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**JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
CHINESE WAR REFUGEES ARRIVING IN NEW ZEALAND**

## On Johns mind



Spring is in the air, yes I can sense it everywhere. Have you noticed that daybreak is earlier in the mornings now, so you should all be feeling wonderful !

You should have noticed all the daffodils are a blooming now and note that some buds are pushing thru branches and

trying to make an impact on the dreary trees and shrubs. About time to put the winter weather behind us. ( let's pray ) Pray that we will complain about the weather being too hot!

Talking of HOT. The wife and I had spent a couple of weeks away visiting the son and granddaughter in Japan. They live in the Kagoshima, southern city in Kyushu ,which is the most southern island of the 3 islands which make up Japan .Kagoshima ( historically was called Satsuma –known for pottery and mandarins)

Population of just over 607k same as Dongguan or 1 ½ the pop .of Christchurch. Weather here was a hot 39deg+ most days Showers twice a day but could have had more only Quentin had his shower set on auto at 38deg A most relaxing break.as we were chauffeured around and if we did not eat out we had our dinner cooked for us

Since the last Newsletter – “**DIVERSE BANANA - GLOBAL DRAGONS**” been and gone, great success ,The *ever popular* Annual Lawn bowls Tournament had a great turnout (**results see p13 -- also group photo below**)

**Reminder to all families and descendants of 1939 refugees**

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"Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Chinese War Refugees in NZ"

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## chairmans message



When you get to read this we will be at the beginning of Spring- the winter months have been a quiet time for Branch activities- we have had our usual weekly seniors group in conjunction with the ACCC being busy and the women's group having their interesting

monthly meetings with Brian Young's story's about backpacking in Russia and the famous women's group annual Yum cha lunch.

The General elections are nearly upon us and once again we have the usual suspects playing the race card and using the Chinese community to bring up peoples xenophobic attitudes. NZCA has stood up and pushed back against these attacks on the Chinese community with interviews by the Executives from NZCA Head Office in newspaper, on the radio and television denouncing the negative comments from the politicians. NZCA will always make comments where we see as appropriate, to represent the interests of the Chinese community.

As a community we have a long and proud history of over 100 years in New Zealand. We should be proud of what our community has achieved for our families and also for New Zealand Inc. In August with NZCA support the New Zealand Herald published the story of the Sing family who were just one example of New Zealand Chinese ANZACs who sacrificed themselves to fight for New Zealand and the Commonwealth.

In February 2015 we have the 7<sup>th</sup> instalment of our Leadership Development Conference. Applications to attend are now open so if you are between the ages of 18 to 28 or know of someone in that age group get an application in- the weeklong conference will be life changing for all participants. We have great support

from leading New Zealand Chinese leaders for this conference- Mai Chen, Meng Foon, Jacqueline Chow and Albert King who will come back from Singapore to facilitate the conference. The organising committee under the leadership of Claudette Chung and Matt Ng Wai-Shing have done a superb job in organising this conference.

On Sunday 12 October NZCA Auckland is proud to be organising an event to recognise and celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the War Refugees from China arriving into New Zealand. We are expecting a reunion of over 600 war refugees and their descendents to celebrate this event with a luncheon at Alexandra Park.

As part of this event we have decided that we should give back to the New Zealand community that has accepted our families in 1939 escaping from the Japanese invasion of China to let us make better lives for us. At the luncheon we will be fundraising for the WISE Collective, an initiative of the Auckland Regional Migrant Services where they support refugee women into their own business enterprises.

At the luncheon we will be running a raffle and also a small Charity auction with several items up for auction, among the items are 2 x Air New Zealand Gold Airpoints memberships, a 2014 Vodafone Warriors Signed Jersey.

We are looking for donations of raffle prizes and also Charity Auction items- if you are able to donate anything please contact me on 021 891 942. I hope that I will see a lot of members at the luncheon and digging deep to support the WISE Initiative. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for details for ticket purchase.

And on a final note, in June this year I had the honour of been elected as National Vice President of NZCA by the delegates of the 71<sup>st</sup> NZCA Annual Conference.

# The NZCA Women's Group Activities.(1)

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May at the Meadowbank Community Centre at 29 St Johns Road, the meeting was well attended to see June Kuan demonstrate how to shape a bow, and a rose out of pink fondant

The members used the fondant that was provided to produce their artistic bows and roses.



He provided map of his travels and showed photographs of Casablanca, Fes, and Marrakech in Morocco, Paris, Luxembourg, Berlin, Copenhagen, Stockholm, Helsinki and St. Petersburg, Novgorod, Moscow in Russia, as well as Warsaw and Krakow in Poland.

His informative and often amusing commentary held the attention of the audience for a couple of hours.

