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President's Report

Teresa Chan

Dear Everyone,

This is my first report since becoming President at our AGM in Oct 2021.

Covid has again made event planning difficult this year. After the Dragon Boat Festival, we had movie night and pot luck functions planned for our young families this year. They were unfortunately cancelled when we went into lockdown. Since then, it has been difficult to organise any larger events.

Thanks to Lisa and our committee, we had a working bee to have a good cleanout of the clubrooms earlier this year. Lisa then organised some bean bags and couches, to make our clubrooms more family and children friendly. Thanks to James, we have installed a wide screen television. Once Covid restrictions ease, we hope to have fun family group gatherings again.

Our new Youth Subcommittee is made up of Lisa, Xiaoyan, Keith, Leo and I. We have plenty of ideas, including:

- Camp during October School Holidays as weather more favourable
- Organising local walks – tramps to Ross Creek, Mt Cargill, Organ Pipes etc
- Movie Nights / Quiz Nights
- Cooking demonstrations
- Arts based Performances – where children can showcase their musical talents
- Lip sync
- Escape Room as a group event
- Cooking competitions – Theatre Sports games & Treasure Hunt.

We need more organisers and volunteers. We are looking especially for someone in the University or recent graduate age group to join our Youth Subcommittee. Anyone interested, please contact:

vicepresident@osca.org.nz

Tribute to Linus Chin and Frances Wong

On that note, I wish to mention that two stalwarts of our Committee are stepping down from the Committee this year.

Firstly, our immediate past President Linus Chin and his wife, Leanne have decided to move up to Auckland to be closer to their daughter Kendall and Leanne's family. Frances Wong who has been our Easter Tournament controller for many Easter tournaments has also decided to step down from the Committee from the end of this year.

Each of them has been on our Committee for over 20 years and their contribution has been invaluable. We had the privilege of watching a video tribute put together by many members, especially the younger ones who have been the beneficiaries of Linus and Frances' work. It was moving to see how many of our younger members who are now young parents themselves describe the wonderful times they had from their formative years in Dunedin, through the hard work of Linus and Frances. Both of them should be extremely proud of what they have achieved for OSCA.

Linus Chin has been our President since 2010. He has been instrumental in organising many activities for OSCA: from representing our Branch at the New Zealand Chinese Association to representing our Association at the local level. Most recently he was heavily involved with the Ventnor Memorial project.

Frances had organised many Easter Tournaments which we hosted in Dunedin. Together with Linus and others, she had also led our contingent up to Easter Tournaments at different centres. Frances was a master organiser of tournaments and camps, as well as other youth events such as annual orientation activities and barbecues.



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President's Report Continued

Teresa Chan

Both Linus and Frances have raised children who were heavily involved with the Association. We are privileged to have their families' support and contribution over such a long time.

At this year's AGM, both Linus and Frances were awarded Certificates to recognise their long and outstanding contributions.



While we have lost two very experienced members, they are only at the other end of a phone call. I have no doubt they will give us advice and support wherever they can.

We are looking for new blood on the Committee. Please get in touch if you are interested.

My contact details are teresa@tchanlaw.co.nz & 027 577 1069. Hope to hear from you.

Teresa Chan
President



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Lion Dancing 2021

Lisa Hanson

And we are in November! This year started off a bit shaky with a few of our Senior Lion Dancers getting injured and having moved away so suddenly. But Chinese New Year Performances were still met with enthusiasm and skill from our team. Our first few months were busy with all our Chinese New Year performances at the Casino, Art Gallery, Silver Fern Farms, Chinese Gardens and Golden Harvest, then a few weeks later, we were back at it with Race Relations day at the gardens.

Dunedin constantly reminds us how diverse our city is and it is such a privilege to be able to perform with other talented performers representing all the other cultures from around the world.

Lion Dancing is tradition, it is culture, it is celebration, When Chinese people watch or hear the lion dancing, it reminds them of home. For those born in New Zealand, it is a piece of their mother land existing here in Aotearoa. Along with the food, the costumes, the festivals and stories, Lion Dancing is a key character throughout Chinese culture.

This year, Anne Cheng invited us to Lawrence to run a few workshops for the local children. Leonora is their Happy Yellow Lion and we spent a few weekends there running workshops for the kids. They were quick to learn and the enthusiasm was fantastic. A huge appreciation to Thomas Tonkin, Andrew Lee, Victoria Ung, Matthew Ung Sean Duncan and Jacinda Duncan who came down and helped teach the kids their dance moves. They demonstrated great leadership skills and it was great to pass on everything they had learnt.

As COVID again showed up and interrupted our year of events and preparation, we took a step down from our practices and our team has had a reshuffle. Many of our older teens have become honouree members now and we are in the process of training up our very young and keen lion dance team.

