



**THE NEW ZEALAND CHINESE ASSOCIATION INC.
(CANTERBURY BRANCH)**

紐西蘭堅都布厘華聯支會

22 St Asaph Street,
Christchurch.

PO Box 31-276
Ilam, Christchurch 8444

March 2016 Newsletter

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The 2016 Annual General Meeting of the Canterbury Branch of the New Zealand Association will be held at The Association Hall, 22 St Asaph Street on **Sunday 17th April 2016 at 1.00pm.**

Business

1. To receive The Annual Report
2. To receive and consider the accounts and balance sheet for the preceding financial year.
3. General Business.

Papers for the above items 1 and 2 will be distributed at the A.G.M.

We invite and welcome all our members to attend and to express any matters of interest.

Afternoon tea will be served.

2016 Annual Membership Subscriptions and Donations **(Annual membership 1st Jan-31st Dec)**

A warm welcome to all new members, and thank you to all existing members for submitting your annual membership subscriptions for 2016. Your generous donations are very much appreciated.

A reminder:- 2016 annual subscriptions and donations are now due. Please complete a membership form with attention to print clearly in both **English and Chinese** names. An annual subscription for a member 16 years and over is \$15.00. An additional one off entry fee of \$5.00 applies to new members only. Please note a revised form is created for either a renewal of membership or applying as a new member. Carefully tick the appropriate boxes, fill in and return to:-

The Secretary, NZCA Canterbury Branch, P O Box 31 276, Ilam, Christchurch 8444.

We will be updating our membership list. Please ensure that you submit your subscriptions before Sunday 30th April 2016 if you wish to remain as a current 2016 member.

Happy New Year to You All!

The Chinese Lunar New Year, “Year of the Fire Monkey” was well celebrated with a good turnout with our members and guests. A delicious feast and entertainment was held at the Association Hall.

We were honoured to have Consul-General Mr Zhijian Jin and City Councillor Mr Jimmy Chen as special guests to share in celebrating this auspicious occasion with our community.

A special thank you to Mr Quoon Chin with the many volunteer helpers, especially the kitchen team who contributed their generous time, effort and energy to produce a very successful and delicious luncheon.

The Chinese New Year celebration went smoothly and very much enjoyed by those who attended, even the 5.7 magnitude earthquake rocked with us during the celebration.



2016 Executive Committee Members

Fannie Yee, Rhonda Ding, Yu Moi Chan, Graham King, Jane Gin, Quoon Chin, Stan Yee, Emmie King, Marisa Yeung

Absent: Ian Chan, Simon Chan, Ronald Lee, Tim Ng, James To, Tina Yee

Our warmest congratulations to our NZCA National Secretary and Canterbury Executive member, James To and Ruby on the new arrival of a lovely daughter Mikayla, a little sister for Ashton.



NZCA Academic Awards 2016

Applications for the following awards based on 2015 Examination results will be acknowledged by the New Zealand Chinese Association and are now being called for.

NCEA Level 1 or Cambridge International Examination (IGCSE) (three awards of \$250 each)

NCEA Level 2 (three awards of \$250 each)

NCEA Chinese Academic Award Level 3 or 4 (one award of \$250)

NCEA Level 4 Tertiary Scholarship Awards (three awards of \$750 each)

ILB Award (one award of \$450)

Cambridge Award (one award of \$450)

Encourage your children, to apply for the special NZCA scholarship awards to acknowledge their success as a member of the New Zealand Chinese Association. Criteria for awards requires applicant or family as members of NZCA. Closing date for application is due by 30th April 2016. **Application forms and further information, please contact Rhonda Ding (rding@xtra.co.nz)**



Congratulations to 2015 NZCA Academic Award recipients Kimberley Gee and Jared Chin. Kimberley and Jared were honoured to receive the NCEA Level 1 awards presented by Consul General Zhijian Jin.

Future Dragonz - Canterbury

New Zealand's leading Chinese young professionals' network is now in Christchurch.

A home for like minded people to meet, learn and grow.

