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July meeting **Nelson's Connections with Chinese Universities**



Friday, July 30 5:30 p.m.

Nelson has been home to a large number of Chinese students over the last decade through the NMIT China programme. They often commenced study towards their NMIT degree or diploma in China and completed their study in Nelson or Blenheim. A few had previously travelled overseas; for most this was a brave new adventure to the end of the world, facing life in a hugely different western culture. Several students have gone on to postgraduate study in New Zealand, others have gained work permits here. Most have returned home to China.



Maxine Wong, from Ningbo, studied business at the Zhejiang University of Water Resources and Electric Power in Hangzhou and came to Nelson to complete her Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in marketing, in 2016 and graduating the following year. After a long search for work, Maxine was employed as Research and Development Manager with Nelson Honey who had business interests with China. Recently Maxine has become a self-employed marketing consultant and is working towards her Masters in Applied Management at NMIT. She is a member of Nelson executive committee.

Chris Chen is from Hangzhou City and completed his Post Graduate Diploma in Applied Management at NMIT. Chris has lived in New Zealand for 2 and a half years and is currently shop manager at The Lennox Bathroom in Nelson.

At this meeting Maxine and Chris will tell about their journeys navigating life, study and work in Nelson.



The meeting will be at the usual place, Hearing House, 354 Trafalgar Square (next to Synagogue Lane). We start the meeting at 5:30, the meal arrives at 6p.m. and the guest speakers may begin after 6:45 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

If you wish to have the catered meal it costs \$15. Pay cash at the meeting or by Internet banking to our new NZCFS Nelson account, 03-1354-0490726-00, use your name as reference, and contact Barbara Markland as below.

**To arrange catering, please contact Barbara Markland
 by Monday, July 26.
 ph. (03)544 4712 text: 021 447 180 e-mail: erm@xtra.co.nz
 Please make sure she knows you are coming!**

June Meeting – Expats living in Beijing

At the start of the June meeting we showed the new Kathleen Hall (He Ming Qing) documentary, produced by the Hamilton Branch with a RAFE project grant. The documentary was the story of Kathleen Hall's life, serving as a missionary nurse in China. The heroic work she did to bring medicines, equipment, and treatment through enemy lines to the Eighth Route Army during the Japanese War has led to her being highly celebrated in Hebei Province. You can read more about her by searching the Internet for Kathleen Anne Baird Hall.

After the meal, we enjoyed a presentation from Lynn McCarthy and Joe Roberts. Lynn and Joe went off to live in Beijing with two small children while Joe was involved with rebuilding the New Zealand Embassy. At first they explored the hutongs, parks, and historic sites near their apartment by foot and on bicycles. There were also lots of opportunities to explore surrounding towns, villages and historic sites. Then there was an addition to the family to add to the back of the bicycle, and the older children got their own bikes. They showed us many short videos of the family enjoying exploring the streets of Beijing on their cycles, joining in activities in the markets, enjoying restaurants, visiting remote parts of the Great Wall, making local friends, going to school, and spending weekends at a friend's retreat. The children quickly became bilingual. Our members really enjoyed joining the children at street level on their bikes to experience a different perspective on Beijing.



Snippets from Nelson Exec

Nelson Executive Committee met at Eastern Cuisine in Richmond at 5.30 pm on July 14th. Afterwards we shared an Eastern Cuisine meal and continued our lively discussions.

