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**Participants at the Lawn Bowl Tournament – Epsom Bowling Greens – 16 AUG.2015**

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## on johns mind



### yawn –yawn ho hum !

Rugby World Cup and with all the cricket and league that has been on the scene recently I now find myself reluctant to roll out of bed these days in the wee hours of the morning to turn the TV on and watch some ordinary footy. I made an effort to

watch Japan take on the mighty South Africans – what a match ! the Japanese look Asian so here I was cheering for the underdogs not realizing what the outcome of the battle would be. Yeah ! South Africa LOST or should I say Japan won ? In this household the result was joyously received especially we had a son in Japan who is following the RWC via cable. If you see me with drooping eyelids then you know how I am suffering ? ? not that I am masochistic – but contaminated with rugbyitis , also related to conjunctivitis( keep clear i.e. of the TV ) remedy is to close alternative eye every 10 mins. then both for 20 mins. this allows for 80 mins of non-rugby time so you can still see some stoppage time before the final result.

Now since I last tapped the keyboard quite a few things have happened. I attended the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual NZCA Conference W'gton in mid June attended by over 60 delegates, apart from elections resulting in Meng Foon ( Mayor of Gisborne ) being elected as the incoming National President I always enjoy the meals put on by the WCCSC. Food for 2 days and free accommodation at my nephews. Chill out !

Today as I was eating Lunch I was disturbed by the sound of a noisy motor engine. 'Hey' I announced to my visitors 'They [council contractor] are mowing my berm again' I find that this is our bi-yearly treat. So much for wifey having to bribe me with \$30 to mow it again – no – principles are principles ! I refuse to mow it on principle. ( secret is that the last time it was mowed I gave the contractor a couple bottles of Red ) now that is not a bribe !

Sorry folks – by the end of the week we ( my wife and I ) are off to Sydney for a couple of weeks RnR

she says she deserves a break and I am allowed to accompany the luggage. Can I complain ? Well. We will come back for 2 days to repack our bags and head off to Guangzhou, 1 week as tourists and another as guests of Overseas Chinese Affairs Office to attend Guangdong International Culture Tourism Festival. Whilst over that part of the world we will spend a couple of weeks with our Grand-daughter in Japan, stopping over in HKG on our way home for 2 days – guess its goodbye Auckland until mid-November. **Here comes Xmas !**

**Don't forget to renew your 2015 subs before the Xmas BBQ !**

*Can it be the sign of the times –*

**NZCA Winter Camp for this year 2015 has been CANCELLED !** With only 2 confirmed applicants and enquiries by 4 others –time has run out and unfortunately with regret a decision had to be made due to the lack of interest.

A minimum of 12 participants is required to make it feasible–from the Guangdong Overseas Affairs Office that arranges and oversees the program ,to organizing the facilitators in Guangzhou and accommodation etc. with Overseas Vocational School.

**NZCA Past-President Virginia Chong** co-ordinator of the Annual Winter Camp tours thanked everyone for their interest and apologises for the lateness of this advice – every effort was made to encourage more participants but regretfully had not been successful.

Virginia hopes that there will be more interest shown for the next Winter Camp November / December 2016.



## chairmans

### message

I am not sure where this year has gone but this year is drawing to an end very quickly. The Branch committee have been very busy with past events and future events planned for before the end of this year and into 2016.

We celebrated both the launch of the NZCA History book- Turning Stone into Jade in early July and on the same day we also celebrated the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NZCA Auckland Branch with a luncheon. Congratulations to Dr David Fung for his writing of our Associations history and also to Virginia Chong who championed this project till its completion.

It was also sad news that during the launch of the book in Christchurch that Dr David Fung fell ill and passed away- our Branch was represented at the service in Wellington by Connie & John Kum.

We have our 3<sup>rd</sup> Youth Leadership Camp in December- a great opportunity for our High school kids to participate in an action packed camp to learn a bit about their own identity and Chinese culture and about future carers- if you have any children, nephews, nieces or grandchildren in Year 10 through to 13 then this is a must for them to attend- you will find more information later in the newsletter.

In early September I had the honour to represent NZCA Auckland in Beijing during the Chinese government's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations of the end of World War 2 against the Japanese. To be able to represent the descendents and also those in New Zealand that suffered during the war in China was very special and close to me personally. The chance to attend a full military parade in Tiananmen Square on Thursday 3 September was quite special.

Last week I also had the opportunity to participate on behalf of NZCA Head Office the New Zealand China

Council Partnership Forum in Beijing and Shangahi. It was a great opportunity to network with other Chinese organisations and to represent the NZ Chinese community and to tell them about the work and the community that we have in New Zealand. I would like to make a special thank you to Air New Zealand for their support in getting me to China for the forum.

I would like to take this opportunity to farewell the Consulate General of the Peoples Republic of China in Auckland Mr Nui Qingbao and his family. He has been certainly a breath of fresh air in representing China in Auckland. I wish him all the best in his future posting on behalf of NZCA Auckland Branch.

