



NEW ZEALAND CHINESE ASSOCIATION INC.
(CANTERBURY BRANCH)

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November 2017 Newsletter

Christmas Picnic 2017

Date: Sunday 26th November 2017
Time: 11.00am – 3.00pm
Location: Groynes Picnic Reserve at Area 2B (160 Johns Road)

FREE sausage sizzle! **FREE** Fun! **FREE** for all!

We warmly welcome our members along with your families and friends, to join our committee for an entertaining, fun and happy pre-Christmas function. An afternoon filled with novelty games, children's age races, a lolly scramble, multiple activities for everyone and a very special visit by Santa.

- Please bring a plate for a combined lunch to share. (Sausage sizzle and BBQ provided)
- Plates and utensils will be provided.
- Please supply own drinks.
- Official programme will commence at 1.00pm after lunch.

Directions to Area 2B at the Groynes:

Due to construction of new road developments, it is advised that you give yourself plenty of travel time. On arrival at the grounds, continue along to the end of the road at the T-intersection, turn left, second picnic spot on the right by the playground.

The Groynes Picnic Areas



If unfavourable weather, the event will be held at the Association Hall. (22 St Asaph Street)
Contact Emmie King (graem88@xtra.co.nz) ph 021 211 7441

Bring along family and friends for our fun annual outing at the Groynes.

70th Annual NZ Chinese Association Sports Tournament and Cultural Show 2018

Recruiting Canterbury Participants for Easter 2018!

The 70th annual NZCA Sports and Cultural Tournament 2018 will be hosted by Wellington Branch over Easter weekend from Good Friday 30th March to Easter Monday, 2nd April 2018.

The New Zealand Chinese Association flagship event is held each year on a rotational basis by Wellington, Otago-Southland (OSCA), Auckland and Christchurch Branches.

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

Valuing NZCA's major gathering as a family, a great opportunity to meet up, renew old friendships and make new friends with many Chinese around New Zealand.

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.

There is a Formal opening ceremony with cultural show and a prize giving on the last night. Social functions for the young and old are held each night.

Express your interest to participate at the 70th Annual NZCA Sports Tournament in 2018. Book your flights early to ensure you obtain special deals.

Canterbury Branch will be organising fundraisers to help subsidise accommodation and transport. Volunteers will be rewarded with discounts and benefitting to form a team bonding experience.

We'd love to have you represent Canterbury and be part of this special weekend.

For further information or interest contact Canterbury Branch Tournament co-ordinator Charlotte King email: charlotte_alanna_louise@hotmail.com or Mobile 021 149 5672.

Like Facebook page "NZCA Wellington Easter Tournament 2018" to keep up to date with the latest news and information.

MULTI-SPORTS PROGRAMME – For all ages

Venue: Graham Condon Recreation and Sports Centre - 3 Sission Drive, Papanui

Date: Sundays (No training on public holidays)

Time: 11.30am to 12.30pm

Cost: \$3 per session

An activity programme initiated by NZCA Canterbury, providing youngsters an opportunity to socialise and develop as team players from an early age.

NZCA Canterbury multi-sports programme is a platform to expose various sports to children. To encourage involvement in physical activities and to prepare for future NZCA Sports tournaments.

The focus is on teamwork, fair play, confidence building, coordination skills and leadership roles.

Basketball, football and fitness training will be the main disciplines, with introducing various sports.

Encourage your children, grandchildren and friends to come along to experience the health benefits of exercise and importance of team sports.

For further information contact or Emmie King - graem88@xtra.co.nz (ph 021 211 7441) or Canterbury Branch Sports coordinator Angelina King – angelina.king@gmail.com

STAR Session (*Social Technology Awareness Resource*)

Venue: Upper Riccarton Library, 71 Main South Road, Sockburn

Date: Sunday 12 November

Time: 1:30pm

Come and learn about all the free resources that the library can offer you and your family! Everything from electronic books, magazines and newspapers from China, to family history help and something for the children.

Bring CCC library card (if you have one) and your devices. Look forward to seeing you there!

Contact Lois 0225647933 yeelois@yahoo.com



Social Technology Awareness Resource Group 2017 (STAR Group)

**VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED for FUNDRAISER – FREE Entry to the A & P Show.
Canterbury A & P Show Day Clean up: Friday 17th November**

NZCA CANTERBURY NEEDS YOU! To be part of the Waste Management team cleaning up at the Canterbury Anniversary Day show grounds. Open to all ages – Adults and Children. Come along as a family, two hours of fundraising and a great day out to support NZCA Canterbury! A fundraiser for you and your family to gain free entry into the Canterbury A & P show. Funding towards supporting activities for our members.

