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# NZCA Waikato

AUG 2024 NEWSLETTER

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47 Lewis Street  
Glenview, Hamilton

# Committee Profile



Paul Chin, President



Sid Lim, Patron and IPP



Fee Ching Tan, Vice President



Janet Young-Chin, Secretary/VP Admin



Jonathan Tan, Treasurer/VP Finance



Kewwa Low, VP Property



Anne Lee, VP Cultural



Linda Tai, Committee



Jeanie Holland, VP IT



Cameron Joe, VP Youth



Janet Leong, Committee

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024—2025

2024

WCA FOODIE GROUP

Victors Place, Hamilton  
3 August 2024



WCA SOCIAL SATURDAYS

WCA Centre  
17 August 2024

MOONCAKE HIGH TEA-WCA MID AUTUMN FESTIVAL CELEBRATION

Sat 14 September 2024

NZCA 85TH ANNIVERSARY WAR REFUGEE ARRIVAL

Sat 12 October 2024  
Auckland

WCA COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

2 Nov 2024 tbc  
8am to 10am

WCA END OF YEAR FUSION BBQ

Date To Be Confirmed

NZCA YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP

19-22 December 2024  
Auckland



2025

NZCA LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

2-7 February 2025  
Auckland

WCA CHINESE NEW YEAR OF THE SNAKE CELEBRATION DINNER

Sat 8 February 2025

NZCA SPORTS AND CULTURAL TOURNAMENT - Easter tournament

18-21 April 2025  
Dunedin



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Presidents Report for NZCA Waikato presented at Annual General Meeting in June 2024

## BRANCH ACTIVITY

**Voice:** (e.g. events, activities, publications and media opportunities that help amplify NZCA's message and objectives)

Welcoming Communities event, Hamilton – July 2023

Attended by President (Paul) and Vice President (FeeChing) NZCA Waikato, looking at opportunities to promote NZCA Waikato. Met with other cultural leaders in Waikato.

Summer Market Day- October 23

A great opportunity to invite members of the public to our hall and for members to sell goods and reduce excess items in their homes and garages. **Many unique items were on sale including the Association's surplus Chinese crockery and kitchenware.**

ACCC Chinese New Year Festival Market Day -February 2024

A full 12 members with a minivan travelled up to Auckland and attended this event

Parliamentary Lunar New Year event – February 2024

NZCA was mentioned as the leading Chinese Association in NZ by the Prime Minister.

Attended the above two events as representative in role of President –NZCA Waikato branch, NZCA National Vice President and as Chair of Chinese Poll Tax Trust

**Community:** (eg. events or activities related to bringing together communities, including within your branch, with other ethnic Chinese groups, as well as wider New Zealand that help with promoting social cohesion, harmony, and community resilience)

Pickleball "Give it a Go" -October 23

**As one of the fastest growing sports in the USA, a participation event was held at our hall to judge member's interest** where a local Pickleball coach provided a small clinic. We set up a court at our hall and were pleased to see many engaging in family matches where all ages could participate. Social games of mahjong were also played and enjoyed by all that attended.

Secret Santa Fusion BBQ - December 2024—good attendance and lots of fun for all to enjoy with each other.

WCA Foodie Group March 2024

A new initiative, dining out and supporting local Asian restaurants is starting to gather more interest. Being open to non-members in March, the event attracted a wide sector of our community.

**Heritage:** (eg. events or activities related to maintaining and growing understanding of Chinese heritage, language and culture – both within the branch or beyond)

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Mid-Autumn Festival -September 23

**An excellent attendance this time with a unique twist as members celebrated with a “High Tea” celebration but using mooncakes as a focus.** Mooncake making demonstration continued to be a popular activity.

Chinese New Year of the Dragon Celebration 4th-February 24

This year our Chinese New Year of the Dragon dinner incorporated a Chinese Dance performance. It was pleasing to be able to connect with another local Chinese group and to see the return of some former members.

NZCA Paruru Trip North - February 2024

Four youth members from Waikato attended. This trip included a stay at the marae, connecting with the local iwi youth, visits to significant SS Ventnor sites and Waitangi Day celebrations.

