



**WCA**

SEP 2023 NEWSLETTER

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47 Lewis Street  
Glenview, Hamilton

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023–2024

## WCA MID AUTUMN MOONCAKE HIGH TEA

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
1–4pm

## PICKLEBALL—GIVE IT A GO

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
2pm–4pm



## WCA SPRING MARKET DAY

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
12noon–3pm

## SECRET SANTA FUSION BBQ

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
12noon–3pm

## 2024 WCA CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (tentative date)

## NZCA SPORTS AND CULTURAL EASTER TOURNAMENT WELLINGTON

29<sup>th</sup> March to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024



To align with the new strategy for reporting for NZCA National executive, this year's report is in new format. We have just had the NZCA national conference in July 2023 in Wellington and feedback suggests this was one of the best we have had for a number of years. We had 4 representatives from Waikato this year attend and Jenny Too was re-elected as president and I was also reelected as her Vice President for another year.

Our finances for the branch have been steady this past year and we are seeing more regular one off hires. We have been prudent with expenditure though this past 12 months and this is reflected in our present healthy finances for 2022-23 year.

## BRANCH ACTIVITY Voice

### **Social Cohesion Workshops**

*7<sup>th</sup> March 2023, Hosted by Bev Hong representing MSD*

I attended community zoom workshops about the measurement of social cohesion. 25 Umbrella groups participated with my representation of NZCA and Waikato branch. Workshop involves being briefed about the work, introductions and then some first reactions and discussion to confirm the workshop process going forwards. There is another one coming up in September 2023. I may not be attending future sessions due to work commitments.

## Community

### **Mid-Autumn Festival**

*September 2022*

Held on September 10th . It was pleasing to see the level of attendance as it has been over 12 months since we have not been able to hold a significant social event due to social restrictions with covid. We welcomed as our special guest, Police Ethnic Community Officer, Sean Choi, and his family. He has been a regular attendee at our events since then. We also welcomed as our new patron of the branch Mr Sid Lim, who has been one of our longest serving past presidents. We enjoyed the activities, which included special instruction on mooncake making and all went home with our own individual mooncake creations. Dinner was enjoyed with plenty of traditional food, and it was wonderful to see the younger children enjoying the social activities alongside our older members.

### **Timber Trail Bike Ride Social Event**

*5<sup>th</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> November 2022*

we travelled together on a 2-day group 85km E-bike expedition through the iconic Pureora podocarp forest just north of Tauramanui. Once the realm of only hardcore trampers and hunters, this deep wilderness, can now be explored by bike, following old logging roads and tramlines across eight suspension bridges including Maramataha bridge at 114m - being the longest suspension bridge in NZ.

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The South Island has nothing on this. At over 56m high and moving in the wind, we were all “tested” as we rode and walked over it. “Glamping” (or luxury camping) overnight with Camp Epic Tours at Piropiro was a highlight of the trip, with many enjoying their best “sleep in a tent” experience. Comments from all riders was that it was just an amazing experience.

## **Secret Santa BBQ**

*10<sup>th</sup> December 2022*

Another good attendance this time with everybody bringing a present and all going home with something completely different. A focus on the children this year but it is also something many of the adults enjoyed also as this year Santa allowed gifts to be taken twice before they were to stay with the recipient. This seemed to bring out the youthfulness in many of the senior people. This was all done in fun. A fusion BbQ included tasty beef and lemon grass skewers which was popular.

## **Chinese New Year Celebration**

*4<sup>th</sup> February 2023*

This year our Chinese New Year dinner incorporated added quiz type games and various other group activities along with our usual dinner. As well as table tennis and mahjong—a pool table that had been in storage for over 20 years, was dusted off and used for a friendly game of pool. This went down very well, and feedback was positive.

## Heritage

### **Fortune Feb 2023-June 2023 at Waikato Museum & Mother's Day Public Discussion**

*14<sup>th</sup> May 2023*

This was a popular unique art display by Chinese artist Bev Moon, which has currently finished at our local museum. This was a depicted yum cha feast, resembling food, but knitted out of wool. This is Bev's tribute to her mum and grandmother which symbolises their past struggles to settle in NZ. Both being superb cooks and knitters, skills, which they have lovingly passed to Bev.