Introducing, Hannah and Joseph Hamilton and Caleb and Carson Ong. We also have had two new teachers join us this year, Stephanie and Jing, who are from Auckland and have learnt Lion Dancing while they attended high school in there. I would like to give them all a huge welcome to the team.

Currently we are keeping practices casual as performances have been mostly cancelled this year, so we are working on our music and planning our performances for all the Chinese New Year celebrations in 2022.

Here's to a festive and Safe Holiday this Summer. Happy Holidays from the Lion Dance team everyone and Look forward to seeing you in the new year!





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DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL 2021

Lisa Hanson

We celebrated the Festival with a Pot Luck Dinner function at the Equippers on 12 June 2021.

The Dragon Boat Festival is a huge cultural festival in China, commemorating the death of a famous poet and statesman, Qu Yuan, and celebrated with dragon boat racing and home-made Zong Zi. We couldn't bring out the boats and paddles here in Dunedin, but we had a wonderful evening with family, filled with games and treats.

It's safe to say, we have some competitive kids in OSCA, who could potentially become the next Otago Dragon boat racing team!

We had our own version of dragon boat racing, with inflatable life rafts, and we had some of our own prepare some Zong Zi. It was great to see families come out and contribute their wonderful cooking to the pot luck and to meet all the families in our community.

We hope to continue the celebration of this event, and maybe sometime soon, start up our own dragon boat racing team.





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NZ Chinese Association (NZCA) 78th Annual Conference

Xiaoyan Mu

NZCA 78th Annual Conference 2021 was held on Saturday 19th June and Sunday 20th June 2021 in Wellington.

Linus Chin, Leo Li, and Xiaoyan Mu represented OSCA and attended the meeting.

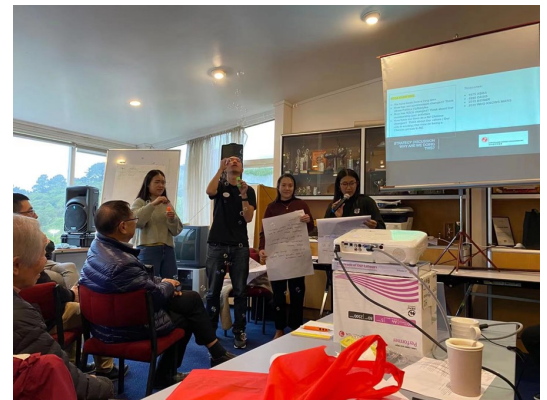
The meeting was run in a format that created the opportunity to review the year by celebrating the great work done in NZCA and start thinking about the future direction.

- Focus of the first day – reports from subcommittees and branches. Amazing work has been done by various subcommittees, including the younger groups, such as YLD, LDC, and the Future Dragonz. The energy and creativity of the young people and their way to make things happen are truly incredible. At the same time, it shows how important it is for the younger generation to thrive with the guidance, encouragement, and support from the older generations. This resembles the value we hold as Chinese: to be like a family to support and care for each other.
- Focus of the second day – Workshop: to connect, learn, and develop, for a better future of NZCA and the Chinese community. The workshop was facilitated by Wendy Lau from Auckland branch. It was very well organised and fit for purpose. Through group discussion and presentation, it was a journey to explore where we were from, where we are, and where we are going. Discussions were made about our history and heritage, the current new situation, and what direction we want to head in. Also discussed were topics such as our voice, our value, and way of communication. Through the discussions, it was realised our values in fact haven't been clearly articulated.

The meeting was an occasion to connect with the national association and other branches. It was also a great opportunity to learn and get inspiration for what we can do in our branch.



Representatives from Taiwan Economic and Cultural Office, NZ



Discussion Reporting



Talk by Meng Foon



Representatives



Connect NZCA's history with big times – meetings can be great fun



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Lawrence Chinese Camp Reunion

Teresa Chan

I attended the reunion of the descendants of the Lawrence Chinese Camp held over the Labour weekend.

It was most unusual to attend an event celebrating Chinese heritage where I was the only Chinese looking person attending.

The descendants of the Lawrence Chinese Camp gathered from all around NZ to celebrate their Chinese heritage. It was a moving experience for me to witness how proud the descendants are of their Chinese ancestry, even though they may have only one Chinese ancestor who lived 3 or 4 generations ago!

Day 1 of the Reunion was held at Hope & Sons Funeral Services due to Covid Level 2 restrictions, with the following up of Speakers:

Sean Brosnahan, Curator, Toitu Settlers Museum - Why Chinese gold miners came to NZ.