Next year Auckland will host the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual NZCA Easter Sports and Cultural Tournament during Easter at Trust Arena in Henderson. This will bring together over 1000 Chinese New Zealanders from around New Zealand. There is a great opportunity for sponsoring and advertising at this iconic event on the NZCA calendar. If you would like to explore the sponsorship opportunities please contact me directly on 021-891-942 to discuss.

Finally I would like to see as many of the members at our annual Xmas BBQ on Saturday 5 December. Once again the NZCA Auckland Women's group will be running a raffle with all proceeds going towards a worthy charity- if you would like to donate any goods to the raffle please contact Myra Lowe [myralowye469@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:myralowye469@yahoo.co.nz) or myself at [qbee@ihug.co.nz](mailto:qbee@ihug.co.nz).

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# Lawn Bowls Tournament

16 AUG 2015

On behalf of NZCA Auckland Inc, I would like to express my thanks to all the players who turned out to participate in our tournament. A warm welcome to the keen bowls players who travelled long distances from Whangarei, Morrinsville and Wellington. We are also pleased to welcome several new competitors as well our regular faces.

We were fortunate the weather gods heard our prayers as the night before the tournament, rain and cold wintry weather was forecast. However the day turned out to be sunny with blue skies and gentle breezes.

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.

Congratulations to all prize winners -

- 1st - Vincent Wong and Connie Cheng (4 wins - 30 ends & 60 points)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sidney Chan and Patrick Ng (4 wins - 21 ends & 56 points)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Julie Liu and Gwen Ng (3 wins - 22 ends & 42 points)
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Andy Leung and Bet Leung (3 wins - 19 ends and 40 points)
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Tim Chan and Shirley Chan (2 wins - 24 ends & 50 points)

Spot Prize winners -

- 1<sup>st</sup> Toucher      Game 1      Lead - Gwen Ng  
Skip - George Lowe
- Game 2 -      Lead - Michael Wong  
Skip - Sidney Chan
- Game 3 -      Lead - Lenor Kwok  
Skip - Nellie Yep
- Game 4 -      Lead - Michael Wong  
Skip - Tim Chan

I would like to express my sincere thanks to NZCA Auckland for their continuing support for this tournament, held for twelve years.

A big vote of thanks to my helpers on the day - Elsie, Connie, Meilin for the catering, John for capturing the winning smiles with his camera, and George Lowe and Alan Lam for their scoring and organising skills.

NZCA Auckland Inc is delighted to sponsor this tournament and we look forward to seeing you all again soon.

The NZCA Annual Easter Sports Tournament will be held in Auckland next year. Lawn Bowls will be one of the competition sports and will be held at the Epsom Bowling Club on Good Friday 25 March to Sunday 27 March 2016 inclusive. Competition will be for pairs and triples titles. Please mark your diaries now.

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

Virginia Chong  
*Organiser*



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1<sup>st</sup> Toucher Gwen Ng and George Lowe

# NZCA Women's Group

On Saturday 20th June 2015 Nancy Young demonstrated "What to do with Photos after you have taken them with a Digital Camera".

With the assistance of Brian Young, we learnt how to put photos on the computer, and back up to a CD or flashdrive. How to open in Microsoft Pictures Manager, or Picasa, edit, crop, lighten, darken and straighten; make Panoramas, upload to Facebook, use Photo Elements to change or add something or take someone out of a photo.



Everyone took something away from the demonstration.

Mid-winter Yum Cha saw the opportunity to mix and mingle with our many friends from the Waikato Women's Group. The venue was Lucky Fortune Restaurant, 532 Mt Albert Rd, Three Kings on 15th July 2015. On the menu: Prawn Dumplings, Dim Sims, BBQ Pork Buns, Harm Soi Gock, Prawn Rice Rolls, Beef Rice Rolls, Turnip Cake, Sesame Balls, Egg Tarts, Yung Chow Fried Rice, Yee Mein and combined Choy Sum and Gai Larn, and Chinese Tea.



On Saturday, 15th August 2015 Shirley Sidnam presented on her Journey into Collecting Orchids and on Presenting Your Plant for Display. With 38 years of experience and her love of Orchids, Shirley has travelled extensively on overseas trips including Europe, Paris, USA and Australia. Shirley also demonstrated on re-potting an Orchid and the correct way to water Orchids. A video was shown on her beautiful Orchids.



Bobby has also researched Chinese Architecture styles, visiting his home village in Zengcheng, and photographing many styles in Guangzhou, bringing his ideas through to his thesis.

On Saturday, 19th September 2015 Bobby Shen gave a presentation on his profession as an Architect, his travels and his thesis. Bobby leads Architects for Humanity-AKL as a volunteer, a network where like-minded design professionals work together to deliver meaningful design outcomes for communities in need. Finding solutions to the complexities of a design is among his favourite things.

