



Christchurch Branch Newsletter – October 2022

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This month's speaker: 27 October

John Doyle was New Zealand's first Police representative in China, based in our Beijing Embassy. He dealt with trans-national crime issues as well as Olympic security and was also involved with the 2010 Shanghai Expo. Add to that the fact he met the son of one of Rewi Alley's grandsons and has an ongoing friendship with him, and it looks as though we're going to have a very interesting talk. Now that we're into spring it's a good time to come out of hibernation and come along and listen to a very interesting speaker.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

As is our usual custom, we will not have a November meeting as this will be replaced by the **annual prizegiving ceremony 7.00pm., Friday, 18 November, which will be held at St Margaret's College, 12 Winchester Street, Merivale.**

This is a very important ceremony for those young people at local high schools who, in the opinion of their teachers have excelled during the year in their learning of the Chinese language. There are usually about 45 students plus of course their proud parents, siblings, grandparents, teachers etc.

Please come along and show your support for these young people at their very special occasion.

October National Day Banquet

Our annual China National Day Banquet on 2 October was enjoyed by all. Branch president David Stringer warmly welcomed all those present and Consul General He Ying spoke on the strength of the New Zealand/China relationship. Our society's National Patron Sir David Carter spoke on his commitment to the relationship and challenged everyone present to look amongst their friends and bring along at least one person who could be interested in joining our society.

Once again the wine was very generously supplied by Harcourts Gold, for which we are very grateful. Of course, we held our usual raffle for the He Ming Qing scholarship programme, which raised \$315.

It was disappointing to only have about 35 people dining. Normally we have 80 to 100. We always aim to have the best experiences for our members. We would welcome feedback from you with your opinions on venue, cost of the banquet, menu, what extras would you like to see i.e. perhaps a calligraphy demonstration etc. Please feel free to send your comments to branch president David Stringer david@dhstringer.co.nz which will be treated in full confidence.



Reception to Commemorate the 73rd Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China



About 150 people gathered at the Chateau on the Park on 28 September to commemorate this important event.

Consul General He Ying spoke on the importance and strength of the link between our two countries and how, in her short time here, she has thoroughly enjoyed herself, which has included travelling from as far north as Nelson and as far south as Invercargill. Mayor Lianne Dalziel acknowledged the presence of Sarah Pallet, MP for Ilam; Penny Simmonds, MP for Invercargill; Neil Brown, Mayor of Ashburton; John Leggett, Mayor of Marlborough; Gary Kircher, Mayor of Waitaki; Sharyn Cain, Deputy Mayor of Waimate and all her Council colleagues and special guests.

She said that while the People's Republic is young, we all know China has an incredibly rich history that spans thousands of years.

The mayor stated our part of the world has long had a strong relationship with China, which is also steeped in history, of which Rewi Alley has played such an important role. Born in Selwyn, raised in Hurunui and Christchurch, and a lifetime of service in China he created an unbreakable bond, which is the foundation of the friendship between NZ and China.



She acknowledged that everyone present contributes to the bilateral relationship in some special way and celebrate what at their heart are people-to-people relationships. We can all be very proud of what we have achieved and look to the future of the relationship with optimism.

Mayor Lianne took the opportunity of thanking Councillor Jimmy Chen, who is not standing for re-election, for his 12 years of faithful service to the city, and work within the local ethnic community in particular.

Penny Simmonds, member of parliament for Invercargill spoke on the importance of the New Zealand/China relation, as did Sarah Pallett, member of parliament for Ilam.

Following the formal part of the function, attendees mingled for a chat and enjoyed the delicious finger food.



50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

On 5 October, Mayor Lianne Dalziel hosted a celebration dinner in The Great Hall at The Arts Centre in honour of the 50th Anniversary of diplomatic relations between New Zealand and China.

Following pre dinner drinks, the attendees were welcomed by an energetic lion dance, something which is always enjoyed, and this was followed by a cultural performance.

100 people attended this important event.

Mayor Lianne Dalziel acknowledged Consul-General He; Mayor of Waimakariri Dan Gordon; Selwyn District Councillor Bob Mugford; her Council colleagues Andrew Turner and Jimmy Chen; Lisa Tumahai and Arihia Bennett, Kaiwhakahaere and Chief Executive respectively of Ngai Tahu; Rt Hon Sir David Carter, Patron of the New Zealand China Friendship Society and the many other distinguished guests.

