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MID-AUTUMN (MOON CAKE) FESTIVAL AND FAMILY DAY 2019

at the Chinese Association Hall

22 St Asaph Street, Christchurch

Sunday 8th September 2019 at 12.00 noon

Bring along family and friends to celebrate the annual Mid-Autumn (Moon Cake) Festival. entertainment, lucky draws and a sumptuous lunch including moon cakes will be served with many other tasty Chinese dishes. Come along, catch up with friends and have fun joining in the celebration of the Mooncake festival.

**An entry fee will be collected at the door. Members - \$8, Non-members - \$15
Students 12-15 years - \$8, Under 12 years – free. Donations will be kindly accepted.**

**Reserved parking for NZCA Canterbury members will be available at Auto Restorations,
52 Stewart St. (First street on left after Hall from St Asaph Street)**

We warmly welcome new members and look forward to your attendance.

MOON CAKE ORDERS

As the moon cakes are specially made to order, you must **place orders by Friday 30th AUGUST 5pm.**
Contact Marisa Yeung Ph **021 112 6265** or hopyick@xtra.co.nz

<i>Red bean paste</i>	<i>\$5.50 each</i>
<i>Lotus paste</i>	<i>\$6.00 each</i>
<i>Lotus paste with egg yolk</i>	<i>\$6.50 each</i>
<i>Mixed Nuts</i>	<i>\$7.00 each</i>

**Pick up times at Hall: Saturday 7th Sept. 9.00-12.00am or
Sunday 8th Sept. 9.00-11.00am**

Jung Festival and Family Day 2019

A great turnout of members and friends celebrated the Jung festival. A special treat of exhibition ballroom dances by young Canterbury Junior champs. The food was amazing as usual, with homemade jungs and a variety of tasty Chinese dishes. Thanks to all the volunteers who contribute to this celebration get-together !



On behalf of NZCA Canterbury branch, we wish to acknowledge a special thank you to the many volunteer helpers for the hours and effort to make the Jungs. We appreciate the generous support and involvement towards our community.



“Many hands make light work!”

Stan Yee Recognised for his long service with Canterbury Branch NZCA



NZCA Canterbury Branch would like to acknowledge and congratulate a very special executive member who has decided to retire from the Committee. Stan has dedicated many years behind the scenes with his expertise in cooking tasty festival lunches, helped with fundraisers and coordinated Karaoke and Mah Jong events.

Canterbury Branch celebrated Stan's outstanding and significant service at our recent Jung festival luncheon. We commended Stan for his spirit of volunteering for many years to give and dedicate his time towards our Chinese community.

Thank you Stan for your past contributions and we look forward to seeing you around as you still wish to continue your good work as a supports person in our community.

Congratulations to successful NZCA Academic Award candidates for 2019

The Academic Committee commended the high calibre of students receiving the award as the diversity of this year's applications made the selection process more difficult than previous years. Congratulations to two Canterbury students who have both been successful NZCA Academic Award recipients in previous years. This year Grant Wong and Keegan Chin each receive \$500 for their academic attainment in NCEA Level 3.

We wish Grant and Keegan every success in their future studies.

Note - Grant Wong has received an award in three consecutive NCEA levels. This year he is first year student at University of Canterbury studying Computer Science and Mathematics, with the ultimate goal of pursuing a career in software development." *Outside of uni, I'm passionate about music, programming and Chinese. I love learning about new concepts, and I'm definitely excited for what the future holds.*" All the best for your future Grant !

Acknowledgement

Thank you to Murray Wong for his generous donation of a new laptop computer and a 32 inch TV screen monitor for the newly formed Karaoke group.