Prior to completing his studies, Bobby researched Chinese Architecture styles, visiting his home village in Zengcheng, and photographing many styles in Guangzhou, bringing his ideas through to his thesis. He showed many of the photos that he took on his journey home with his Father; before finishing his presentation with his Dominion Road, Balmoral – ideas and his thesis.

His photos were well received, as many of the group had visited Zengcheng before.



For our 19 September 2015 meeting Bobby Shen will give a presentation LinkedIn describes him as motivated, civic-minded and always open to new opportunities. Finding solutions to the complexities of a design is among his favourite things. He leads Architects for Humanity-AKL as a volunteer, a network where like-minded design professionals work together to deliver meaningful design outcomes for communities in need.



On Saturday, 17th October 2015 we have our guest Ginette Wang, artist, from a very young age. During her stay in Hong Kong, while working with her western painting media, she fell in love with the subtlety, immediacy, and the expressive characteristic of the Chinese painting. Her artworks centre around beautiful landscapes, birds and flowers. She uses a direct approach with this challenging medium and sometimes applies cross medium skills to portray a tranquil and zen feeling with a touch of life in play that nature inspires to her. Her paintings are in private collections locally and overseas. She has been teaching art/language/craft for many years at Hong Kong YWCA for English speaking members and her own studio. Now she teaches at Mairangi Arts Centre and organize her own workshops. <http://ginettewang.blogspot.co.nz/> She will also be demonstrating and showing us the intricate art of Chinese watercolour and ink painting.

Keep November 21 2015 free, for our bus trip away. Once plans have been completed, we will send out an email.

### **Selena's Chocolate Brownies** (*tweaked a bit by EW*)

1 cup good cocoa or raw cacao powder  
for extra minerals 4eggs  
2 tbsp vanilla  
200 grms melted butter or (200 mls olive or rice bran oil for unsaturated fat)  
2 cups caster sugar  
Mix altogether well

Add 90 grms besan (chick pea flour) or rice flour  
(*Jeem may fung*)

2 tsp cream tartar and 1 tsp baking soda  
1/2 cup long thread coconut  
200 grms chocolate chips

Add 1 or 2 cups frozen raspberries or fresh if available.  
Mix in gently

Line slice tin with baking paper, pour in mixture and bake 150 degrees centigrade for 55 to 60 mins.

*Request from Lila your Rotorua afternoon tea hostess.  
gluten free*

### **POINTS TO PONDER**

Do not anxiously hope for what has not yet come

Do not vainly regret what is already passed.

*Ancient Chinese Proverb*

1. He who knows not and knows not he knows, is a fool- shun him
2. He who knows not and knows he knows not, is simple- teach him
3. He who knows and knows not he knows is asleep - wake him
4. He who knows and knows he knows is wise - follow him!

*Author unknown. EW*



# 2015 Taiwan Study Camp for Future Leaders: Korea, Australia and New Zealand

By Matthew Ng-Wai Shing

Before this trip, the only things I knew about Taiwan was HTC, bubble tea and that it was kind of like China, but wasn't. During the trip, a series of lectures about the country's political landscape, economic situation and national strategy opened my eyes. Here's the skinny of it. The communist PRC (China) and the democratic ROC (Taiwan) have not seen eye to eye for decades. The rise of the China as a world power has left Taiwan in a bit of a pickle: few countries are willing to trade with Taiwan in fear of losing favour with China. As a country that is heavily reliant on imports and exports, Taiwan is trying everything to develop relationships with neighbouring trade partners. This is where we come in.



some things from across New Zealand, Australia and South Korea for two weeks in Taipei. The idea behind the initiative is to promote Taiwan's triumphs and struggles in an effort to spread awareness about the country and, ideally, foster future economic partnership.



The Study Camp was a lot of learning, and a lot of fun. Around lectures, we visited the political, cultural and natural tourist attractions in the area. The highlights included Taipei 101, the Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial, and the awesome Queens Head rock park.

The collision of Koreans, Kiwis, Aussies and Taiwanese within the group led to countless laughs, weird stories of home and great evenings out. But if there was one thing that brought us together the most, it was the food. The famed Taiwanese culinary scene did not disappoint as we devoured everything from waited banquets to smoky night markets.



The Taiwan Study Camp for Future Leaders brings 35 politically and socially conscious 20-30



It was an unforgettable journey which taught me as much about Taiwan as it did about the economic fabric of the world, leadership and the importance of home and belonging. A tremendous thanks to NZCA for nominating me for this very special and enriching experience.

## Obituary.....



### David Chiwei Fung 馮智偉 MB ChB(NZ), MRCP(Lond)

**15 October 1933 — 23 July 2015**

David, husband of Tung Jung member, Esther Fung nee Wah from Tien Sum village 田心村 passed away suddenly while promoting his book "Turning Stone into Jade" in Christ-church.