Adrienne Shaw—spoke about those who lived at the Chinese Camp, naming the families and their descendants.

Julia Bradshaw, Senior Curator, Human History at Canterbury Museum—spoke about Chinese and European mixed marriages in Otago in the late 1800's and early 1900's.

Tracey Leckie, a Chooque descendant - described the first mixed marriage of the Chooque family.

Donna Jenkins (nee Seque) - talked about the Nesbitt sisters who married older Chinese men.

Nigel Murphy, Researcher and Historian – summarised racist legislation which targeted Chinese in New Zealand.

Alan McCord - gave a humorous talk on the commonality of many families with prostitute mothers.

At the end of Day 1 we had a lovely reunion dinner at Golden Harvest where the descendants reconnected and shared memory.



Photos supplied by Adrienne Shaw

Day 2 was held at Lawrence, firstly with the unveiling of different restored headstones at the Lawrence Cemetery. There was also the unveiling of the new memorial kiosk at the Chinese section of the Cemetery. In addition, the Sam Chew Lain's Tomb had been significantly restored and has been accepted for consideration for Category 1 Heritage status. (The outcome should be known by late 2022). The restored Tomb was unveiled to the descendants.

I wish to pay tribute to the amazing work which was completed by Adrienne Shaw who single handedly raised funds and completed all of the restoration project at the Lawrence Cemetery.

After lunch on Day 2, the first Chinese ANZAC memorial in all of Australasia was unveiled at the Lawrence Chinese Camp. The names of 16 Chinese ANZAC's served in World War 1, World War 2, and later had been inscribed onto the memorial. Again, Adrienne Shaw had raised the funding and arranged for the erection of the memorial.

Adrienne has also organised the Whole reunion as well as compiled periodic newsletters to keep the Lawrence Chinese Camp Descendants Group informed.

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Lawrence Chinese Camp Reunion Continued

Teresa Chan

Our Association has provided support to Adrienne by being the recipient organisation for her fundraising efforts for the Sam Chew Lain tomb restoration.

If the Lawrence Chinese miners were alive today, I have little doubt they would look upon their with pride and joy. We would be pleased to support the Lawrence Chinese Camp community with any other endeavors.



Photos supplied by Adrienne Shaw

Lantern Festival—for Chinese International High School Students

Held in conjunction with Dunedin Shanghai Association

Teresa Chan

This was held on 27 February 2021 in support of the Chinese international students who were unable to go home due to Covid. Xiaoyan Mu, Leo Li, Linus Chin & I were involved with organising the activities and food.

The function went well. We had about 40 students attending and two host parents. We had good food- yuanxiao which are Chinese sweet dumplings customarily eaten at Lantern Festival. We also had fun activities including a quiz in Chinese and English aimed at the students.

We had some very positive feedback from the students. They enjoyed the opportunity to meet other Chinese students. When we ran the quiz in Mandarin, we noticed the immediate difference in their attention and participation. When we asked them to rate the event out of 10, they shouted 100!

Thanks especially to Xiaoyan and Leo for making this event happen. We hope to invite the international students to join us in future events. A WeChat group with a separate QR Code has been set up to publicise future events.





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Easter Tournament 2022

If you are interested to go to the Easter Tournament in Christchurch next year, please contact Neville Hall (nankinginvestments@gmail.com or 021-0222-6333). Preliminary entries are due in on Sunday 28 November 2021. The due day for final entries will be Sunday 13 February 2022.

Podcast: Future Dragonz (Young Professionals Group for Chinese in NZ)

George Xian runs an interview style video podcast series called Future Dragonz.

Choose your preferred link below to hear his interviews with a variety of young Chinese people in NZ.

Facebook Link: <https://www.facebook.com/535677359/videos/306834244590743/>

Spotify Link: https://open.spotify.com/episode/39MXZiUPeDq6TJ87OOBiH?si=f7633ce452314dd7&fbclid=IwAR3lvwU_GhPwt9zUZneXkeHfB-g3PqAPCcDeNJGHd06OSEFSGjvMp4OCxvE&nd=1j

Apple Link: <https://podcasts.apple.com/nz/podcast/future-dragonz-chinese-young-professionals-network/id1594573269?i=1000541732018&fbclid=IwAR0SlmUOS2uFpMOnO8vKEvRkCr142B4uQIZ3WTqWWCGhZPoUU2CVGtrUbaw>

Phoenix Play Group

Yvette Shum

This year our Tiny Phoenix play group consisted of about 8 families with children from 1.5 - 6 years old. our teacher Rena has done a wonderful job making each weeks' 1 hour lessons fun, educational and entertaining. The children practice their growing vocabulary in Mandarin Chinese, repertoire of songs and celebrate special occasions and holidays on the lunar calendar. We are really proud of the kids and all the parents and grandparents that have participated in Tiny Phoenix.