Walking Group China Trip May 2019 by Tim Ng

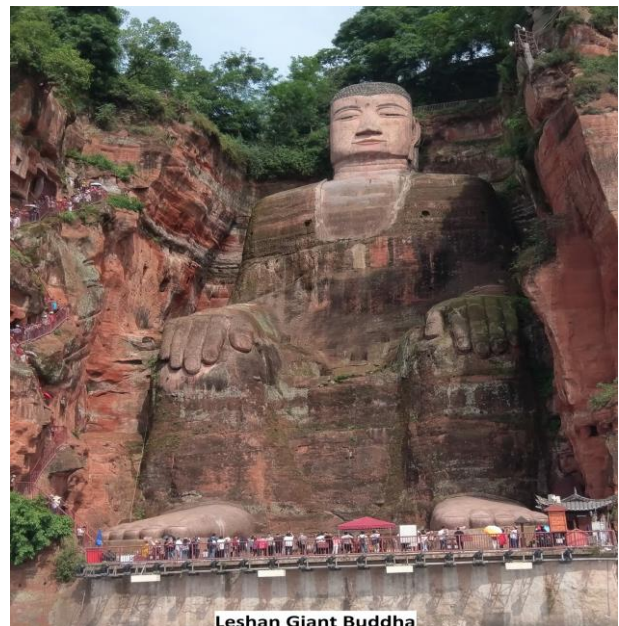
Recently in May, fifteen of us, the majority from our Friday Walk/Lifestyle Group took a short 8 day trip to China, specifically a cruise on the Yangtze River including the famous Three Gorges.



Jennifer, Marisa, Michael, Liz, Jeff, Nancy, Nelson, Angela, Tim, Stella, Margaret, Jim, Jann, Donald, Mary

From Auckland it was a long 13.5 hours overnight flight to Chengdu our first stop in China. We arrived awfully early at 6:00am, however taking advantage of what was originally a free day, 8 of us managed to organize a trip to the nearby remarkable Leshan Giant Buddha some 160 kilometres away, about 2 hours driving. At 71 metres tall it is the largest stone Buddha in the world caved into a riverfront cliff approximately 1,200 years ago and taking 90 years to complete. There are 2 ways to see it, one is to climb down a twisting staircase on the left side of the statue and then back up the other side taking up to 3 hours in total. The other option is a leisurely riverboat cruise which takes you up close along the river that it sits above. After our long flight, jet lagged and fatigued it wasn't too difficult to choose the easy riverboat option.

On our second day most of us visited the Giant Panda Research base in Chengdu, home to the largest number of pandas in captivity. Giant pandas could be characterized as being somewhat lazy creatures for their entire daily life cycle consists of eating, sleeping and pooping. Their diet is almost entirely bamboo with adults consuming up to 40 kilos per day and pooping up to 40 times as well. Although an adult giant panda can weigh over 100 kilos they are still great climbers, with many observed sleeping high up in trees. One of the many reasons for their low numbers is the fact that female giant pandas are surprisingly only fertile for up to 3 days a year.



Leshan Giant Buddha

After Chengdu, next on our itinerary was Yichang. For us this was a 6.5 hours high speed train journey across the lush green countryside, crossing countless bridges connecting the valleys and through an equal number of tunnels. Yichang is a city located in western Hubei province on the north eastern bank of the Yangtze River just downstream from the Three Gorges Dam. The massive

Three Gorges Dam, the largest in the world was primarily constructed to control the seasonal

flooding of the Yangtze River as well as for the generation of hydro-electric power. The numbers associated with the dam project are staggering. Completed in 2012 it is 181 metres high, 2,335 metres long with 34 massive turbines with a capacity to generate 22,500 megawatts of power. 13 cities 140 towns and more than 1,600 villages have been submerged and some 1.4 million people had to be relocated.



The highlight of our trip was a 5 days upstream cruise on the Yangtze from Yichang to Chongqing, a distance of about 600 kilometres. The Yangtze River is the longest river in Asia, the third longest in the world. It begins in the northern part of the Tibetan Plateau and flows 6,300 kilometres in a generally eastern direction to the East China Sea near Shanghai. We boarded our ship the Yangtze 2 just upstream of

the dam, one of the larger cruise ships on the Yangtze with a capacity of over 400 passengers. Mostly we would sail during the night and dock at various towns along the river during the day to allow for shore excursions. One excursion in particular was a trip on a small ferry boat taking us up the Shennong Stream and sailing through the many lesser gorges. The scenery along this tributary of the Yangtze is possibly even more spectacular. Steep ridges and peaks, huge caves, thick vegetation and the odd ancient 'hanging coffin' which date back approximately 2,000 years. Ancient local inhabitants buried their dead in wooden coffins in little recesses in the sides of the cliffs. How they got the coffins to these remote areas is still not certain. About halfway into our cruise on the Yangtze we sailed through the first 2 of the majestic Three Gorges, the Xiling Gorge and Wu Gorge. Qutang Gorge is perhaps the most spectacular of the 3 gorges and is located further west nearer to Chongqing. The iconic image of the Qutang Gorge is depicted on the front of the Chinese 10 Yuan note.

