，但我觉得在多元文化主义的达尼丁它们都等价。达尼丁为世界树立了良好的榜样。我们都希望这情况可以继续下去。

And on the subject of continuity, a rather more ominous note has to be sounded in that on or about 20th February we will have our Annual General Meeting (AGM), whereupon something of a litmus test for the branch will be conducted, in that we have to find a replacement for our soon-to-be erstwhile Secretary, newsletter editor and general all-round stalwart of the branch.

Colin has done so much, together with our treasurer Viv, to keep the Dunedin Branch alive and help it thrive amid all the other Sinophilic organisations in our fine city that I feel he may have set the bar too high for any aspiring successor. However, we should surely not be downhearted, but see this as a challenge to the branch as a whole and rise to it accordingly.

Firstly, by offering to divide the workload between Secretary and newsletter editor into two separate roles and secondly, by wholeheartedly supporting any candidates willing to take on either role.

But it's candidates we need ...and volunteers have been somewhat thin on the ground over the past couple of years. Of course, this is well known as the bane of these types of voluntary and unpaid locally-based committee roles; it's always easier to let others take the weight. Paradoxically, the more volunteers an organisation has, the less each volunteer has to do. The less each volunteer has to do, the easier roles become and the more attractive they become to potential candidates for the role in question.

So, 我好朋友, this is the dilemma we potentially face. If there are few or no volunteers, then committee roles will be unlikely to be filled and certainly will not be ripe for fragmentation into smaller and more easily manageable chunks. In the worst-case scenario it could

result in the eventual demise of the branch.

Mao once said “枪杆子里面出政权”, often misquoted in the West as “Change must come through the barrel of a gun”, but the Dunedin branch of the NZCFS is looking for volunteers so, attractive as it may sound to some, this option is not available and I don't think nowadays that 习大大 would approve anyway.

Seriously though, we're going to need your help in the coming years to keep the show on the road, so put your hand up and give us a helping hand-up.

Please ...please ...please, expressions of interest to Colin or me as soon as possible in the media form that suits you best.



By way of further encouragement I'll shout a 新西兰中国像章 and a shot or two of 白酒 to any

successful candidates.

祝好

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DUNEDIN CHINESE GARDEN



Check out their updated website;
<https://www.dunedinchinesegarden.com/>
and New Year Celebrations
The Year of the Pig

Tuesday 5 February 2019
Celebrate the Year of the Pig
at the Garden!

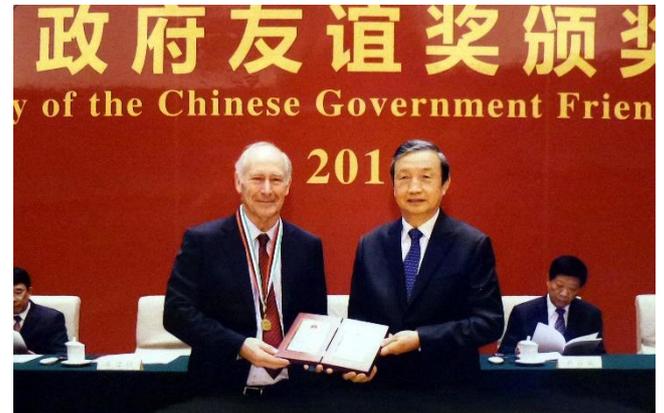
- **6.30pm** Entertainment at the Garden
 - **7.00pm** Garden open with gold coin entry
 - **7.15pm** Dragon parade from the Octagon
- 7.30pm** Dragon and lion dance, cultural performances, food stalls and grand finale at the Garden



IAN HALL

NEW YEAR'S HONOUR

Congratulations to branch member Dr Ian Hall for becoming an **Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit** for services to the truffle industry.



Read about it in ODT 31 December

<https://www.odt.co.nz/news/dunedin/pioneer-nz-truffle-industry>

In 2016 Dunedin scientist Dr Ian Hall received China's Friendship Award and medal by Vice-Premier Ma Kai in Beijing. The award is presented annually to 50 foreign experts who have made an "outstanding contribution" to China's economic and social progress.

From the archive – Ian speaks to members at branch meeting



NZCFS Explore China – The Southeast 2019 Tour

March 21 to April 10 2019

Come and Join NZCFS for some of the most

picturesque and exotic locations in China. From the traditional Hakka minority group round

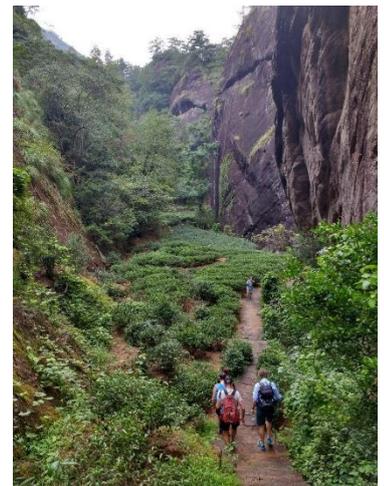


houses, the renowned Dahongpao tea plantations in the dramatic landscapes of Wuyi mountains to the ultra-modern metropolises of Shanghai and Guangzhou. We travel by bullet train, air-conditioned coach, by foot through historic water villages, and drift on bamboo rafts.

Keep some space in your luggage to bring home some modern pottery from the ancient kilns of Dingdezhen. Our tours are famed for seeking out the best of the diverse local cuisines of the regions that we travel through.

This itinerary offers a range of experiences in a compact tour, designed to better explore one region –the south-east – with efficient travel itinerary that captures the best cities modern and old, sites of historical and cultural significance, ethnic minority groups, beautiful ancient villages, breath taking scenic wonderlands, and a brief connection to Rewi Alley.

It will be a tour of local experiences, enjoying the tea culture, tasting the cuisine typical of the area. A reasonable level of walking fitness is required to participate in all the activities.



A gentle walk in Wuyishan Dahongpao valley: beautiful scenery and scattered tea plantations

Estimated all inclusive cost \$8250

Up to date info on the website,

<http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/>

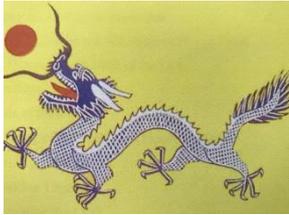
please email tours@nzcfs.org.nz for expressions of interest



Bookings at Regent. The Dunedin show promises to be a feast of Chinese culture, illustrating a tapestry of ethnic groups and legends passed down the generations including acrobatic and magic acts. All items will be delivered by artists and performers who have won top awards in China and overseas.

Promoters: Dunedin Chinese Gardens Trust, Dunedin Chinese Scholar & Student Association and NZ Chinese Association, Otago & Southland Branch Inc.

Sponsors: China Overseas Exchange Association and the University of Otago Office of the Confucius Institute in Auckland



**The Lawrence
Chinese Camp
Charitable Trust**

invites you to the

Poon Fah Joss House Celebration Day

**10am Saturday 9 March 2019
at the Lawrence Chinese Camp**

Celebrate with us our Poon Fah Joss House - its history from the earliest Chinese settlement in Lawrence in 1869, through to the present day.



Join us in welcoming guests from the Wellington Poon Fah Association.

Enjoy light refreshments and a delicious Chinese Style lunch including pork cooked on site.



We hope you can join us!

RVSP by 31 January 2019

to Adrienne Shaw, Chairperson, Lawrence, Chinese Camp Charitable Trust Phone or text 021 745 253 email onemadcow@xtra.co.nz

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Benefits of belonging – your subscription supports the work of the society – fostering understanding, language culture and friendship, and you might enjoy some of our local activities too!

Send a reply email with *membership form request* in the subject box.

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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