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**Cantonese Music School Concert – Oranga - Dec 2014**



# on johns mind



hello dear members where ever you are. I trust that you all had a wonderful break over the Xmas period and now into the second month of 2015 ! Yes the 2<sup>nd</sup> month!

There has been quite a few happenings since the last newsletter, first I must say that the toilet and Bathroom has now been finished and I must say that even I have to admit that the quality of my

bumbling turned out to be a class act,( will include a photo if there is space in NL )

Must tell you about my street berm – ( *being born the year of the Horse, I can be quite a stubborn one at that* ) – well the wife couldn't bear ours being the most untidy in the street and had been at me every second hour ! Talk of ear bashing – justifiable harassment – call it what you will.

Fast forward to Xmas day – family distributing pressies amongst family and I get this red packet –money –yeah \$30 – then I was told to read the note which was tucked inside – it read “advance payment for mowing lawns – your loving wife “ everyone was in fits of laughter, then she says “ you mow other lawns so I might as well pay you to mow ours “

Well I relented and promised to have them cut before New Year which was mowed as promised as we had booked to fly down to Paraparaumu on the afternoon for 4 days to celebrate Connie's sister's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

BTW, who visited the Home Show last September 2014? We did. Spent a day browsing and signed up for a HS special deal on vertical blinds. Happens we made an appointment with their consultant in Nov.

Went through the procedure and chose the blinds to replace our raggedy curtains – replacing them is no mean feat if you have had curtains for about a decade !! The next 2 weeks were spent in taking the old curtains down then preparation to have the window frames sanded down and painted. Who loves painting ! Me ! No no –only joking ! but nobody else in this house volunteered so I guess it falls on yours truly. Finally after shifting furniture around about half a dozen times we finally had the blinds installed – Saturday, Anniversary weekend! I had to make myself scarce as I can hear more jobbies being lined up.-- Where's the door ?

Another item of importance.SECURITY ! Have you become complacent about Burglary or theft from your property ? Well I was guilty of this until being broken into and being relieved of Property and jewelery ,targeting the our bedroom - no time for tears – after the initial you know what procedures, cleaning up mess, replacing broken windowpanes, racking brain of missing

items, police ,insurance ,etc and it goes on and on. Do I need this ?

I had to replace and change deadlocks on the doors, rush down to Bunnings and purchased half a dozen patio bolts for the doors leading to my deck areas and being quite conscious of what haven't I done. Oh yes , was in the throes of fitting in a Security/monitoring system in the house Should be Secure enough,don't you think ?

I spent Friday and Saturday helping out at the Chinese New Year festival at the ASB Showgrounds – did you go there ? Saturday was a tremendous fun day ,I could see the happy faces of children and adults alike purchasing bargains and soaking up the various performances and entertainment that were to be seen.

I receive a phone call from my daughter “ WE'VE BEEN BROKEN INTO ! “ No! How ! – “Thru the bedroom window !” I was warned by the police that a good % of burglaries are repeat visits as the already know the layout of the premises – This second time they broke a pane of glass on the French doors only to find that I had locked the bolt and could not access ,they then smashed the side window of the front berm, lifted the latch and voila- entry !

Only this time they targeted the office area where they managed to take unbanked monies and foreign currencies – What must one do ?

**So lesson to be learnt** – the home is not your castle anymore – so be aware and keep your valuables in a safe place – don't be complacent – be as SECURE as you can for if they target you they will use any means to gain access – we are dealing with unsavoury people who CAN be desperate, !

## Lunar Year celebration

Is it the year of the goat? Or is it the sheep? Or the ram? Well, it depends on whom you ask when Lunar New Year celebrations take place on Feb. 19. And we will say goodbye to the Year of the Horse and usher in another animal in the 12-year cycle of the Chinese zodiac.

## WISHING YOU ALL - FOOK LOK SHOU FOR 2015

### BLESSINGS- PROSPERITY – LONGEVITY



## chairmans message



**Happy New Year** to you all, what a great summer we are having.

This afternoon I attended the opening day of the 8<sup>th</sup> New Zealand Chinese Association Leadership Development Conference where we had 48 of

our next generation of Chinese New Zealand Leaders making new friends, ready for a journey to find their identity and to listen to many respected Chinese New Zealand leaders share their stories over the next 6 days.

It has been great to see two past LDC Alumni take the roles of co-chairs for this year's LDC- Claudette Chung and Matt Ng Wai-Shing have done a great job leading their committee. The enthusiasm of all the delegates' actions and their participation in the activities was great to see.

Our community is strengthening at all levels. Our Easter contingent this year will feature a primary miniball team and an intermediate miniball team for the first time ever to a Otago Easter Tournament, It shows the enthusiasm of the younger families in our community travelling to the other centres to support our annual Easter tournaments, passing the traditions to the next generation.

Talking of Easter- next year in 2016 it will be Auckland's turn once again to host this annual event. If you are interested in helping to organise in any way please contact me. I will be sending out a notice for a meeting in February soon.

This year's **AGM** on Sunday 29 March is an **election year** for the Executive Office holder

positions and also for the committee. It would be great to see some new faces on the committee as we have room. If you would like to find out more information on what we do please contact me or any of the committee members who will be more than happy to discuss. We have lots of projects and events that we do each year so need help in making these a success. Nomination forms can be found in this newsletter.

For Chinese New Year this year we will have our annual dinner to be held at Lucky Fortune restaurant where we will be celebrating the achievements of two of our members in awarding the Youth Achievement award and the Senior Achievement award on the night – contact Connie Kum for tickets. We are once again as part of the Chinese Associations of Auckland producing the Cultures of China- Festival of spring concert on Monday 9 March at the Logan Campbell centre in Greenlane- see advertisement in this newsletter.