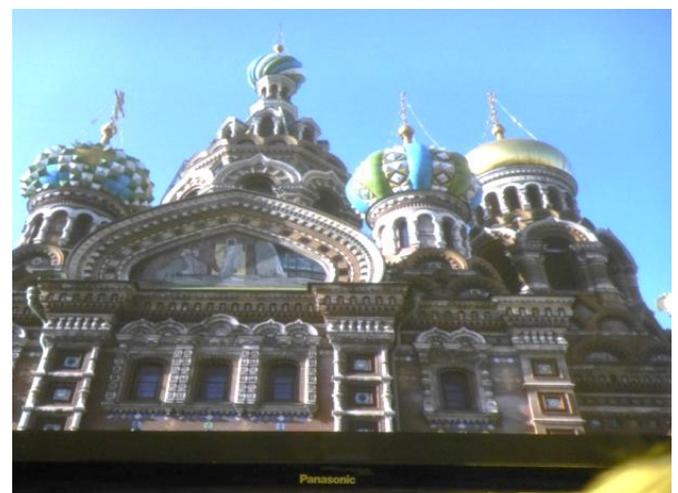


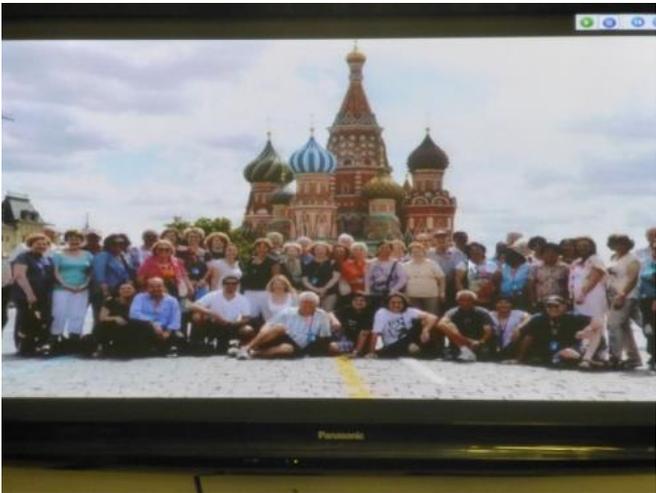
On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2014

Brian Young gave a talk on his recent travels to Morocco, England, France, Luxembourg, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Russia and Poland.

The meeting was well attended by a large number who were interested in his travels.

Brian was away from New Zealand for over 2 months on the trip.





Photos Nancy Young



Money says earn me,  
Calendar says turn me.  
Time says plan me.  
Future says win me.  
Beauty says love me.  
But GOD simply says remember me

# ENCHANTING EUROPE

MAY 2014

Maurice & Rose Chan

Europe is a long haul flight so we wanted to justify the time spent on travel. A sea cruise from Rome to the Greek Isles, a bus tour of Britain and a river cruise from Budapest to Amsterdam was chosen. About five weeks we would be away from home. Our usual travel Team Kiwi members were away doing their own agenda so it was just the two of us on this trip. However, 2 of our other friends joined us on the sea cruise which was great company

Our flight was Singapore Airlines Auckland / Singapore / Rome. Although we had a 6 hour stop at Singapore we were able to keep busy by exploring the many shops in the modern terminal and deciding how to spend the \$80 they gave us to use however we wished.

Upon arrival in Rome, (There are no orderly queues at customs) we were met and transferred to our hotel beside the famous Trevi Fountain. This boutique hotel boasts a balcony overlooking the fountain from which we had our excellent breakfast whilst watching the crowds of people milling around. The next morning we got transferred to the port of Civitavecchia.

Our ship, the recently launched Celebrity Silhouette is a mid- size vessel of 122,400 tonnes with a capacity of 2886 passengers and has a well- deserved rating of five and a half stars. The itinerary for this sea cruise was Naples, Valletta, Mykonos, Ephesus, Athens, Santorini, Crete, and Venice. Due to limited publishing space, I would like to make a few short comments only on some places.

Naples. It is unsafe to cross at pedestrian crossings as cars go zooming by. We cross with the locals only. Cars can drive through a red light provided there is no danger of collision. Also they can park on corners and any area that we would not be allowed to in New Zealand.

Valletta, Malta is a stunning port of old- world charm. Medina is a medieval walled town up the hillside which used to be inhabited by nuns and priests. Nowadays it is an interesting tourist spot pretty well vacant except for administrators and a few shops. The buildings are kept in pristine condition. In contrast, the main walking mall has all the name brand shops.

Mykonos, one of the popular Greek Islands has shops on the beach front. Also there are a number of narrow lanes behind full of little shops selling mainly arts and crafts. Although mainly pedestrian traffic, small delivery vehicles can be seen squeezing though between the shops. The atmosphere is unique with the cobblestone paths and hordes of tourists

Ephesus, the ancient Greek City in Turkey was founded in the 10<sup>th</sup> century BC. Much of the buried city has now been excavated. There are always hordes of visitors including groups of school children and is a photographer's delight. This place is extremely interesting and educational and is a must to see particularly those interested in archaeology.



***Ephesus the buried City unearthed***

Santorini. Is well known for its whitewashed houses and blue domed roofs, however to see the same view you see in the travel brochures, you won't find it at the main drop off area. You have to take a trip to the township of OIA on the other side of the island. Absolutely stunning with the white houses and blue domed rooftops silhouetted against the crystal blue sea and sky.



***Blue and white buildings of Santorini***

Venice. We have visited Venice numerous times and are always discovering new photographic spots. Ever popular with tourists, the city has a magical atmosphere. If you feel like splashing out, have a coffee at a restaurant in St. Mark's Square and listen to the orchestra play "The Blue Danube"

After Venice we were transferred to the airport for our short flight to London Heathrow Airport where we were again met and transferred to the Thistle Marble Arch Hotel. The next

day we visited Harrods Department Store in Knightsbridge and the main Oxford Street. Early next morning we began our 5 day Britain tour with "Insight Tours" departing from the Thistle. It boasts only 40 seats instead of 50 odd creating 100% more legroom. An added bonus was there were 24 people on this bus so we were really travelling in luxury. Our itinerary was; Stratford / York, Edinburgh, Lake District / Liverpool, Chester / Cardiff, Bath / Stonehenge. Although described as a "brisk" paced tour we coped quite well and learned a lot from our knowledgeable expert tour guide.

Stratford-Upon-Avon is well known as the birthplace of playwright William Shakespeare. It is easily accessible from London on a day trip and is a popular choice if one has limited time.

Edinburgh an old city, featured buildings stained with soot from chimneys. We were told that efforts to clean them left marks that resulted in spoilage of the natural character of the stone so it was better to leave them untouched to preserve the old spooky mysterious atmosphere .

