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**Note from the Editor...**

**History, a chronological study of events with a common connection. Our collective history as Chinese New Zealanders is an important story to be told and unites us all. There are many leaders in our community, many of whom are and have been active in the NZCA Auckland branch who have laid the foundations for telling the stories of our collective past. As an organisation, we aim to continue to promote and take ownership of the narrative of our history.**

**There is much going on in the wider community to extend the accessibility of our collective history. In particular, I draw attention to the upcoming events featured in our newsletter - the 85th anniversary celebration of the first Chinese war refugees arriving in New Zealand. This group of 239 women and 244 children arrived in New Zealand to seek refuge from the Japanese invasion of Canton with the first refugees arriving 85 years ago. Speaking about this event and its history to our NZCA Auckland Branch Chairperson Richard Leung, I learned that it is commonly not well understood/recognised that this group of refugees are in fact the first official group of refugees to arrive in New Zealand and we aim to continue to correct this narrative. You will find details of this special celebration in our newsletter. I recently took the liberty to read some of the stories featured in the book Farewell**

**Guangdong which documents the chapter in our history that is to be celebrated at the event. Farewell Guangdong is but one of a growing collection of books commissioned by the Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust (CPTHT). I feel a great sense of pride for the community when I hear stories from students who recognize this book as sitting on the shelves of their school library or hearing that a secondary school history teacher owns a copy of the book.**

**As a community, we look forward to the launch of the latest addition to the published works telling the significant stories of our past. Golden Enterprise is the latest book commissioned by the CPTHT, it gives a detailed account of the Cantonese Merchants of New Zealand and will be launched officially at an event, the details of this event will be emailed out at a later date.**

**At a recent national NZCA conference held in Wellington, a group of our committee members had the opportunity to get an update on the work done to bring the New Zealand Chinese History Curriculum and website to life. Kirsten Wong is leading this work with the support of NZCA Auckland branch member Jef Wong and his company Designworks. We had a sneak peak into the design process Jef and his associate Liam Ooi used to deliver a creative platform that our NZ Chinese history curriculum will be presented. I think it's fair to say the room was left speechless with what we saw, we look forward to the day where we as an organisation can share the final work with you. Our gratitude goes to Jef Wong and his company Designworks for their generous and significant contribution to our community.**

**Our committee looks forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events. Book Launch, August Moon Festival Dinner, NZCA Night Out (Rugby, Music, Drinks & Catch Ups) and 85th Anniversary celebration of the first Chinese War refugees arrival just to name a few. Till then, go well.**

Victoria Wong  
Editor



**NZCA Cantonese Bilingual Classes**

**When:** Saturday mornings

**Preschool/Beginners:** 9.30am | **Primary:** 11.30am

**Location:** Auckland Chinese Community Centre,  
Taylors Road, Mangere

**Discover Roots**  
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**Cultivate Confidence**  
培養自信

**Ignite Curiosity**  
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The graphic features a cartoon illustration of a young boy with glasses reading a book. The background is a light orange color with three white boxes containing icons and text for the class themes.

### **Across the divide: revisiting a new China**

**Kirsten Wong is a third-generation New Zealander and community heritage advocate. She has worked on the Government’s 2002 poll-tax apology, the SS Ventnor memorial in the Hokianga and is now working for the New Zealand Chinese Association on a Chinese New Zealand history website. She recently spoke at a joint symposium in Beijing hosted by the New Zealand Contemporary China Research Centre and the China Academy of Social Sciences.**

**One of the benefits of being part of this network we call the NZ Chinese Association is the connections we make with members from other branches. Kirsten Wong is one of those connections our NZCA Auckland Branch committee have had the privilege of meeting at national conferences and working with on projects of significance to our NZ Chinese community.**

**Kirsten’s article came across the Editor’s desk and immediately resonated on all sorts of levels. It is an interesting article filled with personal voice that would be a good read for anyone who has an interest in aspects of daily life in China and how it has changed in the last decade, Chinese history and particularly the degree of attention to Chinese Diaspora, NZ history, GeoPolitics and perhaps most fascinating a glimpse into the little known world of International Cross Cultural Academia.**

**I encourage you when you have a few minutes to click on the link below to Kirsten’s truly fascinating article published on the Victoria University Website. It will take you on a trip to a multitude of different worlds.**

Click [here](#) for the article.