Too soon our cruise had arrived at our last stop Chongqing and we had to say farewell to our floating home of 5 days. Chongqing, a city with 30 million people, was the wartime capital during the second Sino-Japanese War (1937 - 1945). Even today scars from the war years are still visible throughout the city with many of the bomb shelters now converted to restaurants, shops and workshops. After a brief tour of the city it was off to the airport for our first leg of our journey home via Shanghai. After arriving home we all admitted to being totally exhausted. However after a week's rest there is already talk of perhaps another group trip.

National Conference of the NZ Chinese Association

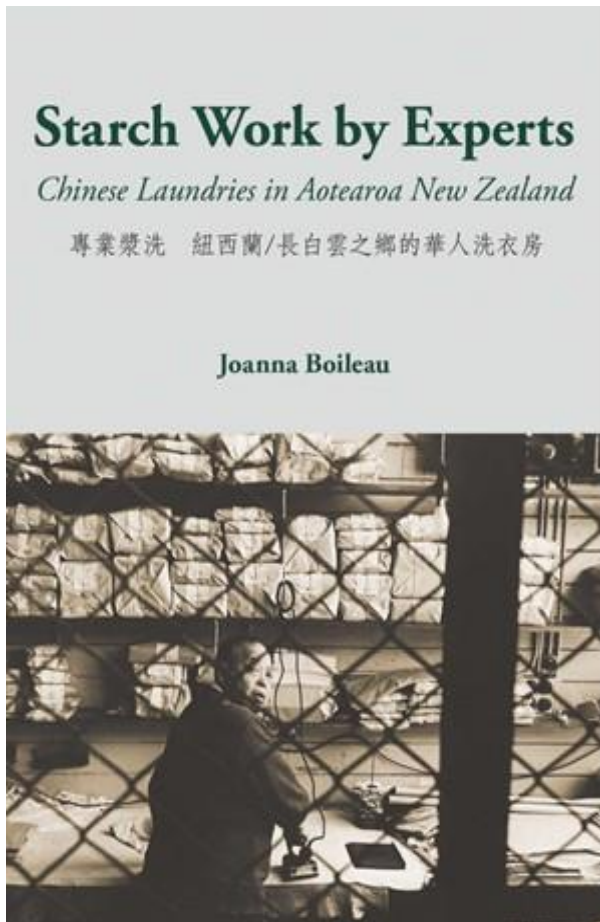
The 76th National NZ Chinese Association Conference was held over the weekend, 22-23 June in Wellington at the Wellington Sports and Cultural Centre (WSSC). Our Canterbury delegates were Committee members Emmie King, Graham King, Daret Lowe, Conrad Wing, Lois Yee and also NZCA Canterbury Future Dragonz representative Tony Ng.

This was a busy weekend of update reports, regional catch ups, workshops and great catering by WSSC in between the real business. There is much to be thankful and appreciative for the immense efforts of NZCA in the past, present and the future. The National Executive Officers were re-elected – Richard Leong, President; Linus Chin, Vice-president; Monica Mu, Chinese Secretary; James To, English Secretary; Mark Ngan-Kee, Treasurer.

“STARCH WORK BY EXPERTS” **Chinese Laundries in Aotearoa New Zealand**

The NZ Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust (NZCPTH) commissioned Dr Joanna Boileau to research and write a book on the history of Chinese laundries in New Zealand. The limited edition books are due for publication and release in October 2019. The price of the book is \$49.95.

If you wish to pre-order copies of the book, please contact Lois Yee, email yeelois@yahoo.com or phone 0225647933.



Chinese laundries first opened in the 1880s and were an integral part of New Zealand's social fabric until at least the 1950s. How did they develop in towns from Southland to the far north before slowly disappearing after the 1940s? Who ran them and how did they fit into their communities? *Starch Work by Experts: Chinese Laundries in Aotearoa New Zealand* tells the story of the laundrymen, their families and customers.

Hand laundries were one of four main occupations for early Chinese settlers, along with mining, market gardening and storekeeping. They provided a low-cost stepping stone to a new life through hard work, skill and long hours. This book counters the stereotype of Chinese laundry work as menial and unskilled. While Chinese laundries were humble establishments, Chinese laundrymen (and women) were experts in starching, particularly men's shirts and detachable collars.

Blending documentary research, personal stories and fascinating images, *Starch Work by Experts* goes beyond the grille to step inside the world of steaming coppers, hissing irons and perfectly starched collars.

