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# May 2017 Newsletter

**Jung Festival and Family Day 2017** 

held at the Chinese Association Hall

22 St Asaph Street, Christchurch

Sunday 28th May at 12.00 noon

A luncheon consisting of a variety of tasty Chinese dishes, including delicious Jung which will be served along with entertainment, an Easter Tournament report and lucky draws. Bring along family and friends to celebrate the traditional Jung Festival.

An entry fee will be collected at the door:- Members - \$8, Non-members - \$15, Students 12-15 years - \$8, Children under 12 years - Free. Donations will be kindly accepted.

As car parking may be an issue, there will be car parking at rear of the Hall allocated for our Senior members. Please take care with pedestrians and drive slowly on entering car park. A carpark marshall will help guide car parking and advise when carpark is full. Car pooling or being dropped off is advisable to ensure you do not miss out on the festival.

# Pre-Sale of Homemade Jung

Pre-orders taken for purchasing of homemade Jung by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

**Cost:** \$3.50 each Savoury Jung – Peanuts, Chinese mushroom and pork and mung bean \$3.00 each Sweet Jung – Red bean (Dol Sar)

Orders can be collected from the Chinese Association Hall (22 St Asaph St) on the following days:

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May from 9am – 2pm Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May from 9am – 12pm

Contact Marisa Yeung for orders email: hopyick@xtra.co.nz or mobile 021 112 6265.

Visit our website: canterbury.nzchinese.org.nz for more information on activities and update of events.

# **NZCA Canterbury Annual General Meeting 2017**

A successful NZCA Canterbury AGM was held on Sunday 30th April. Thank you to all members who attended in support towards the interest of our Association, even though it was a wet day.

A special thank you to our members for providing afternoon tea. Financial and Annual reports were distributed at the meeting. For those wishing to receive reports contact Rhonda Ding, the Secretary.

I wish to take the opportunity to acknowledge the 2015/2016 Executive members for their endless effort and dedication of time. With their contribution they have successfully continued to strengthen our very stable organisation.

President Emmie King

# NZCA Canterbury Branch Executive Committee Officers 2017/2018

Congratulations to the following NZCA Canterbury elected officers for 2017/2018. We endeavour to continue with the strong leadership, dedication and commitment to keep our Canterbury Branch of the NZCA in good stead.

President/Newsletter/Fundraising Emmie King: graem88@xtra.co.nz, 021 211 7441

Vice President/Secretary/Memberships Rhonda Ding: rding@xtra.co.nz, 021 259 0745

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Senior/ Lifestyle Group Tim Ng: ng.tim@hotmail.com, 021 263 0218

Support Persons Cindy Chan: yumoi.chan@gmail.com, 021 1657156

Simon Chan: chan-clan@xtra.co.nz, 021 896080 Angelina King: angelinak@clear.net.nz, 021 266 0444 Graham King: graem88@xtra.co.nz, 021 253 3298 Lois Yee: yeelois@yahoo.com, 022 564 7933 Stan Yee: yees.ginz@ihug.co.nz, 021 238 8332

Marisa Yeung and James To were recognised for their contribution towards hard work and long standing loyalty to the Canterbury NZCA and were presented 2017 Honorary Awards. Both members will be recorded on the honours board displayed in our Canterbury Association Hall.

# **NZCA Canterbury Branch 2017 Honorary Awards**

Mr James To and Mrs Marisa Yeung receiving recognition for their outstanding contribution and significant service towards our Chinese community at local level.

#### Mr James To:

As a Canterbury Executive Committee member from early 1990s, James has led and participated towards the success of our NZCA community.

We acknowledge James's outstanding contributions:

- Hall Extension Committee mid 1990s
- NZCA Canterbury Branch Magazine Committee Producing regular magazines
- Annual NZCA Sports Tournament Controller 2009 –
   Leadership in coordinating the Easter Committee with hosting the annual NZCA Sports and Cultural Tournament
- NZCA Canterbury Branch Minutes Secretary
- Canterbury Branch Representative attending annual NZCA Conferences
- Events Coordinator Fundraising Events, organising Canterbury Branch activities
- Canterbury Representative networking with other Chinese Organisations
- NZCA Canterbury Branch Executive member 2014/15 on return from Wellington
- New Zealand Chinese Association National Secretary From 2010 to present

# **Mrs Marisa Yeung:**

A Canterbury Executive Committee member since 2003, Marisa has dedicated her generous time and effort towards the success of our NZCA community.