Please contact Emmie King, graem88@xtra.co.nz or ph 021 211 7441 by forwarding your names and contact phone number, stating morning or afternoon slots to ensure you don't miss out on your free entry to the Show by Friday 10th November.

Join Cantabrians to celebrate Canterbury Anniversary Day, it will be a great family day out!

Mooncake Festival Acknowledgement of Thanks.

A huge thank you to Mr Quoon Chin for his many hours in organizing and preparing yet another very successful festival luncheon. A very special thank you to Cindy Chan who generously donated 50 of her tasty homemade mooncakes for the function. Thank you to Jane Gin for coordinating the team of ladies who handmade the 328 Mooncakes. We are very grateful for Mr Quoon Chin, Cindy and Jane for their expertise and contribution to the amount of work towards our community.



An acknowledgement to our special performers Mr Sam Wong, Mrs Rosanna Ng & Mrs Sue Gin, Ms Hannah Gin and the Children from Chinese classes who entertained the audience at the festival.



On behalf of NZCA Canterbury Branch, I wish to acknowledge an immense thank you to the hard working team of special members who helped make the tasty Mooncakes - especially the Ladies, the kitchen team, dishwashers and everyone who helped prepare the sumptuous banquet. Your generous support and contribution towards our community is very much appreciated.

NZCA Canterbury President – Emmie King

Acknowledgements and Donations

Thank you to the following for their continuing support and generosity with contribution of donations NZCA Canterbury Branch.

Tai Chi group \$152.00 (August)

Tai Chi group \$168.80 (October)

Beijing Exercise Class \$432.20

FAREWELL TO THE PAST, WELCOME TO THE NEW!

Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Christchurch

Farewell to Consul General Jin Zhijian.

Mr Jin was the second Chinese Consul General in Christchurch. His diplomatic career saw his successes in developing a bilateral relationship made by exchanges and cooperation between China and the South Island. Such as the visit of Chinese icebreaker Xuelong to Christchurch in 2015. The people to people exchanges with the launching of China Southern Airlines direct flight from Guangzhou to Christchurch at the end of 2015, boosting exchanges in Chinese tourism.



Supporting Chinese enterprises was an active part with the Christchurch reconstruction to contribute to the regeneration of the city. Cooperation has extended to new areas such as e-commerce, science and technology innovations, laying a more solid foundation from the Chinese diplomatic office.

Mayor Lianne Dalziel farewelled Consul General Mr Zhijian Jin and his wife Helen, after three years of office in Christchurch. He was made an Honorary Citizen of Christchurch.

Welcome new Consul General Wang Zhijian

A welcome reception was held for the new arrival of the third Consul General Mr Wang Zhijian and his wife Madam Mao.

Consul General Mr Wang Zhijian will continue to promote the partnership on the bilateral relationship between China and the South Island.

We congratulate Consul General Wang on his new position and wish him every success with his term of office in Christchurch.



NZCA Canterbury Chinese Association Hall

AVAILABLE FOR HIRE



22 St Asaph Street, CBD

**Ample floor area with removable stage
large kitchen and cooking facilities
Conference room, Sound system**

Discounted hire rates for NZCA members

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

Car Parking Notice:

**NO-CARPARKING IN FUTURE ON ST ASAPH STREET FROM ANTIGUA STREET
due to structure of new roading system with continuation of cycle lanes throughout the city.**

Carparking is still available at rear of Hall for activities.

Extensive road works will be carried out along St Asaph Street in the next several months to assist with the road upgrade in the Central City. The work is to locate and record the position of underground services such as water pipes, electricity cables and telecommunication networks. This is in preparation for later work to including installing and reconstructing kerbs, road surfaces, footpaths, cycle lanes, street lighting, traffic signal and street furniture. We apologise for any inconvenienced it may cause.

Chinese Language Classes - (Term ends Sunday 19th December)

Cantonese lessons from 9.30 - 11am, Advance Mandarin 10am – 12noon.
Beginners Conversational Mandarin. Please note new time change 9.30 - 11am.

Contact Mr Quoon Chin, ph 027 285 2859.

