

69th Annual NZ Chinese Association Sports and Cultural Tournament 2017

NZCA Canterbury branch will be hosting the 69th Annual NZCA Sports and Cultural Tournament in Christchurch next year during Easter weekend from Friday 14th – Monday 17th April 2017. Planning is well underway in organising this major sporting event on the NZCA calendar.

We wish to acknowledge and convey a special thank you to Thomas Yee and his design team at Novo for creating the impressive 2017 NZCA tournament logo.



Please express your interest to help support or be part of this great event for the many NZCA members to meet up, make new friends and to rekindle old friendships.

If you would like to participate in the various sports, assist with organising social functions, Opening/Closing ceremonies, cafeteria and administrators, we invite you to join our enthusiastic team.

The 2017 Sports and Cultural Committee team and contact details are as follows:

Tournament Controller: Tony Ng

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Secretary: Melissa Wong

ph:021-131-0177 canterbury.easter@gmail.com

Canterbury Branch Representative: Emmie King

ph:021-211-7441 graem88@xtra.co.nz

Sports Controllers:

Athletics: Bruce Chin

Lawn Bowls: Tony & Penny Pat

Badminton: Des Gee

Outdoor Netball: Jenny Snowdon

Basketball/Mini-ball: Thomas Yee

Table Tennis: Freeman Fang

Golf: Wing Gin

Tennis: Rhonda Ding

Indoor Netball: Angelina King

Touch Rugby: Kenny La

Indoor Soccer: Angelina King

Volleyball: Adrienne Kilduff

The tournament is open to all members and their families of the Association.

While we have volunteers who are contributing their endless effort and time, we also require much needed financial support from our community in the form of advertising or sponsorship.

A tournament magazine will be published to commemorate this annual event. This includes important information regarding the rules, venues, social activities and player profiles from participating centres. We welcome you to promote your business by offering you the following advertising proposals as sponsors in our Tournament Souvenir Magazine.

Double page advertisement (A5 Coloured) for \$200

Full page advertisement (A5, Black & White) for \$100

Half page advertisement (A5, Black & White) for \$50

For interest and further information contact Canterbury Controllers: Tony Ng or Melissa Wong at canterbury.easter@gmail.com or visit the website <http://nzcaeaster2017.org> or Facebook page

Celebrating Leadership and the Spirit of Volunteering – Mr Quoon Chin

Mr Quoon Chin was recognised for his outstanding volunteer services towards NZCA Canterbury. A recipient of “Certificate of Appreciation” receiving an award from Dr Surinder Tandon (President of the Christchurch Multicultural Council) An exceptional volunteer who is selfless with his time.



History and profile:

Mr Quoon Chin migrated to New Zealand at eleven years old with his Grandfather in 1948.

He studied at Christchurch East School and completed his education with a building certificate at the Christchurch Technical Institute. Qualifying as the first Chinese builder in Christchurch.

Married to Jennifer who also contributes endlessly to volunteer work, raised five well-rounded and talented children with exceptional careers. Three Doctors, one Architect and one Builder following his Dad's footsteps. With his generous time and dedication to services towards NZCA Canterbury for over 22 years as the Hall Custodian. He has maintained and repaired the Chinese Association Hall saving our community a considerable amount of money over the many years.

He is the Principal and has managed the NZCA Canterbury Chinese Language School for over 15 years every Sunday. His passion to provide a school in order to preserve the Cantonese and Mandarin language, to ensure the mother language is not lost among the New Zealand Chinese children.

Coordinator and organizes the Chinese festival lunch celebrations such as the Chinese Lunar New Year, Jung Festival and Mid-Autumn (Mooncake) Festivals, catering for over 200 people at our functions.

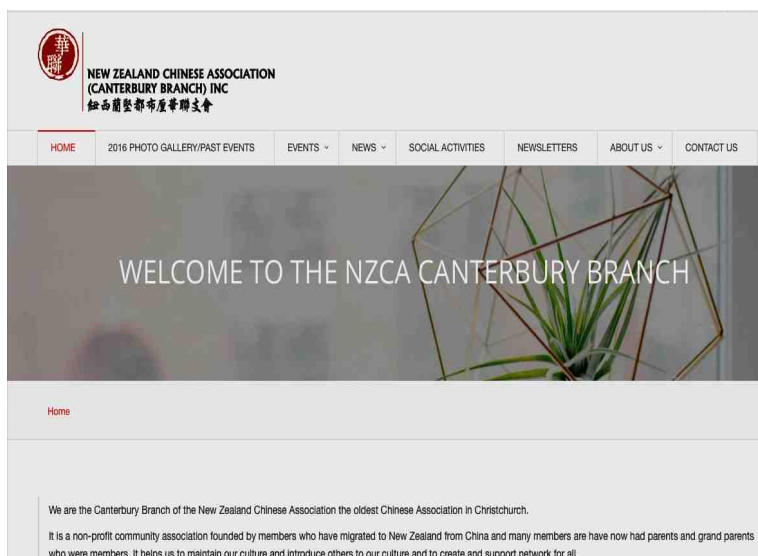
An Executive Committee member for over 20 years who contributes his expertise and experience by providing input and gives guidance towards our meetings to assist in maintaining a strong organisation.

We congratulate Mr Quoon Chin for his outstanding leadership, humanitarian and his generous spirit of giving.

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

With the initiative of the National NZCA, Canterbury Branch along with the other 13 NZCA Branches has launched a new generic website.