We acknowledge Marisa's outstanding contributions as Hall Custodian and Chairperson of the Hall Committee at 22 St Asaph Street by overseeing the following:

- The repairs, maintenance and up keeping of the Canterbury Chinese Association Hall
- Hall repairs from the 2011 Earthquake
- Installation of two new heat-pumps, purchase of a new fridge, upgrading of Hall security system
- Managing the rental of the Chinese Association Hall and Hall car park
- NZCA Canterbury Branch Chinese Secretary
- Translating the NZCA Canterbury newsletters into a Chinese version
- Interpreter and translator in Mandarin
- Canterbury delegate at the annual NZCA Conference
- Organising fundraising Bao (Stem Bun)sales
- Assisting in the kitchen during festival functions held at the Hall





#### 2017 Easter Tournament

This year Canterbury hosted the 69<sup>th</sup> Easter sports and cultural tournament. The Opening Ceremony was held at the Aurora Centre for the Performing Arts and Richard Leung, Vice President of the New Zealand Chinese Association (NZCA), officially opened the games. The Opening Ceremony was attended by special guests and Christchurch community leaders including Councillor Jimmy Chen from Christchurch City Council and Consul General Jin Zhijian from the Embassy of the People's Republic of China. The event featured performances from Qiao Yi lion dance troupe, singing and line dancing numbers from members of NZCA Canterbury, international award winning Shaolin kung fu acts from Master Song and friends (hair raising routines complete with weapons, splits and flips), an imperial costume parade, and an energetic aerobics routine by Qiao Lei children's dance school. The event concluded with a behind the scenes "documentary" featuring the Easter committee.









The tournament drew a crowd of approximately 300-400 people with team representatives from Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Otago Southland. During the four-day event, ten different sports were played – athletics, badminton, basketball, dodgeball, golf, indoor football, indoor netball, outdoor netball, tennis, and touch rugby. The athletes were troupers and some played in light rain, on muddy fields and wet courts, nursing injuries and/or hangovers, and even played on with their matches during a power cut!

Canterbury did very well at this tournament, winning a number of trophies and making it to the final of various sports. In the end, Wellington was the tournament winner whilst Canterbury placed runner up - only one trophy away from finishing first equal!

Below is the list of the 2017 trophy winners (official and non-official sports):

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Athletics	
Womens 800m	OSCA, Heidi Chin
Mens Mile	OSCA, Jonathan Young
Mens relay 4x100m	WGTN
Womens relay 4x100m	WGTN
Badminton	
Mens Doubles	AKL, Edwin Lau & Gary Gee
Womens Doubles	AKL, Betty Zhang & Tiffany Lee
Mixed Doubles	AKL, Edwin Lau & Ailer Lee
Basketball	
Mens Under 17	AKL
Mens Under 21	CAN
Mens Open	CAN
Mens Vet	AKL
Womens Under 21	WGN
Womens Open	CANT
Dodgeball	
Open	OSCA
Golf	
Teams of four	CANT
Indoor Football	
Mixed	WGTN
Indoor Netball	
Mixed	WGTN
Outdoor Netball	
Womens	WGTN
Tennis	
Mens Doubles	CANT, Gordon Chen & Brandon Ng
Womens Doubles	CANT, Mandy Wilson & Gwenda Wah
Mixed Doubles	OSCA - Brittany Wong & Paddy Ou
Touch Rugby	, ,
Mixed	WGTN
Tournament Trophy	WGTN
Friendship Trophy	WGTN







Aside from all the sports, off-court the Easter tournament is a great way to develop new friendships and catch up with old acquaintances. Banquets and socials were held throughout tournament catering for both the young and "older" members of society.



The Easter tournament is the highlight of the NZCA calendar. We wish to thank everyone who was involved - from players, to the volunteers, committee members and supporters – who helped and cheered us on every step of the journey. Thank you for making it a successful and memorable event.

We thank and acknowledge all our generous sponsors and the Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust, and the NZCA National Branch for contributing and funding the tournament.

Written by Tony Ng and Melissa Wong (2017 Easter Controller and Secretary)

# $DVD\ sales-2017\ Easter\ Canterbury\ Tournament\ Cultural\ Show.$

### Sales to members at \$5, Non-members \$

Please contact Ronald Lee <u>ronald18@orcon.net.nz</u> if you would like to purchase a copy of the opening ceremony and cultural show. The proceeds for the DVD will be donated to the Association. The DVD will be on sale at the Jung festival.