I was lucky enough to meet with Bev and shown her display personally and then also asked to take part in a Mother's Day public forum to discuss local Chinese heritage and history and what it's like to be a NZ born Chinese and a Poll tax descendant. Around 30-40 people attended and many enjoyed the personal stories. Her show has just been to Dunedin and enjoyed a record attendance and will then move onto other small towns like Gore. It has been excellent for showcasing our local Chinese history through the exhibition of her artistic skills.

## Sustainability

### **Attendance – Police Ethic Liaison Group— Police Headquarters March 2023**

*Hosted by Waikato Regional Policing  
Manager—Chief Inspector Bruce Bird.*

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Ram raids have continued to be reduced significantly this year due to an immediate arrest initiative in Waikato.
2. Alcohol related driving offences have continued to rise in Waikato so traffic policing has increased to the highest in the country. Tolerance levels for any speeding are now non-existent.
3. Social violence in the Waikato has increased significantly along with the alcohol related incidence.
4. A higher armed police initiative has been trialled in Waikato in last 12 months because of increased gang presence and this has proven effective.

## **Leadership Development Conference**

### **Attendance Feb 2023**

5 youth from waikato attended this years conference in Auckland – all reported an enjoyable week with many new friendships made. Callum McCrae, Nathan Lum, Fiona Zik, Cameron Joe, and Jenny Yang.

### **Easter 2023 tournament**

We were unable to field a team at the Canterbury Tournament however we did grant releases to tallow our youth to participate with other teams.

### **Attendance – Ethnic Leaders meeting**

#### **Hamilton City Council March 2023**

Discussions were hosted by Jovi Albellanosa (HCC ethnic development advisor). Groups were able to present ideas to council where they felt a focus should be to aid all the different ethnic groups.

Some ideas were put forward and we are awaiting feedback on the accepted initiatives will actioned. New contacts were made on the day.

### **AGM Dragon Boat Festival lunch**

*June 2023*

This was a good event and all of our officers were re-elected for the 2023-24 year. Thank you to Janet Leong for her audit this year and also for the committee for all their usual hard work to keep up with our events. We also welcome Jeanie Holland who is seconded to committee and now VP IT technology and membership.

### **Conference NZCA**

*1<sup>st</sup>–2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023 – 4 Waikato Attendees*

National Conference was held at Brentwood in Wellington this year for the first time. Reports suggest that it was a better venue with more professional facilities and costs were almost the same. The free shuttle-bus from the airport was a major bonus for attendees and the central location was more convenient. Speakers this year included playwright Nathan Chan.

### **WCA Foodies Group**

*11th August 2023*

Our first foodie's outing at the Borman road eatery on the evening of the 11th August. There were 9 members in attendance and we all enjoyed the food and the social get together. We look forward to doing this again soon.



Paul Chin—President

# 会长工作报告

为了与 NZCA 全国行政人员报告的新战略保持一致，今年的报告采用了新的格式。我们刚刚于 2023 年 7 月在惠灵顿召开了 NZCA 全国会议，反馈表明这是我们多年来举办的最好的会议之一。今年我们有 4 位来自怀卡托的代表参加，Jenny Too 再次当选为主席，我也再次当选为她的副主席，连任一年。

去年，我们分会的财务状况依旧保持稳定，并且我们收到更多定期的一次性租用请求。在过去的 12 个月里，我们一直对支出保持谨慎态度，这些信息均反映在我们目前 2022-23 年的财务状况中。

## 怀卡托分会活动记录

### 社会凝聚力讨论会 - 2023 年 3 月 7 日

该会议由贝夫·洪代表社会发展部主持。贝夫·洪通过网上视频会议方式进行了社会凝聚力提升到讨论措施，与此同时新西兰华人总会以及怀卡托分会的 25 个雨伞组织也参与其中。