Social Activities

**Regular activities are held weekly at the Canterbury Chinese Association Hall,
22 St Asaph Street (Hagley Park end) unless specified.**

Beijing Health Promoting Exercise Classes Beijing style exercise. Saturday 10-11.00am. Members \$2, Non-members \$3. Contact Mrs Sum Duncan (ph 342 7822) Finish 23rd Dec 2017, resumes 13th Jan 2018.

Chinese Language Classes - Cantonese, Mandarin & Beginners Conversational Mandarin

Sunday mornings. \$20 per student each school term. Contact Mr Quoon Chin (ph 027 285 2859)

Lifestyle Walking Group – Social walking group that meets up every Friday morning at 10.00am. Contact Tim Ng (ph 339 0188, ng.tim@hotmail.com)

Line Dancing Group Saturday 8.30-9.30am. Cost \$3. Finish 16th Dec 2017, resumes 13th Jan 2018. Contact Emmie King (graem88@xtra.co.nz, ph 021 211 7441)

New Vogue and Ballroom Dance Classes Silhouette Studio City dance. Sundays 7.30-8:30pm
23 Livingstone Street. Linwood (Fitzgerald Street end). Cost \$8. Contact Emmie King

NZCA Canterbury Multi-Sports Programme

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

Date: Every Sunday. Time: 11.30am to 12.30pm. Cost: \$3 per session. Contact Emmie King

NZCA Canterbury STAR Group (Social Technology Awareness Resource)

Techno support - Techno awareness social support learning group

Held at Upper Riccarton Library, 71 Main South Rd (Sockburn).

Contact: Lois Yee, yeelois@yahoo.com (ph 022 564 7933) or Kim Gin ph 341 5498.

NZCA Future Dragonz Canterbury Melissa Wong ([m.carley.wong@gmail](mailto:m.carley.wong@gmail.com) Tony Ng (toneohsix@gmail.com) Visit: www.futuredragonz.org.nz

Email: christchurch@futuredragonz.org.nz

Qiao Yi Lion Dance Team Christchurch Saturday trainings at the Hall from 3.30 - 4.30pm.

Contact George Chan (021 188 6096, gwchan71@yahoo.co.nz)

Senior/Eldercare Support group for Senior members. Contact Lois King (yeelois@yahoo.com)

Tai Chi Class Sunday from 9-10am. Gold coin donation. Finish 23rd Dec 2017, resumes 13th Jan 2018.

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

Visit NZCA Canterbury website for further information: canterbury.nzchinese.org.nz

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CanterburyBranchNZCA/>

Membership

Your continued support as a member is an important factor in our organisation. We provide funding for events, membership discounts to attend functions, activities for members and regular publishing of newsletters. If you have family or friends over the age of 16 years and would like to socially connect with our organisation, you can join up and become a member to receive the benefits.

Contact The Canterbury Secretary - Rhonda Ding. (021 259 0745 or rding@xtra.co.nz)

Receiving Newsletters by Email or Change of Address

Please advise of any change of address in writing or email to The Secretary, NZCA (Canterbury Branch), PO Box 31-276, Ilam, Christchurch 8444

We encouraged members to receive Newsletters by email. Please forward your email address to Rhonda (021 2590 745, rding@xtra.co.nz) or Marisa (021 112 6265, hopyick@xtra.co.nz).

End of Year Report

A huge thank you to the 2017 Canterbury Easter Tournament organising committee for a very successful tournament hosted by NZCA Canterbury Branch. Your enthusiasm and leadership roles to take on this mammoth event was much appreciated and enjoyed by all.

I wish to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our activity group leaders, Tutors of Tai Chi and Beijing Exercise group, Chinese School teachers, maintenance personnel and especially the generosity from our members who contributed towards Canterbury branch activities during the year. Your presence in donating your time to support our community, strengthens to grow as a successful organisation.

Finally, I am most grateful for the huge dedication and commitment from the 2017 Executive Committee members: Cindy Chan, Ian Chan, Quoon Chin, Rhonda Ding, Jane Gin, Angelina King, Graham King, Ronald Lee, Tristan Luey, Tim Ng, Fran Yee, Lois Yee, Stan Yee and Marisa Yeung. With a strong committee, I cannot thank enough the behind the scene work the committee has supported me, to inform and connect our members to build a very stable and healthy community. Credit goes to their endless effort as a team unit working together.

I wish you all a joyous festive season and may we look forward to a happy and prosperous 2018.

“Year of the Dog!”

NZCA Canterbury President – Emmie King

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