Dr Joanna Boileau is an historian specialising in the history of the Chinese in New Zealand and Australia. Her most recent book *Chinese Market Gardening in Australia and New Zealand: Gardens of Prosperity* was published by Palgrave MacMillan in 2017.

Meng Foon - new Race Relations Commissioner

Meng Foon, national president of NZ Chinese Association from 2015 to 2018, has been appointed the new Race Relations Commissioner. He takes up his new appointment in August and will be responsible for leading the work of the Human Rights Commission in promoting positive race relations.

Meng Foon was first elected onto the Gisborne District Council in 1995 and became mayor in 2001 for six consecutive terms. He is one of a handful of people of Chinese descent to have become a mayor in New Zealand. As of 2019, he is still the only mayor in New Zealand who is fluent in te reo Māori.

Justice Minister Andrew Little said Foon had an outstanding record as a relationship builder, walked comfortably in the Pākehā world, the Māori world, the Chinese community and other communities making up New Zealand.

72nd Annual NZ Chinese Association Sports Tournament and Cultural Show 2020

Recruiting Canterbury Participants for the 2020 Chinese Easter Sports Tournament!

The 72nd Annual NZCA Sports and Cultural Tournament 2020 will be hosted by Auckland Branch over Easter weekend held from Good Friday 10th April to Easter Monday 13th April 2020.

The Annual flagship event of NZCA is held each year on a rotational basis by NZCA Branches, Wellington, Otago-Southland (OSCA), Auckland and Christchurch Branches.

The objective is in the spirit of the tournament to encourage participation, promote goodwill, friendship, mutual understanding and healthy competition. Open to all ages from 5 years to Veterans.

Canterbury branch is inviting participants to join our team to represent Canterbury. Various sports ranging from Athletics (Relays). Badminton, Basketball (5 years to Veterans), Golf, Indoor Netball, Indoor Soccer, Lawn Bowls, Outdoor Netball, Table Tennis, Tennis, Touch and Volleyball will be contended over the weekend.

Formal Opening and Closing ceremonies with social functions held each night for the young and the old.

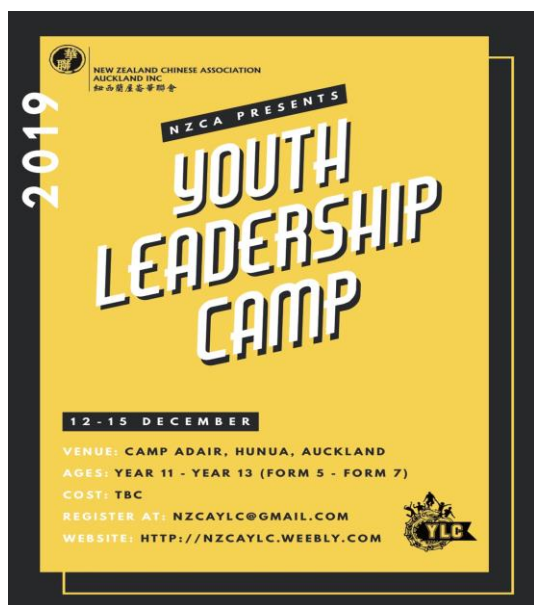
Valuing NZCA's major gathering as a family, a great opportunity to meet up, reacquaint old friendships and make new friends with many Chinese around New Zealand. Express your interest to be part of this unique social event. We'd love to have you represent Canterbury Branch and be part of this special weekend.

Participants must be a registered member of their contingent branch to be eligibility to take part in the competitions. Submit your 2020 NZCA membership subscriptions to NZCA Canterbury to ensure you are registered.

Canterbury Branch will create volunteering opportunities to help fundraise towards subsidising your accommodation and transport needs and keep you updated with the latest developments from Auckland Branch.

To be part of the Canterbury Branch Tournament Organising team, contact Emmie King: graem88@xtra.co.nz or mobile: 021 211 7441

NZCA Youth Leadership Camp 2019



YLC 2019

Students: Year 11 to Year13 (Form 5-7)

When: 12 -15 DececeMBER 2019

Venue: Camp Adair, Hunua, Auckland

Cost: \$160 (extra cost own airfares to Auckland)

Enquiries: nzcaylc@gmail.com

Website: <http://nzcaylc.weebly.com> (for further information and registration)

Registration closes 14th October 2019

December 2019 marks the fifth NZCA Youth Leadership Camp. A comprehensive leadership, cultural and team building experience for Chinese students across the community. Unforgettable memories made and long-lasting friendships evolve. It is an event you do not want to miss!

