



新年快乐  
HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR



**WCA.**

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

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47 Lewis Street  
Glenview, Hamilton

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020/2021

**1 February 2020**

**10 - 13 April 2020**

**2nd Saturday of each month.**

WCA Chinese New Year Celebration

2020 NZCA Sport and Cultural Tournament

Women's Group (WG)

**Proposed schedule as follows**

**7 February 2020**

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**21 March 2020**

WCA Modern Jive Dance Class

Conversational Mandarin Free Trial Class

WCA Day Trip to Waitomo



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 2019/2020 Officers for the Waikato Chinese Association have all been re-elected to their positions. During the year we have co-opted another committee member Peter Han. Peter is a recent Civil Engineering graduate and been an integral part of including cultural aspects to our events.

The completion of our entrance and toilet upgrade has received favourable comments from our hall hirers and members.

The past few months were the usual steady build up for Xmas. The Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration had a great attendance, no doubt due to the presence of the wonderful musicians and dancers we hosted from Hillcrest High School. I attended the 80th Anniversary of the War Refugee dinner held in Auckland and was present at the book release event of the Chinese Laundry book a week later. Recent highlights have been the commencement of our branch Mandarin Chinese language and Ceroc dance classes. These have proven popular with both young and older members and will continue for the coming year.

Chinese New Year Celebrations are to be held on 1 February 2020, so please make sure you RSVP to this so we can make sure there is adequate catering. A reminder also that the NZCA Easter tournament will be in Auckland this year.

A big thanks to our wonderful committee for all the work in the past year and I trust you all had a wonderful Xmas and a safe and prosperous New Year. Look forward to seeing many of you at the WCA Chinese New Year function.

Paul

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## WCA CHINESE NEW YEAR OF THE RAT CELEBRATION

- Date:** Saturday 1 February 2020  
**Venue:** WCA Centre, 47 Lewis Street, Glenview  
**Time:** from 4.30pm  
**Cost:** For members: Its "free" only if you bring a plate or 2 of savoury food sufficient for your family, otherwise there is a fee of \$10 per person  
For non-members: \$12 if you bring a plate of savoury food, otherwise it is \$22 per person

Please bring some cash to support the Fundraising Raffle

YOU CAN JOIN OR RENEW MEMBERSHIP ON THE DAY

**To ensure there is enough food and seating, please RSVP by 28 January to this email [waikatochineseassociation@gmail.com](mailto:waikatochineseassociation@gmail.com), Janet p 8539368, 0272161888 or any other committee member.**

### Proposed format

- 4.30 pm** mah-jong, food activity – dumplings and lucky money bags demo and sampling  
**6.00pm** Welcome and Dinner  
**7.15pmish** Gala Performance  
Raffle draw  
Modern Jive demonstration





# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **WCA DAY TRIP TO WAITOMO - Marakoupa area**

Stroll/walk to look at the cave and waterfall - Enjoy a shared picnic lunch  
Stop at The Big Apple for a bite to eat

Date: Saturday 21 March 2020

Cost: either some fuel money to carpool driver or minivan hire

Walk is free, BYO food to share

Carpool or if sufficient numbers a minivan may be hired

## **2020 NZCA SPORT AND CULTURAL TOURNAMENT**

Easter Tournie is in Auckland

Friday 10 April to Monday 13 April

A fun weekend filled social and sporting events for all ages. There's something for everyone whether it be social dances, generations dinner, night club and under 18 socials or playing social or competitive sports (basketball, touch rugby, badminton, indoor soccer, indoor netball, table tennis, relay, the mile) If you are interested to participate or attend any of the events, please register on the Waikato Chinese Association Facebook or reply to this email [waikatochineseassociation@gmail.com](mailto:waikatochineseassociation@gmail.com)

## **CONVERSATIONAL MANDARIN with Peter Han**

For Term 4 2019, trained teacher of Mandarin, Peter guided students in learning the pin yin system, to practise every day phrases and recognise some Chinese characters.

Free trial class, Wednesday 7 February 2020 at 6.30pm.

If you are interested, please reply to this email [waikatochineseassociation@gmail.com](mailto:waikatochineseassociation@gmail.com) or contact Janet 078539368, 0272161888

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## WCA MODERN JIVE

Comments from participants:

“A fun group of people”, “Really enjoying it”, “Look forward to the class each week”, “lots of laughs”, “my kids can’t believe it, they were so surprised that we were learning to dance”

“Give it a try” class saw many couples enjoying themselves and continuing with further lessons.

Classes resume on Friday 7 February 2020. Couples - members and friends can still join in, for the guys who are still thinking about it...you get to be the” leader ” on the dance floor for a change!!