Bath is also unique. There are a number of large multi-level buildings set in a circular shape and one can appreciate the effect by standing in the centre and admiring the unusual arrangement. The baths themselves are what people come to see and it is a well presented show.

Stonehenge has long been the subject of debate. How was it built and by whom? How did the horizontal rocks get placed on top of the vertical rocks? There has been no official explanation to date, but one popular sci-fi explanation is that an advanced alien race used anti-gravity technology to create this. There is no explanation as to for what purpose.

So it was back to London and the next morning, a short plane trip to Budapest where we were again met and transferred to our accommodation for the next 14 nights. The river cruise boat, APT's AmaLyra .This company is highly rated and recommended. River cruising is expensive but it does include land tours, drinks and gratuities. We chose what many consider the best itinerary; Budapest, Vienna, Durnstein, Melk, Linz, Passau, Vilshofen, Regensburg, Nuremberg, Bamberg, Wurzburg, Miltenburg, Rudesheim, Andernach, Cologne and Amsterdam.

As the boat takes only 148 passengers it is like living in a village compared to a city as in sea cruising. Liquor was unlimited and this included cocktails and spirits. Food was advertised as equivalent to Michelin star quality and featured suckling pig and lobster along with the usual European culinary delights by our French Chef.

Most of these places are in Austria and Germany and there were about 68 locks to go through. These varied from a few metres to 20 metres deep. All the villages and towns visited were of old world charm and quaint. Some of the highlights were;

Budapest. A night cruise on the Danube river at night to capture on film the magnificent parliament building all lit up silhouetted in the calm night sky

Vienna, a Mozart and Strauss concert at the City Palace Liechtenstein exclusively for passengers on our ship. A visit to Schonbrunn Palace and an excursion to Bratislava Melk. A tour of the amazing Melk Abbey and a Sound of Salzburg classical performance

Salzburg, one of our favourite places. Visit the house where Mozart was born and you can spend a lot of time meandering the main walking street and surrounds and immersing yourself in all the interesting shops and food stalls. That evening, we enjoyed "Oktoberfest" the famous festival of beer drinking and fun in Vilshofen

Nuremberg We visited Courtroom 600 where the Nuremberg trials took place and the Nazi stadium where they held their rallies. One can sense the drama that occurred there.

Rothenburg is a medieval town with a real spooky atmosphere especially if you take a walking tour at night. A multi-storied Christmas shop was popular and the museum of torture was worth a visit. A treat for sadists I dare say. Photographic opportunities abound in this town.

Andernach. Here our fellow passengers were invited to dinner at a castle with entertainment and cocktails and a tour of the public rooms.

Cologne. A tour of the Chocolate Museum and the Gothic Cathedral were the popular choices

Amsterdam. There was the Van Gogh Museum and the canal boat ride. The most talked about event was the night tour of the Red Light District where we had hilarious fun and games. One of our fellow passengers, (an Aussie of course) assumed the tour leader's role and with flag raised, led our bemused contingent through the streets. To avoid any misunderstanding however, I have to report that of the 20 people who went, a head count showed all 20 came back to the ship.

The next morning we were transferred to the airport for our flight back home. Europe continues to enchant us as we keep going back time and time again and remains our favourite destination. The astonishing opulence and elegance of its history and culture, the art, music and culinary art is sheer irresistible magnetism.

for twenty years after the signing, until Pakeha systems encroached on Maori systems when numbers grew equal in 1858.

The Treaty was debated at Waitangi on the 5<sup>th</sup> February and signed on the 6<sup>th</sup> February by a number of Rangatira (leaders) and by Hobson. Copies were taken around the country and by 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1840, at about 50 Treaty meetings, 512 Maori Rangatira had signed Te Tiriti o Waitangi, the Treaty in te reo Maori. Some important chiefs did not sign. The Treaty in English was completed in May 1840 and signed by 39 Maori, (but not Hobson,) at Port Waikato and Manukau. The London papers published Te Tiriti o Waitangi in te reo Maori with the headline *The Treaty*. Alongside they published the English version, headlined *A translation*. The English version was what the British wanted, but not what Maori agreed to and signed.

In a nutshell: Te Tiriti o Waitangi says Māori keep power, their sovereignty. The English version says Māori give their sovereignty to the Queen. That's a crucial difference and explains why the Treaty is still a controversial issue today. In international law, when two treaties are interpreted differently, in any ambiguity, the contra proferentum principle applies. A decision is made against the party that drafts the document and the indigenous text takes preference. The text in te reo Maori takes precedence, but the English *version*, is what Hobson and settlers who did not read Maori read and understood.

We were starting to get hungry at this stage so it was very pleasing to see Myra and Elsie. They came to help Connie set out the lunch, and be part of the Chinese community, hosting the event. Their helping hands and smiling faces set the tone for an informal, friendly sharing of kai. The place was warming up by then and Lucia then led the activity: *Replaced Names*. When all the place names on the map were Maori, what world did you see? Participants then covered the Maori names with English names. Otautahi became Christchurch, Tamaki-makau-rau became Auckland. Now whose world do you see?

*Laws Attack Maori Society*, shows how the Treaty was breached and the effects on Maori today. Someone was reading – *between 1844-1860 the Government buys almost all of the South Island in 7 big pieces. It pays less than 1c per acre and agrees that 10% of the land will stay with Maori. The Government keeps the land but doesn't keep the promise* – when the security alarm went off. The greatest admiration must be accorded Dr Huygens who showed superb leadership. She ascertained there was no danger and kept us resolutely on task for this, the most emotional part of the workshop.

