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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 April 2024

Next Branch Meeting: Wednesday 15 May 2024 at 6:30pm

Guest Speaker: Nancy Lu, MP



National List Member of Parliament Nancy Lu had planned to join us at our Wellington Branch AGM on April 3rd. Due to other commitments, Nancy was unable to attend. We are however delighted that Nancy is able to speak to us at our May monthly meeting. Nancy will talk about her background, her journey towards becoming **an MP, and the things she'd like to achieve while she's in Parliament.**

Nancy moved to New Zealand with her parents from China in 1987 when she was nine years old. She graduated from the University of

Auckland with first-class honours in international business and a double major in accounting with her Bachelor of Commerce degree.

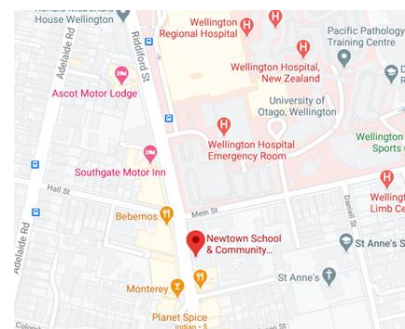
Lu has recently gained a Master in Public Administration qualification from the prestigious Harvard Kennedy School in the US. She works as a chartered accountant and has a professional background in accounting, finance, and international trade.

Nancy has worked in New Zealand, Hong Kong and China in various roles including with Auckland Council, Dashang, PwC, EY, Fonterra, and COSCO.

Our monthly meetings are held 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, 4, 12, 18, 23, and 29.

There is plenty of carparking on site.



The following dates have been booked for our Wednesday monthly meetings:

19 June, 17 July, 21 August, 18 September, 16 October, and 20 November. Please mark these dates in your calendar.

WELLINGTON BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held on 3rd April 2024.



At the AGM, the 2023 Wellington Branch President Chris Lipscombe presented the President's Report in respect of the Wellington Branch's activities, achievements and reflections for 2023.

The financial report for 2023 year was approved. Election of the officers of the Wellington Branch Committee for 2024 resulted in the following appointments (all appointments valid for a 12-month period):

- President – Chris Lipscombe
- Vice President – Vicky Lu
- Treasurer – Juping Zhou
- Secretary – Vera Xu
- Committee Members – Liqin Mi, Paul Sayers

A recorded short message and maiden speech to Parliament from National MP Nancy Lu were played after the AGM. **You can listen to Nancy Lu's maiden speech on YouTube at:** <https://youtu.be/I8yYM9jcN70?si=1rkpG10KfLwwSB-Z> Attendees enjoyed a shared Chinese meal catered by [Basin Noodle House](#), followed by a coconut sago dessert prepared by Wellington Branch Secretary Vera Xu.

MANDARIN CORNER 2024

The Confucius Institute at Victoria University of Wellington runs fortnightly Mandarin Corner. This is an event where people learning Chinese meet with native speakers of Chinese for conversations in a friendly and relaxed setting. The event is open to all levels of learning, Please email confucius-institute@vuw.ac.nz to ensure access.

For more information follow the [Confucius Institute Facebook page](#).

REWI ALLEY DOCUMENTARY

'Finding Rewi Alley' is a documentary made by Andy Boreham (安博然). The recent chapter was premiered in Auckland recently at a seminar on Rewi and New Zealand China Friendship. Like Rewi, Andy arrived in China when he was 29 years old. He has now lived and worked in China for a decade. The three-part documentary series follows **Rewi's footsteps from Shanghai to Northwest China and then back to New Zealand. The third chapter traces Rewi's life in New Zealand. The final chapter (not yet released) will document Rewi's final years in Beijing.**

You can watch the first three chapters on YouTube at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2IGNHtwJsX8&t=71s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3GtnFei0Xa8>

NZ CHINESE LANGUAGE WEEK

This year is the 10th anniversary of the launch of New Zealand Chinese Language Week. This year, the week will be September 22–28. National Dumpling Day is September 26. For more information, keep a lookout on [social media](#) and [the website](#).



NZCFS GRAND CANAL TOUR SEPTEMBER 4–24, 2024

This is a new and unique offering from NZCFS, building on our legacy of offering educational and enjoyable tours to members and the public. Travel from Beijing to Shanghai, visit important sites along the route of the Grand Canal, **and get to know some of China's** most famous historical figures — from Confucius, with a side trip to his birthplace Qufu, to the highly **esteemed 'eldest son' of modern China, Zhou Enlai, and his birthplace in Huai'an.** You will even spend a night on the summit of holy mountain Taishan!

Read more about the tour on the [NZCFS website](#). For expressions of interest and more information, email tours@nzcfs.com.



NZCFS 2024 NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND AGM 17–19 MAY

This year, the NZCFS 2024 National Conference and AGM will be held from Friday 17th to Sunday 19th May in sunny Nelson.



The chosen theme of the Conference is "Reaching Out". Conference content will include a discussion on ways to connect with people of Chinese descent in local communities, reflecting a key focus of the Nelson Branch. More information on the National Conference can be found at <https://nzchinasociety.org.nz/conference-2024/>.

The Conference early bird fee has been set at \$135 per person and the banquet and wine tasting at \$55. Registration fee after 30th April increases to \$150. Participation via Zoom will be supported. All members are welcome to attend.

RAFFLE GIFTS WANTED



We are looking at expanding our collection of raffle prizes for future events. If you have any souvenirs or pre-loved items from China that you would like to donate to the Wellington Branch, please contact the secretary at wgtncfs@gmail.com.

Note — no clocks (钟), umbrellas (伞), scissors and knives, or shoes (鞋)!

BRANCH OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

- President: Chris Lipscombe
Vice President: Vicky Lu
Treasurer: Juping Zhou
Secretary: Vera Xu
Committee Members: Liqin Mi, Paul Sayers
Honorary Advisor: Michael Powles

WEBSITE: <https://nzchinasociety.org.nz/wellington-branch-of-the-nzcfcs/>

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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 2024 (subscription period January to December):

fulltime student \$10 individual member \$20 family/couple \$30

Applicant:

Given Names

Surname

Contact phone number:

Spouse/Partner:

Given Names

Surname

Contact phone number:

Address:

Email:

Payment total is as follows:		Payment method:
Membership Subscription:	\$ _____	Payment by internet transfer to:
Donation to NZCFS Wellington:	\$ _____	NZ China Friendship Society
Total:	\$ _____	ANZ Bank Account No: 11-7200-0080836-11

When making internet banking payment, please quote your NAME and the word SUBS, and be sure to email this form separately to wgtncfs@gmail.com. Tick the box 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 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.

Donation Receipts: Following the end of each financial year, you will be sent a receipt for the total amount you have donated in that year. If you are a New Zealand tax resident earning taxable income in that year, you can claim a tax credit for the amount you have donated.