

## Christchurch Branch Newsletter – May 2024

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### **IMPORTANT: new meeting location**

Please remember we have a new meeting site; easy access, good parking



**Waimairi Road Community Centre  
166 Waimairi Rd, Ilam**

### **An Apology**

As you will have noticed, we did not have a branch April newsletter as I was in China (see below) and was therefore unable to produce it.

Dave Adamson.

### **Next Meeting Speakers – Thursday 30 May 2024**

As some of you will be aware, branch members Graeme and Gwynneth Tinkler and Dave Adamson have just been on our society's 3 1/2 weeks tour of Vietnam and China, which included nine days in Tibet.

They will give a talk on their amazing adventures, complete with photos. As some of you will know, Graeme is a keen amateur photographer, so be prepared for some great images, as well as interesting tales and amusing stories!

## Pat Unger



Members will have been saddened by the recent passing of the lovely, feisty and fascinating Pat Unger, who was a member of our branch for many years. When Pat was at a branch meeting you were always assured of a cheeky grin and brisk and pithy conversation; life was never boring when Pat was around.

Previous national president Dave Bromwich wrote *"I was very sad to learn of Pat's passing. Pat joined me on two of the tours I led, and another NZCFS tour with a different leader. She was truly a terrific person to travel with. I greatly enjoyed her jokes and sense of humour, her intelligence and her understanding of humanity. Her commentary on art works in exhibitions and galleries helped us to more appreciate the works she talked about. She was among the older of our members, but that never held her back, her spirit and determination drawing her on as we climbed steps at altitudes over 3000 metres above sea level, leaving some of the 70 year olds in her wake. It was always a pleasure to facilitate for her son David to call her from the USA to*

*her room in the hotel we were staying in at the time.*

*One time we were at a lakeside in Shangrila, with a great boarded platform. There was music in the background. She looked at me and we took arms for an impromptu little waltz.*

*Pat, it has been my privilege to have spent several great weeks of adventure and discovery in your company. I have always cherished that memory, and will continue to do so, as I know others who shared time on this great stage with you will do too".*

Pat was also a prominent and talented local artist who held several exhibitions of her work. In 2008 her biography on the life of local artist Bill Sutton was launched at the Christchurch Art Gallery.

Pat's son Simon and grandson Bruno are members of our branch, and in fact Bruno is now on our branch committee, so the Unger link to our society remains strong,

Our condolences go to the Unger family; we know they will be consoled with the memories they have of their remarkable family matriarch.



## **Nelson Conference, 17 – 19 May 2024**

### **Fostering Friendship and Connecting Communities in Challenging Times**

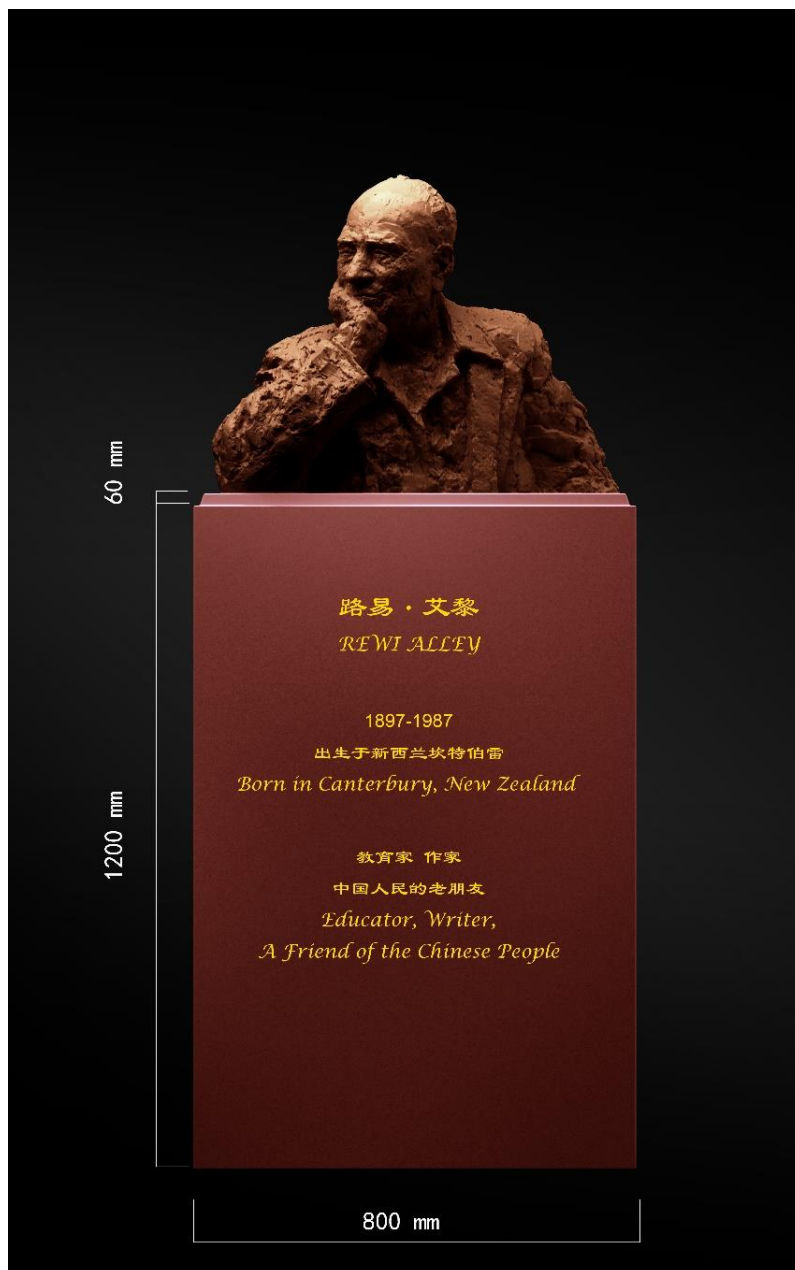
Our society's annual conference this year will be held in Nelson. Given the turbulence the world, and in fact New Zealand itself is going through at the moment, the theme of this conference is very timely indeed. Several branch members will be attending, and the conference will be reported on in our June newsletter.