研讨会主要包括工作和性质的简要介绍，以及一些初步反应和讨论，以确认研讨会的进程。

2023 年 9 月还有另一场活动。由于工作原因贝夫·洪可能会缺席。

主要措施包括将社区内（包括在您的分支机构）与其他华人群体以及整个新西兰聚集在一起有关的事件或活动，有助于促进社会凝聚力、和谐力和复原力）。

### 中秋节活动 - 2022 年 9 月 10 日

我们很高兴看到不少成员出席该活动，但是由于新冠肺炎疫情的影响，我们已经有 12 个多月无法举办重要的社交活动了。我们很荣幸有一名特殊嘉宾——警察少数民族社区官员尚恩·蔡及其家人。从那时起，他和家人就经常参加我们的活动。此外，我们还欢迎司德·林先生成为我们分会的新赞助人，他是我们任职时间最长的前任主席之一。我们很享受这些活动，包括月饼制作的指导，所有人都带了自己制作的月饼回家。晚餐时期，会员们提供了大量的传统食物，我们很高兴看到年幼的孩子与年长的成员一起享受社交活动。

### 越野骑行活动 - 2022 年 11 月 5-6 日

这次活动于 11 月 5 日至 6 日的周末举行，我们一起参加了为期 2 天的团体旅行，全程 85 公里。电动自行车探险穿过巨棚镇北部标志性的祭安罗汉松森林。

这片深深的荒野曾经是铁杆徒步旅行者和猎人的王国，现在可以骑自行车探索，沿着古老的伐木道路和电车线路穿越八座吊桥，包括 114 米长的马拉玛塔哈桥 - 新西兰最长的吊桥。南岛没有这样的吊桥。在超过 56m 的高度，桥在风中晃动，我们在上面骑行和行走时都受到了“考验”。在南陆山雀镇的“豪华露营”是这次旅行的一大亮点，许多人享受着他们最好的“睡在帐篷里”的体验。所有骑手的评论都说这真是一次奇妙的经历。

## 圣诞节烧烤派对 - 2022 年 12 月 10 日

如同历年，这次聚会依旧非常有趣。每个人都带着一份礼物，并且都带着完全不同的礼物回家。今年重点是不仅孩子们，而且许多成年人也很开心，因为今年圣诞老人允许礼物在与接受者在一起之前被拿走两次。这似乎让很多老年人都焕发出了青春的气息。此外，融合烧烤，比如香茅牛肉串，大受好评。

## 中国新年庆祝会 - 2023 年 2 月 4 日

今年，我们的农历新年晚宴除了平常的晚餐外，还增加了问答游戏和各种其他团体活动。除了乒乓球桌和麻将桌，还有一张存放了 20 多年的台球桌，它被掸掉灰尘后，用于一场台球友谊。

这次活动进展顺利，反馈是我们下次应该继续这样做。这次活动是维持和加深对中国遗产、语言和文化的理解相关的事件或活动——无论是在分支机构内部还是外部。

## 汉密尔顿博物馆及母亲节公共论坛 - 2023 年 5 月

这是中国艺术家贝芙·满的一场颇受欢迎的独特艺术展览，目前已在我们当地的博物馆完成。这是一场描绘的早茶盛宴，类似于食物，但用羊毛编织而成。这是贝芙·满向她的妈妈和祖母致敬的作品，象征着她们过去在新西兰定居的奋斗历程。两人都是出色的厨师和编织者，她们将这些技能亲切地传授给了贝芙。我很幸运地见到了贝芙，亲自目睹了她的展示，而且还受邀参加 14 日的母亲节公共论坛，讨论当地的华人传统和历史，以及作为一名新西兰出生的华人和人头税后裔的感受。大约有 30-40 人参加，许多人喜欢这些真实的个人故事。她的演出刚刚在达尼丁举行，观众人数创历史新高，随后将前往戈尔等其他小镇。通过她的艺术技巧的展示，它非常出色地展示了我们当地的华裔历史。