As you can see we have a busy first few months of the year. I hope to see all of you at some of the events.

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As an avid fan of the programme “Border Control” on T.V., had a real life experience the other day when I accompanied family to meet “Rellies” arriving from China. E.T.A. was 4:22 p.m. and when the designated flight appeared on the “Arrival” board at 4:55p.m., thought it wouldn’t be too long before they came out. However, we waited & waited, .....and waited , and after seeing enough people from about 4 flights emerge , still no “Rellies”, so I casually mentioned that a “Border Control” incident was happening inside! Finally, when they eventually appeared, nearly 2 hours later, the Grandmother mentioned that some dubious article was found in the grandson’s baggage, so a full search was done on all of his luggage.....not sure whether the other members of the group were also subjected to the search, but by the time we drove out of the Airport gates, it was closer to 9p.m. than 8p.m.!!

Never did find out what the suspected offending article in grandson’s luggage was, but I suspect that it was some food item he was bringing to a friend of his Father who was also at the airport to meet him. Talk about “Reality” in real life!!

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## Notice of Annual General Meeting

Sunday 29 March 2015, 2.00pm

99 Taylor Road, Mangere Bridge

### Agenda

1. Introduction/apologies
2. Minutes from last AGM
3. Matters arising
4. Chairman’s report
5. Annual accounts
6. Election of 2015-2017 Executive Officers and Committee
7. General Business

Secretary: Monica Mu



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## **Nomination Form for Officers and Committee Members of the**

### **New Zealand Chinese Association Auckland Inc**

**To:** The Secretary - New Zealand Chinese Association- Auckland (Inc)

P O Box 474, Auckland

I: \_\_\_\_\_

of (Postal address): \_\_\_\_\_

Being a member of the NZ Chinese Association Auckland (Inc) hereby nominate

\_\_\_\_\_

(Full Name of Nominee)

for the position of :

**Chairman:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Deputy-Chairman:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Secretary:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Treasurer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Committee Member:** \_\_\_\_\_

Of the New Zealand Chinese Association Auckland (Inc). (Please tick appropriate positions)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of Nominee)

(Postal address):

Accept the nominations detailed above.

Signature of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominations must be made on this form. All completed nomination forms must be received by the Secretary by **Sunday 22 March 2015** for the 2015-2017 Committee. Completed nomination forms can be sent by post, or emailed as a PDF document to: PO Box 484, Auckland or [monica.mu@gmail.co](mailto:monica.mu@gmail.co)

# Dragon 100 Experience – Hong Kong and China

## *Entrepreneurship and Social Innovation* 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October 2014

*Evan Fong*

The Dragon 100 is an initiative of the Dragon Foundation, initiated jointly by the Home Affairs Bureau and Home Affairs Department of the Hong Kong SAR and the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups. Dragon 100 annually invite 100 young people of Chinese origin from across the world to discuss topical issues of relevance worldwide. The theme of this years Dragon 100 was Entrepreneurship and Social Innovation.

### **Hong Kong**

The Dragon 100 kicked off with some ice breakers and getting to know some of the other participants, one of the activities we did was saying hello in different languages to everyone – Sawadee Kap (Hello in Thai)! Overall there were people from over 20 countries including Malaysia, Taiwan, Singapore, Canada, Poland, Italy, UK, Cambodia, Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines, Australia, Japan, India, Hong Kong, China, Nigeria, Mongolia, USA and Macau. It was good to see some other Kiwis in the mix too to make you feel a bit more at home, all in all there were 6 delegates from New Zealand.

The 100 participants were divided into 6 groups of about 15 which they tried to make as diverse as possible so there was one New Zealander in each group and other different nationalities in each group. For travels between destinations we shared a bus with another group so there was lots of chances to meet with everyone and bond. The first activity we got to hear from participants about some ideas they have or businesses they've started in the "pitching session". I really enjoyed this part, hearing the unique and interesting ideas people have to solve problems such as a foreign exchange system with no middle man.

For meals, we were given expense money which we could use for the meals which weren't planned. Mostly the group had lunch and dinner together anyway, breakfast was the exception where we didn't all have it together, bao's were my choice at the nearby side store – yum! Lunch and dinner was of course in Chinese restaurants eating delicious local cuisine. After a long day meeting people we retired to our accommodation. The accommodation was also very good, I shared a 2 bedroom



with a gent from Indonesia. I was surprised at how spacious it was, especially considering how most of the places in Hong Kong are very compact.

The next day we split off in our various groups and visited places which provide support to startups. Our group got to visit CoCoon which is a place where startup companies can have a place to work which is much cheaper than renting your own office space. It's equipped with internet, computers and meeting rooms. It's also a great place for entrepreneurs to meet other like-minded people and to help each other out. The next stop was the HK trade Development Council, which helps SME's by organising networking and outreach events to connect with global business partners and clients. The HKTDC has a library full of resources and knowledge on various industries which you can learn about. The final visit was to attend a session with Simon Squibb who is an angel investor and who's the owner of NEST. We listened to his background and how he got to where he was and split into groups to brainstorm ideas with the end goal of delivering a pitch with our business idea.

Following our visits to the support organisations, the main event in HK was the Global Youth Entrepreneurs Forum which was a public event for youth interested in entrepreneurship. There were many distinguished guests and speakers at this event including the former CEO of JP Morgan Chase, Victor Fung among many others. A memorable and quite striking quote from one of the speakers was "Singapore has become successful because of the Government and HK has got to where it is despite the Government". The rest of the event was split into sessions, with each session having a particular topic such as Technology, Social Enterprise and so forth. My highlight was the Technology session where we heard from entrepreneurs in the fields of flexible screens and glowing fish. It was really good to experience the passion from these entrepreneurs, who do what they do simply because they love it. Listening to all of them really motivated all of us to want to start our own companies.

