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NEW ZEALAND CHINA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY WELLINGTON BRANCH NEWSLETTER
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NZCFS Wellington Branch - celebrating 60 years of promoting friendship, understanding and goodwill between the peoples of New Zealand and China

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Next Branch Meeting

Wednesday 20 March 2019 at 5.45pm

Annual General Meeting

followed by

Kirk McDowall speaking on

Study, Travel and Life in China

Kirk McDowall recently spent 18 months in China, spending the majority of the time studying Mandarin in Xiamen, with his wife Dee. During their time in China, Kirk and Dee travelled over 20,000 kilometres around the country, including 14,000 kilometres by train, visiting provinces such as Sichuan, Xinjiang, and Yunnan.

After the Annual General Meeting, Kirk will talk about his time spent living, studying and travelling in China. Kirk was first appointed to the NZCFS Wellington Branch Committee in 2014, and has held a number of roles including Treasurer and Vice-President. He has also travelled to China through the NZCFS on an Environmental Delegation in 2016.



An optional buffet meal will follow the meeting at 7pm, for \$13 each. Please pay at the door or electronically.

Connolly Hall

Guildford Terrace, off Hill Street, Thorndon, Wellington (see map)

(Car park up Guildford Tce beside Hall)

MEETING DATES FOR 2019 – CONNOLLY HALL

The dates Connolly Hall has been booked for monthly meetings this year are Wednesdays 10 April, 15 May, 19 June, 17 July, 21 August, 18 September, 16 October and 20 November 2019.



WELLINGTON BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

The Branch AGM will be held on Wednesday 20 March 2019 at 5.45pm at Connolly Hall. Nominations are invited for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and seven Committee members. Members are encouraged to stand for one of the elected positions. Nominations should be made on the nomination forms and sent to the Wellington Branch (found at end of newsletter). Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the meeting.



Nominations so far received are:

President: Kirk McDowall. Vice President: Juping Zhou. Treasurer: Dee McDowall. Secretary: Silver Ahou-Wilford. Committee Members: Bing Fon (Life Member), Mike Dunwoodie, Sam Macintosh, Andrew Wilford and Kerry Boyle. Honorary Advisors: Michael Powles and Luke Qin.

Graham Gibbs, Diwen Cao and Maggie Liao will step down from the Wellington Committee. We thank them for their years of service for the NZCFS, their hard work and contributions during this time. Christine Strickland will also step down as Honorary Advisor, and we thank her again for all her contributions to the Society.

Branch Members are urged to consider accepting nomination to fill the sixth and seventh position on the 2019 Committee. Once elected, the Committee is able to co-opt a further three members so will welcome expressions of interest to join the Committee.

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL REMINDER

Please remember that 2019 membership subscriptions renewals are now due. Please renew if you have not already done so (form attached at end of newsletter).

NZCFS NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE – 24 TO 26 MAY 2019

The Wellington Branch is proud to be hosting the NZCFS National Conference and AGM the weekend of May 24 to 26. The theme of the Conference is “敢问路在何方 (Gǎn wèn lù zài héfāng): Dare to ask where to from here!”.

The Conference and the AGM will take place at Connolly Hall, Thorndon, Wellington.

As a Society, we need to understand our past and the work we have done towards the relationship between New Zealand and China. However, we must also look forward and ask, where to from here? Throughout the conference, we will look to answer this question and discuss its possibilities, using a range of guest speakers, interactive workshops, and reflections from members. Registration information will be sent to members shortly.



CHINESE NEW YEAR BANQUET

The New Zealand China Friendship Society Wellington Branch wishes all members a Happy Chinese New Year! In order to celebrate this occasion, the Branch hosted its annual Chinese New Year Banquet on 3 March 2019 at Grand Century Restaurant in association with the Wellington Chinese Association. The Branch welcomed Rt Hon. Sir Anand Satyanand & Lady Susan, QU Guangzhou, Chargé d'affaires of Chinese Embassy in New Zealand, Paul Eagle MP, Greg O'Connor MP, Assistant Police Commissioner Hamish McCardle, Wellington Chinese Association President Luke Qin and NZCFS National President Dave Bromwich. Sister Cities NZ President Hiromi Morris and Rebecca Needham, Director of the Confucius Institute Victoria University, were also in attendance with members from both Sister Cities and the Confucius Institute.



