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No. 2 – February 2022

## February meeting

# Movie night

**Friday, February 25, 5:30 p.m.**

Instead of a guest speaker this month, we are going to present a Chinese movie, with subtitles. We have a number of Chinese-made movies available to choose from, but the final decision of which to show is not yet made.



The meeting will be at the usual place, Hearing House, 354 Trafalgar Square (next to Synagogue Lane). We will start at 5:30 with a brief formal meeting and then begin showing the movie, the catered meal arrives around 6p.m. and after we have finished our meal we will continue with the movie. 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, February 21.  
ph. (03)544 4712 text: 021 447 180 e-mail: erm@xtra.co.nz  
Please make sure she knows you are coming!**

## **Nelson A.G.M. and Banquet**

The Branch AGM and banquet to celebrate Chinese New Year was again held at Eastern Cuisine Restaurant 6 p.m. Sunday January 30 2022.

27 members and guests were welcomed, fewer than usual probably due to fears of Covid, but it was still a successful meeting and a lively evening enjoyed by all. Life Members Isabelle Jones and Royden Smith were present and it was pleasing to have representatives of Nelson's Multicultural Society attending.

There was a moment of silence to remember Christine Ward, Bill Willmott, Gladwen McIntyre, Bryce Wild, and Karin Clyne; all valued members of the branch at one time or another.

Reports from the President and Treasurer were received and it was decided that membership subscriptions remain unchanged for 2022.

Youth/Student \$5; Single \$15; Couple \$25; Corporate \$30.

Committee members were duly elected:

President: Barbara Markland.

Vice-president: Bill Findlater.

Secretary: Ian Lister.

Treasurer: Royden Smith.

Committee: Bruce Ward, Jane Lister, Sally Warren. Gail Collingwood.



The meeting was advised China week has again been postponed and may now be held in conjunction with Chinese Language Week in September.

The evening with Meng Foon set down for February 25, in doubt at the time of the AGM, has now also been postponed and it is hoped it can be added to the China Week programme.

Nelson Heritage month will (may) go ahead in April and the branch has offered to host an Appo Hocton tour with descendant Diana Clark.

## **Vaccine Passes**

At the current COVID-19 settings (Red light), it is expected that members attending meetings will have a valid vaccine pass and be able to present it if requested. These settings allow for up to 100 people inside, with vaccine passes, at 1 metre spacing.

## **Evolution of Chinese characters**

It is thought that over at least 4000 years, Chinese writing has gone through a number of phases. Early pictographs changed from curved-line drawings, developed into a rough block shape, and morphed into easier to copy straight-line 'drawings'. Over the ages more simplification of characters occurred by reducing the number of strokes in each.

The sequence below is suggesting a development of the current symbol for 'tiger'.



## **Subscriptions**

Nelson Branch subscriptions are now due, and there is a form on the next page. You can also provide the required information by e-mail to our treasurer, whose e-mail address is in the form.



# New Zealand China Friendship Society Inc. Nelson Branch



## Annual Subscription - 2022

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

N.B. To reduce costs, newsletters are emailed (pdf format) - please let us know if you do not have access to a suitable email address.

Subscription (please circle):

\$5 (youth/student)    \$15 (single)    \$25 (couple/family)    \$25 (school)    \$30 (corporate)

My email can be given to NZCFS National so they can send me their National Newsletter:    yes / no

I would also like to make a donation to the Projects Fund of:    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

As cheques can no longer be accepted, please pay:

- by cash at a branch meeting
- deliver cash to the letterbox of:    Royden Smith, Membership Secretary  
NZ China Friendship Society - Nelson  
2/10 Ngaio Street, Nelson 7011



- Or use online banking to transfer your subscription to our new Nelson Branch bank account at NBS:  
03-1354-0490726-00

Please use your name as the reference code and then email Royden (royden@shangrila.net.nz) to advise that your sub has been paid in this way.

Receipts are issued on request.



Your membership is for the current calendar year.

The information you provide to the Nelson Branch of the NZCFS will be held by us electronically in a Register of Members and will be used by us to tell you about member events and activities and to send you newsletters and notices of meetings.

Your information will be held securely by us and will only be shared within our Executive Committee and with our parent organisation, the NZ China Friendship Society Inc., as required for an Incorporated Society. It will not be disclosed to any other parties, except where required by law.

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