He was born in Kwangchow (Guangzhou) and spent his early years there until the Japanese occupation when the family moved to Hong Kong. During the war years the family moved frequently: to Macau, the family village and back to Kwangchow at the end of the war. Later he boarded at PuiChing middle school in Kwangzhou and in Hong Kong, before the whole family moved out to Hong Kong shortly before emigrating to New Zealand in 1950, where his father, the Reverend Peter Fung, served as minister for the Wellington Chinese Baptist Church.

David studied at Wellington Technical School (now Wellington High School) and completed 7th form and was awarded Dux in 1953. From there he went on to Otago University to study medicine. Following graduation David returned to Wellington and worked at Wellington Hospital before moving with his

wife Esther and young family to the United Kingdom in 1965. He gained wide experience in Britain and qualified in 1969 as a Member of the Royal College of Physicians in Neurology.

In 1972 he returned to Wellington, now with three young sons, to the Neurology Department at Wellington Hospital. Here he worked as a Consultant Neurologist and Clinical Lecturer, with a focus on epilepsy and migraine sufferers and in the process re-developed the EEG service and epilepsy assessment programme. David was to later start writing a book on migraine, but this was put on hold while he was engaged in work on the history of the New Zealand Chinese Association.

Between 1987 and 2004 David worked as a private practice neurologist, based in Wellington and also covering much of the lower North Island with clinics at Napier, Whanganui, Palmerston North and Waikanae. He served as the Secretary of the Neurological Association of New Zealand for three years and long after retiring from practice he continued to be closely involved with the Epilepsy Association of New Zealand and was largely responsible for establishing a network of field workers and special programmes for patients with epilepsy in Wellington.

It was also during the 1980s that he began to turn his attention to non-medical pursuits, firstly developing a Chinese word processor on the BBC home computer. While this was never commercialised it was used in the writing of the Chinese version of the Sister Cities Treaty between Wellington and Xiamen in 1987 and in the Chinese pages in the Wellington Chinese Association Newsletters in the late 1980s and 1990s.

His involvement in the Wellington and New Zealand Chinese Associations has been covered by the New Zealand Chinese Association, but other instances of his keen interest in the history of the Chinese in New Zealand involved him in commemorations of the murder of Joe Kum Yung, the questionable quarantining of Kim Lee to Somes and Mokopuna Islands and the sinking of the SS Ventnor.

David and Esther, being members of the Tung Jung Association were regular attendees to the various functions and events held by the Association. The Association shall miss their support and input.

As a golfing enthusiast he organised the George Gee Memorial Cup at the Shandon Golf Club, on behalf of the Wellington Chinese Association. David's interests were multifaceted, he was an active member of the New Zealand Bamboo Society and keenly interested in other plants including ginkgo. His musical tastes were eclectic but predominantly in the genres of jazz and Cantonese opera.

David is survived by his wife Esther, sons Christopher, Lindsay and Diarmid and grandchildren Isaac, Salvy, Sophie and Leomana. He is greatly missed.

*Lindsay Fung*

# NZCA XMAS BBQ

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

**Saturday 5 Dec.2015**  
*from 12 pm*

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

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## CNY Dinner

# INVITATION

celebrating the  
**\* Year of the MONKEY \***  
at Lucky Fortune Restaurant.

532 – 536 Mt.Albert Rd. Three Kings

Sat. 20 February 2016 @ 6.30pm

Adults: ~ ~ ~ ~ \$35  
Child: ( under 12 ) \$25                      BYO  
Menu : TBA.

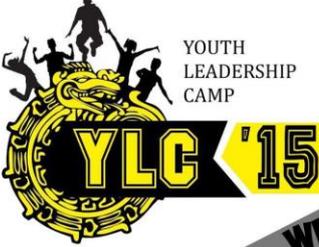
## The NZCA Youth Leadership Camp (YLC) - 10 to 13th December 2015, Camp Adair

brings together and develops the next  
generation of NZ Chinese leaders between the  
ages of 14-(secondary school). The camp  
focuses on exploring team building, self  
awareness, culture, identity and  
communication with the aim of nurturing  
delegates to be leaders that change the future.

This follows the previous YLC 2011 and 2013  
camp and is based on the format and model  
of the successful NZCA Leadership and  
Development Conferences held alternatively  
between Auckland and Wellington. We have a  
great programme over the 4 days and have  
first class guest speakers including Nadia Lim,  
Master Chef and food entrepreneur; Adrian  
Leat, Commonwealth Games silver medallist  
in judo and Detective Constable Tess Kai  
Fong. Albert King returns from Singapore to  
facilitate and guide the young attendees.

*Please encourage your children, nephew and  
nieces and wider friends/family network to  
come along. Refer website: -  
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NZ CHINESE ASSOCIATION AUCKLAND INVITES YOU TO  
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Registrations close 16 October 2015

## Unique Vietnam.....

90 million people and 45 million motorbikes where roads are an organised CHAOS!