#### News

**NZCA Canterbury's STAR** (*Social Technology Awareness Resource*) Group is a social group where members share their knowledge and experience to support one another to learn new technology.

There will be regular sessions to encourage members to discover how technology and devices such as cell phones, iPads, tablets and computers can enhance their lives. Volunteer tutors will assist one-on-one, self-paced individual needs, on different devices.

#### **Technology for Seniors**

Our first series of sessions will concentrate on beginning basics, and participants may bring a support person eg grandchild, friend, family member.

Bring your own device eg cell phone, iPad if you already have one.

FIRST session will be Sunday 11 June, 1:30 – 3:30pm

Upper Riccarton Library, Learning Centre room 71 Main South Rd, Sockburn, CHCH 8042 (next Riccarton High School)

If you, or any member of your family, wish to attend, please register your interest so we can assess the level of interest and how often to hold these sessions.

We will contact you to confirm details before your first session.

Volunteer tutors will also be required on a rostered basis.

To register interest as a participant student or volunteer tutor, please

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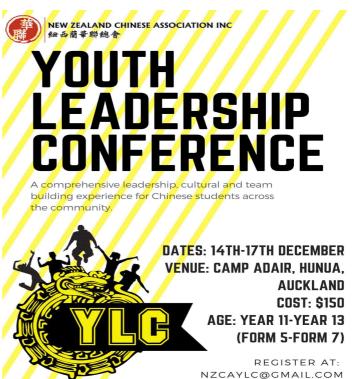
#### Youth Leadership Conference YLC

There will be great interaction over the weekend with key speakers from a diverse cross section of leaders across our community, along with facilitators motivating a versatile outdoor and cultural programme. The activities cover confidence courses, Chinese calligraphy, Chinese traditional dance, career booth rotations and much more to ensure an intensive and fulfilling programme for all participants.

The benefits will translate into the participants becoming more confident and capable young leaders within our community and beyond. The Camp provides a stepping-stone to our other NZCA leadership initiatives, being the Leadership and Development Conference (for ages 18

- 30) and the social networking business forum
- Future Dragonz.

Email <u>nzcaylc@gmail.com</u> to register



#### **Guangdong Winter Camp**

The Guangdong Winter Camp is an important activity organised and promoted by the NZCA for the benefit of young members who are descendants of Chinese, originally from the Guangdong province in China.

The aim of the Camp is to allow young Chinese New Zealanders to find their roots and their ancestral home and to encourage them to participate more fully in the activities and affairs of the Chinese community. The programme includes cultural and language studies, painting and martial arts, interacting with local Chinese students and visits to the participants ancestral villages.

Departs 26<sup>th</sup> November with options for extended stay in Hong Kong or further travel within China, Minimum 10 persons. For more information contact Virginia Chong 021 982 726 <u>vchong@ihug.co.nz</u>

#### **NZCA Canterbury Chinese Association Hall**

#### **AVAILABLE FOR HIRE**



# 22 St Asaph Street, CBD

Ample floor area with removable stage large kitchen and cooking facilities

<u>Conference room, Sound system</u>

Discounted hire rates for NZCA members

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

# **Social Activities**

Regular weekly activities held at the NZ Chinese Association Hall, 22 St Asaph Street unless specified.

**Beijing Health Promoting Exercise Classes** Beijing style exercise from 10-11.00am at the Hall. \$2 donation. Contact Mrs Sum Duncan (ph 342 7822)

<u>Chinese Language Classes - Cantonese, Advanced Mandarin & Beginners Conversational</u> <u>Mandarin</u> For further information with classes contact Mr Quoon Chin (ph 027 285 2859)

<u>Cooking Classes</u> Held monthly at the Association Hall. TBC. Cost \$5. For interest contact Rhonda Ding (021 259 0745, rding@xtra.co.nz)

<u>Canterbury Chinese Line Dance Group</u> Keep fit, enjoy the music and meet socially. Saturday mornings TBC. For interest contact Emmie King (021 211 7441, graem88@xtra.co.nz)

<u>New Vogue and Ballroom Dance Classes</u> 7.30-8:30pm at Edwards Dance Academy, 23 Livingstone Street. (Fitzgerald Street end). \$8pp. Contact Emmie King (graem88@xtra.co.nz)