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## Explanation of key elements

to make my design look smart  
Written in Comic-Sans to show my amazing design knowledge

Y3 stands for Growth, Leadership and Identity. I have taken each one of these aspects into mind whilst designing my logo

- Growth
  - The leaf used to substitute for one of the fishes tail shows growth through the symbolism of nature
- Identity
  - The banana substituting the tail of one of the fishes shows the NZ Chinese identity of the majority of Y3's members, many NZ Chinese refer to themselves as bananas.
  - The use of the banana is also a throw back to the cool people called the bananas who originally came up with the idea of Y3 back at YLC 2013
  - Koi fish are often used in Chinese culture, by using koi fish I have added to Y3's sense of Chinese Identity
  - Red is used as it is often identified as being Chinese due to its significance in Chinese culture
- Leadership
  - The flame on the fishes tail symbolises determination and other various qualities of a leader
  - The koi fish symbolise courage and ambition which are also qualities of a leader
- Other things
  - I have used 3 fish to fit with the title of Y3
  - The use of multiple fish shows that Y3 is a community
  - I'm kinda broke and need money to feed my kids
  - The logo can easily be re-coloured to suit various occasions eg green and red during Christmas
  - I'm pretty tired so I'm sorry if some words are spelt wrong or some parts are un-readable due to poor grammar
  - To conclude I'd like to say thanks for giving me the opportunity to become involved with Y3, even if my logo doesn't get put to use (and I don't win the money </3) designing this logo has still been a worthwhile experience as it has allowed me to grow as an artist. Therefore win or lose I will most definitely walk away with something (Hopefully its the prize money as stated above I'm broke and my kids need to eat)



# N Z C A Women's Group Activities.

The Womens Group meetings took a break from formal meetings between December and February, and joined in with the general NZCA events.

The annual Christmas party was held in Mangere on December 6 2014. Entertainment was provided by the young Chinese language students, who all did well. The BBQ was ably attended to by a willing group of men, Santa was a hit, as were the raffles organised by the Women's Group under the leadership of Nancy Young – and the food was superb as usual.





A big thank you to Bill, for driving the bus and taking us places, over the years, and for being our secret (Santa). We wish you both well in your retirement. We miss you both already.

On 8 February 2015 our first bus trip of the year will be to Ngatea. We will be picking blue berries and visiting the Ngatea Gardens. Our bus trips are always oversubscribed.

On March 21<sup>st</sup> 2015 plans are underway for a BBQ in Cornwall Park. The time and meeting place to be confirmed. Families are welcome to join in.

A reminder - if you belong to NZCA, women are automatically a member of the Women's Group. We welcome all attendees, and visitors, and if it is your first attendance to our meeting, do let us know. And as usual men are welcome to come – don't be shy – we do have many men attending our meetings. Enjoy the lovely afternoon tea supplied by our women, with a cuppa

Our midyear Yum Char will be 18 July 2015, so keep that day free in your diary.



Here we all are, with our Hamilton sister group in 2014. Happy New Year

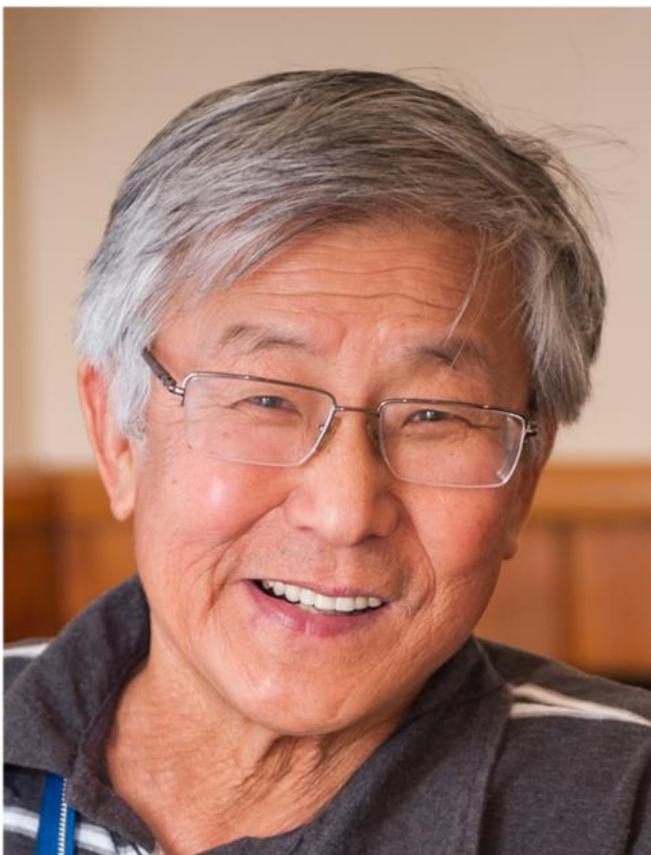
# Obituary

Phillip Lowe BDS, P G Dip Clin Dent

## In Loving Memory of

### Dr. Philip Lowe

14 March 1944 - 25 December 2014



Phillip Lowe was a dynamic General Dental Practitioner.

He was born in Wellington, New Zealand and educated at the University of Otago Dental School in Dunedin. After graduating BDS in 1971, he worked as a dentist at Porirua Hospital and Arohata Borstal for girls.

Phillip and his wife Peggy, moved to Auckland at the end of 1973. There Phillip worked at Bob Covich's dental practice in Glen Eden.

In 1976 he set up his own practice - the Massey Dental Centre in Don Buck Road. This became a very successful Auckland suburban dental practice and he treated many students from the local secondary school - Massey High School.

To further improve his dental theory and clinical skills, he took on the University of Otago post graduate dental distance learning qualification. Thus in 1988 he gained his Post Graduate Diploma in Clinical Dentistry.