- **Arrangements for China Week, September 23 - October 3.** We are working with Chris Butler, NCC Events Manager, and co-operating with the Nelson-Marlborough Chinese Association to present events at the Trafalgar Centre during Nelson's China Week, which is combined with New Zealand Chinese Language Week. There will also be events in the Nelson Library.
- **Appo Hocton Books.** We are exploring reprinting possibilities for the book as supplies have run out. There is about \$1,000 in the Appo Hocton fund which could be used for reprinting copies of the book for supplying the Museum and community groups as well as schools.
- **Waiquoeren Pengyou Project.** Jane and Ian Lister send their thanks to those who offered to participate in this programme. It was decided that there could be a focus on one activity per month involving member-participants, to which the Chinese students could sign up through their student association.
- **Heritage Week 2021.** NCC funding is available for projects during Heritage Week in April 2022. We could work with Diana Clark to arrange a tour of Appo Hocton localities during Heritage Week.
- **China Week Raffle.** Jane and Ian Lister have some Jingdezhen ceramics to raffle during China Week. They will consult with Dr Rose Kerr to assess value and provenance.
- **Kathleen Hall Documentary.** An improved version of the video is now available on-line.
- **Local Chinese Speakers.** Chinese living and working in Nelson are to be asked to talk about their lives here. These talks will be during the first part of the monthly meeting. This would replace the business meeting from 5.35pm to 5.55pm when the meal arrives.
- **Sister City Gifts in Storage at NCC.** We have been sent a list of Nelson's Sister City gifts which can be displayed at the Trafalgar Centre during China Week for public viewing.
- **National Youth Club.** There is news from National Executive that a Youth Club will be established. This is initiated by Aucklanders Sylvia Yang and William Wan. It is not a youth branch, but will seek interested participants from young members from all branches. It is hoped that this will encourage more young people to join branches and communicate with their NZCFS peers throughout the country through the club.

From other branches

- In June, Wellington Branch heard from Emily Swan who has been involved in marketing New Zealand food, wine, and skincare products in China. Emily studied at Victoria University of Wellington and attended Fudan University (Shanghai) as a NZ-China Scholarship recipient, developing her Chinese language skills. In 2015, she graduated from Shanghai Jiaotong University with a China-specific MBA.
She has worked for Sanitarium, as a Brand Ambassador for Yealands Wine Group, with NZ Trade & Enterprise in Shanghai, and for skincare brand Antipodes. Currently, Emily is Asia Market Manager for Sanford and developing sales of green-lipped mussels into China – quite a logistical task to get live mussels out of the sea in New Zealand and to a customer in Shanghai within 36 hours.
- A recent meeting of the Christchurch branch was a visit to Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple. Visitors first toured the temple with a guide who explained how the temple functions and the significance of the religious symbols in it. After lunch (vegetarian) they then toured the Magnificence of Embroidery exhibition, which is the work of Yao Hong Ying, an artist from Suzhou, the hometown of Chinese silk embroidery.
After she became a certified craft artist, Yao Hong Ying founded her own embroidery studio. She has won the award of excellence in the Chinese Arts and Crafts Fine Works Exhibition and has won many medals at arts and crafts shows.

China in the news

China demonstrates great commitment in world heritage protection: UNESCO

<https://peoplesdaily.pdnews.cn/culture/china-demonstrates-great-commitment-in-world-heritage-protection-unesco-220299.html>

China fails to meet promises on missing Xinjiang children

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-china-57512954>

The vanishing mosques of Xinjiang (video)

<https://youtu.be/75kIMU6F5Ww>

Xi's power problem

<https://www.theamericanconservative.com/articles/xis-power-problem/>

China's Communist Party at 100: revolution forever

<https://theconversation.com/chinas-communist-party-at-100-revolution-forever-163665>

One year on from China's national security crackdown, Hong Kong is a changed place

<https://www.newstatesman.com/world/asia/2021/06/one-year-chinas-national-security-crackdown-hong-kong-changed-place>

One by One, My Friends Were Sent to the Camps

<https://www.theatlantic.com/the-uyghur-chronicles/>

China urges unity, announces \$3b aid at APEC; US eyes splitting region

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202107/1228840.shtml>

Practically, a teaching revolution

http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202107/01/WS60dd0463a310efa1bd65f08c_1.html

(Rewi Alley and the Shandan schools)

How the Chinese government is buying its way into UK universities

<https://www.newstatesman.com/politics/education/2021/07/how-chinese-government-buying-its-way-uk-universities>

China's Tiangong space-station

<https://theconversation.com/chinas-tiangong-space-station-what-it-is-what-its-for-and-how-to-see-it-160456>