When daughter Lisa said she had booked a tour with Intrepid Travel of Australia for us, I agreed to happily trot along....then I decided to look up the meaning of 'Intrepid'. The first meaning was 'FEARLESS'..ulp! Told her, nope, I'm too old for that kind of travel. Lisa replied that it was graded 1-5 and we are 2.....and Mum she said, I know you can cope because you can walk! Reluctantly I agreed, - after all, who turns down a freebie trip with a good mate?

A good fit via Singapore and after a 5hr in transit flew onto Vietnam going through customs and immigration, each of which I endured a smiling non believing bemused look from behind the glass when they checked my passport. Guess they don't have many oldies travelling by themselves and embarking on a tour!

Lisa planned an extra two days to get over our jetlag before joining our group and booked us a cooking class (so much for getting over my jetlag) This entailed us getting picked up at our hotel and taken to this nice 3 storey house which I naively thought would have a spanking new kitchen.....wrong! It was an older outback building across from the house, where several people were busily cleaning and preparing things ready for would be chefs. So the first thing we had to do was look at a list of dishes and choose which ones we would like to learn to cook. We chose a couple, then were told that we had to go to the market and buy the ingredients necessary, and to speak in Vietnamese otherwise the sellers wouldn't understand us. ( We were given a crash course of Vietnamese words before then but of course my memory for foreign words is non existent, so relied on Lisa)

We had been told that to get to the market, we could bike or go by car. Alas, there wasn't a car available and Lisa and I hadn't ridden a bike for at least half a century! No problem says our guide, we go on motorbikes.....dead silence, pardon?

Finally ending in Saigon or Ho Chi Minh city as its now called. Highlight was meeting up with son Andrew who at the moment resides in Cambodia and he took a 12hr bus ride to reach us. Had an extra day(s) with him and had fun catching up, and also met the two little girls he sponsored in Cambodia now living with their I couldn't help but admire the people there, they are such a humble resilient proud race, having had their country invaded so many times. They are still a third world country and the majority have so



She assured us that there was a man available who could take one of us and she could take the other. Added that the man was a very good safe person to ride with, so being the coward I am, I bagged him first! Well I had to be helped onto the pillion seat and don a helmet which fell over my eyes as it was too big, then clutched the poor guy's stomach (reducing him by 3 inches at least) and off we went with my eyes closed.

I have a photo to prove it which Lisa took and titled it 'Born to be wild'

Lisa was happily following with her lady driver.

The attempts to speak in Vietnamese was so bad that in the end our lady had to buy most of the ingredients! I was feeling a bit off colour so left Lisa to learn how to slice, chop, mince, all with a big Chinese chopper - she begged out making a carrot rosette and asked for a sharp peeling knife!

Plus cutting up the meat and veges and all that was necessary to make what we had chosen. The temperature was well into the 30's and that didn't help my jetlagged hangover, plus the smells from the market, so my appetite disappeared.

The kitchen hands must have had a good feed after as there was lots of leftovers!

Whilst we were in Hanoi, our group were taken to Halong Bay which is very beautiful, and we enjoyed kayaking esp with an experienced person doing the paddling!

Enjoyed Hanoi very much, its very pretty despite the organised chaos of motorbikes and cars,- crossing the road was an art, don't challenge cars, but just walk with eyes to the front and the bikes will swerve around you (you hope)

We toured by bus and overnight train down the coast.....train had 4 berth cabins, -Lisa and I shared one with two strangers-at least they didn't snore! Won't mention the toilet.....

Many of the stopover cities had their charms and we did a lot of walking, sightseeing, and sweating! We also did a separate 'ECO' tour which was visiting a farm riding in a cart drawn by a water buffalo..but that's another story grandmother in Vietnam. It was a very happy time as they had never been in a city mall or ridden on an escalator, or elevator let alone eaten in a restaurant before! It was a joy to see their eyes open wide as they marvelled at everything and every sight as they took it all in.

little but somehow still manage. It made me feel truly humble that we in New Zealand have so much in comparison.

*Marian Choy*

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Clutching for dear life to the driver of water buffalo who nonchalantly sang a Vietnamese song!  
It sure was a first and last time for yours truly

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### 72<sup>nd</sup> NZCA annual conference

Claudette Chung and I attended the 2015 NZCA conference on behalf of Future Dragonz. It was held at the Sports and Cultural Centre in Wellington on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>th</sup> of June. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience; I met many aspiring Chinese leaders from NZ and overseas and other young NZCA committee members from other local offices. Also, not to mention, the variety and taste of the food provided during the breaks was divine! A special shout out to the amazing chefs who made it happen. You guys are awesome!

What's even more exciting is that I got the opportunity to attend NZCA's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner and viewed a live Chinese lion dance show. Later that night, all the youngsters went out to "The library" (bar) to "enjoy" some readings. Despite we "read" to midnight, we turned up on time for the last day of the conference.

It was an honour to be invited to such prestigious event, special thanks to NZCA for providing this invaluable and impeccable opportunity!