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## **NZCA Auckland – TRIVIA NIGHT 2024 RECAP**

**By Sandra Young**

**Bleary eyed from watching the Paris Olympics it was time to exercise our minds, and with much anticipation our quizzers arrived nice and early to get their tables. Embracing the Olympics we took a quick break and sat on the edge of our seats as we watched one of NZ's beloved rowers Emma Twigg win Silver. Just like the spirit of the Olympics, the competition was healthy and tight for first place. So tight was the competition this year that after eight intense rounds of trivia questions, the winner was eventually decided by a tie breaker, not unlike Hamish Kerr's remarkable ' jump off' for Gold in the High Jump in Paris.**

**Congratulations to the eventual quiz victors and of course the big winner on the night - fun, friendship & connections.**

**Congratulations to:**

**1st Place Winners (defending champions) – Crazy Quiz Asians (captained by Peter Cheng) - Lucky Fortune Restaurant Voucher.**

**Runners Up – The Quizzicles (captained by Giovan Widjaja) Smart Shares Portable Chargers.**

**We would like to acknowledge the generous support of this event by the following businesses and members;**

- Lucky Fortune Restaurant**
- David Wong for donating the Smart Shares portable chargers and “Stories from the Marketplace” books by Michael Larsen.**

**Thank you to our 100 strong quizzers who attended. We are pleased to advise that the surplus of just over \$800 from this event will be used to support the funding our next NZCA Easter Tournament in Auckland in 2026.**

A final big thank you to our amazing Quiz Masters/MCs Graham Young and Richard Leung for keeping the night running smoothly and our Trivia sub-committee of Sandra Young, Debbie Sew Hoy and Richard Leung and team of helpers Graham Young, Cathrine Ming, Wendy Lau, Lynette Wong and Keith Wong. Organisers were incredibly humbled by the support of attendees who stayed on to assist with the clean up, a big thank-you to all of you.

Held once again at Mt Eden Village Centre on Saturday, 3rd August we were sold out early July so if you don't want to miss out and ensure you are emailed about our next Trivia Night please click [here](#) to register your contact details.



**NZCA Auckland Trivia Night  
Saturday, 3rd August 2024**



**1st Place – Crazy Quiz Asians  
(captained by Peter Cheng)**



**2nd Place - The Quizzicles (captained by Giovan Widiarta)**



**Colleen Tang – (Wong Answer – Team prize winner)**

**Get ready for a great  
Night Out!**

**It's back! Last year's event was a sellout and we're ready to do it all again. Please join us on Saturday 28th of September for our annual NZCA Night Out at Nectar Bar at the Kingslander. We have booked out Nectar Bar for our exclusive use and have all the bases covered to ensure there is something on offer for everyone who wants to come out for a catch up.**

**The big screen will be in action with the All Blacks vs. Australia test match with coverage kicking off at 7pm. A special DJ will be lined up to spin tracks following the rugby. We would love to see you all. Tickets \$25.**

**Here's what people said about last year's event:**

**"It was a great event to bring everyone together"**

**"Saw and caught up with so many people I hadn't seen for years!"**

**"Great DJ and the boys were happy to see the rugby on the big screen"**

**Tickets can be purchased using this link. [Night Out Tickets](#)**



**NZCA**  
*Night Out*  
**SATURDAY**  
**28 SEPTEMBER 2024**

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**NECTAR BAR @ THE KINGSLANDER**  
**KINGSLAND**  
**\$25 ENTRY | CASH BAR**

**6:30 DOORS OPEN**  
**7:05 BLEDISLOE CUP**  
**7:30 PIZZAS + FRIES**  
**8:45 DJ GRAYSON.D**

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**GET YOUR TIX NOW**  
**NO DOOR SALES**

**To Grow Roots Where They Land**  
Tables are selling fast- 5 tables still available-  
**BOOK NOW.**

**We have enlisted the expertise of creative and passionate members of our community to bring together an event to celebrate and acknowledge the 85th anniversary of Chinese War refugees arriving in New Zealand.**

**We extend a warm invitation to any original Chinese War refugees and their descendants to join us for a special celebration to acknowledge the anniversary of this significant chapter in the history of Chinese New Zealanders. Event will take place on Saturday 12th of October 2024 from 4.30pm-10pm. In true cantonese custom, the celebration will encompass a 10 course banquet at Imperial Palace Restaurant in Panmure, Auckland.**

**Tickets are selling out quickly and are limited so please do not delay.**





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TO GROW ROOTS  
WHERE THEY LAND

**JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
CHINESE WAR REFUGEES ARRIVING IN NEW ZEALAND**

**4.30PM-10PM, SATURDAY  
12TH OCTOBER, 2024**

Imperial Palace Restaurant  
519 Ellerslie Panmure Highway,  
Mount Wellington

10 Course Chinese Banquet  
\$660 for table of 12 persons  
BYO and Cash Bar

**TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS AND ALL ENQUIRIES**  
email: [nzca.war.refugees@gmail.com](mailto:nzca.war.refugees@gmail.com)  
Richard Leung 021-891-942  
Cathrine Ming 027-274-9851

**BOOK NOW - LIMITED AVAILABILITY!**

[Click here to book a Table NOW](#)

### Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust - open for applications

The new Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust Trustees recently met for the first meeting of their 3-year term. Aucklanders Debbie Sew Hoy and David Wong are current Trustees.

