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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 10 April 2019 at 5.45pm

Steven Young

speaking on

Chinese Migrants: From the 1860s to Present Day

Steven Young is the Immediate Past-President of the Wellington Chinese Association and former National President of the New Zealand Chinese Association. Steven was born in China and arrived in New Zealand 1951. His father arrived in 1926, while his grandfather arrived in 1899. Steven has had a long-time involvement in Chinese community affairs since 1975, and has worked on the Poll Tax consultation and delivered community's response at Parliament. He is a former member of the Advisory Board - Centre for Applied Cross-cultural Research, and works as a Consulting Engineer in Wellington.



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)



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).

MEETING DATES FOR 2019 – CONNOLLY HALL

The dates Connolly Hall has been booked for monthly meetings this year are Wednesdays 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 was held on Wednesday 20 March 2019 at 5.45pm at Connolly Hall. President Kirk McDowall thanked those in attendance and spoke of his Presidents Report. He specifically thanked those in the Committee who choose not to be re-appointed for the year; Duncan Campbell, James Hurley, Diwen Cao, Jordan Ng, Jean Chua, Diana Tam, Maggie Liao and Graham Gibbs. Kirk also thanked Christine Strickland, who has been involved in the Society for many years, most recently as Honorary Advisor, who will step down from that role. However, we still look to see them at future NZCFS meetings and events, and welcome their advice.

Last year was a year of change for the Wellington Branch, and we want to thank all of you who continued to support the Society. Highlights of the year included hosting the annual Chinese New Year Banquet in 2018 and 2019, which included a large number of guests from different Chinese organisations in Wellington. Each month, the Wellington Branch hosted a guest speaker, including Celia Wade Brown on her recent teaching experience in China, Kirsten Wong & Nigel Murphy on the story of the SS Ventnor, Sam Macintosh on NZCFS 2018 Young Lawyers' Tour to China (Beijing and Shanghai) and Diwen Cao on Being a Conduit – Reflection on Cross-Cultural Communication.

In addition, we worked closely with a number of other organisations throughout the year, including the Wellington Chinese Association, Future Dragonz and Sister Cities NZ, among others. Our relationship with the Embassy of the People's Republic of China continues to be strong, and we certainly value our relationship based on mutual respect.

The following nominated members were elected to the positions of:

President: Kirk McDowall. Vice President: Juping Zhou.

Secretary: Silver Ahou-Wilford. Treasurer: Dee McDowall.

Committee members: Bing Fon (Life Member), Michael Dunwoodie, Sam Macintosh, Andrew Wilford, Kerry Boyle and Nigel Murphy.

Honorary Advisor: Michael Powles (Life Member) and Luke Qin (Life Member).

BRANCH MEETING 20 MARCH 2019 - MEETING REPORT

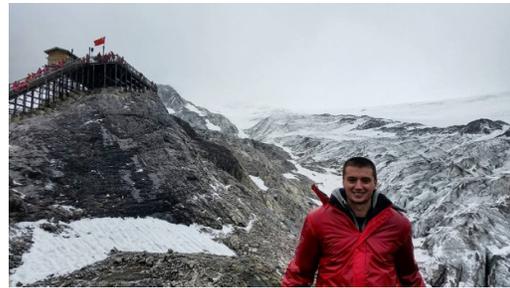
Following the Wellington Branch Annual General Meeting, Kirk McDowall, the new President, spoke about his experiences studying and living in Xiamen for 18 months. As a result of living and travelling in Asia from a young age, Kirk spent nine months volunteering in Guangzhou and Shanghai in 2012. Following his return to New Zealand, he began studying Mandarin part-time, through the Wellington Language School. In 2014, he met his now-wife, Dee, who came to Wellington from China to work as a Mandarin Language Assistant. After two years in a relationship, they both moved over to Xiamen at the beginning of 2017.





Kirk began studying Mandarin at HuaQiao University in Jimei, Xiamen, while Dee continued her Master's Degree at Xiamen University. Due to the quality of the dormitories at HuaQiao University, and in order to stay closer to Dee, Kirk lived just outside Xiamen University, and as a result, had to make the daily trip to Jimei for school. His days involved rising at 6am and catching three buses to his campus (one hour one way), spending four to six hours in classes (writing, listening, speaking, reading and general), before returning to Xiamen. However, his Mandarin progressed significantly, and he thoroughly enjoyed his time in the city. He spent his days with Dee, exploring the city, playing sport and studying Mandarin, as well as eating a range of food in the university campus and elsewhere.

During the summer holidays, Dee and Kirk first travelled by train to Yunnan, and visited Dali, Lijiang and Shangri-La. Following this, they spent time in Dee's mother's hometown in Dazhou, where they spent a week living on the family's farm. Afterwards, they travelled up to Xinjiang where they went on a road trip, heading towards the border of Kazakhstan. All their main trips were by slow train, and they travelled over 20,000 kilometres around the country, including 14,000 kilometres by train.



THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS FOR CHRISTCHURCH

On behalf of the New Zealand China Friendship Society, our thoughts and prayers go out to those affected by the events in Christchurch. Our Society is based on building friendship, respect and understanding with others, and we condemn these attacks. A (translated) letter from Li Xiaolin of The Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries on the Christchurch shooting is below.



"We are deeply shocked to learn that a mass shooting in Christchurch on March 15th caused great loss of lives and property to the people of New Zealand. We condemn in the strongest terms this appalling, brutal and ruthless act of terrorism.

On behalf of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries and in my capacity of an old friend of New Zealand people, I would like to express our deepest condolences to the victims of the Christchurch shootings and our most sincere sympathy to the bereaved families.