If you have young children that you wish to learn some basic Mandarin and to be exposed to some Chinese culture in 2022 please contact Michael Young. We love to meet new friends and welcome new families to the playgroup. Merry Christmas

Dunedin Chinese School

Dunedin Chinese Language and Cultural Trust – (not for profit)

Keith Kelsall

Afternoons of fun, learning Mandarin, Chinese Art and Dance classes

It's been a challenging year with alert level restrictions but we are still operating.

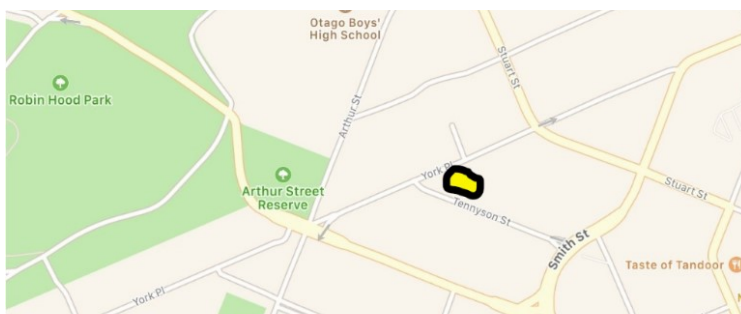
Handy location with easy parking, we have 5 teachers and hold several classes each Sunday afternoon during normal school term times. Language and Art classes are 90 minutes, Dance class is 60 minutes, so you don't need to stay for the whole afternoon.

We welcome new students and look forward to seeing you.
Please contact the School Principal before turning up.

Principal – Quin Sun -quinsun_18@hotmail.com

Where: Operating at Kavanagh College, see map
When: 12:30pm till about 4:30pm – Sunday's
Please bring: Smiley faces

Location marked, cnr York Place and Tennyson Street
or 206 York Place



NZCA Academic Awards

Congratulations to Kathryn (Katie) Wong and Georgia Wong who were awarded Academic Awards this year by the NZ Chinese Association. Katie received the Award for Scholarship, whereas Georgia received the Award for NCEA Level 2. Well done to both of them!



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You will be required to show proof of full vaccination to enter the function venue. Please either show your Vaccine Pass on your smartphone or device, or a printed Vaccine Pass.

**CHRISTMAS
at Wal's Plant Land**

OSCA is inviting you to come and celebrate Christmas at Wal's!

December 5th 10am-12
BBQ provided
Games and Santa will be there too!

Please email by Nov 30th
dunedin@terramark.co.nz
with your name, email,
contact number and number of people attending.
More information will be emailed closer to the time.

We will be complying with all
Level 2 restrictions
and it will be weather and COVID dependent.
any questions email Lisa
smilinglisaz@hotmail.com

Masks are still encouraged when available.
Please Sign in/scan in to the OSCA rooms.
Bring a plate to share or still bring your own
picnic - we will still provide BBQ foods.
'Secret Santa' will still be happening as well as
Indoor games.

We look forward to seeing everyone, hope to stay

Volunteers Needed

OSCA is seeking for volunteers
who can help with

- cooking
- cleaning
- driving
- event planning

If you are keen to be part of a community
And to meet new people
Please email vice.president@osca.org.nz

Greetings ISLAND

URGENT UPDATE: OSCA CHRISTMAS AT WALS - Sunday 5th, 10am

Given the New Traffic Light system put in place from Dec 3rd, we would like to share some important information which will help us have a safe and enjoyable Christmas celebration.

- We will be using 'My Vaccine Pass Verification' at the Christmas party. Children under the age of 12 years are exempted. This will be checked at the event
- We encourage face coverings when possible
- Please Scan in when you arrive to the venue.
- We will provide BBQ food (meat, coleslaw and bread), but feel free to bring your own picnic and a rug to have on the grass.
- We will also provide some seating, but they will be limited.
- If you are bringing your children and would like to take part in the 'secret santa gift giving' please bring along a small gift for you child/children and we will have a Red Sack ready for you to put it in. PLEASE NAME YOUR GIFT
- Wal's offers many activities ; mini golfing, hedge maze, driving range, trampoline, cafe, gift and garden store for you to entertain yourselves and explore, We ask you respect the shop and cafe, as we are using the premises with the general public as well. Ticket purchases are available in the store.

We will have games there and this will take place from 10.30am - 11am. Then we will have 'secret santa' come out.

If it is BAD Weather, we plan to update everyone via text, email, OSCA Facebook page.

PLAN B is to hold the event at the OSCA rooms.

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