# 会长工作报告

可持续性：例如促进组织发展、能力建设、招募、维持和增加会员、继任计划、让更多家庭和青年参与的事件或活动；确定冠军和有潜力的人；运营和治理等。

## 出席警察总局道德联系小组的会议 - 2023 年 3 月

该会议由怀卡托地区警方管理员—总督查布鲁斯·布尔德主持。主要会议内容包括：

由于怀卡托采取了立即逮捕行动，今年袭击事件继续大幅减少。

怀卡托地区与酒精相关的驾驶违法行为持续上升，因此交通警力已增至全国最高水平。现在对任何超速行为都不会容忍。

怀卡托地区的社会暴力随着酗酒事件的发生而显著增加。

由于黑帮数量增加，过去 12 个月在怀卡托试行了更高级别的武装警察演戏，事实证明这一举措卓有成效。

## 领导力培养大会 - 2023 年 2 月

5 名来自怀卡托的年轻人参与了这次在奥克兰举办的活动。

据孩子们反馈，这次活动不仅趣味十足，而且他们还交到了很多好的朋友。这五名少年分别为：卡勒姆·麦克雷、内森·林、菲奥娜·齐克、卡梅伦·乔、珍妮·杨。

## 复活节锦标赛 - 2023 年

我们没能派出一支球队参加坎特伯雷锦标赛，但我们确实允许我们的年轻人参加其他球队的比赛。

## 出席汉密尔顿市政厅民族领袖大会 - 2023 年 3 月

讨论由 Jovi Albellanosa（汉密尔顿市政厅种族发展顾问）主持，聚集的团体能够向理事会提出想法，他们认为重点应该是帮助所有不同的种族群体。我们提出了一些想法，并且在当天就建立了联系，我们正在等待有关已接受举措的反馈，并将采取行动。

## 端午节年度大会以及社交午餐 - 2023 年 6 月

这是一个振奋人心的新闻，我们所有的委员都在 2023-24 年度再次当选。



# 会长工作报告

感谢珍妮特·梁今年的审计，也感谢委员会为跟上我们的活动而付出的所有辛勤工作。我们还欢迎珍妮·霍兰德，她被借调到委员会，现任信息技术和会员副总裁。

怀卡托地区四名代表参加新西兰华人协会大会 -  
2023 年 7 月 1、2 日 Conference NZCA

全国会议今年首次在惠灵顿布伦特伍德举行。报道称，这个场地更大，价格几乎相近，但是拥有更专业的设施。从机场出发的免费班车对于与会者来说是一个很大的好处，而且位于中心位置也更加方便。今年的演讲者包括剧作家内森·陈。

怀卡托吃货小分队 2023 年 8 月 11 日

8 月 11 日晚上，我们在博尔曼路餐馆举办了第一次美食郊游。有 9 名成员出席，我们都很享受美食和社交聚会，我们期待下次再聚。



陈植钦 主席

# COMMITTEE PROFILE



Paul Chin  
President



Fee Ching Tan  
Vice President



Jonathan Tan  
Treasurer/VP Finance



Janet Young  
Secretary/VP Admin



Peter Han  
Chinese Language Secretary



Kewwa Low  
VP Property



Anne Lee  
VP Cultural



Linda Tai  
Committee



Jeanie Holland  
Committee

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## WCA MID AUTUMN MOONCAKE HIGH TEA

Date: Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023,

Time: 1pm–4pm

Plan: 1pm Mooncake Making  
2.30pm High Tea

Venue: WCA Hall

Member cost: free if you bring a please plate of food (savoury or sweet or yum cha type food to share)

Non-member cost: \$12 plus a plate of food (savoury or sweet) to share for afternoon tea (Membership fee may be paid on the day)

Other activity: mahjong will be available as well.

Please RSVP by Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September so sufficient mooncakes can be made for the high tea to [waikatochineseassociation@gmail.com](mailto:waikatochineseassociation@gmail.com) or text Janet 027216188 or notify any other committee member

## PICKLEBALL—GIVE IT A GO

A growing sport for all ages. It is a racket/paddle sport played on a badminton sized court. Dscribed as a cross between badminton, table tennis and tennis. Pickleball will be included in the next NZCA Sports and Cultural Tournament as a demonstration, social and competitive sport/

Date: Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Time: 2pm–4pm

Venue: WCA hall

Other games table tennis and mahjong to be available as well,

If there is enough interest, we may look at a visit to Auckland Chinese—ACCC Pickleball group.