In 1998 he then embarked on the establishment of a second dental practice in Dominion Road, Auckland - Dominion Road Dental Care. This enabled him to do more specialised conservative dentistry, especially crowns and bridges.

Phillip was involved in numerous dental activities such as:

1. Member of the Auckland Dental Association Executive
2. Training dental surgery assistants
3. Dental golf and dental fishing competitions.

Outside of dentistry Phillip had many varied interests. These included fishing, golf, dabbling in owning trotters and following rugby. In the last 3 years of his life, Phillip endured many health problems and challenges whilst being a paraplegic.

He was a fighter and believed he could still contribute to his profession. He did this by writing and publishing dental articles. He still attended Auckland Dental Association meetings. In October last year he was awarded a 2014 Wrigley Company Foundation NZDA Community Service Grant to undertake a research project - '*Dental Care for the Disabled*'. He had time to read books and newspapers from cover to cover. He loved contributing to Talkback radio - often at 3.00 am - 4:00 am in the morning. Thus he gained the honorary title of '*DR PHIL*'.

He was born in the Chinese zodiac year of the Monkey and he will be remembered by all for his cheekiness, caring attitude, and his need to voice his opinion on any subject. He will be remembered with fondness by everyone.

Phillip is survived by his wife Peggy, and children Gregory, Philippa and Malcolm and their families.

Jeffery Lowe

## From China to Borneo and Beyond –

### Ann Kit Suet Chin-Chan

I discovered this book, when I was at my printers having some of my work printed. I picked up the book, and was intrigued to read parts of it, as I flicked through the pages.

Who was Ann Chin? I took a photo of the cover, and added to my face book page and did the usual google search. We made contact via face book, and had a meeting. We swapped books – as you do.

Describers by the author as “a hundred year old journal of two families, the Chans and the Kongs.” recorded from 1907 to 2006. “From Kwang Zhou, China, to the jungles of Borneo. It is a six generational record with the second wave of movement to England, Canada, Japan, Singapore, Australia, USA and New Zealand.”

“The Opium war, virgin tropical jungle, Japanese World War, colonial days, a revolution, a fight with the communists; these were harshness and the difficulties the families had to go through.”

Ann writes lovingly of each family person, from her childhood memories, and gives us descriptive insights – “Grandfather Kong ... loved a drink or two, not too much to make him drunk. When he visited us Mother would offer him a bottle of Guinness Stout, an egg and a big mug before her retired to bed. He poured the stout into the mug, broke the egg into the stout and drank the concoction. The creamy effervescent gave him a white mustache on his upper lip and he made a slurpy sound as his tongue licked the froth off... . We used to cringe...when he swallowed the raw egg which had sunk to the bottom of the mug. ”

The book is well written, and provides a distinctive contrast to the lives that our own newly arrived New Zealand forebears suffered during this period. It makes me feel that they had it good.

From China to Borneo and Beyond – Ann Kit Suet Chin-Chan  
Publication date: 1 March 2013 ISBN 10: 0473239000 and ISBN 13: 9780473239008

Ann Chin is the author of several books, including:

Diary of a Bereaved Mother, Goodbye my baby  
Published 2011 ISBN 0473187094

Mail Order Bride ISBN : 9780473254148

And is currently working on a new book.

## CELEBRATING LUNAR NEW YEAR

### Of the SHEEP

#### at the EPSOM LIBRARY

*Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2015, 4PM*

#### **Calligraphy Demonstration**

Witness Lunar New Year come to life through the delicate brushstrokes of experienced calligraphers.

*Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2015, 4PM*

#### **Lunar New Year Paper craft**

Join us for a hands on activity creating paper craft for Lunar New Year.

*Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015, 4PM*

#### **Mah-jong Tile Stir Fry**

Fast, furious, fascinating and loads of fun! Join us to watch experienced Mah-jong players demonstrate how to play this ancient game.

*Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 11AM*

#### **Year of the Ram Baa-lingual Story time**

Songs, rhymes and stories to celebrate the Lunar new year – With a special farmyard guest! Presented in both English and Mandarin.

*Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2015, 4PM*

#### **New Year Concert with Auckland Chinese Philharmonic Choir**

Enjoy the beautiful songs and compositions from the Auckland Chinese Philharmonic Choir

*Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2015, 10:30-12:00 PM*

#### **Epsom Library Presents: Lunar New Year Extravaganza**

Performances from a range of talented dancers, musicians and members of the Epsom community. A great morning for families and those wishing to celebrate the year of the Ram. With special guests: Epsom Chinese Association, Panmure Chinese Association, New Zealand Overseas Chinese Culture and Arts Centre, and many more!

#### **Traditional Tea Art Ceremony**

*Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2015, 2-4PM* Join us to learn about the history and culture of the traditional Chinese tea art ceremony. We invite you to try some tea for yourself and compare the different tastes and smells! A great experience for the whole family.

## Visit to Anne Lai's Garden

A very pleasant afternoon spent in a most beautiful small garden which absolutely oozed love and care.



Some of the ladies had brought a plate and together with cold drinks and delicious goodies from Anne made for a lovely sunny Sunday afternoon al fresco "HIGH TEA"



About thirty plus friends from the women's group and a sprinkling of gentlemen descended on the garden of Anne Lai in One Tree Hill.

It seemed there was every form, colour and variety of flowers, plants and shrubs vied in competition with pots of bonsai and garden ornaments to be admired and drooled over with oohs and aahs "come and look at this"

Fortunately, Nancy Young can always be relied upon with her camera to capture the moment as her photos will testify. It was meant to be a two hour visit but it ended up as an all afternoon "Garden Party"



### A Man Asked Buddha

"I want happiness"

Buddha said first remove "I" that's ego

Then remove "Want" that's desire

See now, you are only left with "Happiness"

# Trip to Tiritiri Matangi

November 23<sup>rd</sup> saw a group of 28 members of NZCA meet at Pier 4 down at the ferry building to take a day trip to Tiritiri Matangi which is a scientific reserve and sanctuary for rare wildlife situated in Auckland's Hauraki Gulf. The predator free island is looked after by DOC (Department of Conservation) with help from volunteers.