Wiremu led the group acknowledging Maori actions and responses to 200 laws that affect Maori society. We then sang a waiata – *Te Aroha: Love, faith, peace, be amongst us all*. Amazingly, the alarm stopped on the last note of the song. At this point, the gentlemen of the Chess club entered the room to claim the space. Connie took one of them by the arm and led him and his mates out to the foyer. A take-over was averted. Later, orchestra members came in with their instruments and we enjoyed Chinese music in the background. A panel discussion was followed by evaluations, acknowledgements then a karakia from Wiremu brought the workshop to a close.

Feedback was overwhelmingly positive: “(I learnt) so much! The history and details around the treaty and a deep understanding of the reasons for controversy.” “I learnt about the Maori perspective. “I learned it is a much more complex and nuanced issue than I thought and this will prompt further investigation and understanding on my part.”

Auckland branch provided some sponsorship money and ACCC the venue. Participants paid a \$15 fee that covered their resources. The workshop was advertised via e-mails, libraries, facebook, newspaper articles and the HRC newsletter, Te Ngira. I was hoping more people from the NZCA would attend, but the date of the workshop was restricted by Dr Huygen's availability and it clashed with the mid-winter yum char

The **Tangata Tiriti -Treaty People** workshop was initially developed with new migrants in mind. Now, it's increasingly requested in the corporate, NGO and public arenas. Trial workshops were hosted by groups such as Shakti Migrant Resource Centre and the Federation of Ethnic Councils of NZ. The official launch was in 2006 at Orakei Marae, with Ngati Whatua hosting.

Many New Zealanders are now working to restore the mana and respect for the Treaty. The success of the workshop brought together people to learn about an issue that while controversial, is of importance and relevance to all New Zealanders today. A Chinese community, sponsoring and hosting a Treaty of Waitangi workshop in Aotearoa / NZ – That's got to be a world first! We can be proud of the leadership our organisation has shown in supporting it.



NZCA Members with Tangata Tiri facilitators  
photo: Alyssia Hargest

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## TO GROW ROOTS WHERE THEY LAND”

"Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Chinese War Refugees in NZ"

2014 marks the 75th Anniversary of the New Zealand government allowing 239 women and 244 children refugees from Guangdong, China to come and join their husbands and fathers in New Zealand because of the Japanese invasion of China.

This watershed event can be attributable to the formation of the New Zealand Chinese community. Prior to this, there were 3000 Chinese in New Zealand – and of this number, there were only 120 Chinese families.

With the families reuniting in NZ, Chinese in NZ started to put down roots in their adopted country. Prior to this,

a lot of focus was for the Chinese to make their fortune and return to China. With families together, NZ could be called “home” and roots were planted.

We are holding a special function on **Sunday 12 October** at Alexandra Park to gather all the living refugees and their descendents to celebrate this anniversary.

Our Chinese community is very special and we acknowledge the sacrifices that our parents, grandparents and great grandparents made - working hard in their adopted country to make it our home. At our function we will also be raising money for the WISE Collective, which is a non-profit organisation supporting refugee women to make a better life in NZ.

For more information please contact email: [75thnzca@gmail.com](mailto:75thnzca@gmail.com) or call Richard Leung 021-891-942 or Cathrine Ming 027 274 9851.

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## NZCA Womens Group (2)

July 19 2014 was the mid Winter Yum Char held at Lucky Fortune in Three Kings. Well attended by over 90 people, many of whom had never joined us before for Yum Char. There were positive comments on the restaurant and food - Prawn Dumpling, Turnip Cake, Dim Sim, Beef Rice Rolls, BBQ Pork Buns, Beef Balls, Egg Tarts, Harm Soi Gock, Yung Chow Fried Rice, Combination Fried Noodles, Choy Sum



Photos Nancy Young.

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at Meadowbank Community Centre Patrick Edwards gave a talk on his trip to Lapland, home of Santa Claus. Lapland is in a climatic zone characterised by snowy winters and relatively warm summers. The seasons are distinctly different from one another. From

the wintertime period of harsh freezing temperatures with a few hours of daylight; to springtime with great ski slope conditions, and summertime with the midnight sun; and autumn with its vibrant autumnal Ruska period. Patrick's talk was well received by all in attendance.

- Never forget 3 types of people in ur life –
1. Who helped u in ur difficult times
  2. Who left u in ur difficult times
  3. Who put u in difficult times

## GARAGE SALE

### & FAIR



AUCKLAND CHINESE  
COMMUNITY CENTRE  
HALL  
99 TAYLOR ROAD,  
MANGERE BRIDGE  
SAT 18 OCTOBER 2014  
9:00AM – 2:00PM

**FOOD STALLS – FRUIT - VEGIES  
– HOME BAKE CAKES - CHUTNEYS – POT  
PLANTS – BOOKS – TOYS – CLOTHES -  
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**\*\*Volunteer Help required.\*\***

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## KALE PESTO

Fashions come and go even in the vegetables we buy and eat. Basil pesto is a favourite of mine but a 175g carton from the supermarket can make a dent in my budget as I just love it on rice crackers and before I know it, within a day or two, there's none left!! Have to buy some more.

Traditionally, pesto is made with pine nuts and parmesan with basil leaves but hey I thought..."Let's try substitutes for some of the ingredients."

Kale is very "in" now and readily available in supermarkets so here's my take on the recipe.

2 bunches of kale leaves  
½ cup sunflower or pumpkin seeds  
30mls virgin olive oil  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste  
Juice of 1 or 2 lemons  
25 mls spring water

Pick the leaves off the stems. Combine all the ingredients in a blender as smooth or chunky as you want and hey presto you have a healthy pesto. This pesto is very high in vitamins A, C and K. If on warfarin, (blood thinner), – ask your doctor first.