The last round of grant applications for 2024 is now open from 14 August, closing 25 September. For more details on how to apply for funding (link to <https://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/chinese-poll-tax-heritage-trust-2/>)



First meeting with the new group of trustees. L to R: Lois Yee (Christchurch), Denise Ng (Queenstown), Hector Wong (Mosgiel), Jenny Too (Napier), Rodney Wong - Board Chair (Palmerston North), Eileen Ng ( Whanganui), Debbie Sew Hoy (Auckland), David Wong - FIC Chair (Auckland).



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# YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP 2024

**19 - 22 DECEMBER**

VENUE: CAMP ADAIR,  
HUNUA, AUCKLAND

AGE: YEAR 11 - 13  
(FORM 5 - 7)

COST: \$220

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<http://NZCAYLC.WEEBLY.COM/>



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# Leadership Development Conference 2025

We invite you to the New Zealand Chinese Association's Leadership and Development Conference 2025 - a transformative empowerment journey, connecting to and exploring your identity as both a Chinese New Zealander and an emerging leader

**Ages:**  
18 – 35

**Cost:**  
Earlybird: \$300 (by 31st Aug)  
Standard: \$350 (by 31st Oct)

**Dates:**  
Sun 2nd Feb – Fri 7th Feb 2025  
Live in conference

**Where:**  
Willow Park Convention Centre,  
Eastern Beach, Auckland

Register online at:  
[www.ldcnzchinese.org](http://www.ldcnzchinese.org)

We invite you to the New Zealand Chinese Association's Leadership and Development Conference (LDC) 2025 - a transformative empowerment journey, connecting to and exploring your identity as both a Chinese New Zealander and an emerging leader.


Over the duration of the week, we will explore the theme of 'Past, present, future' on our journey as Chinese New Zealanders, from how the different waves of Chinese New Zealanders have contributed to our past, how we currently connect with our culture and heritage, to how we shape our future as individuals and as the collective New Zealand Chinese community.

This week-long conference is packed with:

✨ **Inspiring Speakers:** Hear from leaders and trailblazers who will share their stories and insights from growing up in New Zealand and beyond. Gain valuable perspectives on leadership, identity, and community impact.

🔧 **Hands-on Workshops:** Participate in interactive sessions designed to gain a greater understanding of yourself and your leadership skills. Our workshops are designed to equip you with tools to excel in your personal and professional life.

👥 **Invaluable Networking Opportunities:** Connect with fellow delegates, committee, mentors, and industry professionals. Build a supportive network, share experiences, and foster collaborations that will last beyond the conference.

 Save the Date: 2nd - 7th February 2025

 Location: Willow Park Convention Centre, Eastern Beach, Auckland

This conference is for all young Chinese New Zealanders between 18-35 years old, regardless of where you are on your journey of self-discovery - whether your family has settled in Aotearoa for generations; whether you have more recently arrived; whether you are yet to discover and explore your New Zealand Chinese identity; or whether you are looking to unlock the next chapter in your journey.

Registration Details:

Apply now through our website [here](#) and take advantage of our early bird discount! 🐦 Spaces are limited, so don't delay.

Check out our website for more information: <https://www.ldcnzchinese.org/>

## Are you second-generation Chinese-New Zealander?

*To participate a Master's thesis research related to*

“How do you deal with cultural differences between you and your parents, and how do these differences impact your mental well-being?”

*You are invited to participate if you are*

- Aged 19-24, born in Aotearoa New Zealand
- Both parents were born in mainland China and moved to NZ as adults
- Self-identify with the Chinese ethnic group

*What does the research involve?*

- Attend an in-person interview (in Auckland city; approx. 1h)
- Share your experience of cultural differences in family

*You will earn*

- A \$25 giftcard for participating

*Your rights are of the greatest concern*

- Your information will be kept confidential

**谢谢你**  
THANK YOU



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TE HERENGA WAKA

Feel free to contact me if you want to learn more about this project

linyuya@myvuw.ac.nz (林雨瑶)

This research has been approved by the Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington Human Ethics Committee #31645

### **NZCA WOMEN'S GROUP HAPPENINGS**

The July meeting of our NZCA Women's group saw a group of 25 people learn the art of drumming. Drumming duo Lian and Sid led the group in a drumming workshop. Some great music was the result along with lots of fun oh and some very sore palms! Thanks to our Helen Wong for arranging for Lian & Sid to attend the Women's Group in July.