The day dawned fine and sunny which augured well for us all. Previously we had been warned to make sure that our bags and footwear were free of dirt and seeds and the food we took over (our lunch) were packed in sealed containers. The ferry trip which stops on the way at Gulf Harbour was a pleasant ride and only took 1hr 20min.



On arrival at Tiritiri Wharf we were met by a member of DOC who then handed us over to a group of volunteers who were to be our guides around the various tracks on the island. We were divided up into groups of 6 or 7 and then set off with our guides to see the wildlife on the island. Our guide was very informative and I learnt a lot about the native birds and wildlife that now inhabit the island. I did the Hobbs Beach track and the

Kawerau track which took us about one and a half hours by the time we had stopped to see the birds and wildlife. We saw the North Island saddleback, rifleman, stitchbird, tuis and even the native woodpigeon to name a few of the birds. We eventually ended up at the Lighthouse area where the Visitors Centre shop and staff houses were. This was where we had our lunch (tea and coffee were provided) buy souvenirs of the island and then we were free to explore around, see the lighthouse and make our way back to Tiritiri Wharf to catch the ferry home at 3.30pm.

It was a lovely days outing enjoyed by all.



文化中國 四海同春  
Cultures of China Festival of Spring

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## 2015 < Cultures of China, Festivals of Spring > Concert 2015年 < 文化中国, 四海同春 > 中国新年文艺演出

### 主办机构 | Organiser:

奥克兰华人华侨春节演出组织委员会 | Chinese Associations of Auckland  
中华人民共和国国务院侨务办公室 | Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the State Council, the People's Republic of China  
中国海外交流协会 | China Overseas Exchange Association

### 承办单位 | Coordinators:

新西兰中国团体联合会/UCANZ | Auckland Chinese Community Centre Inc. | New Zealand Chinese Association Inc.-Auckland Branch  
奥克兰柬埔寨华裔康乐互助会 | 新西兰华人妇女联合会 | 新西兰中华青年联合会 | 新西兰中新工商业联合会 | 新西兰上海同乡会  
新西兰潮人互助会 | 新西兰台山同乡会 | 新西兰中山同乡会 | 新西兰潮属社团总会 | 新西兰中华文学艺术界联合会

### 后援单位 | Supporter:

中华人民共和国驻奥克兰总领事馆

2015年3月9日 (周一) 晚7:00点, 奥克兰ASB会展中心, Logan Campbell剧场

Monday, @ 7:00pm on 9 March 2015 @ Logan Campbell theatre, ASB Showground, Auckland City

Ticket prices/票价: A Res: \$30, B: \$20, C Res: \$10



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## NZCA Wintercamp 2014 – Report

With most of my older cousins having already been on the NZCA Wintercamp, and with such high reviews; I thought it was my turn to experience the camp for myself. While I knew I was going to have the time of my life I was also nervous as I had never met most of the people I would be spending an entire 4 weeks with. However all 14 wintercampers got along really well and I have made lifelong friends.

Looking back on the trip; there are many highlights as well as a few lowlights and recommendations to further improve the camp for future participants.



### Guangzhou

Arriving in Guangzhou came with heat I hadn't expected. It was 23 degrees despite being winter! The Guangdong Overseas Vocational School was our base in Guangzhou and where we stayed most nights except for nights stayed in villages that were far away. There were many shops and markets within walking distance, although the indoor fresh produce market had an unbearable stench so we only lasted 10 seconds before running back out. The main activity planned for the first few days at the school were Kung Fu lessons. We learnt basic stances and sequences as well as how to count and greet in Mandarin. We managed to swap some of our Kung Fu lessons for lessons in

Lion Dancing and Tai Chi. ~~Natalie Wong~~ as a good idea as we got a taste of a variety of activities. All were fun but I enjoyed lion dancing the most because we got to practice using the lion heads. It was cool to see our coaches performing at the school's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations and I now appreciate just how much hard work is put in; they always make it look so easy!

While interaction with the local students was limited (I had expected to do more activities together), it was nice to meet some of the local English-speaking students. Their English was excellent considering most of them had only been learning for 1 or 2 years. I was lucky enough to have my birthday at the school so got the Happy Birthday song sung to me by the class in both English and Chinese.

Going back to my ancestors villages was definitely the greatest highlight of the Wintercamp. It was an eye-opener to see where my grandparents lived before coming to New Zealand; to see the house which I could have been living had my ancestors not immigrated. At my Gong-Gong's village I met a relative who was in a photo taken with me when I was last in China 17 years ago. He knew quite a lot about my family from letters my grandma had sent and from other relatives who had recently visited although I knew nothing about him. Old homes had concrete floors and wooden mattresses which contrasts to the plushy carpet and soft beds we're used to. Some villages were nicer than others and it was good to see other people's villages as well as my own.

Our final day in Guangzhou was spent at the Chimelong Safari Park where we got to see baby triplet pandas and go on a safari tour

### Xian



Once the root seeking part of the trip had ended, we said farewell to 5 participants as well as Janet and flew up to Xian. It was upsetting that Janet's health caused her to leave prematurely but we had a good time nevertheless. As soon as we arrived in Xian, we went straight to a museum and then later had a dumpling dinner where dumplings came in shapes of different animals and flowers. During our short stay in Xian we also visited the Terracotta warriors and a factory to see how they are made. We also went to the City wall however were disappointed as there was not enough time to bike around the wall. The Muslim Quarters were good and had lots of market-style shops and eateries. However most streets look similar so I would suggest remembering the way you walk to avoid getting lost like a few of us did.