EW

## THE NEW ALPHABET FOR SENIORS

- A for arthritis
- B the bad back
- C the chest pains perhaps car-di-ac?
- D is for dental decay and decline
- E is for eyesight, that can't read the top line!
- F is for farting and fluid retention
- G is for gut droop, which I'd rather not mention
- H is for high blood pressure – I'd rather it low
- I for incisions with scars you can show
- J is for joints out of socket, won't mend
- K is for knees that crack when they bend
- L is for libido, what happened to sex?
- M is for memory. I forgot what comes next
- N is for neuralgia, in nerves way down low
- O is for osteo, bones that don't grow!
- P is for prescriptions, just give me a pill and I'll be as good as new!
- Q is for queasy, is it fatal or flu?
- R is for relax, one meal turns into two
- S is for sleepless nights counting my fears
- T is tinnitus; bells in my ears!
- U is for urinary; troubles with flow
- V is for vertigo, that's dizzy you know
- W is for worry, now what's going 'round?
- X is for x-ray, and what might be found
- Y is for another year I'm left here behind
- Z is for zest I still have – in my mind!

I've survived all the symptoms; my body's deployed and I'm keeping twenty six doctors fully employed.

P.S. If you can't afford a doctor go to an airport – you'll get a free x-ray and a breast exam, and; if you mention Al Quaeda, you'll get a free endoscopy!! Someone sent this to me years ago. Food for thought...Keeps me on the straight and narrow. **EW**

# LAWN BOWLS TOURNAMENT

4 October 2013

On behalf of NZCA Auckland Inc, I would like to thank all the players who turned out to participate in our tournament. A warm welcome to the keen players who travelled from Whangarei, Morrinsville, Palmerston North and Hamilton.

Whatever the standard of the play, no blame could be placed on the weather. A superb spring day with sunshine and not even the hint of a breeze, the weather promises much for all these keen players who participate regularly in competitions over the summer months.

Once again, we enjoyed the hospitality and wonderful facilities at the Epsom Bowling Club – their carpet greens are proving to be a hit with the surface for “all weather” bowls. I hope you all enjoyed the friendly competition and fellowship.



3<sup>rd</sup> – Andy Leung and Bet Leung

4<sup>th</sup> - tim Chan and Shirley Chan

5<sup>th</sup> – moira Wallace and Nellie Yep

Spot Prizewinners -

Game 1 :1<sup>st</sup> Toucher Lead: Connie Cheng

Skip: Alan Cheng

Game 2: 1<sup>st</sup> Toucher Lead: Nola Young

Skip: Tim Chan

Game 3: 1<sup>st</sup> Toucher Lead: Monique Tse

Skip: Vincent Wong

Game4: 1<sup>st</sup> Toucher Lead: Danny Louie

Skip: Bet Leung



**Congratulations to the prizewinners –**

1<sup>st</sup> - Vincent Wong and Connie Cheng



2<sup>nd</sup> - Ming Fong and Danny Louie

I would like to express my sincere thanks to NZCA Auckland for their continuing support for this tournament, which has been held annually for over ten years. I am also grateful for the invaluable assistance given by Alan Lam, in mustering the troops and Florence Hing and George Lowe for keeping time on the day and managing the score sheets.

We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

On behalf of NZCA Auckland I wish you all a successful summer season of Bowls.



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Dear Members & Supporters'

The New Zealand Chinese Association (NZCA) is currently writing a book to record the history of the NZCA for the last 80 years. It has involved much research from the archival materials, minutes of the Executives Committee meetings, Annual Conferences and from the NZCA branches. The process has taken approx. five years.

There are over 1200 names of individuals listed who have been involved with the NZCA Nationally or locally. It is no exaggeration that the NZCA involved all families of Chinese in New Zealand before the introduction of the Points System in the immigration policy before the 1980s.

We acknowledged the support of the Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust for funding much of the cost of research, writing, proofing and book design. There is still a shortfall to finish and printing this 280 page A4 book which are available in both softcover and hardcover.

We would like your support in the form of donation or sponsorship. All Support from Bronze and up will be noted in the book and an option to receive signed copies of the hard cover book by the author.

Please advise your NZCA Branch President if you wish to support the book in the form of donation or sponsorship.

**Gerald Wong 黃志湖**

National President

## 雕石成璧 *Turning Stone into Jade*

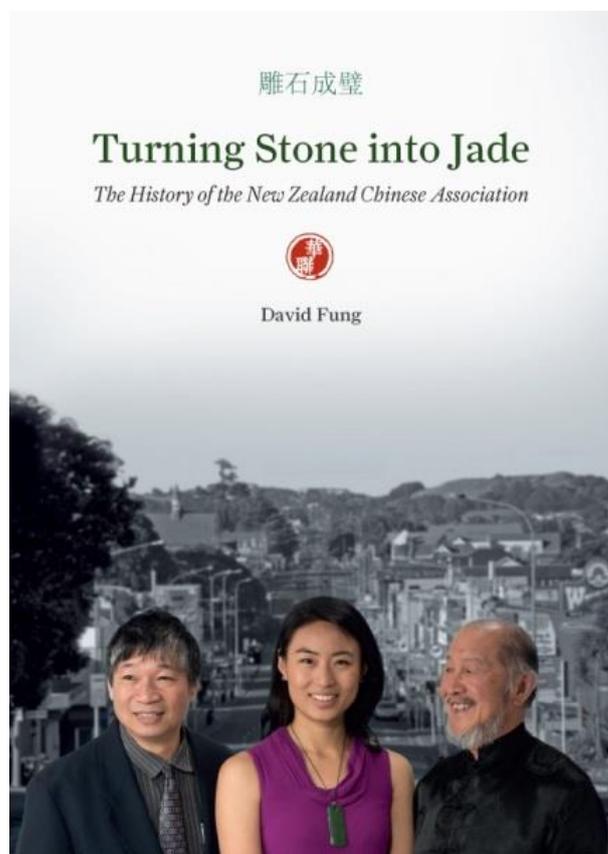
雕石成璧是紐西蘭最早華人社會組織之一的故事。在早期紐西蘭的華僑是經常被卑視和脆弱的少數民族，華僑聯合會就是提供親屬關係及聯合一致的聲音。當紐西蘭華人進展到現代的社會，在這國家的不斷增長的多樣化人們，他們有肯定的感覺在這裡有他們的地位。紐西蘭華僑聯合會便要改變