WCA Far North Trip – February 2024

A minivan of Waikato members ventured to the Far North, via the ACCC Chinese New Year Festival Market Day to **join the Paruru Trip youth and attend and witness the “Return Of The Pou” symbolic ceremony at the local Marae.** Visits were also made to SS Ventnor sites including the iconic red gate at Mihimihi. Bai san was performed by our group.

NZCA Dragon costume

Waikato acquired this full costume and drums from national body to store and use. A display will be held at the next event. We hope to interest members to participate in this traditional activity.

Sustainability: (eg. events or activities that promote organisational development, capacity building, recruitment, maintaining and growing membership, succession planning, involving more families and youth; identifying champions and amplifiers; operational and governance etc

Police Ethnic Liaison Group – Police Headquarters April 2024

Attended several meetings in the past to represent Waikato Chinese and to gather update on the local community happenings.

NZCA Sports and Cultural (Easter) Tournament April 2024

**Limited number of Waikato members attended this year’s tournament with some players joining other branches to participate in their chosen sport.**

Attended in my capacity as NZCA National Vice President and Chinese Poll Tax Chair.

WCA -NZCA Waikato Chinese Community Centre

The hall is currently undergoing a major roof repair.

Tenants remain stable. There has been an increase in enquiries for the hall to be used for Chinese cultural activities.

A new lease on the land which our building is situated is in the process of being negotiated with Hamilton City Council. We hope to have this finalised in the near future.

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In the Pipeline (keeping branches sighted on upcoming activities/opportunities)

NZCA (Waikato) AGM 15 June 2024 to include:

Dragon dance display/mini workshop with newly acquired dragon costume and

Paruru Trip talk by Youth

NZCA Conference June 2024 – 4 attendees to represent Waikato

WCA Foodie Group – July and August event being planned.

## Branch Chair's Comment:

I would like to congratulate our family member Alexander Mayo for his success as last years NZCA Academic Award achiever for NCEA 2022

As my 6 year term ends in July this year, I am retiring as Chairperson of the Chinese Poll Tax heritage trust after my 3 year term as a trustee and a further 3 years as the Chair. It has indeed been an honour to serve the trust and we thank them for contributions to our bathroom and fire door remediation work. I attended the Ng King Market Garden Heritage celebrations in Ashburton in February this year.

In conclusion, I would sincerely like to thank all the NZCA Waikato- WCA committee for the hours they personally volunteer for me and the Association activities. Also a big thank you to all the members and their friends for their continued support, feedback and suggestions which all contribute to the positive growth and future of our local Association.

Paul Chin

Waikato Chinese Association President



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## WCA FOODIE GROUP - August 2024

8 COURSE DINNER @ VICTORS PLACE

Date: Sat 3 August 2024

Time: 12 noon

Cost: \$30-\$33-tbc, pre-payment is required for this event

RSVP with payment by Wednesday 31 July to [waikatochineseassociation@gmail.com](mailto:waikatochineseassociation@gmail.com) or any committee member

SEATING: while we will do our best to accommodate requests, to ensure that we balance the numbers between each table, and it is fair for everyone please be aware you will be allocated a table to be seated at during the meal.

## SOCIAL SATURDAYS

Come along to socialise, for mah jong, table tennis - bring along your board games /gear and enjoy the company of others

Date: Sat 17 August 2024

Time: 2pm-4.30pm

Cost: free to members and first timers

What to bring:

- a plate of food for afternoon tea to share with others
- BYO your own drinks
- some of your favourite board games

## MOONCAKE HIGH TEA – WCA MID AUTUMN FESTIVAL CELEBRATION

Date: Sat 14 Sept 2024

Time: 1.30pm Mooncake demo and making followed by high tea

Cost: free to members and first timers. otherwise \$12pp

Bring: a plate of savoury or sweet food to share and contribute to the afternoon high tea



## TO GROW ROOTS WHERE THEY LAND "Celebrating the 85th Anniversary of Chinese War Refugees in NZ"

Eighty-five years ago, Chinese war refugees arrived in New Zealand, fleeing the devastation in their homeland. These individuals, mainly wives and children of Chinese men already residing in New Zealand, journeyed from Canton to Hong Kong and then to New Zealand.

