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NZCFS Wellington Branch - celebrating 60 years of promoting friendship, understanding and goodwill between the peoples of New Zealand and China

Newsletter June 2021

Next Branch Meeting: Wednesday 16 June 2021 at 6:30pm

Guest Speaker: Emily Swan

Topic: From Wine to Weetbix



Emily Swan will share some stories and strategies from her experience selling beautiful New Zealand products, from wine to weetbix and skincare — and now seafood — in her role as Asia Market Manager for New Zealand's largest seafood company. Join us this month as Emily shares her perspective on what it takes to build a successful brand and create dramatic sales growth in the Chinese market.

Emily grew up in Eastbourne and studied at Victoria University of Wellington. After travelling with a Wellington Mayors' mission to China in 2010, Emily started work with NZ Trade & Enterprise in Shanghai. A

short secondment as International Market Manager – East Asia convinced Emily that her future career lay in business and brand development in Asia. In 2014 Emily attended Fudan University as a NZ-China Scholarship recipient, developing her Chinese language skills. In 2015 she graduated from Shanghai Jiao Tong University with a China-specific MBA, while working as a Brand Ambassador for Yealands Wine Group. Asia business development roles with Sanitarium and Antipodes followed. Last year, Emily took up her current job as Market Manager – Asia for Sanford Limited. Based in Auckland, Emily now manages the critical markets of Asia for New Zealand's largest and oldest seafood firm.

The following dates have been booked for the 2021 monthly meetings: Wednesdays 21/07 (guest speaker: Lynette Shum), 18/08, 15/09, 20/10, and 17/11. Please book these dates in your calendar.

Our monthly meetings are held at

Newtown School Hall

Mein Street, Newtown, Wellington (off Riddiford Street, alongside Wellington Hospital).

The school is located on bus routes 1, 3, 12, 18e, 23, and 29.

There is plenty of carparking onsite, entry from Mein Street.



WELLINGTON BRANCH

BRANCH MEETING 19 MAY 2021 — MEETING REPORT

At our May branch meeting, Dee McDowall, spoke to members and friends about her life in China, her experience studying at Xiamen University, and how this connection brought her to Wellington, working as a Mandarin Language Assistant with the Wellington Confucius Institute based at Victoria University of Wellington. Wellington Branch President Chris Lipscombe welcomed Michael Hart, Auckland Branch president, who was in Wellington on business and attended the meeting.



Dee grew up in the beautiful northwestern city of Shihezi in Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region. Her first adventure out of the region happened when she left home to study at Xiamen University. Dee encountered Christianity at a university exchange programme in Taiwan in the third year of her bachelor's study. Impressed by the loving environment — and the food and fun shared at their meetings — Dee embraced Christianity as a guiding principle in her life. On her return to Xiada, Dee found an underground church close to the university and found she was able to practice her new-found faith in Xiamen as well.

After graduating with a bachelor's degree, Dee went on to teach young children in



rural areas of China. In her first month of postgraduate study, she signed up for the Mandarin Language Assistant programme and was selected. She spent the next two years in Wellington teaching primary school children Mandarin Chinese, while enjoying the life in New Zealand. She also fell in love. Kirk followed Dee back to Xiamen for a whole year of Chinese language study while Dee was completing her master's degree at Xiada. They were married in Wellington a few months after Dee's graduation ceremony in Xiamen.



This year is the 100th anniversary of Xiamen University. Dee showed a video on the history of Xiamen University to the audience.

Dee's talk was followed by a traditional mooncake gambling game 博饼 (bo bing), popular in Xiamen and enjoyed by everyone. All attendees had a go at throwing the dice, with Wellington Branch Secretary Vera Xu throwing the top combination of four 4s and two 1s.



Our lucky winners went home with soft toys kindly donated by the Chinese Embassy. If you'd like to play the game at home, more information about the Mooncake Gambling can be found [here](#).

NZCFS 2021 NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NZCFS 2021 National Conference and AGM was held in Havelock North from Friday 21 May to Sunday 23 May. Wellington Branch President Chris Lipscombe and local member James Fong attended from Wellington. The theme of the jam-packed conference, ably organised by the Hawkes Bay Branch, was "What it means to be a friend of China", 作为中国的朋友意味着什么 (zuo wei zhongguode pengyou yi wei zhe shenme).

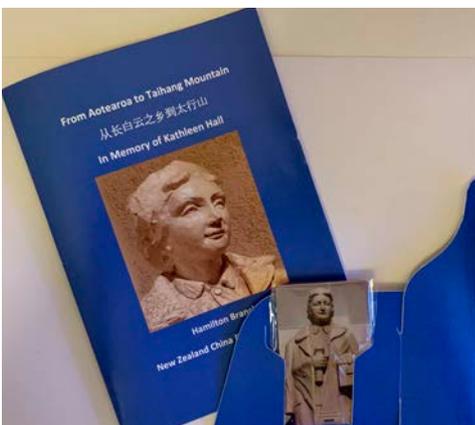


A highlight of Saturday's conference was a presentation from the Society's newly appointed patron Sir David Carter KNZM. Former Parliamentary Speaker and established farmer on the Banks Peninsula in Canterbury, David spoke about his three passions in life — agriculture, politics, and China. Following Sir David Carter's presentation, the Hawkes Bay Youth Orchestra played a selection of pieces and members of the orchestra spoke about their shared experience of exchange visits to China. Labour list MP Naisi Chen spoke about her support for



non-governmental and charitable organisations in China — sometimes referred to as the NGO sector — and the particular importance she placed on disability action.

Hamilton Branch President, Northern Vice President, and He Mingqing Scholarship Committee Chair Miao Fan also presented the work she and others had done in putting together a video and booklet on Kathleen Hall, the New Zealand missionary nurse in China known as He Mingqing. Kathleen Hall had worked in poor rural areas in China under extremely difficult conditions, had trained local nurses, and during the Chinese war against the Japanese invasion had smuggled medical supplies through Japanese lines to the Chinese 8th Route Army. You can see the video [here](#).



The programme also included a video address from the China Ambassador Her Excellency Madam Wu Xi and a very collegial Zoom presentation from Madam Zhang Qian, Executive Vice President of the Beijing People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries.



At Sunday's AGM a number of constitutional changes were discussed and passed. A new National Executive was also confirmed. Dave Bromwich was re-elected as National President, and Wellington Branch President Chris Lipscombe was confirmed as Vice President, Central Region. More information about the new National Executive can be found [here](#).

MANDARIN CORNER (WELLINGTON)

Mandarin Corner (Wellington) is a weekly event where students learning Chinese meet with native speakers of Chinese for conversations and cultural activities in a friendly, relaxed setting, and is open to all levels. This year, Mandarin Corner is run online on Thursdays at 6pm. Zoom ID 660 699 6275. For more information follow the [CI Facebook](#).

WELLINGTON BRANCH OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President: Chris Lipscombe
Vice President and Treasurer: Juping Zhou
Secretary: Vera Xu
Committee Members: Michael Dunwoodie, Liqin Mi
Immediate Past President: Kirk McDowall
Honorary Advisors: Luke Qin, Michael Powles
Life Members: Michael Powles, Ray Brownrigg, Rob McKibbin, Bernie Richmond, Elaine Richmond, Christine Strickland, Luke Qin

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You can complete the [online form](#) to join us or renew your membership, or complete the subscription form below.

I/We would like to renew/commence membership of the Wellington Branch of the New Zealand China Friendship Society Inc. for 2021 (subscription period 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 | | |

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Membership Subscription	\$
Donation	\$
Total	\$

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

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Please tick if receipt is required.

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