來適合這社會當時及將來所須。雕石成璧就是這些旅居者和移民社會，甚樣從遙遠的故鄉來到適應他們新家鄉的歷史。

這書的作者是馮智偉，用華聯總會所存的紀錄及其他的歷史研究，與各支會之貢獻和其他有關人們所寫的。

雕石成璧 *Turning Stone into Jade* is the story of one of the country's oldest Chinese community organisation. In its early incarnations the New Zealand Chinese Association offered kinship and a united voice for an often marginalised and fragile minority. As the New Zealand Chinese evolved into a community with a sure sense of place in the country's growing diverse population, the New Zealand Chinese Association has had to adapt and change to reflect the community's current and future needs. *Turning Stone into Jade* is the story of how a community founded by sojourners and migrants adapts to a new homeland, far from the place of their ancestors' birth.

This illustrated book is written by David Fung, using records from the association's archives and other historical research, and supplemented with contributions from the branches and individuals involved.



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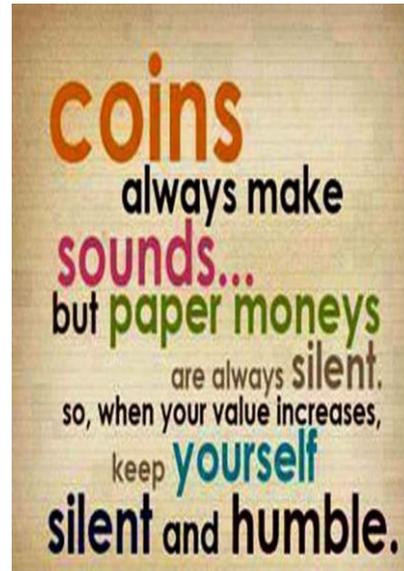
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## Cantonese School Adult Class

We've been back for the third term for several weeks now and progressing through our 500 Chinese characters book. We've got up to about character 150 which is 'churt' meaning table.

People like me whose ancestors were brought up in the villages outside Guangzhou City, are more used to the word 'toy' for table.

Most Chinese characters have two parts, the sound and the meaning.

'Churt' is no different. A table is made from wood, especially a few hundred years ago when the Cantonese language was invented.

The character has the word for wood, 'mook' included. The wood character helps the reader to interpret the word ie it is an object made from wood.

We've also been learning the origin of Chinese writing. Written Chinese was invented by scholars and known as Classical Chinese.

But the writing was far too complicated for less educated workers.

As a result, a more simplified version of Chinese writing was adopted and it was known as Pei Wah.

If you would like to learn Cantonese or find out more about our classes, please phone Connie. Kum; ph 09 625 8611 or Robert Wong ph; 09 525 0220.

### **BREAKING NEWS**

## NZCA Annual Ten Pin Bowling

**Saturday, September 13, 2014.**

Come join us for our annual Ten Pin bowling event. An afternoon of fun for all ages.

You can also join us for dinner at HanSan Panmure afterwards.

**3:45 -6:00 pm, AMF Panmure**

**, Dinner @ HanSan Pamure**

**2 Games Adults:\$14.90**

**Children\$12.90**

Please register your interest  
by email: [michael.ng@nzchinese.org.nz](mailto:michael.ng@nzchinese.org.nz)

# ANNUAL BBQ

**Food - Fun-and Friendship !!**  
Lollie scramble – entertainment –

**Saturday 6 December 2014**  
**from 12 pm**

**Welcome all members and families to join  
with the committee for an  
exciting and happy pre-christmas  
function !**

**Games and a visit by Santa Claus  
for the children !**  
**Chinese Community Centre.**  
**99 Taylors Road Mangere**

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## NZCA Conference 2014

21-22 June 2014

What do you get when you put 50 of NZ Chinese's finest together in a room? Great food, plenty of chat, and no shortage of doctors, accountants, or lawyers.

On the weekend of 21-22 June, I flew down to Wellington to join 49 other NZ Chinese for the annual NZCA Conference. Initially I was just there to present a report on the 2013 Youth Leadership Conference and introduce a new youth initiative being started in Auckland, but I was interested to see what other topics there were and whether there would be any heated discussions.

Well, luckily it never got that heated but it was interesting to hear about all the projects going on around the country, from the academic awards to the SS Ventnor Project relating to the ship which sank 10 miles off the Hokianga Harbour in 1902 while carrying the bones of around 500 Chinese gold miners.

It was an honour just to be amongst the distinguished delegates. I mean, these are the people that have built the Chinese community here in NZ. As Kiwis, we say that we are connected by no more than two degrees of separation. That is even more defined in the NZ Chinese community and I had a number of conversations where I realised I was talking to someone's mother, or someone's uncle. It would be great to see more young people get involved and continue that legacy.

Thanks to the Wellington Chinese Sports and Cultural Centre for hosting and putting on some great food (I felt like I was at a five star hotel) and to the NZCA Auckland branch for inviting me along to speak.

