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THE NEW ZEALAND CHINESE ASSOCIATION INC.
(CANTERBURY BRANCH)

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January 2016 Newsletter



2016 CHINESE LUNAR NEW YEAR LUNCH
will be held at the Chinese Association Hall
22 St Asaph Street, Christchurch
on Sunday 14th February 2016 at 12.00 noon

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A warm welcome to all new members

On behalf of NZCA Canterbury branch, greetings for a very Happy Chinese New Year!

May you and yours experience good fortune, good health, happiness and best wishes for a prosperous 2016 to celebrate the auspicious Year of the Monkey.

You are warmly invited to attend our annual Chinese Lunar New Year lunch to celebrate this happy occasion. Bring along your family and friends to share with us in a special Chinese festive gathering.

For **non-members** attending the lunch, a charge of \$15 per person will be collected at the Hall.

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

2016 annual subscriptions and donations are now due. Please complete the enclosed 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 the new formatted form is created for either a renewal of membership or applying as a new member. Carefully tick the appropriate boxes.

Send in your completed forms to the “Secretary, New Zealand Chinese Association Canterbury Branch, P O Box 31276, Ilam, Christchurch 8444”, **before 8th February** or bring the forms with you to the Chinese Lunar New Year Luncheon on **Sunday 14th February 2016**.

A Bit on the Side

***The World should look back,
in order to Move Forward***

Sir Peter Jackson

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 these special NZCA scholarship awards to acknowledge their success as a member of the New Zealand Chinese Association. Criteria for awards requires applicant or family to be members of NZCA. Closing date for application is due by end of March.

Application forms and further information, please contact Rhonda Ding (rding@xtra.co.nz)

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, Touch and Volleyball will be contested over the eventful weekend.

We are now in the process of recruiting participants to join our sporting teams to represent Canterbury. Express your interest and be in early for us to arrange special deals with transport and accommodation. 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

The Chinese Association Hall is available for hire



22 St Asaph Street, CBD

Sound system, parking in evenings, Kitchen, stage and conference room.

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

Cantonese and Mandarin Language School Classes

Cantonese and Mandarin classes resumes back on **Sunday 31st January** held at the Association Hall. Cantonese lessons start at 9.30-11am, Advanced Mandarin from 10-12pm, Beginners Mandarin from 10.30-12pm. The school term and holidays coincides with the public school timetable. Contact Mr Quoon Chin (027 285 2859, quoon@xtra.co.nz).



Enroll now for the new school term. We look forward to more children and adults attending our Chinese language classes, especially in the Cantonese classes for beginners. Learn the conversational Chinese language through fun and play. Bring your children and friends to learn the skillful art of writing and speaking of the Chinese language.

Calendar of Events

Christchurch Chinese Lantern Festival 2016 - Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th February

Christchurch Chinese Lantern Festival is back in 2016 from 5pm-10.30pm each evening to celebrate the ending of the Chinese Lunar New Year.

Chinese food stalls, cultural entertainment and activities held at Hagley Park. Come along to support and enjoy the delight of the Lanterns and experience the atmosphere of Chinese culture.

NZCA Canterbury will be participating by fundraising in the food stalls. Funding towards the replacement for two new heat pumps. Your help towards NZCA Canterbury as a volunteer is most welcome or come along to support our stall.



Culture Galore – Saturday 12th March 2016

Culture Galore is a part of Christchurch Garden City Summer Times Festival. A multi-cultural festival that provides an opportunity for different ethnic groups to showcase their culture. Celebrating the ethnic diversity through performing arts, ethnic foods, crafts, sports, games and language from more than 50 cultures in Christchurch.

The event takes place on **Saturday 12th March 2016** at the Ray Blank Park, Maidstone Road, Ilam from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm. NZCA Canterbury Branch will be holding a food stall at this event.

Come along to support NZCA Canterbury and share in the enjoyment to be part of the many cultural communities in Christchurch. Entry is Free.

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

Social Activities

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

Beijing Health Promoting Exercise Classes Beijing style exercise resumes **Saturday 9th January** from 10-11.00am. Gold coin donation. Contact Mrs Sum Duncan (ph 342 7822)

Canterbury Chinese Basketball Club Basketball practices start back at Burnside High School. Tiniball, Miniball and Intermediate age groups start back on **Sunday 31st January** from 9.30am to 10.45am followed by High School and open grades start back on the **Sunday 17th January** from 10.45 to 12.30pm. Basketball teams in training to compete at the annual NZCA Chinese Sports Tournament held in Auckland. Contact Simon Chan (chan-clan@xtra.co.nz)

Cantonese & Mandarin Chinese language classes All classes resume back on **Sunday 31st January**. See above for class times. Contact Mr Quoon Chin (ph 027 285 2859)

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

Line Dance Group resumes on **Saturday 16th January** from 1-2pm. Cost \$2. Contact Jennifer Chin (ph 358 5778) or Emmie King (ph 021 211 7441, graem88@xtra.co.nz)

New Vogue and Ballroom Dance Classes resumes on **Sunday 6th March** from 7.15-8:30pm at Edwards Dance Academy, 23 Livingstone Street. Linwood (Fitzgerald Street end). Cost \$7. Contact Emmie King (graem88@xtra.co.nz)

NZCA Future Dragons Canterbury Set up by enthusiastic young adults for young professionals aged between 20-35 years who meet up fortnightly. Organised activities such as social functions, running life skill courses, fundraising events, connecting and networking with other young professionals etc.



Future Dragonz:

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

A home for like minded people to meet, learn and grow. We host vast and varied events throughout the year.

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

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 resumes on **Sunday 10th January** from 9-10am. Gold coin donation.

The activity groups would like to thank all members for their participation in 2015. We extend a warm welcome to anyone interested to participate in our activities for 2016, and look forward to meeting up.

Acknowledgements

NZCA Canterbury wishes to thank the following for their generous contributions & donations:

Line Dance Group for donation for \$238.50.

A special thank you to Ronald Lee with appreciation, who generously donated and installed a projector for presentations and general use for functions held in the hall.

On behalf of the NZCA Canterbury branch, we wish to sincerely thank the group of volunteers who helped clean-up at the Canterbury A & P Show. A good effort and a generous fund was achieved.

Special thank you to the many helpers who organised the successful annual Chinese Christmas picnic held at the Groynes and to everyone for contributing towards a shared lunch which was enjoyed by all.



If you wish to give up your generous time to help with NZCA Canterbury fundraising, please contact Rhonda Ding (rding@xtra.co.nz).

Membership

Your continued support as a member is an important factor in our organisation. We provide funding for events, hiring of the Association Hall at a discounted rate for our members, activities for members, support and acknowledge our members achievements 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)

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