We believe the New Zealand Government will stand strong to deal with the aftermath and believe New Zealand people will pull together to tide over the differences. Our hearts will be with our New Zealand friends forever!

Li Xiaolin, President
The Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries
15 March 2019"

CHRISTCHURCH FUNDRAISER – 7 APRIL 2019, KHANADALLAH

The Hwa Kwang Society and Newlands Chinese Church are hosting a fundraiser for the victims of the Christchurch attacks, with a range of food stalls. It will be held from 1.30pm – 3.30pm on Sunday 7 April 2019, at the Khandallah Hall, 11 Ganges Road, Khandallah.



愛與關懷——臺灣美食義賣活動

為關懷基督城受難家屬，威靈頓臺灣華光協會與Newlands錫安華人浸信會將於4月7日下午于Khandallah Hall 舉行美食義賣活動，當天預計義賣鹽酥雞、滷肉飯、炒米粉、茶葉蛋、鳳梨酥、蔥餃、豆花、紫米粥，各式糕點……等小吃，很多私房料理、家常菜，數量有限，機會難得！

愛與關懷，歡迎大家共襄盛舉，期待您的光臨！請自備現金哦！

時間：2019年4月7日下午1:30pm-3:30pm
地點：Khandallah Hall (11 Ganges Rd, Khandallah)

盛謝熱心贊助廠商：
Where's Charlie—Fine Vietnamese Cuisine
Cube Bakery&Cafe
Chia Sushi
The Dumpling Company

《乡音》編輯部更正啟事：由于工作疏忽，这则广告上周刊登的内容不准确，请以本周的广告内容为准，不便之处敬请原谅，谢谢！

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 has been sent out to members, and can be found at: <http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/nzcfs-2019-national-conference-registration/> or by filling out the form at the end of the newsletter.

MANDARIN CORNER 汉语角 SATURDAYS 3.15-5PM

Room 101, at KP24 Kelburn Parade, Victoria University of Wellington.

Mandarin Corner (Wellington), established in 1995 by NZCFS, is a weekly event where students learning Chinese meet with native speakers of Chinese for conversation and cultural activities in a friendly, relaxed setting, and is open to all level. Come along if you are interested, and attendance is free. Mandarin corner does not run during school holidays. For more information contact Xiaosheng Zhou at xiaosheng.zhou@vuw.ac.nz.

DRAGON TAILS 2019 CONFERENCE: CALL FOR PAPERS

The call for papers for Dragon Tails 2019 - the 6th Australasian conference on Chinese diaspora history and heritage (20-23 November 2019) - is now open.

The Dragon Tails Association is now accepting submissions for its biennial conference, which will be hosted by Wai-Te-Ata Press at the Victoria University of Wellington.

Proposals are due by Friday 10 May 2019

Conference theme: Translation and Transformation

Location: Hunter Building, Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand

Convenors: Grace Gassin, Duncan Campbell, Karen Schamberger

Conference dates: Wed 20 - Sat 23 November 2019

Wednesday will be pre-conference tours and events.

For more information: www.dragontails.org.au



Conference outline

Processes of translation and transformation are central to the histories of Chinese diaspora around the world. For the 6th Dragon Tails conference, transformation refers to shifts in ideas, meanings and practices over time and the ways they have impacted Chinese diasporic communities; translation refers to the way people and organisations have interpreted, in a historical sense, significant events, meanings and ideas related to the Chinese diaspora for other audiences. We invite papers that explore themes of translation and transformation in the study of Chinese diaspora history and heritage.

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

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Committee: Bing Fon, Michael Dunwoodie, Sam Macintosh, Andrew Wilford, Kerry Boyle and Nigel Murphy.

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



NEW ZEALAND CHINA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY (WELLINGTON BRANCH)

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)

(For "Family" membership):

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

Address
(Postal Code)

Phone Email

(For "Corporate/Institutional" membership):

Contact Person for Organisation:

Payment total is as follows:		Payment method:	
Membership Subscription	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Payment by internet banking to:	
Donation (<i>optional</i>)	\$		NZ China Friendship Society
Total	\$		ANZ Bank Acct No: 11-7200-0080836-11

When making internet banking payment, please quote your "NAME" and the word, "Subscription", and be sure to email this form to: wgtnczfs@gmail.com

Please tick if receipt is required.

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

NZCFS 2019 National Conference Registration Form

Event Timing: Friday 24th - Sunday 26 May 2019

Event Address: Connolly Hall, 10 Guildford Terrace, Thorndon, Wellington 6011

Contact us at wgtncfs@gmail.com

Please fill out the following, and send a copy with proof of payment to wgtncfs@gmail.com:

Name (as to appear on name tag): _____

Contact address: _____

City: _____

NZCFS Branch (if applicable): _____

Email address: _____

Phone: _____

Registration Fee

* Registration Fee: \$100 per person (paid by 30th April)

* Registration Fee: \$140 per person (paid on or after 30th April)

* Registration Fee (University student or under): \$50 per student

* Conference Banquet Saturday 25th May: \$40 per person.

Number of attendees: _____

Name of all attendees (as to appear on name tag): _____

Any dietary or special requirements (if so, please give details)?: _____

Number of seats reserved at banquet (Saturday night): _____

Payment

If making a direct credit/online banking payment, please quote your "NAME" and the word "CONF" as the reference.

Please choose one of the following payment methods:

Direct deposit to NZCFS Wellington branch ANZ account 11-7200-0080836-11

Post a cheque to NZCFS Conference Treasurer, PO Box 5423, Wellington