Nathan Chan

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# Diverse Bananas Global Dragons Conference May 2014

The 5<sup>th</sup> Conference in the Bananas franchise was successfully completed over the weekend of 30 May – 1 June 2014. The conference continues to emphasise the theme of diversity across the New Zealand Chinese community and to celebrate the multi discipline success and experience of our Chinese leaders across many fields. The Conference Committee is thankful to the many supportive sponsors including Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust, ANZ and the University of Auckland.

The NZCA Diverse Bananas Global Dragons Conference Committee began planning in August 2013 and began scoping the structure, theme and content of the event. The committee continued to focus across the disciplines of business, youth, history and cultural interrelationships. The sponsorship and funding of such an event is a critical platform to the success of the conference – and as highlighted we are grateful to each and every sponsor. Overseas speakers and their social comment and perspectives give breadth to the understanding of what is happening to Chinese communities in other shores beyond New Zealand. This year we had several guest speakers from Canada, Australia and New York being David HT Wong, Daphne Lowe Kelley, Dr Kathie Blunt and Anthony Hoy Fong.

The facilities of the Owen Glen business school offered by the University of Auckland were first class and to have keynote speakers address near full lecture theatres was reflection of the University's wish and aim to promote the Chinese story – a story of toil and success.

**The total registrants were over 150 with a split of :-**

- 93 female/56 male
- 112 Chinese descent; 31 European
- 41 students/16 seniors
- 7 Hamilton
- 6 Christchurch
- 2 Whangerei
- 4 Wellington

The opening ceremony was attended by many dignitaries including the Honourable Judith Collins, Minister of Ethnic Affairs, Consul General of China – Niu Qingbao, Paul Goldsmith, and Simon O'Connor. The Minister of Ethnic Affairs emphasised the need for continued collaboration and recognition of ties with China as the global economy becomes more interconnected.

**The sessions on day 1 covered** Chinese High Achievers, Creative cool, the Yellow peril concept, overseas perspective. We heard the uplifting stories of Anthony Hoy Fong – a successful international chef and restaurateur, Florence Wong – Director Ernst Young – Trade relations with China and Paul Croucher – half Chinese entrepreneur who expanded into brewing beer in Rotorua.

The organising committee made the commitment to push the boundaries on this session by inviting the Chow Brothers. The decision was deliberated on – and the final evaluation was the focus would be on their success as property entrepreneurs.

**The sessions on day 2 covered** – Dragon and Taniwha relationships, SS Ventnor and Ching Ming, Asianisation of Auckland, Bananas in the Dragons Den, Intercultural Relationships, Emerging Bananas have their say. The quality of the speakers was of high calibre and each had interesting stories to tell; including Dr Pita Sharples, Karena Sew Hoy, Paul Spoonley, Pat English (Executive Director – NZ China Council), Dr Kathie Blunt (Australian historian) and Tyla Nathan Wong (NZ Sevens rugby perspective).

On the peripheral of the event – there was a seminar on Creative Thinking which involved Anthony Hoy Fong and facilitated by Renee Liang. The Creative Thinking seminar was sponsored by the University of Auckland which supported the travel costs of Anthony.

We continue to support the sale of authors books including the recent Por Pors Cookbook (Caroline King), Sons of the Soil (Lily Lee & Ruth Lam) and Escape to the Gold Mountain (David HT Wong)

*We have completed the 5<sup>th</sup> Bananas Conference and have received favourable feedback from all attendees. There is momentum and commitment to keep the Banana franchise alive and relevant for future generations. We acknowledge all the great work and commitment from Kai Luey – co chair for 2014 and for his vision to establish this iconic programme.*



**2014 SUBSCRIPTIONS**  
**ARE NOW OVERDUE**

***Reminder – act now !***  
**NZCA Winter Camp & China Tour**

23 November – 17 December 2014

**Price: Approx \$6000.00 per person\***

**For the GZ Package only approx \$4000.00\* per person 23 Nov- 08 Dec 2014**

**Wintercamp Package includes**

**Group airfare:** China Southern airlines- AKL/CAN/PEK-SHA/CAN/AKL

\*Airfare includes applicable taxes of \$401.00 but subject to change up to time of ticketing

**Guangzhou Wintercamp:** From 23 November to 08 December 2014

Itinerary to be arranged with the Guangdong Chinese Overseas Affairs School includes

Kungfu & Chinese Cultural Classes & Activities in Guangzhou and visits to Ancestral Villages

**China Tour Package includes Beijing, Xian & Shanghai**

- Hotel accommodation based on twin share with breakfast
- Sightseeing & Entrance fees and Transportation as per itinerary
- High Speed Train from Beijing to Xian
- Domestic flight from Xian to Shanghai
- Chinese Lunches & Dinners as per itinerary
- English speaking local guide

**Group Travel insurance**

-Shared Group travel insurance can be arranged when numbers are finalised

**Package does not include:**

- NZ Domestic airfare to Auckland
- Lunches & Dinners on free days in Beijing & Shanghai
- Spending money and items of personal nature
- China Visa

- Extra nights in Hong Kong

Optional Stopover in Hong Kong permitted after the Wintercamp and China Tour (additional cost)

**Others:**

Price is based on 20 paying adults travelling together in a group

Due to the floating NZ dollar, prices may change due to currency fluctuations and increases

up until full payment has been received.

A non refundable deposit of \$500.00 per person is required with a photocopy of the passport details

page, NZCA registration form, GOCAO form and Ancestral Village details plus 3 passport size photos before **14 August 2014**

Deposit will only be refunded if group does not depart due to low numbers

Cheques to be payable to NZCA Ak Inc OR Direct Credit ANZ Bank 060287 0016463 00 with name

Full payment is due by **03 September 2014**

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# NZCA 2015 LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

## WHAT IS LDC?

LDC is a leadership, cultural, and social incubator crammed into one amazing life-bending week. Now in its eighth year, LDC has established itself as a rite of passage for the Chinese youth of New Zealand.

