



Christchurch Branch June Newsletter 2019

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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 – 27th June 2019

**This Month's speaker is
 Lynn Zhang.**

Some of you will have seen her in the Santa Parade or the Chinese New Year parade.

She will tell her life story from performing in Beijing to her coming to New Zealand, how she felt and how she eventually began to fit in.

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Kumara Chinese Miners Memorial Reserve update.

The project's main focus in the last 6 months has been on local fundraising efforts. Our Kumara Residents Trust working group for this project felt it was important to show the commitment to raise funds locally as well as by formal applications/sources and with the collaboration of the Chinese Community.

Firstly, a successful Risque Bingo event was held in Hokitika on the 16th February. We had around 150 local people attend and the event raised \$19,550 towards the project which was a great effort. Two features of the garden were donated by local Kumara families being \$5k towards the 3-sided feature wall and \$8k towards the main entrance moon gate. It was a great voluntary team effort from our Trust members and everyone had a lovely time.





Our second fundraising activity was carrying out the traffic management for the annual Coast to Coast event, which raised \$1k for our project.



We have just completed our winter raffle. We gratefully received some great donated prizes, and carried out the raffle at the local supermarkets for 3 days during May raising another \$1k.

Finally, a further \$3,900 was allocated to this project from the local Township Development Fund for Kumara, bringing the total funds raised in 6 months to \$25,400 which is a great effort for our small community.

While there has been no work at the site for a while, the good news is our local engineer has the engineering plans underway. Once ready we will be focusing on the stream bed, pond, boardwalk, international sculpture and Liang ting structure.

National Conference and AGM

This year's conference was held in Wellington and we had a strong contingent of Cantabrian's turn up this year.

The speakers on the Saturday began with HE Ms Wu Xi, Ambassador to the People's Republic of China who gave a very poignant speech on the current international climate and China.

Also, there were representatives from Sister Cities New Zealand with a great talk from Hiromi Morris and the Mayors of Hutt City and Porirua. Celia Wade-Brown gave a great talk on her experiences of teaching in China and the various places she visited in the local areas.

One of the highlight's for myself was the talk on the SS Ventnor which sank off the East Coast of the North Island carrying 499 bodies of Chinese Migrants who were to be re-patriated back to China. We will have an event later in the year to cover this amazing Journey.

We then had an evening Banquet to which if I might say the Christchurch table was the most fun and laughter of the evening.

On the Sunday we had the Annual AGM where we had myself, Craig Ashby appointed as South Island Vice President as well as Vivien Qin and Dave Adamson as National Executives,

One of the funniest parts of the conference had to be the climbing of the gate by our one and only Ailsa Dodge (aka Mini Mouse). We had decided to take the shortcut back to our hotel through the school only to find the bottom gates locked. It was either walk back up the hill and around the block or climb the gate. I must admit we did give Ailsa the choice and the little battler went for climbing the gate, much to the surprise of us all. A lot of laughter was to be had by all.

NZCFS Upcoming Tours

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- Efficient itineraries to diverse sites to minimise travel disruption
- Cost is **all-inclusive** from your nearest airport in NZ return. Not include insurance and visa application cost.
- Fully escorted by knowledgeable NZCFS leaders, accompanied by our specially selected

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- Hotels selected for quality in best locations
- No 'tourist' restaurants, all are local, a la carte selection with regional specialities
- No compulsory shopping stops. Shoppers, we will give assistance when asked for!

NZCFS Explore China October 2019

Still some places left on this exciting tour.

Come and Join us 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.

[Click here for the full itinerary](#)

One of our society's members are the NZ Chinese Association Canterbury.

We hired their hall for the Annual conference in 201.

Emmie and Graeme King have been members for many years and Emmie is the President of the local association.

Here are some events that they currently run that you may be interested in

Beijing Health Promoting Exercise Group Beijing style exercise sessions. Saturday mornings from 10:00 -11:00am. Members \$2, non-members \$3. **Contact Mrs Jane Gin (ph 021 175 5866)**

Line Dance Group Sunday mornings 8.30am-9.30am. Dancing to modern Chinese songs. Keep fit dancing to music. \$3. **Contact Emmie King graem88@xtra.co.nz or mobile: 021 211 7441.**

New Vogue and Ballroom Dance Classes Sundays 7pm - 8pm. Held at the NZCA Chinese Hall, under the guidance of a qualified tutor with years of experience. Parking at rear of Hall. \$9 per dancer. **Contact Emmie King (ph 021 211 7441, graem88@xtra.co.nz)**

NZCA Canterbury Multi-Sports Programme - Open to all ages. Venue: Graham Condon Recreation and Sports Centre - 3 Sisson Drive, Papanui. Sunday mid-morning from 11.30am –12.30pm. Cost \$3 per session. **Contact Emmie King (ph 021 2117441, graem88@xtra.co.nz)**

NZCA Future Dragonz Canterbury Social adult group aged between 20-35 years who meet up and network with other young Chinese and other like minded young adults. **Contact Melissa Wong (m.carley.wong@gmail.com Tony Ng (toneohsix@gmail.com) Visit:www.futuredragonz.org.nz**

Qiao Yi Lion Dance Team Christchurch Saturday trainings at the Chinese Association Hall from 3:30 – 4:30pm. **Contact George Chan (ph 021 188 6096,gwhchan71@yahoo.co.nz)**

Lifestyle Walking Group Social walking group. Friday mornings from 10.00am. **Contact Tim Ng (ph 339 0188, ng.tim@hotmail.com) or Marisa Yeung (ph 021 112 6265,hopyick@xtra.co.nz**

Tai Chi Class Sunday from 9-10am. Gold coin donation. **Contact Marisa Yeung (hopyick@xtra.co.nz)**

We warmly welcome your attendance at our activities and look forward to meeting up.

NEW ZEALAND CHINA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY

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 | \$50 (Includes Advertising in our Newsletters) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | \$35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unwaged | \$20 |

Payment Methods

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

Vivien Qin
C/- P O Box 7366
Sydenham
Christchurch 8240

OR

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 nzcfschristchurch@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.