## WCA SPRING MARKET DAY

Date: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Time: 12 noon–3pm

Venue: WCA Hall

Cos: Table/space \$5 for WCA members, \$20 for non-members

Concept is to provide an opportunity for WCA members and others to sell preloved goods, homemade items, crafts.

Please register your interest ASAP to secure a space and let your family and friends know of this fantastic opportunity to either sell goods or do some pre-Christmas shopping.

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As well as mainstream sports, Pickleball, Mahjong, Walking tour and special Te Papa Museum visit is being planned for participants.

# PAST EVENTS

## WCA Foodies Group

Our first outing was held at the Borman Road Chinese Eatery on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August.

Each person chose a dish off the menu to share with others.

## Comments from the diners

“Nice quality Friday evening.”

“Food was a good mix of dishes and cultures amongst the diners.”

“Started with nice warm free soup.”

“Sweet and sour eggplant was crispy like chips.”

“Loved the eggplant crispy and moist on the inside.”

“All dishes were to a good standard.”

“Claypot rice had a lovely crispy base.”

“Really like the sharing of food with others.”

“Nice and cosy place where you can talk and hear each other.”

“Friendly service and helpful advice.”

“Wonderful way to spend a Friday evening and not have to cook.”



# PAST EVENTS

## Dragon Festival and AGM 23'

The Annual General Meeting was aptly chaired by Kewwa Low.

This was followed by a lunch (free for financial members) with joong/zhongzi to celebrate the Dragon Boat Festival. Members stayed on to play games of table tennis, mahjong and the reclaimed pool table was put to use with friendly games of pool.



## Chinese New Year 2023

The 2023 Chinese New Year of the Rabbit was celebrated with the activity of making rabbit biscuits and kung fu demonstration.



## 2023 NZCA Conference

2023 NZCA Conference celebrated the 80<sup>th</sup> year of conferences held by the national office. Past Presidents attended the Celebration dinner to mark this special occasion. Stephen Young, a National Past President and Wellington branch President was honoured for his services to the Association.



Representatives from the Waikato branch, Paul Chin, Janet Young, Anne Lee and Janet Leong attended the 2 day conference over the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> July weekend. The theme was "Connections".

All had an enjoyable weekend connecting with participants from around NZ, hearing about activities in other branches and listening to guest speakers. This included youth and their journeys. The sense of belonging, meeting and mixing with like-minded people and the Association being a big family for us, resonated for many of the participants.



The elected 2023 NZCA National Officers are:

National President:	Jenny Too
National Vice President:	Paul Chin
National Treasurer:	Mark Ngan Kee
National Secretary:	James To
National Chinese Language Secretary:	Leo Li

# WCA MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FORM

<b>APPLICANT:</b>	
NAME:	DOB:
<b>SPOUSE/PARTNER:</b>	
NAME:	DOB:
<b>DEPENDANT CHILDREN UNDER 18L</b>	
NAME:	DOB:
NAME:	DOB:
NAME:	DOB:

<b>ADDRESS:</b>		
No:	Street Name:	
SUBURB:	CITY:	POST CODE:
<b>CONTACT DETAILS:</b>		
HOME:	WORK:	MOBILE:
E-MAIL:		
<b>MEMBERSHIP (Put a 'Y' next to the type of membership):</b>		
Family: \$25	COUPLES: \$20	INDIVIDUAL: \$12
Donations would be appreciated: \$		TOTAL PAYABLE: \$

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**PAYMENT METHODS (Put 'Y' in between Brackets):**

( ) Make cheques Payable to NZCA Waikato Branch Inc. And post to P.O. Box 9294, Waikato Mail Centre, Hamilton 3240

( ) Direct Credit to Acct# 03-1560-0056023-00, NZCA Waikato Branch. Put first name and initial of last as reference please

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