## WHY GO?

Loved for its liveliness, remembered for its togetherness & despised for its shortness, at LDC you will:

- » Hear from high-profile personalities who will make you laugh/cry/dream
- » Enjoy crazy antics with a bunch of strangers who soon become your best friends
- » Discover your identity, potential, and place as a Chinese in New Zealand

## DATES

1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2015

## VENUE

Willow Park Convention Centre  
Auckland

## COST

\$120 early bird\*  
\$150 standard  
(inc. accommodation & meals)

## AGES

18 - 30 (as at 1st January 2015)

## MORE INFORMATION

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Applications are open from 21<sup>st</sup> July & close 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014.

## WEDDING - CANADA

Meilin Chong

Recently we attended the wedding of one of the overseas speakers from the 2009 International Banana Conference held at Auckland University – Kenda Gee who was also the Producer and Director of the Documentary 'Lost Years' .

The wedding was held in Downtown Tacoma, Seattle in the beautifully restored Union Station which is now the Federal Courthouse there. Our very own Past Chairman of the ACCC - Arthur Loo was the MC for the occasion and he did a sterling job.



Very close to Union Station is the Glass museum where there were some beautiful glass sculptures. On the way to the Glass museum you pass a covered walkway of which the whole wall has display cases filled with brightly coloured sculptures. Lovely to behold.



Downtown Tacoma is about 40 miles from Seattle. Lots of eating places but not many people around – probably because it was holiday time for schools and the University which is in Downtown Tacoma. A nice place to visit but not to holiday!



- **ACCC GARAGE SALE 18 OCT.2014**

**Don't miss 2015 - PLAN NOW!**

## **Youth Leadership Camp**

**12-15 December 2013**

The second NZ Chinese Association Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) was held over 12-15 December 2013 at Camp Adair, Hunua. We had 41 college-aged delegates, 15 young facilitators, and many more behind-the-scenes support crew who made it all happen. We also once again had the energy and enthusiasm of Albert King (Inspiration and Leadership Motivation Consultant based in Singapore) leading the way. The camp was extended a day following feedback from the inaugural camp and by all accounts, the four days were thoroughly enjoyed by all involved.

This year, we increased the reach of our delegate pool, with participants attending from Otago, Nelson, Wellington, New Plymouth, Hawke's Bay, Gisborne, and even Australia and Malaysia joining the Auckland contingent. The majority of the delegates were over 15 years old, but we did accept a few younger applicants. Encouragingly, there was also close to a 50:50 ratio of females and males.

The facilities at Camp Adair were ideal for such an event and the extremely hot weather gave us opportunity to make the most of the outdoor activities. We had three key note speakers during the week and they represented a good cross section of leaders across our community: Deanna Yang (owner, *Moustache Milk & Cookie Bar*) was inspirational, being only a few years older than the delegates and running her own, very successful business; Andrew Young (ex-CEO of *Starship Foundation*, former Global Marketing Manager for gym giant *Les Mills* and consultant to the Waitemata Health Board) provided his insight into the tensions faced by young Chinese NZers; and Meng Foon (Mayor of Gisborne) spoke of how he came from humble beginnings to becoming Mayor of Gisborne for over 12 years.

YLC 2013 offered a comprehensive leadership, cultural, and team building encounter for these young

delegates to experience and take back to their local communities and beyond. Other activities ranged from a Burma trail, ropes course, Chinese calligraphy and Chinese traditional dance, ensuring there was an intensive, interactive, and fulfilling programme.

We have already seen evidence of the participants becoming more involved with the Chinese community whether that be in a social aspect or otherwise; a number of the girls performing their dance at the annual Auckland Chinese Community Centre Chinese New Year Festival. A number have also expressed their interest at coming back to help facilitate the next YLC. As well as exposing them to other NZCA events and groups such as the Easter Sports and Cultural Tournament, Winter Camp, the Leadership Development Conference (for ages 18-30) and the social business networking forum Future Dragonz, there are plans in place to start a regular youth programme which has not been done before.

As part of the conference, groups were required to work on a project that would bring the NZ Chinese youth together at a regular event. Many of the ideas presented as part of this project will be key in putting together this new programme, and we expect a number of attendees to be involved with this in a leadership role. This is an exciting prospect and reinforces the principle emphasised at the camp that the skills and knowledge developed during YLC 2013 would extend beyond the four days and into the community they find themselves in every day.

We thank the Chinese Poll Tax and Heritage Trust, NZCA Head Office, COGs, Skycity Community Trust for their kind support and funding. All the speakers, supporters', facilitators and cooks were first class....preparations are well underway for YLC 2015. We also acknowledge the great work of co chairs Raymond Wong and Nathan Chan for all their hard work and dedication.

**ACCC GARAGE SALE 18 October 2014**

**[NZCA ANNUAL BBQ 6 DECEMBER 2014 12 o'clock](#)**

# YOUNG @ HEART CHORUS

Rose Luey and Elsie Wong are both members of this very dynamic and enthusiastic group of “Over Seventies “ singing hit songs that our grandchildren would never think their grandparents would sing and thoroughly enjoy

We are all fun loving golden oldies and have taken a cue from the American group who made a film shown in New Zealand a few years ago, and they also came touring here to perform.

We have the Remuera Intermediate School cheerleaders backing us and they are 7 times National and twice Australian Grand Champions.

Have a meal at Sky City – Play the pokies – see us in Concert and have a great night out

**7.30pm 13 Sept 2014 Sky City Theatre**

Admission ( booking fee inclusive )

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Child: ( school age ) \$15

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