



THE NEW ZEALAND CHINESE ASSOCIATION INC.
(CANTERBURY BRANCH)

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May 2016 Newsletter

A warm welcome to all new members

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Our warmest congratulations to James To (NZCA National Secretary and NZCA Canterbury Executive Committee member) on his new career in Wellington. We thank James for his knowledge and guidance towards our community. We wish James and his family every success for their future.

Calendar of Events

Jung Festival and Family Day 2016

held at the Chinese Association Hall

22 St Asaph Street, Christchurch

Sunday 29th May at 12.00 noon



The 2016 Jung Festival will be held at the Association Hall, 22 St Asaph Street, Christchurch on **Sunday 29th May at 12.00 noon**. A luncheon consisting of a variety of tasty Chinese dishes including Jung will be served. Bring along family and friends to celebrate the Jung Festival.

An entry fee will be collected at the door:- Members - \$8, Non-members - \$15, Students 12-15 years - \$8, children under 12 years - Free. Donations will be kindly accepted.

CIVIL DEFENCE and EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT Seminar

GET READY GET THRU!

**Saturday 7th May from 11-12pm at
The Association Hall, 22 St Asaph Street**

**A very important and helpful topic presented by Civil Defence
“Get ready now to protect yourself, your family, home, business and
community.”**

**“GET READY – GET THRU!” will inform you on HOW TO GET
READY and WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO GET THROUGH:**

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.

Bring along family and friends to learn how to prepare for any disasters. Light refreshments will be provided following the presentation. Gold coin donation will be appreciated.



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NZCA Canterbury Annual General Meeting 2016

A successful NZCA Canterbury AGM was held on Sunday 17th April. Thank you to all the members who attended in support of our community, and to specially thank committee members for providing afternoon tea. Financial and Annual reports were distributed at the meeting. For those wishing to receive reports contact Rhonda Ding, the Secretary.

I wish to take the opportunity to acknowledge the strong leadership of our committee members for their dedication and contribution to the work they do in keeping our community at good stead, resulting in a very stable organisation.

69th Annual NZCA Sports and Cultural Tournament 2017 in Christchurch

Preparations are underway to organise the 69th NZCA Sports and Cultural Tournament held in Christchurch next year during Easter weekend from 14th - 17th April 2017.

We are now in the process of seeking volunteers to coordinate this major sporting event on the NZCA calendar. If you would like to contribute as a Sport Controller in the various sports, organise events such as the Opening/Closing ceremonies, Social functions, Cafeteria and administrators to join our enthusiastic team as the organising committee. Please express your interest to help support and be part of this great event for the many Chinese to meet up, make new friends and to rekindle old friendships. A notice will be sent in the next coming weeks for our first meeting.

Contact Tony Ng at tonehsix@gmail.com or contact Emmie King (graem88@xtra.co.nz)

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 regularly. 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 around New Zealand.

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

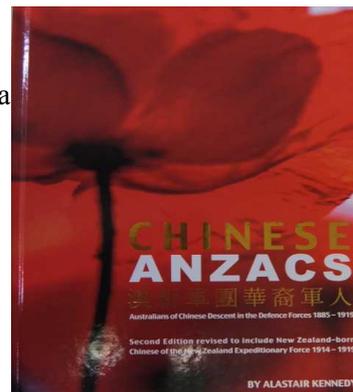
If you would like to find out more please refer to the website and email below.

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

“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 at \$40 per book.

To purchase books contact NZCA Canterbury Secretary.



NZCA Sports and Cultural Tournament Report – Auckland 2016

Held in Auckland during Easter weekend from Friday 25th to Monday 28th March 2016.

The Easter Tournament was a success despite not bringing a trophy home this year. The best trophy brought home was the good spirit and great friendship! We did quite well on the court and fields of Auckland as well as the dance floor. Most importantly everyone had fun, it was a good opportunity to catch up with old friends and family members from across New Zealand and overseas.

51 participants made the trip up north. The contingent was overall happy with accommodation at City Lodge. It was affordable and located in central Auckland so it was convenient for everyone to get to the socials in a timely fashion.

Sport Venue – The Trusts Arena, Waitakere - Sport results:

Our Men Open and Women Open basketball teams managed to make it to the finals but unfortunately both fell agonizingly short.

The mixed Futsal (Indoor Soccer) made it to the Quarter Finals - an improvement on last year.

We put together a Mixed Touch Rugby team this year after not fielding a team last year. We lost heavily in the opening game, but won one game and we were competitive in the other games. A good effort considering we didn't practice much prior to Easter.

We managed to scrape together a men and women's relay team. Unfortunately we finished last in both, but it was good fun and got us warmed up.

The only negative sports news is that our Indoor Netball team defaulted due to people, who signed up or verbally said they were going to play, but not showing up. We were the only team to default in the tournament. We can't have this happen again, especially with us being the hosts next year.

Thank you to everyone who helped in anyway. Thanks especially to Emmie King, Victoria King, Tomo Yee, Melissa Wong and Tony Ng for their work in putting the contingent together, organizing accommodation, getting everyone from A to B, feeding us breakfast, as well as participating in the sports themselves.

The Otago Southland Chinese Association (OSCA) contingent had the misfortune to have their van vandalised and broken into. Uniforms, sports gear and personal belongings were taken. This put a damper to the start of the tournament, but the generosity of other branches helped towards the good will and understanding to support OSCA.

The Canterbury Branch contributed a donation of \$200 towards supporting OSCA on their loss.

On a brighter note, congratulations to Steven Cheong (Canterbury), who won the trip to Hong Kong/Shanghai winning the Auckland Easter raffle kindly sponsored by Air New Zealand. A nice surprise for his first tournament!

Tony Ng – NZCA Canterbury Sports Controller 2016

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 1pm. Contact Simon Chan (chan-clan@xtra.co.nz)

Cantonese, Mandarin & Beginners Conversational Mandarin - Chinese Language Classes

Held on Sunday mornings. \$30 per term.

See above for class start 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 Dancing Group Saturday mornings. Cost \$2. Contact 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.

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

Overdue Memberships for 2016

Thank you to all members who have promptly renewed their 2016 subscriptions.

A friendly reminder, if you have not already renewed your membership, we would appreciate your membership subscription fee of \$15 be submitted as soon as possible to ensure you remain a current member. Or contact The Secretary, NZCA Canterbury PO Box 31- 276, Ilam, Christchurch.

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)

Acknowledgements and Donations

We wish to thank the following for their continuing support and generosity towards our community.

Marisa Yeung - for overseeing the installation of two new heat pumps for the Hall and organising fundraiser selling steamed barbecue pork buns.

Fannie Yee – for organising food stall fundraiser in the rebranding of CPIT to ARA (Institute of Canterbury).

Consulate General Mr Zhijian Jin for donation of Chinese text books.

Beijing Exercise Class donation of \$219.00

Tai Chi donation of \$169.00

Obituary

It is with much sadness we report the passing of Mr Shui Poy (David) Yee on 14th March 2016. He was a treasured active past committee member, who contributed generously towards our community. We convey our deepest sympathy and condolences to Mui Yin Tong and her family.

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

We encourage receiving 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).

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