*Connie Lui*

NOTICE from our Sister  
Organisation

## ACCC ANNUAL

**GUY FAWKES & BBQ**  
**MANGERE COMMUNITY CENTRE –**

99 TAYLOR ROAD MANGERE  
SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup>  
NOVEMBER 2015  
Dinner – from 6.30pm

*BBQ & Sausages will be provided*

*Nb. Bring your own Steak,  
lamb, chicken, fish. etc.*

Please bring a salad to share and  
maybe a Cake for Supper would be  
much appreciated

Fireworks Display from 8.30 pm (*approx* )

Tea and Coffee will be provided  
after the Fireworks Display.

**FOR CATERING PURPOSES**

RSVP – TO COMMITTEE MEMBERS

***NB: There will be no garage  
sale this year***

## Senior Lifestyle Group



After initial opposition to shifting Tuesday activities to Mangere, resistance was soon quelled as to it's suitability as a venue after a visit and inspection of "101" . Four flights of stairs was not conducive to the wellbeing of creaky knees and hips and lack of parking was another problem. "101" being right next to the Mt Eden train station meant adjacent side streets were used by train commuters which made less parking thereabouts more difficult.

Hence that made Mangere more favourable with ease of parking and being able to drive right up to the front door.

Attendance is up .Great! Just have to remind you to pay your \$3 at the door. Need to pay our rental. Ample room for tai chi and all the movements and also plenty of room to strut your stuff line dancing under Sabrina and Rose. Go on you tube and practise last weeks lesson Tango with the Sherriff. Really catchy tune and makes you want to get up . Neat way to exercise.

Mandarin lessons, mah Jong ,badminton, table tennis, watching DVDs or just chatting are all there for the asking. Anyone for doing cooking demos? We haven't had one for a long time.!

Think about what you would like to do.

Morning tea is like "Party Time" and worth coming along for.

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# NZCA CANTONESE MUSIC SCHOOL



## 10 Years On –

The school celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (started Aug 2005) with a Birthday Party on the 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. by way of an Open Day where the Grandparents, Aunties and Committee members observed the activities of the children, a concert of 13 songs by the young children (morning session children), and then party time with special morning tea and Birthday cake.



Due to work commitments Tsui Lo Se will not be teaching next term. Penny Chan Lo Se will be taking all the children from 5 years up! Chan Lo Se was a Kindergarten teacher in HongKong and we are very lucky to have a person with this kind of experience. Chan Lo Se took a few classes last term – and I am impressed with how she handles the children – very pleasant and caring. Penny and Irene will make a good team for next term.

### What is the Programme?

Singing nursery rhymes in Cantonese (real easy for the three year olds to learn), recognizing and learning numbers and colours through song. Role play - yumchar . All reinforced with a CD with over 20 songs for parents to take home - Learning for life – “If you don’t use it then you lose it”

From age five they can start recognizing the Chinese characters to the songs and learn to read and write.

A very good base for the learning of mandarin at College. “ A Head Start”. There is no difficulty adjusting to the Mandarin language and there is no difference in the written language. Chinese in Malaysia can learn up to five languages/ dialects.

[Chinese Music School](#) - October 2015

Opportunity looms for you and your children to learn Cantonese “THE FUN WAY” @

## ORANGA PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL/LIBRARY,

Rangipawa Road, enter by gate on  
Maroa Road, Oranga.

WHEN: Term 4 – 17 Oct - 12 Dec

TIME: Pre-school -9.30 am-11.30am

Primary and Adult classes - 11.45 am - 1.30 pm

Contact: Connie Kum - MNZM, Dip Teaching, - Principal

NZCA Cantonese Music School

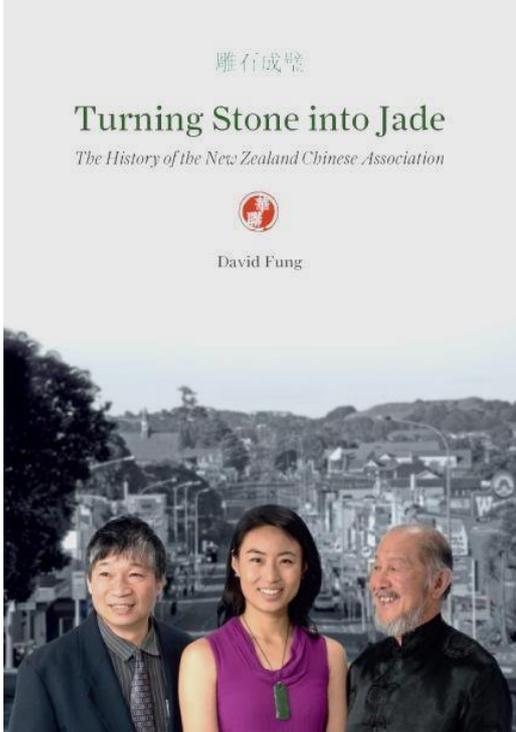
@ [cojay@xtra.co.nz](mailto:cojay@xtra.co.nz) or phone 6258611

*Thanks to the Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust for the generous grant received in support of Language, Cultural and Heritage education with the community.*

# 雕石成璧 **Turning Stone into Jade**

## The History of the New Zealand Chinese Association

by *David Fung*



Published with support from the Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust, **Turning Stone into Jade** tells the story of 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 a community 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.

