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NEW ZEALAND CHINA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY WELLINGTON BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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NZCFS Wellington Branch - celebrating 70 years of promoting friendship, understanding and goodwill between the peoples of New Zealand and China

Newsletter March 2023

Next Branch Meeting: Wednesday 15 March 2023 at 6:30pm

Annual General Meeting 2023

Guest Speaker: Michael Powles

What would we expect of Rewi Alley today?

The Wellington Branch AGM for 2023 will be held on 15 March 2023. We're pleased to announce that our Guest Speaker at the AGM is Michael Powles, former President of the Wellington Branch of the NZ China Friendship Society and life member of NZCFS Wellington Branch.

Michael was Ambassador in Beijing from 1990 to 1993 and **New Zealand's** Ambassador to Indonesia and to the United Nations in New York. He was also High Commissioner to Fiji and other Pacific Island countries.

After retiring from the foreign service, Michael was appointed the Human Rights Commissioner and Founding Chairman of the Pacific Cooperation Foundation. He lived in Shanghai from 2006 to 2008 and was associated with Fudan University there, and is now a Senior Fellow with the Centre for Pacific Studies at Victoria University of Wellington. He has lectured

and written on issues relating to New Zealand's relations with China and China's involvement in the South Pacific.



Michael will talk to us after the AGM, followed by a buffet dinner at \$15 per head. More information will be sent out closer to the date.

PLEASE NOTE that to vote at the AGM or to nominate any person to the Committee or to one of the Officer positions on the Committee you must be a current financial (paid-up) member of NZCFS Wellington Branch.

If you are not already but wish to become a current financial member, please complete the membership subscription (at the end of this newsletter), or complete the [online form](#), or email the Wellington Branch Secretary at wgtnczcs@gmail.com for further information.

This year, our AGM and monthly meetings will be at Newtown School Hall

Mein Street, Newtown, Wellington (off Riddiford Street, car park entry from Mein Street alongside Wellington Hospital), on bus routes 1, 3, 12, 18, 23, and 29.

There is plenty of carparking onsite.



The following dates have been booked for our Wednesday monthly meetings: 19 April, 17 May, 21 June, 19 July, 16 August, 20 September, 18 October, and 15 November. Please mark these dates in your calendar.

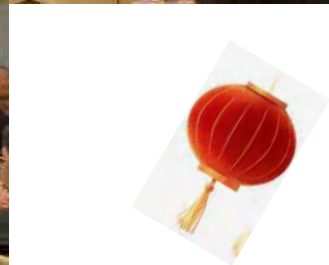
WELLINGTON BRANCH — CHINESE NEW YEAR BANQUET 2023

On 28 January 2023, the New Zealand China Friendship Society Wellington Branch hosted its annual Chinese New Year Banquet at Aries Restaurant in Wellington to celebrate the Chinese New Year of the Rabbit.

More than 160 people, including branch members, their families, and friends attended the banquet. Dr Wang Xiaolong, Chinese Ambassador to New Zealand; Nicola Willis, Deputy Leader of the National Party; Tory Whanau, Wellington Mayor; John McKinnon, former NZ Ambassador and President of the New Zealand China Council; Hiromi Morris, Emeritus President of Global Cities New Zealand, and Ray Chung, Wellington Chinese City Councillor were in attendance.



National President and Wellington Branch President, Chris Lipscombe delivered a welcome speech and wished everyone a happy Chinese New Year and prosperous year of the Rabbit. Ambassador Wang Xiaolong talked about the continuing strong relationship between New Zealand and China and thanked New Zealand Friendship Society for its many years' contribution to the relationship. MP Nicola Willis and Mayor Tory Whanau both noted that Chinese New Year is an important festival in Wellington and acknowledged the contribution Chinese people have made to our multicultural society.



Two rounds of raffle draws were held during the banquet. Ambassador Wang Xiaolong and other special guests together with the leaders of the Chinese community groups were invited to draw raffle prizes. Many lucky winners took away a range of prizes with Chinese elements.

The banquet included two lots of Chinese music performances played by three Chinese music instrumentalists (Guzheng, Erhu and Flute). **The players' skilful performances** were impressive and well received, and helped to add joy to the banquet.