The Branch also hosted the traditional annual Chinese Quiz, which involved questions about New Zealand and China. Prizes for the quiz were supplied by the Embassy of the People's Republic of China. In addition, we also held a raffle where a number of gifts from the Embassy and Society were given out.

The Wellington Branch thanks all those who could attend the event, as well as the Embassy of the People's Republic of China and the Grand Century Restaurant. We hope you had an enjoyable time and Happy Chinese New Year! Photos of the event will also be available on our Facebook page.

2019 – YEAR OF THE PIG

The Pig is the twelfth of all zodiac animals. According to one myth, the Jade Emperor said the order would be decided by the order in which they arrived to his party. During the race, the Pig got hungry and promptly stopped for a feast then fell asleep. After the nap, the Pig continued the race and was named the 12th and last animal of the zodiac cycle. Other sources say that given his very stout form, he was just too slow a swimmer, and thus he could not do anything against the other animals.



Pigs are diligent, compassionate, and generous. They have great concentration: once they set a goal, they will devote all their energy to achieving it. Though Pigs rarely seek help from others, they will not refuse to give others a hand. Pigs never suspect trickery, so they are easily fooled.

General speaking, Pigs are relatively calm when facing trouble. No matter how difficult the problems are Pigs encounter, they can handle things properly and carefully. They have a great sense of responsibility to finish what they are engaged in.

2019 MANDARIN LANGUAGE ASSISTANTS AND MANDARIN CORNER

As Chinese New Year arrived in Wellington, so did the Confucius Institute's 51 new Mandarin Language Assistants (MLAs).

With the key task of supporting Chinese language classes and cultural activities in New Zealand schools, the new MLAs have come from different universities and different provinces of China. They have begun their work in over 140 primary and secondary schools in more than 20 towns in the North Island of New Zealand for a one-year Chinese language teaching and Chinese cultural promotion work.



The arrival of the MLAs means the return of the Confucius Institute's popular Chinese language club, Mandarin Corner.

WINSTON CHURCHILL MEMORIAL TRUST – AN AMAZING OPPORTUNITY!

In this Year of the Pig, the Winston Churchill NZ China Friendship Society partnered Fellowship is again offered for travel and study in China.

The Fellowship helps people travel to China to learn from others and study topics that will:

1. Advance their industry/sector and
2. Benefit NZ and Chinese understandings and relationships

The synergies that benefit both countries depend on the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust and NZCFS working together to promote information about the Fellowship and its recognition and esteem in our communities. Whilst the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust provides the infrastructure of a selection process that is robust, regulated by law and has official recognition and esteem, we ask our NZCFS members to assist by using your large networks for promotion and publicity of our partnership.

Applications open on May 1st and close 31st July 2019, with decisions made in September, 2019. Travel must be undertaken in 2020. [Please click here HERE for more information.](#)

BRANCH OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

Acting President: Kirk McDowall kirk.mcdowall@gmail.com

Secretary: N/A

Treasurer: Di Cao caojiangdi@gmail.com

Committee: Michael Dunwoodie, Bing Fon, Maggie Liao, Sam Macintosh and Graham Gibbs
Representatives from Associate Organisations: Janet Andrews, Lesley Chu, Alice Hang, Elisha Hsiao, Haibo Li, Peter Ngan, Rachel Qi, Lily Wang, Vera Xu, Rev Henry Yap, Hong Yuan, & Jun Yuan.

Honorary Advisors: Luke Qin and Michael Powles

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

I/We would like to renew/commence membership of the Wellington Branch of the New Zealand China Friendship Society Inc. for 2019 (the financial year is January to December):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Student (full time) | \$20 | <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate | \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single | \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional | \$40 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | \$32 | | |

Name:
(Surname) (Given names)

Spouse's/Partner's Name:
(Surname) (Given names)

Address
(Postal Code)

Phone Email

Contact Person for Organisations:

Payment total is as follows:

Membership Subscription \$

Donation \$

Total \$

Payment method:

- Payment by Direct Credit to New Zealand
China Friendship Society Bank
Account No 117200 0080836 11 ANZ Bank.

Please quote your name and "Subscription/Banquet" and be sure to email details to wqtnzcfcs@gmail.com

- Please tick if receipt is required.

Note: Donations over \$5 are tax-deductible. Registration No: CC27242

THE WELLINGTON BRANCH OF THE NEW ZEALAND CHINA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY INC.

NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2019-20

Date:

I hereby nominate to be:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Committee Member

Signature of Proposer.....

Signature of Seconder

I agree to being nominated

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