King Brothers Market Garden Settlement

The Ng King Chinese Market Garden Settlement on Allens Road in Allenton, Ashburton consists of 2.3 hectares of land on which sits a group of historical buildings and facilities which once made up the Ashburton Chinese community. They are considered as the only remaining set of Chinese settlement buildings associated with early 20th century market gardening in New Zealand. Although some of the original buildings have been removed or demolished, the core of the settlement remains standing, including an outdoor pig roasting oven which was restored in 2013.

Ashburton District Council, Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga, and the descendants of the Ng King settlers celebrated the declaration of the Ng King Brothers Chinese Market Garden Settlement as the **eighth** twentieth century Archaeological site under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014. Declaration under the Act is decided by the Board of Heritage New Zealand, after carrying out extensive investigation and consultation.

This special event was held on Sunday, 7 July 2019 on site after which the group had a light Kiwi/Chinese fusion lunch at the Council Chambers.

Previous post-1900 archaeological sites declared are the Napier Prison Wall, The Makatote Tramway, 20th century Central Otago goldmining sites, 20th century components of Clark's and Holland's Pottery Brickworks site at Limeburners Bay, Featherston Military Training Camp, Norwegian Whalers' Base on Rakiura/ Stewart Island and *SS Ventnor* shipwreck at Hokianga Harbour.



Tong King shares his memories of activities at the King Brothers market garden settlement. Tong's father, Ng King You, was the last of the registered owners to remain in Ashburton and continued operating King Bros fruit shop business with his sons.

NZ Ng Clan Reunion – Labour weekend in Wellington

Ng Clan includes anyone whose surname is NG / WU (伍), by birth or marriage or a descendent of a Ng/Wu, generally with roots from Taishan, Guangdong province of China.

The 10th biennial NZ Ng Clan Reunion 紐西蘭伍氏家族聯歡大會 will be held in Wellington on Labour Weekend, 26-27th October 2019.

For more details contact Andrea King by email yyiking88@gmail.com or Facebook [NZ Ng Clan 紐西蘭伍氏家族](#)

Mr Stanley Lay Obituary: 12th June 2019

Mr Stanley Lay, a man with foresight and intelligence, steered a supreme leadership group in 1950's to resurrect the Canterbury Branch of the New Zealand Chinese Association, and revitalized the Canterbury Chinese community.

In reforming the Canterbury Chinese Community, he rallied for donations around the Canterbury districts from Ashburton, Timaru and Oamaru by collecting funds to send back to China to support families after the recession.



We give thanks for his extreme courage and his past leadership that maintained our identity as New Zealand Chinese to follow the NZCA motto in “Leading New Zealand Chinese into the Future”. His dedication to support people, families and a community for a sense of belonging to inherit a Chinese identity.

Stories of Stan’s working efforts can be found in the NZCA publications in “Turning Stone into Jade” and “Sons of the Soils”

We acknowledge Stan for donating the vast collection of souvenir NZCA Sports tournament magazines since 1952. Along with mementos, these will be treasured and preserved towards our Chinese history in continuing our legacy in our journey for the next generation.

Stan’s commitment and dedication in strengthening the Association for over 30 years was recognized, more significantly in volunteering his time and outstanding services towards the Chinese community. Stan was acknowledged as an “Honorary Member of the Canterbury Branch of NZCA in 2009”.



Meeting Mr & Mrs Lay 25th May 2019

Stan strived for excellence in everything he set his mind to, in a genuine hardworking manner, and he achieved this with great success as seen through his past work ethics and family values. Mr Stanley Lay, we honour the very special man that you were, who contributed enormously to our NZCA family and to the wider community. A loving devoted husband to Ivy, we happily shared their amazing milestone of 75 years of a lovingly blissful marriage. Stanley will be dearly missed, greatly respected as a true gentleman and an admirable friend that will never be forgotten in our hearts.