The Wellington Branch thanks those who attended the banquet, Aries Restaurant, and the Chinese Culture Centre in Wellington. In particular, we would like to extend our gratitude to the China Embassy for its generous support.

The Wellington Branch also wishes its members as well as their families and friends a Happy Chinese New Year of the Rabbit.

2023 WELLINGTON CHINESE NEW YEAR FESTIVAL

The Wellington Branch joined other Chinese communities on the afternoon of Saturday 4 February 2023 for a celebration of the Chinese New Year at the Anglican Chinese Church.

There were exhibition stalls from NZ Police, Census NZ, Wellington Chinese Garden Society, Asian Families Services, Wellington Chinese Languages School, Wellington New Chinese Friendship Society, and other local Chinese communities.


Participants were entertained by a variety of cultural performances presented by local Chinese communities.



This event was sponsored by Wellington City Council and the Chinese Embassy.

WAIRARAPA WORD EVENT: CHRIST TSE PERFORMING

New Zealand Poet, Laureate Chris Tse, will perform at Carterton Events Centre on Saturday 18 February 2023.



Wairarapa Word and the Wairarapa Library Service
are proud to present


CHRIS TSE **New Zealand
Poet Laureate**

"The beloved pop idol of Aotearoa poetry" -The Spinoff

FREE Performance at Carterton Events Centre
Saturday 18 February, 2 pm
No RSVP Required. Free Seating. Book Signing.
For more info, email events.waiword@gmail.com

Poetry Workshop is fully booked.

Chris Tse is the author of *How to be Dead in a Year of Snakes*, *He's so MASC*, and *Super Model Minority*, and co-editor of the anthology, *Out Here*. In 2022, he was named New Zealand's 13th Poet Laureate.



TV SERIES SIK FAN LAH

When it's time to eat, we say SIK FAN LAH! Sik Fan Lah will be six 23-minute episodes to screen on TVNZ from 10am Sunday 12 Feb.

Sik Fan Lah is a culinary adventure across Aotearoa New Zealand, where hilarious and hearty stories of modern Kiwi-Chinese life through the universal love for food will be uncovered. Whether **it's a 65 kilogram whole roast pig**, claypot rice cooked in the Otago goldfields, **or geothermal Chinese pāua** in Rotorua, **there's plenty to munch on!**

Featuring *Masterchef 2022* and barista champ Sam Low, Olympic Gold medallist Tyla-Nathan Wong, and many more from our Kiwi-Chinese community, this series will give you plenty of food for thought.



You can read more about the programme on [Scoop](#) or follow on [Facebook](#).

BRANCH OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

President: Chris Lipscombe
Vice President and Treasurer: Juping Zhou
Secretary: Vera Xu
Committee Members: Michael Dunwoodie, Liqin Mi, Paul Sayers
Honorary Advisor: Michael Powles
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MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

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):

- Unwaged / Student (full-time) / Superannuitant \$15
- Single \$25
- Family \$35
- 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 (optional) \$	ANZ Bank Acct No: 11-7200-0080836-11
Total \$	

When making internet banking payment, please quote your "NAME" and the word(s), "SUBS", and be sure to email this form to wgtncfcs@gmail.com. Please let us know if a receipt is required.

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

Privacy Information: On acceptance of your membership subscription, you or the organisation you represent will become a member of the Wellington branch of the New Zealand China Friendship Society Incorporated ("the Society"). Your membership will expire on the 31st of December of the year to which the membership applies ("the expiry date"). The information you provide on this membership subscription form ("the information") will be held by us electronically in a Register of Members as required by the Incorporated Societies Amendment Act 2005 and will be removed from the current Register of Members following the expiry date. The information will be used by us to tell you about member events and activities and to send you notices of meetings. The information will be held securely by us and will be available for you to view at any time on application to the Secretary. The information may be shared with our parent organisation the New Zealand China Friendship Society Incorporated. We will not disclose the information to any other parties, except where required by law. Non-current members will remain on our branch mailing list as supporters, and we will continue to let you know about member events and activities. If you decide that you do not want to receive emails from us, you can 'unsubscribe' and we will remove you from our mailing list.