Set up by enthusiastic young adults for young professionals aged between 20-35 years who meet up fortnightly. Organised by accomplished leaders who host vast and varied events throughout the year. Activities such as social functions, running life skill courses, fundraising events, connecting and networking with other young professionals etc.

Whichever industry you are in, whether it is a professional services, creative, or whatever else, come be part of this fast-growing, exciting community.

If you would like to find out more please refer to the website and email below.

Visit: www.futuredragonz.org.nz __ Email: info-chch@futuredragonz.org.nz

The Canterbury Chinese Association Hall is available for hire

22 St Asaph Street (Hagley Park end)

Facilities available:

**Conference room, sound system, ample floor area with removable stage,
large industrial kitchen and facilities, parking at rear in the evenings,
Discounted Hall hire rates for NZCA members**



Contact:-Marisa Yeung (021 112 6265, hopyick@xtra.co.nz)

A Bit on the Side

Household Emergency Checklist – What you will need to get through

EMERGENCY SURVIVAL ITEMS: - Check all batteries every 3 months

Torch with spare batteries or a self-charging torch
Radio with spare batteries
Wind and waterproof clothing, sun hats, and strong outdoor shoes
First aid kit and essential medicines
Blankets or sleeping bags
Emergency toilet – toilet paper and large rubbish bags
Face and dust masks

GETAWAY KITS:- Each individual should have a packed getaway kit in an accessible place

Torch and radio with spare batteries – Check all batteries every 3 months
Hearing aids and spare batteries, glasses or mobility aids
Emergency water and easy-to-carry food rations
Extra supplies of special dietary items
First aid kit and essential medicines
Toiletries – towel, soap, toothbrush, sanitary items, toilet paper
Blankets or sleeping bags
Face and dust masks
Important documents: Identification (birth/marriage certificates, drivers licences, passports)
Financial (insurance policies and mortgage)
Precious family photos

Calendar of Events

68th NZCA Annual Sports and Cultural Tournament 2016

A great opportunity to meet up, make new friends or renew old friendships with many Chinese from around New Zealand. A major social event of sports and culture on the NZCA calendar.

This year the NZCA Sports and Cultural Tournament will be held in Auckland over the Easter weekend from Friday 25th to Monday 28th March 2016. Open to all ages from 5 years to veterans. Formal Opening and Closing ceremonies with adult and family social functions held each night. Various sports ranging from Athletics (Relays), Badminton, Basketball (for all age groups), Golf, Indoor Netball, Indoor Soccer, Lawn Bowls, Outdoor Netball, Table Tennis, Tennis, and Touch Rugby will be contested over the eventful weekend.

For further information contact Canterbury contingent coordinators:- Tony Ng (ngtony85@gmail.com) or Victoria King (victoria.ks.king@gmail.com). Basketball coordinator:- Simon Chan at chan-clan@xtra.co.nz

CIVIL DEFENCE and EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT Seminar: GET READY GET THRU!

Advanced notice to a Civil Defense seminar on how to get ready and prepared for an emergency

1. Learn about the disasters that can affect you
2. Create and practice a household emergency plan
3. Assemble and maintain emergency survival items
4. Have a getaway kit in case you have to leave in a hurry

“CHINESE ANZACS” by Alastair Kennedy

Second Edition revised to include New Zealand-born Chinese of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force from 1914-1919. NZCA Book Committee members facilitated and assisted with publishing a revised chapter to produce a tribute to the forebears’ of Chinese New Zealand who contributed to New Zealand’s military and social history. Officially launched by NZCA and released for sale. Canterbury book launch date to be confirmed.

Acknowledgement – Christchurch Chinese Lantern Festival & Culture Galore

On behalf of NZCA Canterbury, I wish to specially thank the Fundraising Committee Jennifer Yee, Jane Gin, Fannie Yee, Marisa Yeung, Aki Tanaka, Jenny Yee and Rhonda Ding for a fantastic effort with organising and preparing for the successful fundraising event at the Christchurch Chinese Lantern Festival and Culture Galore. A big thank you to our Master Chefs Peter Yee, Cindy Chan and Stan Yee.