“A leader is the one, who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way”

Social Activities

Regular weekly activities held at the NZ Chinese Association Hall, 22 St Asaph Street unless specified.
For interest contact the following: (***Please note some activities with the change of time**)

***Beijing Health Promoting Exercise Group** Beijing style exercise sessions. Saturday mornings from 10:30am -11:30am. Members \$2, non-members \$3. **Contact Jane Gin (ph 021 175 5866)**

***Chinese Language Classes - Cantonese, Advanced, Intermediate and Beginners Mandarin, Intermediate Mandarin & Advanced Mandarin, Learning English as a Second Language.**

Sunday mornings. School terms and holidays correspond with the public primary school timetable.

Beginners and Intermediate Cantonese 9.30-11am, English as a Second Language 9.30am-11am.

Beginners Mandarin 9.30-11am, Intermediate Mandarin 10-11am, Advanced Mandarin 10-11.30am,

\$25 per student for term fee tutitions. **Contact Fran Yee (ph 021 138 3663 or fannieyee@yahoo.co.nz)**

***Karaoke Sing-A-Long and Dance** “Have fun - Be Entertained - Socialise – Sing-a-long”

When: Monthly - TBA on monthly notices

Time: 2:00 pm

Where: NZCA Canterbury Hall

Cost: \$4 per person

For interest to participate at the Karaoke "Sing-a-long" **Contact Jane Gin (ph 021 175 5866)**

***Line Dance Group** Saturday mornings 9.15am-10.15am. Cost \$3

Keep fit, socialise and dance to popular music with our new dance tutor Audrey. Come along and bring a friends to enjoy classical dance steps (no partners required!)

Contact Emmie King (graem88@xtra.co.nz)

New Vogue and Ballroom Dance Classes Sundays 7.00pm – 8.00pm.

Held at the NZCA Canterbury Hall, under the guidance of a professional tutor with years of experience.

Parking at rear of Hall. \$9 per dancer. **Contact Emmie King (ph 021 211 7441, graem88@xtra.co.nz)**

Multi-Sports Programme (NZCA Canterbury) - Open to all ages

Venue: Graham Condon Recreation and Sports Centre (3 Sisson Drive, Papanui)

Sunday mid-mornings from 11.30am – 12.30pm. Cost \$3 per session.

Contact Emmie King (ph 021 2117441, graem88@xtra.co.nz)

NZCA Future Dragonz Canterbury Social adult group aged between 20-35 years who meet up and network with other young Chinese and other like minded young adults.

Contact Tony Ng toneohsix@gmail.com Visit: www.futuredragonz.org.nz

Qiao Yi Lion Dance Team Christchurch Saturday trainings at the Chinese Association Hall from 3:30 – 4:30pm. **Contact George Chan (ph 021 188 6096, gwhchan71@yahoo.co.nz)**

Lifestyle Walking Group Social walking group. Friday mornings from 10.00am.

Contact Tim Ng (ph 339 0188, ng.tim@hotmail.com) or Marisa Yeung (ph 021 112 6265, hopyick@xtra.co.nz)

Tai Chi Class Sunday mornings from 9-10am. Gold coin donation.

Contact Marisa Yeung (hopyick@xtra.co.nz)

We warmly welcome your attendance at our activities and look forward to meeting up.

NZCA Canterbury Website: canterbury.nzchinese.org.nz

- Visit the website for latest updates, contacts, notices, activities, up-to-date events
- Follow NZCA Branch website links nationally for information, updates and resources.
- Our website has a photo gallery and access to past newsletters and events.
- NZCA Canterbury Membership & Subscription application forms can be downloaded off the website to join up as a new members.

We invite members wishing to contribute publication of any information or articles relating to the Chinese community. Contact our Canterbury webmaster Ronald Lee (ronald18@orcon.net.nz)

[Check out our NZCA Canterbury Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/CanterburyBranchNZCA)
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Conference room, Sound system
Discounted hire rates for NZCA members

For bookings contact: Marisa Yeung
(ph 021 112 6265, hopyick@xtra.co.nz)

Memberships, Receiving Newsletters by Email or Change of Address

Your continued support as a member is an important factor in our organisation. We provide funding for events, membership discounts, activities for members and regular publishing of newsletters. Join up as a member to receive the many benefits or to meet up socially to connect with our organisation nationally over New Zealand.

Please advise a **change of address** in writing or email to The Secretary, NZCA Canterbury, PO Box 31-276, Ilam, Christchurch 8444

We encouraged members to receive newsletters and notices by email to receive current updates.

Please contact Canterbury Secretary, Rhonda Ding at nzcacanterbury@gmail.com or 021 259 0745.

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