The first high-speed train we experienced was from Xian to Beijing. The train got up to 310km/hr and got us to our destination in approximately 4 hours.

## Beijing



Being the northernmost city visited, Beijing definitely brought out the puffer jackets and gloves, however the smog and pollution ratings were surprisingly good during our stay and we experienced the bluest skies seen on the trip. I liked going to the pearl markets to get cheap knock-off items and practice the bargaining skills my granddad had tried to teach me prior to

leaving for China. Hours were spent in the stationery department alone before realizing the time and rushing through the electronics, bags, scarves and shoe sections. Although our first meal in the capital was in a deserted hotel restaurant where salad and French Fries were part of the menu; Beijing also presented us with a memorable meal in a village house cooked by a local resident as well as a delicious pecking duck dinner. We negotiated with our guide, Brian, to get us more authentic dishes as opposed to sweet and sour pork and fried rice at every meal. He ordered us a few nice dishes, the most memorable one being prawn with lychees, however due to the tight budget we had to find our own dinner that night. It was still worth it because experiencing local cuisine was one of the things I had most been looking forward to on the trip.



## Shanghai

Even though she was not with us, Janet remained in contact and helped us move our train from Beijing to Shanghai earlier in the day so we could have more time at the Shanghai Tailors market as many people wanted clothes made. There were hundreds of tailoring stalls to choose from, all which looked nearly identical, so it was lucky I didn't need anything made because I would have no idea which stall to choose. There were a few other stalls selling bags, sunglasses etc. so I didn't get bored waiting for others although we only got around 1 hour at Nanjing Road because we had to rush back to the Tailors for

refitting. The food was exceptional in Shanghai and our guide Alex often took us to local restaurants which were reasonably busy (compared to other cities where we were always the only diners). I liked trying frogs' legs and a sweet glutinous rice ball soup. The architecture in Shanghai was very intriguing so I enjoyed the river cruise along the Bund, going up the Pearl Tower, and the water village. Visiting the Old Town Bazaar and trying the famous crab dumplings was also a highlight.

## Hong Kong

The 2 nights in Hong Kong were an add-on to the trip and not part of the tour. Our hotel was very close to the night markets as well as to the metro so it was easy to get around. It was nice to be able to do what we wanted, when we wanted, and to choose our own food. Near the Temple Street night markets I found a cute little eatery where I ordered some of the nicest bao I've had, followed by a must-try taro pie from McDonald's. Most of us visited Ocean Park and Macau during our stay in Hong Kong but because there was only 1 full day there, our time in Macau was very rushed and Merryn and I nearly didn't make it back in time to catch the bus to the airport. Looking back I would have opted for extra days in Hong Kong (and other cities) although the trip was a good taster and I would love to go back on my own one day.

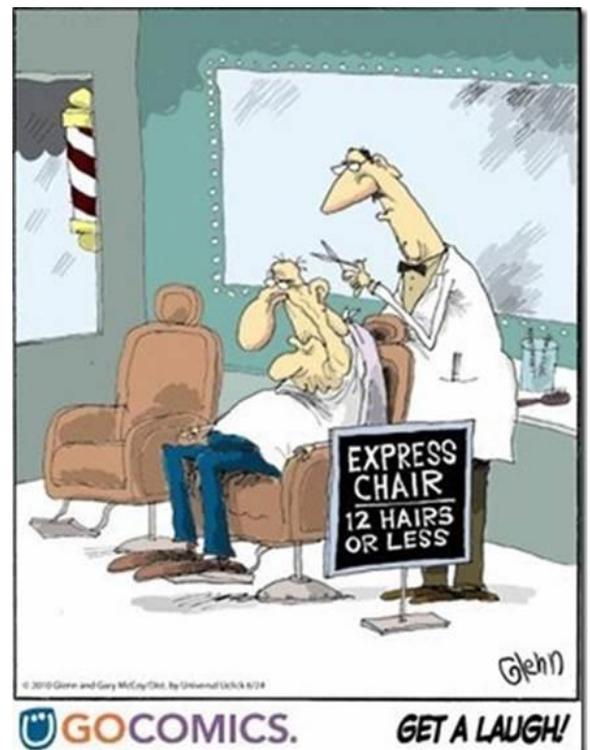
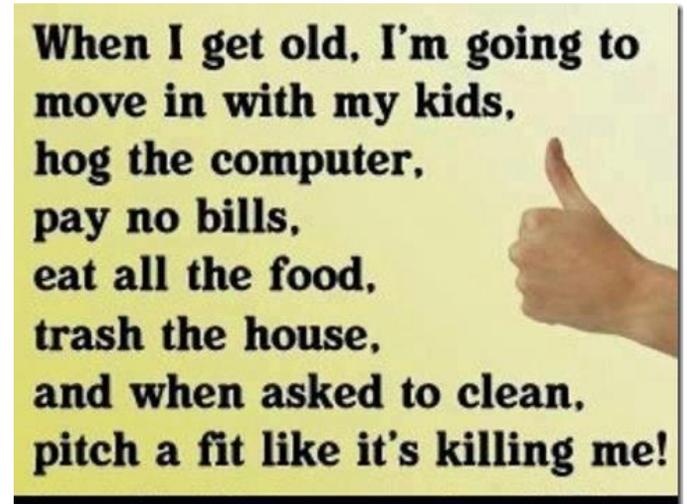
## Other points

To any future participants; I would recommend sleeping on the long-haul flights as we started Kung Fu on the first day we arrived and each day in China was busy with minimal time to sleep. I would also suggest wearing lots of layers in the Northern cities because it is cold outside but many things were indoors where you just wanted to strip off.