She said we as a city and region can be proud of the significant role we have played, and continue to play, in the broader bilateral relationship including everyone present because of the contribution they have made to the connection between Christchurch and Canterbury and China in some special way, whether in government, in business or education, or in the all-important people-to-people context.

She thanked those present for all they continue to do, and for the assistance many of them have afforded her in this regard over her nine years as Mayor of Christchurch. With this ongoing involvement she was very optimistic about the next 50 years in the New Zealand China relationship and beyond.

Everyone was aware on arrival that, after a very enjoyable evening they may find themselves driving home in unseasonal snow, but fortunately (except for those on the plains or Banks Peninsula) this did not prove to be the case, although the weather was certainly not very pleasant.



Harcourts Gold Spitfire Art Competition

Theme: Artwork with a Chinese Element

We are very pleased to announce entries are steadily coming in for this art competition (details of it were in the September newsletter).

Please be sure to put the art competition prizegiving ceremony in your diary:

10.30am Saturday 26th November:

Tūranga (Central Library)

TSB Room Level 1

60 Cathedral Square, Christchurch

The prizes for this competition have been very generously supplied by Harcourts Gold, and we thank them very much for this.

Come along on the Saturday morning for the prizegiving ceremony, but of course if you're unable to make that time then please be aware that the exhibition at Tūranga (Central Library) will be open to the public Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 November. Please come along with family and friends and give this branch activity your support.



Rewi Alley Memorial Exhibition

Victoria Room, Christchurch Town Hall,

1.00pm – 4.00pm., Thursday 20 October

2022 marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and New Zealand and the 125th birthday of Rewi Alley.

To mark this important occasion, an exhibition of art works to do with the life of Rewi Alley will be held at the time and location shown above.

On display will be approximately 100 art works by several artists, one of whom is Rewi Alley's foster son Deng Bang Zhen. The exhibition is being curated by the Friendship for Peace Organisation and the Chinese Embassy, and supported by our society.

This exhibition will be of great relevance to anyone with an interest in the life of this very famous New Zealander, who spent 60 years of his life working for the poor people of China. Be sure to go along and see it, and of course please pass this information regarding the exhibition on to friends and family or indeed anyone whom you think would be interested in seeing this very interesting exhibition.



Barbie at Laura's

In early October branch committee member Laura Carter held a barbecue at the family farm in Teddington for committee members and their families. Well, 'barbecue' doesn't quite do it justice; more like a feast really!

When we arrived she took us over to the working dogs and explained what each one is used for. They only answer to her commands. She would direct them to do something and they would do it. If one of us said the same thing, the dogs would ignore us; fascinating for a townie to see that and to realise just what a valuable asset a good farm dog is. Laura is a very proud farmer and it certainly showed.

Next was a visit to the shearing shed where Laura explained the process involved in shearing, the collection, sorting and baling of the fleece etc. I love the smell of a shearing shed!

Then we went over to where the young lambs were. These are the ones whose mothers had died and so Laura was bottle feeding them. This was great excitement for Vivien's daughter Millicent of course! Mind you, an older member of the committee seemed to quite enjoy it too!

Anna Chen had brought along her son and his wife and her grandson Michael, so he really enjoyed himself too.

We all then went to the house and supervised National Patron and Laura's Dad Sir David Carter as he expertly did his thing with the barbecue. Amongst the morsels to come off it were sausages made with meat from the farm and which I declared were the best I'd ever eaten.

Everyone had brought along a contribution to the meal, which meant the table was groaning with all kinds of goodies. So then, good food, good company and good conversation: what more could you want?

And finally, to complete a great day, Laura of course had to take Millicent for a ride on the farm bike. Things have certainly changed; back when I was her age it was a ride on the sledge going around the sheep, towed by the draught horse!!

David and his lovely wife Heather were very gracious hosts, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed their day in the country.



Fun for all the family

Looks as though this show has something for everyone. Have a look at the details on www.magicmomentsnz.co.nz

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