New web pages are now rolling out for all the branches of the New Zealand Chinese Association. You can view the latest happenings, activities and up-to-date events within the Association or following the website links from the National Branch and other Branches around the country for updates and other resources. Our website has a photo gallery and access to past newsletters and events.



The Canterbury Membership / Subscription form can be downloaded off the website for new members. Visit the website for regular updates and notices. **Please note the old website no longer exists.** A face book page is in progress of being produced.

DECEMBER COOKING CLASS PARTY

When: Sunday 4th December at 12 noon. *(free)*
Bring: Please bring a plate of food for a shared lunch
Demonstration: Jane Gin will give a brief food demonstration prior to lunch.

Thanks to all the 2016 volunteer Cooking Demonstrators, volunteer Support People and also Attendees who together contributed to its continued success.

October Asian Food Demonstration Fundraiser ‘Thank You’.

A huge ‘THANK YOU’ to our wonderful ‘Master Chefs’; Cindy Chan, Aki Tanaka, Jennifer Yee and Winnie Lay for their demonstrations of outstanding and delicious display of food for a crowd of 50, at the recent October Association Fundraising Food Demonstration & Tasting Event.

‘THANK YOU’ to ALL who attended to support this Fundraising Event.

The Association immensely appreciates your support and also the support of the voluntary helpers who all contributed to the success of this Fundraising Event. Together, the Association has benefited \$900 towards purchasing a new Colour Photocopier.

A special thank you to Rhonda Ding for organising and coordination the successful fundraiser.



Future Dragonz – Canterbury

New Zealand’s leading Chinese young professionals’ network is now in Christchurch, Auckland and Wellington. A home for like minded people to meet, learn and grow.

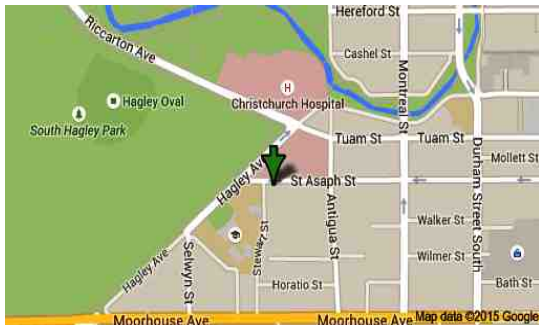
Set up by enthusiastic young adults for young professionals aged between 20-35 years who meet up regularly. Organised by accomplished leaders who host vast and varied events throughout the year. Activities such as social functions, running life skill courses, fundraising events, connecting and networking with other young professionals around New Zealand.

We invite and welcome young people from all backgrounds to become part of this fast-growing exciting community. For further information please refer to the website and email below:

Please note the new email address to link with Future Dragonz Christchurch.
Visit: www.futuredragonz.org.nz **Email:** christchurch@futuredragonz.org.nz

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)

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 from 10-11.00am. Members \$2, Non-members \$3. Contact Mrs Sum Duncan (ph 342 7822)

Canterbury Chinese Basketball Club Contact Simon Chan (chan-clan@xtra.co.nz)

Chinese Language Classes - Cantonese, Mandarin & Beginners Conversational Mandarin

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

Cooking Classes held monthly on a Sunday at 2pm. Cost \$5.

Contact Rhonda Ding (ph 021 259 0745, rding@xtra.co.nz)

Line Dancing Group Contact Emmie King (ph 021 211 7441, graem88@xtra.co.nz)

New Vogue and Ballroom Dance Classes Edwards Dance Academy from 7.30-8:30pm

23 Livingstone Street. Linwood (Fitzgerald Street end). Cost \$7. Contact Emmie King

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

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

Senior/Lifestyle Group Social walking group that meets up every Friday morning at 10.00am.

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

We welcome anyone interested to participate in our activities and look forward to meeting up.

Acknowledgements and Donations

Thank you to the following for their continuing support and generosity with contributions towards NZCA Canterbury Branch.

Beijing Exercise group for donation of \$360.00

Hellers Pegasus Family Fun Run Fundraiser raised \$599.94.

Asian Food Demonstration Fundraiser raised \$900

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).

Hellers Pegasus Family Fun Run Marshals



Well done! Great team work from our members who volunteered their time fundraising at the Hellers Pegasus Fun Run. At very short notice, our volunteers braved the early start, froze with the chill of the wind, pounded by hail stones and drenched to the skin with rain went home happy and enjoyed the community spirit on Marshaling duties. \$599.94 was raised towards our community.

End of Year Report

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Activity group leaders, School teachers, supports people, your continued memberships and non-members who have generously contributed to support NZCA Canterbury during the year. With your support our community strengthens to grow as a successful organisation.

I am most grateful for the the Canterbury branch executive committee members Cindy Chan, Ian Chan, Simon Chan, Quoon Chin, Rhonda Ding, Jane Gin, Angelina King, Graham King, Ronald Lee, Tim Ng, James To, Fannie Yee, Stan Yee, Tina Yee and Marisa Yeung for their invaluable dedication and commitment during the year in 2016.

Finally, I wish to extend a very special thank you to my Secretaries Rhonda Ding and Marisa Yeung for their great work in keeping our members informed and connected to ensure we maintain a very stable community.

I wish you all a joyous festive season and may we look forward to a happy and prosperous 2017. "Year of the Rooster!"

Emmie King (President)

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