Also, a great team effort from our many volunteer members. Thank you for your generous time and energy to contribute towards helping with the preparations in showing your community spirit.

Thank you to James To for the loan of his van for transportation and Leon Yee for loan of equipment.

With volunteering your time, our community thrives on the generosity of our members who contribute towards the strength and prosperity of NZCA Canterbury. Your contributions was very much appreciated.



Social Activities

Regular activities are held weekly at the Canterbury Chinese Association Hall, 22 St Asaph Street (Hagley Park end) unless specified.

Beijing Health Promoting Exercise Classes Beijing style exercise from 10-11.00am. Members \$2, Non-members \$3. Contact Mrs Sum Duncan (ph 342 7822)

Canterbury Chinese Basketball Club Basketball practice at Burnside High School, Greers Road. Tiniball, Miniball and Intermediate age groups practice from 9.30am to 10.45am followed by High School and open grades from 10.45 to 12.30pm. Contact Simon Chan (chan-clan@xtra.co.nz)

Cantonese & Mandarin Chinese language classes All classes on Sunday. See above for class times. Contact Mr Quoon Chin (ph 027 285 2859)

Cooking Classes held monthly on a Sunday at 2pm. Cost \$5. Contact Rhonda Ding (ph 021 259 0745, rding@xtra.co.nz)

Line Dance Group To be held on Saturday mornings. Cost \$2. For interest contact Jennifer Chin (ph 358 5778) or Emmie King (ph 021 211 7441, graem88@xtra.co.nz)

New Vogue and Ballroom Dance Classes Held at Edwards Dance Academy from 7.30-8:30pm, 23 Livingstone Street. Linwood (Fitzgerald Street end). Cost \$7. Contact Emmie King (graem88@xtra.co.nz)

Qiao Yi Lion Dance Team Christchurch Saturday trainings at the Hall from 3.30-4.30pm. Contact George Chan (021 188 6096, gwhchan71@yahoo.co.nz)

Senior/Lifestyle Group Social walking group that meets up every Friday morning at 10.00am. Catchup and keep fit with refreshments and a chat afterwards. Contact Tim Ng (ph 339 0188, ng.tim@hotmail.com) or Nelson Sue (ph 332 8148, nelsondoreensue@hotmail.com)

Tai Chi Classes from 9-10am. Gold coin donation.

We welcome anyone interested to participate in our activities and look forward to meeting up.

Obituary

It is with much sadness to report the passing of Mrs Doreen Sue (4.2.16). A foundation member of the Chinese Cultural Centre, and an active past NZCA Executive Committee member, adored wife of Mr Nelson Sue our Senior Group leader.

Our heartfelt sympathy is shared with the passing of Mr David Duncan (30.1.16) after a long illness. Much loved son of Mr Bill and Mrs Sum Duncan. Mrs Sum Duncan has contributed immensely with activities over the years as a past Executive member, and continues to run the Beijing exercise class. We convey our deepest sympathy and condolences to both families.

Membership

Your continued support as a member is an important factor in our organisation. We provide funding for events, activities for members and regular publishing of newsletters. If you have family or friends over the age of 16 years and would like to become a member to receive the benefits, please contact The Secretary - Rhonda Ding. (021 259 0745 or rding@xtra.co.nz)

Receiving Newsletters by Email or Change of Address

Please advise us of any change of address in writing or email to The Secretary, NZCA (Canterbury Branch), PO Box 31-276, Ilam, Christchurch 8444

If you wish to receive our Newsletters by email, please forward your email address to Rhonda Ding (021 2590 745 or rding@xtra.co.nz) or Marisa Yeung (021 112 6265 or hopyick@xtra.co.nz).

Visit our website for more information on events:- <http://canterburynzca.moonfruit.com>

Disclaimer.

Neither the association nor any person or persons associated with it, accepts any liability whatsoever for the contents of this newsletter which has been prepared in good faith without material reward and to the best of our knowledge is true and correct in all aspects.