## WCA AGM -with Feng Shui talk

**Held in June 2019**, Feng Shui Consultant, Master Wilson Tse attracted a good number of members to our AGM.

Key points included Feng Shui is based on elements, that one Chinese horoscope sign is not necessarily better than another. Birth date and time has an influence so feng shui is and is different for each individual. His knowledge and expertise was appreciated by all



## 2019 NZCA Conference

2019 conference included the re appointment existing officers to their position of National President-Richard Leung, National Vice President-Linus Chin, National Treasurer- Mark Ngan Kee and National Secretary- James To

## Mid Autumn Festival Celebration

The 2019 celebration included a fan dance performance from our Cultural Youth group and a gala performance with gu zhong playing and displays of Chinese dance. It was wonderful to see some new faces and to be entertained by the talented youth.

Moon cake making again proved popular – with the friendly best mooncake competition being won by our guest William.



## 80th Anniversary War Refugee Lunch - October 2019

Some of our members joined their family to attend this event to remember and honour their ancestors – women and children who endured hardship to make the journey in 1939 to NZ. They worked hard and made sacrifices so they could create a better life for their family. This was the start of Chinese families in NZ.



## Starch Work by Experts written by Dr Joanne Boileau

This book was launched in **October 2019**, recording the history and details of Chinese laundries.



## WCA/NZCFS MAHJONG afternoon

Report by Sid Lim

Sunday 3 November 2019. Combined with our friends from Hamilton China Friendship Society we had the last of the Mahjong afternoons for the year. Unfortunately, only a small crowd of us turned up. Also I forgot to bring the store room keys so by the time we ran around getting keys, we wasted a good bit of playing time! But for those of us who were there, we had a good time I'd like to see a better turnout in the future for people who are interested in playing and for learning how to play.

Once you get to understand how to play, it is good fun and good for the brain!  
Look forward to seeing more of you and your friends next time.

## Woman's Group - Report by Isabel Lim

**May 2019:** Mothers/Aunties Day out & lunch at Camarosa café, Newstead. Something for eight of us to celebrate in a nice way. Also, three new ladies recently joined our WG – we welcome them all with open arms!

**June 2019:** Auckland WG had invited us to lunch so Kam drove us up to their spacious Mangere Clubroom. Hosts Colleen, Helen & everyone welcomed us then we had a super luncheon! One or 2 of us even won back some of our raffle baskets! We all had more than enough to eat at lunch so Kam whizzed past the Pokeno ice cream shops before any of us had realized it!

**July 2019:** We had fun meeting up with Linda at her Health 2000 shop, Morrinsville, admired the new colourful Cows around town & had lunch at The Castle restaurant.

**August 2019:** Floral arrangements with Sally, who came over all the way from Rotorua! See Fee Ching's report in this newsletter.

**Sept 2019:** Our fundraising Sausage Sizzle was held at Mitre10 Ruakura. Thanks to WCA & EVERYONE who helped to make this fundraising effort a successful one! Thanks to our lovely helpers who bravely volunteered to peel & slice onions without shedding a tear; thanks to BBQ helpers, with their colourful pinnies & hats, who kept the sausages sizzling! For most of us, it was our first-time experience & close encounter of the BBQ but we soon learnt how to cook the best sausages in town Although we didn't have a big total sell-out, we had fun, laughs & had a great bonding time!!



## Woman's Group - Report by Isabel Lim

**Oct 2019:** Auntie Florrie showed us how to fold paper napkins & origami. Auntie showed great patience with some of us who just couldn't get the hang of it but it was a lot of fun & we admire Auntie Florrie for her amazing skills for all types of craft work.

**Nov 2019:** Yumcha at Regal Chinese Restaurant. There were 11 ladies & other guests included friends, other halves, family menfolk & grandson Zeki! We had decided to have yumcha instead of a cooking demonstration at the hall, no washing up & no cooking! Delicious food was eaten up as quickly as they were served, good service, good food & good company. Two tables were reserved, one for the ladies & other for the men. Clearly, it was the menfolk who ate the most & came up with a larger bill than the ladies!

**Dec 2019:** High Tea at the hall with tasty finger food, fancy crockery & an opportunity to dress up for the occasion

**Keep safe & good health & good fortune in 2020**

## WG FLORAL ARRANGEMENT report by Fee Ching

On 10 August 2019, WCA Women Group hosted a floral arrangement session at our Hall. Sally Ah Chan from Rotorua was our invited guest speaker to give a talk/demonstration on floral arrangement. She brought with her flowers, ferns, all the relevant items and her wealth of knowledge and skills in this area for this activity. All of us thoroughly enjoyed this lively and informative talk and demonstration. With guidance and tips from Sally, all of us had a chance to do our floral arrangement piece and we were very proud to take home not only our floral arrangement piece but also acquired much learning about floral arrangement. What a lovely way to enjoy a wintry Saturday afternoon of fun, learning and friendship!



# WCA MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FORM

<b>APPLICANT:</b>	
NAME:	DOB:
<b>SPOUSE/PARTNER:</b>	
NAME:	DOB:
<b>DEPENDANT CHILDREN UNDER 18 years old</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: \$

**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

( ) Newsletter by email

( ) Newsletter by postage mail

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