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NEW ZEALAND CHINA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY WELLINGTON BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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**2023 CHINESE NEW YEAR BANQUET
SATURDAY 28TH JANUARY 2023 AT 6.30PM
ARIES RESTAURANT
7 TENNYSON STREET, WELLINGTON**



The Wellington Branch invites you to join us in welcoming the Year of the Rabbit at our Chinese New Year Banquet on Saturday 28th January 2023. The China Ambassador Dr Wang Xiaolong and the Wellington Mayor Tory Whanau have both confirmed their attendance. The banquet will be held at Aries Restaurant, 7 Tennyson Street, Wellington, at \$45 per person (including limited wine and juice). Discount applies to table bookings of 10 people.

To RSVP, please [book online](#) or fill out the form at the end of this newsletter and email to wgtncfs@gmail.com

BRANCH MEETING 16th November 2022 — MEETING REPORT

At our November Branch meeting, David Lee spoke to members and friends about his life as a Chinese New Zealander and his experience working as a councillor in both Wellington City Council and the Greater Wellington Regional Council.



David's great grandfather came to New Zealand in 1920, right at the height of the 'keeping New Zealand white' policy. It was not a welcome arrival. Then his grandfather landed in 1927 and had to pay £100 poll tax. He was only 14 and was already expected to work in order to help his family and earn money to send back home to China. He ran a laundromat in Gore and worked very hard. His father was in a wheelchair for 50 years but worked very hard and his parents were very successful, owning eight houses, all paid off with no debts. David married his best friend, Diana, about 25 years ago. They have two daughters aged 19 and 16.

David considers himself very privileged because he always has had family around, and been able to stand 'on the shoulders of giants', as he described it. In 2013, he went from being a bureaucrat (an urban planner) to being a politician. He realised when he had a family and had responsibilities, he needed to give back to the society. He was shoulder-tapped to stand for city council. He saw himself moving from being a zookeeper to a zoo animal. For the local election that year, his strategy was to target the weakest councillor and team up with the strongest. With the STV (Single Transferable Vote) System, he got across the line.

David became the first Chinese Asian councillor for Wellington City. He believes that two terms are enough — two terms for Wellington City Council, and two terms for Wellington Regional Council. During his time in public office, he wants to help build the future. He is part of NZ Asian Leaders and is keen to inspire the next generation of Asian leaders.

THE STORY OF ARIES RESTAURANT #2



The date and venue for the 2023 Chinese New Year Banquet have been confirmed. The banquet will start 6:30pm on Saturday 28th January 2023 at **Aries Restaurant**, 7 Tennyson Street, Wellington. Please mark this on your calendar.

In our November newsletter, we introduced the Chinese name of the Aries Restaurant. The three characters 犇 羴 鱻 are all 三叠字, a type of Chinese character in which a single component is repeated three times. The Aries logo was designed to incorporate the head of a cow 牛, a sheep 羊 and a fish 鱼. Coincidentally, Aries is also the owner's star sign.

We look forward to seeing you at the Chinese New Year Banquet. You can [book online](#) or fill out the form at the end of this newsletter and email to wgtnczfs@gmail.com

BRANCH OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

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Merry Christmas and a relaxing holiday break to all our members, supporters, and friends for the Wellington Branch of NZ China Friendship Society. We look forward to seeing you at our Chinese New Year Banquet in 2023 and at our monthly member meetings during the year.

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Booking Form — CHINESE NEW YEAR BANQUET

**Saturday 28th January 2022 at 6:30pm
Aries Restaurant, 7 Tennyson Street, Wellington CBD**

Please reserve me ___ place(s) for the Society's Chinese New Year Banquet at **\$45 per person**
or ___ table(s) for the Society's Chinese New Year Banquet at **\$430 per table**

Names of person(s) attending banquet:

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If you prefer, you can book online at [CNY Banquet Online Form](#)

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION (Optional)

To join as a member or renew your membership, you can complete the [online form](#) or the membership form below.

I/We would like to renew/commence membership of the Wellington Branch of the New Zealand China Friendship Society Inc. for 2023 (subscription period is January to December):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Unwaged / Student (full-time) / Superannuitant | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single | \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | \$35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organisation | \$50 |

Name:
(Given names) (Surname)

Spouse's/Partner's Name:
(Given names) (Surname)

Address

Email

Contact Person for Organisation:

Payment total is as follows:		Payment method:	
Banquet	\$	Payment by internet banking to:	
Membership Subscription	\$	NZ China Friendship Society	
Donation (<i>optional</i>)	\$	ANZ Bank Acct No: 11-7200-0080836-11	
Total	\$		

When making internet banking payment, please quote your "NAME" and the word(s), "SUBS" or "BANQ & SUBS", and be sure to email this form to wgtzncfs@gmail.com

Banquet payment must be received by Monday 23rd January 2023.

Please let us know if a receipt is required.

Note: Donations over \$5 are tax-deductible. (Charities Registration No: CC27242)

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