In the future it would be good to get a list of participants' contact details as it can be hard and time consuming to hunt down phone numbers and email addresses. It would also be good to eat with locals more often as opposed to being whisked away to private, deserted areas for every meal.

Overall though I had the time of my life and would highly recommend this trip to all my Chinese friends and family. I feel like I know a lot more about where my ancestors come from and have also made lifelong friends from around New Zealand. Many thanks to Janet, Richard, Virginia, NZCA, the school in Guangdong, our local guides Yani, Wei, Brian and Alex, and everyone else who helped make this trip one I will never forget.

*Natasha Wong*



# Kathleen Yuen

8 June 1943 - 26 January 2015.



Kathleen Fong - daughter of Rev Yik Tak Fong and Mrs Chu Suk Ying Fong.

During the Sino-Japanese War, Rev Fong fled to Hong Kong, where he was Chaplain to a Christian School. He then went to a large Chinese Church at Jakarta in Indonesia, and several years later he moved to a Church in Sourabaya, Indonesia. (<http://archives.presbyterian.org.nz/Page162.htm>)

It was during this time in Indonesia, that Kathleen was born. On 1 June 1950, Rev Fong was appointed to the Chinese Church in Dunedin, and he and his family arrived to a very cold Dunedin.

Kathleen's early childhood was in the South Island – as her father's duties included being Minister in charge of work amongst the Chinese in the South Island, and visiting the Chinese in Invercargill, Oamaru, Timaru, Christchurch and other centres, the work being both Evangelistic and pastoral.

When given the opportunity to swap places with another minister, the Fong family came to the Chinese Church Auckland, on 18 December 1960. It was in the 1960s that Kathleen met many of the Auckland men and women who were in attendance at her funeral on 4 February 2015. Following High School in Auckland, Kathleen went to Auckland University. After graduation, she worked for Inland Revenue for a while, before heading to Hong Kong in 1967, where she became a missionary and teacher.

It was in Hong Kong where she met her future husband Shung Tak (Mike) Yuen. They returned to New Zealand, and after some time Kathleen went to training college to become a teacher. She was approached to teach at Mt Roskill Grammar, where she taught for many years, new migrant students. A testament to her skills and ability was that many of her ex students kept in contact over the years. One student recalls with fondness his 3 months under her wing, when he first arrived as a teenager, from China. She helped him to be the person he is today, and he still holds dearly the first school report given to him before his departure for a new College.

And from a Eulogy in the Herald:

“As a refugee from Vietnam with little or no English, I had the privilege of being taught by Mrs Yuen 35 years ago. One could not ask for a better teacher than Mrs Yuen. She was forever kind, patient, caring, helpful, considerate, supportive, dedicated, thoughtful, friendly and very easy to talk to. She kept an eye on my progress even after I had left school, at University and later on at work. She was both a teacher and a friend! Thank you Mrs Yuen, without you I would be completely lost in this crazy English language with its peculiar spelling, grammar, its rules and exception to the so called rules... You played a significant role not only in my education, but many other students' studies.” May - ex Mt Roskill Grammar School student

Even in retirement Kathleen carried on working, looking after



the needs of the elderly and fully involved in Church life. Family spoke of her ability to talk to anyone and everyone. Even if you weren't looking for a friend that day, you got one in Kathleen.

Kathleen is survived by her husband Mike, son Rodney, and siblings James, John and Jean. (Helen Wong)

# NZCA CANTONESE MUSIC SCHOOL

“ *learning Chinese the Fun Way* “

## WHERE:

Oranga Primary School Hall / Library  
Rangipawa Road,  
enter by gate on Maroa Road, Oranga

WHEN: Term One - 31 January -- 28 March

TIME: Pre-school - 9.30 am - 11.15 am

Primary and Adult Classes - 11.30 am - 1.30 pm.

Contact : - Connie Kum P; 6258 611

E; [cojay@xtra.co.nz](mailto:cojay@xtra.co.nz)

## Mission Statement:

“To foster the learning of the Chinese (Cantonese) language as a second international language through a bilingual programme utilising music and movement as an effective teaching medium”

Music is a really dynamic and entertaining way to stimulate children’s learning.

The best time for children to learn a language is between the ages of three to seven.

I had the benefit of speaking Chinese before I could speak English (being a child of an Immigrant) but even more beneficial is that I went to Chinese School from age 5 – 15 and learnt to read and write. I later (at 20 years of age) did a one year course in Mandarin – learning about 300 characters (oral and written). It would have been extremely difficult had I not had the advantage of the earlier classes in Cantonese.

I have to thank my late Mom for “making” me (a) go the Chinese school and (b) “making’ me do revision and testing in the school holidays.

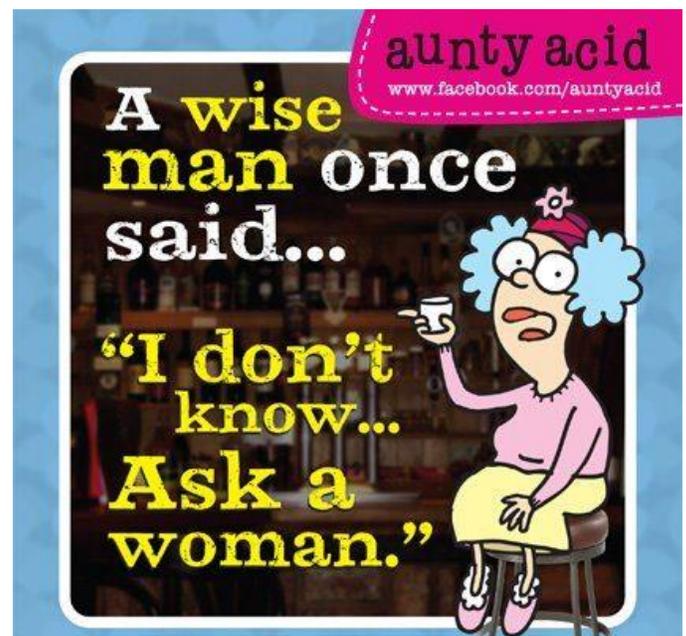
Without this background and also that of being a trained teacher the idea of Bilingual Cantonese Music classes would never have eventuated. And this only happened at a chance meeting with Lina Liang at the NZCA Banana Conference in July 2005. Lina was doing a Masters paper in Bilingual Education using Music as a tool for learning. I saw an opportunity for our young children to learn Chinese in a fun and unconventional way.