NZCA Women's Group meets every third Saturday of the month at 1.30pm at 99 Taylors Road, Mangere. All members are welcome.





# ASIAN Hauora Day



**FREE** wellness check and health info  
for Asian communities in Auckland!

Day	Date	Time
Friday	6 September	10am-4pm



**Ōtāhuhu Town Hall Community Centre**  
10 High St, Ōtāhuhu, Auckland

Venue

Scan to register →

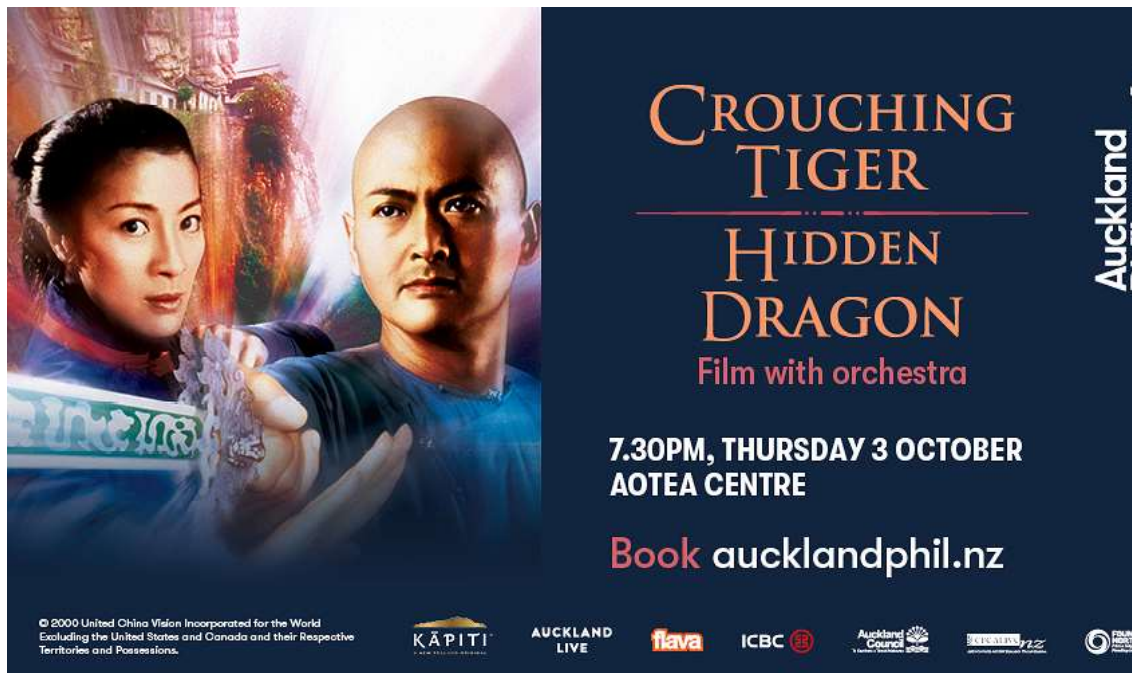


- Blood pressure check
- Vision testing
- Well child check
- B4 School check
- Height, Weight, BMI, Pulse
- Women's health check
- Cervical screening
- Vaccinations: Influenza/Boostrix /MMR/Covid boosters
- Smoking cessation support
- Healthy heart tips
- Nutrition tips
- Car seat and home safety info
- Gambling harm awareness
- RainbowYOUTH services
- Mental wellbeing tips
- Bowel screening info
- Breast screening info
- Seniors health tips
- Health rights info

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### A note about Membership Subscription Payments

We thank all our members who have renewed memberships and paid subscriptions. We would like to encourage members who make online payments to please help us by including details such as 'membership number' and or a 'phone number' in the reference section along with your payment. A phone number will enable us to contact you directly if we need to verify who this payment is from.

**NZCA Auckland Branch Membership Renewal 2024**

**It's that time of year when the end of year rolls around as does the end of the NZCA Auckland Branch membership subscription. We operate on a calendar year membership so every December we look to remind members of the opportunity to renew membership and subs to ensure members can make the most of all the events and stay upto date for the full year.**

**Please click on the link below which will take you to a form to complete to renew your membership.**

<https://forms.gle/Jyc7wQf29G4ayuqa9>

It's simple. Fill in this form and transfer the fees to our bank account on the form. Please be sure to provide your membership number or phone number as a reference.

We offer 2 options - an annual membership, or for your convenience, a 3-year multi-year membership.

If you have any questions feel free to contact us at [nzcaauckland.membership@nzchinese.org.nz](mailto:nzcaauckland.membership@nzchinese.org.nz).

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