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### TURNING STONE INTO JADE: Book ORDER Form

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# An Organised NZCA 2 DAY TRIP to ROTORUA

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September  
HISTORICAL TOUR of ROTORUA - Guided by Estella Lee

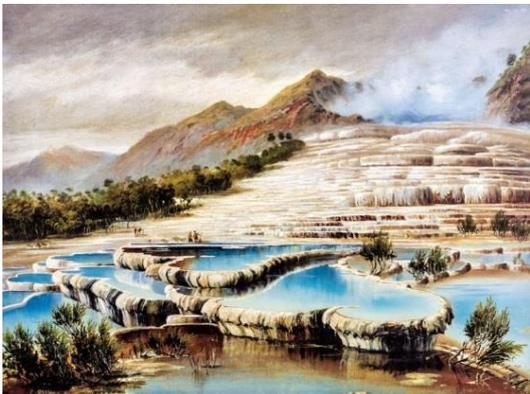
## ROTORUA MUSEUM AND LAKE FRONT



The guided tour at the Museum after lunch was most informative and enjoyable, especially the history of the use and subsequent renovations of the building itself.

After the Museum visit we all went to Lila Kai Fong's for afternoon tea ! Can you imagine crowding 29 bodies into Lila's home? Being the perfect host we were confronted by humungous tableful of cakes, sandwiches and cookies and we did not need a second invitation to start our consumptions. Spent some memorable moments catching up and making re-acquaintances.

## BURIED VILLAGE



After checking into our Hotel ( Ibis ) a small group went to the Polynesian Spa Pool for a thermal soak before having dinner at the Commercial Travellers club.

The next morning according to our itinerary we boarded our bus and headed to the Buried Village where we spent most of the morning before being taken to Lake Tarawera ( the highlight of the trip was yours truly was left behind in the toilets by the bus AND no one missed me ! ) before setting back to the City for lunch.

## LAKE ROTOMAHANA BOAT CRUISE



After lunch and been rescued we set off to Waimangu where we had a leisurely walk thru the amazing scenic thermal region taking and photographing bubbling geysers with names of Frying Pan Lake, Crystal Wall, White Cross, Inferno Crater Lake, and Marble Terrace ! We arrived at the bottom of the scenic walk to board the boat for the cruise around Lake Rotomahana. This 45 min. cruise includes views of steaming cliffs, eruption sites and craters, geysers and many fumeroles. This lake was the site of the world famous Pink and White Terraces before the eruption of Mt. Tarawera in 1886.

All good things must come to an end – and 5 pm was the time we headed back home to Auckland – bus full of tired bodies on the move.

Another Organised Trip Enjoyed by All ----

**Next Trip TARANAKI ? ?**

**Your thoughts.**

Stay Tuned in – TBA

Departing from Mc Donalds at Greenlane at 8.30 am on a clear fine Saturday we headed off to our weekend tour to ROTORUA. Due to some late cancellations we still had a great lot of jovial trippers ( 28 in numbers ) to occupy the 45 seater bus that was hired for the occasion. Met up with our courier (Elsie) at Bombay for some delicious home baked peanut brownies and fresh apples to eat on the bus

Arriving at the Museum shortly after 11.30 am we found ourselves a sunny and shaded ( from the wind ) spot where we parked ourselves down for lunch. ( *Brought From Home* )

Sunday 12 July we held a double celebration- we launched the NZCA History book- Turning Stone to Jade researched and written by Dr David Fung and had a luncheon to celebrate our Associations 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary both functions held at the Tasman Room at Alexandra Park.

At the launch we had the pleasure to host Dr David Fung and his wife Esther, Liz Ngan the book project manager, National President Meng Foon, Dr Jiang Yang, MP and Consul General Niu Qingbao from the Peoples Republic of China.

It was great to see so many members at both functions and especially our Auckland Branch life members; Arthur Loo, Cecil Wong, Kai Luey, Susan Wong, David Wong, Sui Wing Lee and Gillian Young who attended and helped cut the birthday cake.

I would like to thank the Branch committee for all their help in organising another successful function.



The book launch of Turning Stone to Jade was special to Auckland branch as we had many branch members involved in the production of the book- Virginia Chong lead the project to have the book finished and published, on the front cover committee members John Kum, Monica Mu and Robert Wong feature with the photo taken by Dr KT Ho.



# 80th Anniversary Luncheon 12 July 2015





## Chinese New Year Festival & Market Day The Year of the Monkey

Our festival to welcome the Year of the Monkey is being held in Halls 3 & 4 of the ASB Showgrounds, 217 Greenlane West, Auckland 1023 on Saturday, 23 January 2016 between

9.30am and 4.00pm

Auckland Chinese Community Centre Inc has been organising an annual Chinese New Year celebration for nearly 30 years. The Festival has grown in popularity over these years, and has now become a highlight of the Auckland summer events calendar with attendance by nearly 30,000 persons.

