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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 May 2024

Next Branch Meeting: Wednesday 19 June 2024 at 6:30pm

Wonton Making



We will be making wonton at our June monthly meeting to celebrate the mid year.
Come join us!

We will make two styles of wontons (vegetarian and pork). We will share ways of making/wrapping the wontons and the finished products will be boiled for participants to taste. You are welcome to bring your own filling if you wish to make special-flavoured wontons for yourself.

If you are coming to the session, please bring \$5.00 entry fee, a plate and cutlery for the wonton tasting. Or you could deposit \$5.00 into our bank account beforehand if you wish, at 11-7200-0080836-11.

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:

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

WELLINGTON BRANCH MEETING REPORT — 15 May 2024

The Wellington branch of the New Zealand China Friendship Society was honoured to host Nancy Lu, National Party List Member of Parliament for an engaging and insightful discussion. The event saw an enthusiastic turnout from society members and the wider community.



Nancy Lu, a prominent figure in New Zealand politics, shared her experiences and perspectives from her time in Parliament. She touched upon some of the most challenging aspects of her role, highlighting the complexities of policy-making and the balancing act required to meet the diverse needs and interests of her constituents. Lu emphasized the importance of perseverance and collaboration in navigating these challenges.

Despite the hurdles, Nancy Lu also spoke passionately about the most rewarding parts of her parliamentary career. She expressed her deep appreciation for the opportunity to effect positive change and make a tangible difference in the lives of New Zealanders. Engaging with communities and advocating for issues close to her heart were among the highlights she cherished most.

The event provided a valuable platform for open dialogue, fostering mutual understanding and strengthening the ties between the New Zealand and Chinese communities. Attendees left feeling inspired and more connected, reflecting the society's mission of building new friendships on solid foundations.

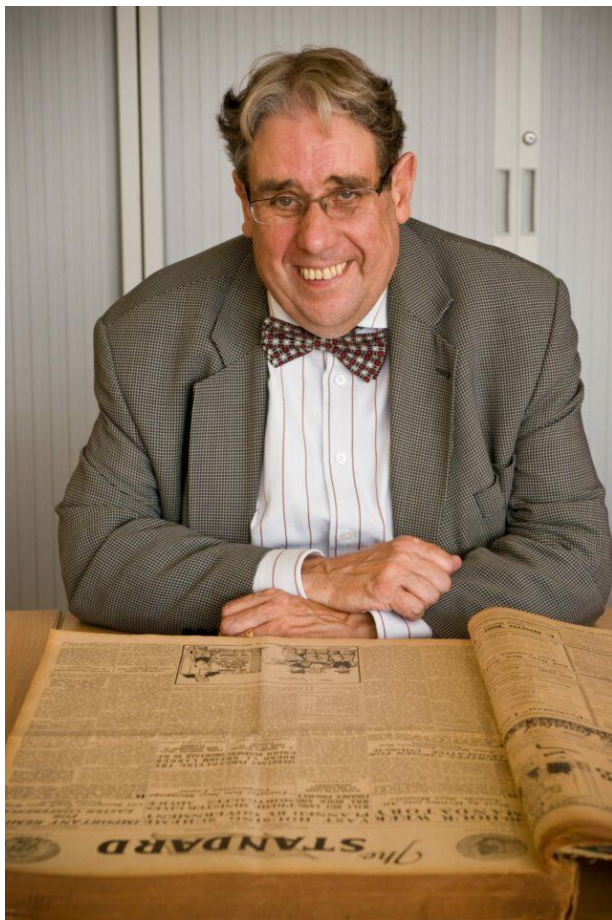


The New Zealand China Friendship Society extends its heartfelt thanks to Nancy Lu for her visit and insightful contributions. We look forward to more events that promote friendship and cultural exchange between the people in New Zealand and China as well as our communities.



You can follow Nancy on [Facebook](#) or subscribe to her WeChat account "I am Nancy".

REMEMBERING PETER LANGDON FRANKS (1950–2024)



Historian, employment mediator, and former president of the Wellington Branch of the New Zealand China Friendship Society Peter Franks passed away at Vincentian Home in Wellington during the night of May 4th. As a young man Peter had been deeply attracted to the Chinese revolution and its promise for the world and, in the late 1970s, he had served as President of the Wellington Branch of our Society.

Peter joined the New Zealand China Friendship Society and became Wellington President, just as longtime leaders and university colleagues James Bertram and Freddie Page stepped into the background following their retirement. Bertram was thrust forward again in 1976 when the Society and much of the world mourned the **passing of Bertram's acquaintances Zhou Enlai, Zhu De, and Mao Zedong.**

You can read more of former National secretary **Alistair Shaw's tribute to Peter Franks** on the [NZCFS website](#)

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,

Topic of next Mandarin Corner is Chinese chess. It is to be held at RHG24, Rutherford House, Pipitea Campus from 3pm to 5:30pm on Saturday 1 June 2024.



Please email confucius-institute@vuw.ac.nz to ensure access. For more information follow the [Confucius Institute Facebook page](#).

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

Our branch member Wutee Amohia attended the National Conference held in Nelson in the weekend of 17 to 19 May. **Here's what she has to say about her experience.**

I was honoured to be the Wellington branch delegate at the NZCFS 2024 National Conference and AGM in sunny Nelson. The theme of the conference was "Reaching Out," and it was packed from Friday to Sunday with activities like speeches, dances, fashion shows, and Chinese banquet meals that brought everyone together.



As a new member, I felt warmly welcomed and quickly became part of this wonderful community. Cultural diversity is vital for development, enriching our intellectual, emotional, moral, and spiritual lives. Accepting and recognising cultural diversity is crucial, and protecting it is more important than ever.

The conference was a great chance to connect with people who share a passion for China. We explored the Saturday market, visited the Huangshi Chinese Garden, and learned about **Nelson's history, including Appo Hocton, the first Chinese person to become a naturalized New Zealander.**

The conference was both informative and inspiring, highlighting the importance of strong cultural ties and understanding between our communities. I look forward to continuing this journey and contributing to the goals of the New Zealand China Friendship Society.



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 wgtnczfs@gmail.com.

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

BRANCH OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

President:	Chris Lipscombe
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Secretary:	Vera Xu
Committee Members:	Liqin Mi, Paul Sayers
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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: Membership Subscription: \$ _____ Donation to NZCFS Wellington: \$ _____ Total: \$ _____	Payment method: Payment by internet transfer to: NZ China Friendship Society ANZ Bank Account No: 11-7200-0080836-11
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When making internet banking payment, please quote your NAME and the word SUBS, and be sure to email this form separately to wgtnczfs@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.

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