They faced numerous challenges, including language barriers, cultural adjustments, and the pain of separation from loved ones. Despite these difficulties, their determination and resilience were unwavering.

Over the years, the contributions of these refugees and their descendants have significantly benefited New Zealand's economy and communities, particularly through their entrepreneurial spirit and successful businesses.

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**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 ENQUIRES  
email: nzca.warrefugees@gmail.com  
Richard Leung 021-891-942  
Catherine Ming 027-274-9851

**BOOK NOW - LIMITED AVAILABILITY!**

## YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP (YLC) 2024

Dates: 19th - 22nd December 2024

Venue: Camp Adair, 2487 Hunua Road, Hunua, RD 3 Papakura

Costs: \$220

Age: Year 11 - Year 13

What is YLC?

YLC is a comprehensive leadership, cultural and team building experience for Chinese students across the community. Unforgettable memories and long-lasting friendships are made, and it is a great opportunity to meet people from around the country. An event you do not want to miss!

An opportunity to...

- Have fun
- Participate in awesome challenges
- Develop your Chinese Identity and Growth
- Create long lasting friendships
- Learn about leadership

Registrations are open for the Youth Leadership Camp (for year 11-13 students) For more information and to register for this year's camp, see the website link below!

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

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**19 - 22 DECEMBER**

**VENUE: CAMP ADAIR,  
HUNUA, AUCKLAND**

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

**COST: \$220**

**REGISTER**

**EMAIL:**  
nzcaylc@gmail.com  
or **WEBSITE:**  
<http://NZCAYLC.WEEBLY.COM/>

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# MAJOR NATIONAL EVENTS & PAST EVENTS

## NZCA LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE (LDC) 2025

A week-long transformative empowerment journey for young Chinese New Zealanders aged 18-35. The conference theme, "Past, present, future," will explore the contributions of Chinese New Zealanders across different eras, 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.

Highlights include:

Inspiring Speakers: Leaders share insights on leadership, identity, and community impact.

Hands-on Workshops: Interactive sessions to enhance self-understanding and leadership skills.

Invaluable Networking Opportunities: Connect with peers, mentors, and professionals.

Date: 2nd - 7th February 2025

Location: Willow Park Convention Centre, Eastern Beach, Auckland

Cost: \$350 (\$300 early bird rate by 31 Aug)

Registration Details:

Apply now through our website [here](https://www.ldcnzchinese.org) 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/>



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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](https://www.ldcnzchinese.org)

## WCA Foodie group - July 2024

Yum cha at Regal Chinese Restaurant. Along with the traditional dim sims. Pickled garlic cucumber and curried spice noodles were enjoyed by the group.



## 2024 NZCA Waikato Annual General Meeting June 2024

Prior to the meeting, attendees were entertained by a demonstration of our Lion Dance costumes. The newly acquired Dragon costume was also on display.

Following the meeting, we listened to experiences from three different groups that travelled to the Far north in early February. Youth members: Jenny Yan spoke about the Paruru trip and Cameron Joe talked about the Wu family trip. Members on the Waikato trip also shared their thoughts on their excursion.



# PAST EVENTS

## 2024 NZCA conference

Attended by four participants from Waikato.

The 2024 National Executive Officers elected are:

- National President—Paul Chin
- National Vice President - Lois Yee
- National Treasurer - Mark Ngan Kee
- National Secretary - James To
- National Chinese Language Secretary—Leo Li



# PAST EVENTS



Photo of all attendees of national conference above  
2024 NZCA Sports and Cultural Tournament , Wellington  
March /April 2024

There was something for everyone. Aside from the mainstream sports, there was pickleball, mahjong, Te Papa visit , Chinese history walk. A fantastic weekend for all.



# PAST EVENTS

## WCA Foodie Group

March event was held at Canton Hong Kong restaurant where attendees were served a delicious meal.



## WCA Far North Trip

February 2024

A 2 day trip that went via the ACCC Chinese New Year Market Day Festival, to see iconic SS Ventnor sites, partake in the return of powhenua ceremony and admire tane mahuta kauri tree on our return home.



# PAST EVENTS



WCA Chinese New Year—Feb 2024



# 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: \$

**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

Date: .....