Our 2016 Chinese New Year Festival & Market Day to welcome the Year of the Monkey will feature the following activities:-

- Grand Opening at 10.00am with 11 person Dragon Dance
- Over 200 specialist stalls selling traditional & exotic Chinese hot delicacies, Chinese New Year foodstuffs, Chinese traditional arts & crafts, & promoting advisory services
- Indoor entertainment programme of Chinese acrobats, cultural songs, dances & musical items
- Outdoor entertainment programme of martial arts, tai chi and Chinese pop singers
- Other entertainment and games & rides for children
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We have an exciting new partnership with IHeart Radio which will provide extensive promotion of our event on Newstalk ZB, Coast & the Hits radio stations in addition to our normal Chinese NZ TV33 digital freeview advertising and Chinese & mainstream media promotion. Therefore, we are anticipating an even larger public attendance at this prestigious event, which has traditionally been the biggest celebration of Chinese New Year in the Auckland central region.

This is a free event and is eagerly anticipated by many thousands of recent migrants from China and other parts of Asia because they can again experience the sights, sounds, smells and pageantry of a traditional Chinese New Year celebration which they enjoyed each year in their previous home country.

The local mainstream Kiwis and NZ born Chinese also enjoy the event because of the great entertainment both indoor and outdoor, the exotic variety of Asian food available and the wide range of goods and services displayed in the market area.



## Look what I have found!!!!

Here are the names of the nine body servants who were on the **SS Ventnor**. 'The care of the dead was handed over to nine Chinese body attendants, each old or decrepit Chinamen, who were sent home by the Cheong Shing Tong society, and given a sum of money sufficient to keep them from work for the remainder of their lives<sup>1</sup>. These 9 men were on the ship's articles (as opposed to the crew list) at a shilling (10 cents) a month<sup>2</sup>.

Kum Foo, Cousin of Sew Hoy, drowned in Hokianga Harbour

Long Hung saved

Kum Young drowned in Hokianga harbour

Gee Him, drowned in Hokianga harbour

Lee Sam saved

Dick Young saved

Chow Hing drowned in Hokianga harbour

Yu Ling saved

Chou Chew<sup>3</sup> drowned in Hokianga harbor

'The remaining members of the crew of the lost SS *Ventnor* including the chief officer and second engineer, and four of the Chinese passengers left from the Hokianga on the SS *Gairloch* on 7 November for Auckland. Mr Chas Watt, Church of Christ, Ponsonby Road, took up at collection amounting to £2 0s 4d. in aid of the crew of the SS *Ventnor*<sup>4</sup>.

Are you a possible descendant? Information? Photograph? Love it for the book I am writing, *The Call of the Ancestors*.

please contact Wong Liu Shueng at [wongls@interculturalworks.co.nz](mailto:wongls@interculturalworks.co.nz)

<sup>1</sup> Pages Past, Poverty Bay Herald, 1 November 1902 page 2 The Ventnor Wreck.

<sup>2</sup> Pages Past, Auckland Star 14 November page 2 The Ventnor Wreck

<sup>3</sup> Pages Past, Evening Post 29 October 1902 p5 Wreck of the Ventnor

<sup>4</sup> Pages Past, NZ Herald, 7 November 1902 p5

## Controversy ?

There has been a controversy regarding how to progress the Ventnor project with the John Albert and combined community groups led by Wong Lui Sheung following divergent paths. The project has now been adopted by the NZCA and an effort to bring the sides closer together.

NZCA President Meng Foon met with the John Albert team to hear their side of the story. Meng believes that these matters could be accommodated within the formal objectives of the Association, and proposes the Association discuss how NZCA might support him in his projects. Wong Liu Sheung has organised a meeting of the Chinese Historic Ventnor Group – previously declared stakeholders who come under the NZCA-led umbrella group to discuss the possibilities and implications, and to advance their projects.

The Ministry of Culture and Heritage have advertised an invitation for submission of claims of ownership and/or possession of objects from the SS Ventnor. Community support will be gathered through NZCA National, as well as Wellington Branch, Poon Fah and Tung Jung Associations.

### **They also invite individuals to make submissions.**

Anyone wanting to write a submission can get a guideline from [wongls@interculturalworks.co.nz](mailto:wongls@interculturalworks.co.nz). This is our time to have our say over the control of our history. We need a large number of submissions.

Submissions close 23 November 2015

Further information on the submission as follows: <http://www.mch.govt.nz/public-notice-%E2%80%93-objects-ss-ventnor>



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## Membership Form

Annual (jan 1- dec 31)

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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:** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / 20\_\_\_\_\_

**NZCA CANTONESE MUSIC SCHOOL 10<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**



**AUCKLAND DELEGATES AT 72<sup>ND</sup> NZCA CONFERENCE JUNE 2015**



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