## **Rewi Alley Statue Unveiling Ceremony**

### **3.00pm., Friday 24 May**

### **The Arts Centre, Worcester Boulevard (next to Bunsen Café)**



A delegation led by the Minister of the International Department of the Central Committee of CPC will come to New Zealand 24 - 25 May.

The delegation, led by Minister Liu Jianchao, will take this opportunity to donate a statue to Christchurch, in order to pay its tribute and respect to Rewi Alley and his great contributions to China - New Zealand friendship.

While official invitations for the unveiling ceremony have gone from the Chinese Consulate to local VIPs, as a public area you are warmly invited to be at this important event.

Please be aware this would be in a private capacity, and not as part of the VIP party.



**Taiwan Beer Night**  
**6:00pm, Saturday, 22 June**  
**South Garden Chinese Restaurant, 4 Brake St, Upper Riccarton**  
**Admission \$45 per person**

This sounds like a fun and interesting evening. Full details regarding registration, payment etc are in the flyer below.

# Taiwan beer Night



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*Join us*

We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting a Beer Night on Saturday the 22nd of June at 6pm ~ Beer lovers, rejoice! Taiwan Beer hosts one of its two annual events in Christchurch, Taiwan Beer Night. Join us for an unforgettable beer tasting tour!



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DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE UNDERAGE DON'T DRINK ALCOHOL

*Testing drink*

We've got 5-7 amazing beers to pair with the food, and we can't wait to create a beautiful combination!

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*About us*

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REGISTRATION

1. PAYING TBANZ 03-0830-0699199-00, REFERENCE: BEER NIGHT AND YOUR NAME

2. ONLINE REGISTRATION  
[HTTPS://TAIWANBEER.CO.NZ/TAIWAN-BEER-NIGHT-22-06-2024/](https://taiwanbeer.co.nz/taiwan-beer-night-22-06-2024/)

3. E-TICKETS WILL BE SENT TO YOUR EMAIL



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Event Date: 22nd June, 6pm

Ticket information: Single ticket: \$45 per person. Table for 10: \$450

Venue: South Garden Chinese Restaurant

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## **Teachers to Lanzhou City University**

The Selwyn Council Sister City Committee has been asked by the Lanzhou City University in Gansu Province to alert teachers to employment opportunities at the institution founded by Rewi Alley as the Bailie Oil School.

This request is for full time teachers to join the teaching staff of Lanzhou City University. Lanzhou is in northwest China and is situated on the Yellow River. Historically it was on the Silk Route.



Lanzhou City University was originally the Bailie Oil School established by Rewi Alley and George Hogg. Rewi Alley was born in Springfield in Canterbury and educated in Amberley and Christchurch. The Bailie schools were established to provide vocational education for the rural poor.

Last year a delegation of Principals, mainly from Canterbury, visited Lanzhou City University and were impressed with the Rewi Alley Museum and the creativity exhibited in the students' work in pottery, lacquer work, textiles and painting.

Lanzhou City University is looking to recruit English teachers with more than one year's teaching experience and a minimum of a Bachelor's degree for a year long contract. A salary is paid and a contribution made towards return travel after one year. Accommodation is provided in a fully furnished apartment with free internet access.

For more information on these two opportunities please contact Selwyn Sister Cities at [Selwynsistercities@gmail.com](mailto:Selwynsistercities@gmail.com) This experience gives an opportunity to share your expertise and experience in a different culture.

Allison Rosanowski  
Selwyn Sister City Committee Chairperson

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