<u>Future Dragonz Canterbury</u> Connecting young adults aged between 20-35 years who meet up fortnightly. Organised activities such as social functions, running life skill courses, fundraising events, connecting and networking with other young professionals. Contact Melissa Wong (m.carley.wong@gmail) or Tony Ng (ngtony85@gmail.com)

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

Contact George Chan (021 188 6096, gwhchan71@yahoo.co.nz)

<u>Senior/Lifestyle Group</u> Social walking group that meets up every Friday morning at 10.00am. Catch up and keep fit with refreshments and a chat afterwards. Contact Tim Ng (ph 339 0188, ng.tim@hotmail.com) or Nelson Sue (ph 332 8148, nelsondoreensue@hotmail.com)

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

The Canterbury Branch warmly welcomes new members and friends to attend our activities and looks forward to meeting you.

# NZCA Canterbury Website: canterbury.nzchinese.org.nz

Visit the website for the latest happenings and updates, notices, activities and up-to-date events. Follow the website links nationally from around the country for other Branch updates and resources.

Our website has a photo gallery and access to past newsletters and events.

NZCA Canterbury Membership & Subscription form can be downloaded off the website for new members

We invite members wishing to contribute publications of any information or articles relating to NZCA Canterbury, please contact our Canterbury webmaster Ronald Lee at ronald 18@orcon.net.nz

Check out new face book page https://www.facebook.com/CanterburyBranchNZCA/

#### **Obituary**

It is with much sadness we report the passing of Mr Wee Kwun Yee on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Mr Wee Kwun Yee held a long time position as the Chinese Secretary of the Canterbury branch of the New Zealand Chinese Association.

As a scholar and Teacher, the Association has been privileged under his leadership with his genuine hardworking and articulate nature.

He dedicated close to 20 years of his generous time during his leadership with NZCA Canterbury and was highly regarded as an active Executive Committee member in our Chinese community. Being fluent in both Chinese and English, he contributed towards wider overseas Chinese affairs. He welcomed the visit of President Jiang Zi Men to Christchurch during the APEC Conference.

He was active in organizing many sporting events, Chinese Christmas picnics, and was fully involved with many Chinese activities held in our community.

Without modern technology, Mr Yee would hand-write endless reports and Canterbury Branch magazines with his beautiful handwriting.

His time on the committee goes well and beyond his duties in contributing to his generous community spirit of volunteering.

We give thanks with respect to Mr Wee Kwun Yee for his dedication and of giving towards our Chinese association.

To Mr Yee's immediate and extended family, as a dearly loved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather he will be sorely missed as an honorable man, but never forgotten.



Line dance group

#### A FRIENDLY REMINDER: OVERDUE MEMBERSHIP FOR 2017

Thank you to all members who have promptly renewed their 2017 annual subscriptions.

NZCA Canterbury Branch acknowledges with thanks your generous donations received.

If your renewal has been overlooked, please submit your annual subscription forms and payments by Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2017 (or at the Jung Festival) to ensure you remain a current member in order to continue receiving and enjoying the benefits from our Association.

Membership will be suspended for the year if not paid by the due date, with the exception of new-members wishing to join for 2017.

The annual subscription fee for existing members (over 16 years) is \$15. An additional one off fee of \$5 applies to new-members only. NZCA Canterbury Membership & Subscription forms can be downloaded off the website for new members.

Payment options: by cheque, payable to 'NZCA Canterbury", or direct credit to "NZCA Canterbury" bank account 03-0802 0003908-03. Please provide details with a Surname, First Name and a Phone Numbers in the reference fields.

For further information, contact Rhonda Ding: rding@xtra.co.nz 021 2590745

#### **Acknowledgements and Donations**

Thank you everyone for your hard work and help with the AGM and Easter Tournament. Both events were very successful and all your efforts are well appreciated and it brings the community together and strengthens the association. Thanks to you all.

#### 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 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 many benefits. Contact NZCA Canterbury branch Secretary - Rhonda Ding. (rding@xtra.co.nz or 021 259 0745)

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 or notices by email to receive current updates. Please contact Canterbury branch Secretary, Rhonda Ding at <a href="mailto:rding@xtra.co.nz">rding@xtra.co.nz</a> or 021 259 0745.

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