The children can learn songs very quickly, then they learn the meanings and then its word recognition. It is very satisfying for them. And as history shows its also important to learn to read and write. How many people you know, can speak but are sorry that they never learnt to read and write. Give your child the opportunity to learn their heritage language .

*Connie Kum* - MNZM, Dip Teaching

Coordinator NZCA Cantonese Music School

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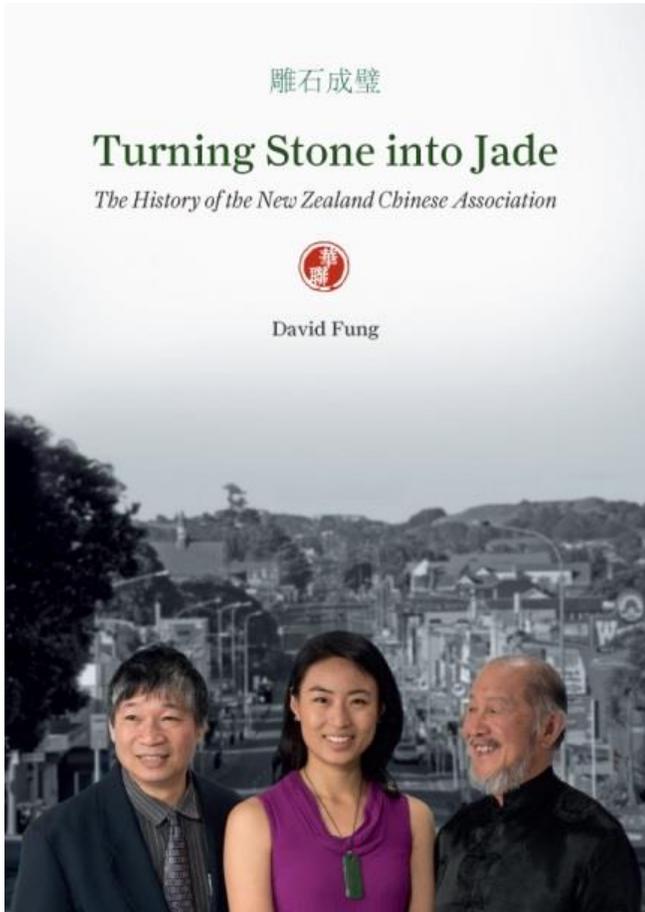
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## MEDIA RELEASE

### ***Turning Stone into Jade: The History of the New Zealand Chinese Association, by David Fung***



The New Zealand Chinese Association (Inc.) is delighted to announce the forthcoming publication of its latest book – its own history over the last 80 years.

Published with support from the Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust, *Turning Stone into Jade* details one of New Zealand’s oldest Chinese community organisations. In its early incarnations, the NZCA 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 NZCA has had to adapt and change to reflect its current and future needs. *Turning Stone into Jade* is the story of how an organisation founded by sojourners and migrants has adapted to a new homeland, far from the place of their ancestors’ birth.

Written by David Fung, this book comprises an extensive range of records from the Association’s archives and other historical research, supplemented with photos, illustrations, and contributions from its thirteen branches across the country.

The NZCA looks forward to launching this important book at its Annual Conference in Wellington in June 2015.

For any enquiries about this publication, please contact Mr Gerald Wong QSM, NZCA National President.

#### **advance sales notice -**

\$35 per softcover copy - pre launch orders

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# NZCA Outward Bound Report

Ben Ng-Wai Shing

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In December 2014 I attended Outward Bound and became a member of the Cobham 600 watch. Apologies if this sounds cliché; but it was life-changing. The course pushed buttons I never knew existed through a variety of activities including: white water kayaking, rock climbing, sailing, tramping, navigation, a half marathon, and camping in the forest completely alone for 3 days and 3 nights. It was an amazing opportunity to push myself to my emotional, mental and physical limits, and develop resilience, perseverance, self-awareness, confidence and self-belief. Outward Bound also gave me the time to reflect and solidify my values and priorities in life. I met some great like-minded people who I know I will keep in contact for many years to come.

Thank you for the financial support that you provided and made it all possible. Outward Bound is an initiative that I completely endorse and once I start working I plan to follow in your footsteps and sponsor future participants.



Some key things I learnt:

“Tough times don’t last, tough people do”  
“Failure is just feedback at one point in time”

“Minds are like parachutes, they work best when open”  
“Plus est en vous/There is more in you”  
“Be angry at problems –not people. Focus on solutions –not excuses.”  
“Integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is watching”  
“Time is the most precious gift you can give”  
“It’s easy to lead when things are going well; it takes leader to take the helm when things aren’t”

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## Annual Golf Tournament

Maungakiekie Golf Club,  
5 Anita Ave Mt Roskill,  
booked for 17 May 2015

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**Declaration:** I apply to become an **Ordinary / Family** (delete one) Member of the New Zealand Chinese Association Auckland Inc. I declare that I am of Chinese descent, a spouse of a Chinese person, or child of a Chinese person, over 18 years of age and agree to abide by the Rules of the Association on acceptance as a Member.

\* **Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / 2015



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