



THE NEW ZEALAND CHINESE ASSOCIATION INC.
(CANTERBURY BRANCH)

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Christchurch 8444

January 2017 Newsletter



2017 CHINESE LUNAR NEW YEAR LUNCH

will be held at the Chinese Association Hall
22 St Asaph Street, Christchurch
on Sunday 22th January 2017 at 12.00 noon



**On behalf of NZCA Canterbury branch,
Greetings for a Very Happy Chinese New Year!**

May you and yours experience good fortune, good health, happiness and best wishes for a prosperous 2017 to celebrate the auspicious Year of the Rooster.

You are warmly invited to attend our annual Chinese Lunar New Year lunch to celebrate this happy occasion. Bring along your family and friends to share with us in a special Chinese festive gathering.

For **non-members** attending the lunch, a charge of \$15 per person will be collected at the Hall.

2017 Annual Membership Subscriptions and Donations – (Annual membership 1st Jan - 31st Dec)

Your 2017 membership subscriptions are now due for renewal. Donations will be very much appreciated.

Please complete the enclosed membership form by ticking appropriate boxes and payment method with attention to print clearly in **both English and Chinese** where applicable.

Annual subscription for a member over the age of 16 years is \$15.00. An additional one off entry fee of \$5.00 applies to new members only.

Submit the membership form for either a renewal or applying as a new member. Application forms are available on our website at canterbury.nzchinese.org.nz

Please return your completed application form together with payment to The Secretary, NZCA Canterbury Branch, P O Box 31276, Ilam, Christchurch 8444, **before 13th January 2017** or bring along with you to the Chinese Lunar New Year Luncheon **on Sunday 22nd January 2017**.

Election of 15 Branch Executive Committee Members for 2017 and 2018

Attached is a voting form for each member to elect 15 Canterbury Branch Executive Committee Members for 2017 and 2018. Each form comprises of ONE set of 2 double sided pages with a complete list of names of all current financial members of the Canterbury Branch of the NZ Chinese Association.

You will receive ONE voting form for each financial member over the age of 16 years to be elected. Members receiving correspondence by email, voting forms will be sent out.

Please **CIRCLE THE NUMBERS ONLY beside the 15 members** you wish to elect as representatives of the NZCA Canterbury Branch Executive Committee for 2017/2018.

Send your completed voting form to The Secretary, NZCA Canterbury Branch, PO Box 31 276, Ilam, Christchurch 8444, to be received **before 13th January 2017** or bring along with you to the Chinese New Year Lunch on **Sunday 22nd January 2017** to ensure your vote will be valid.

NZCA Academic Awards 2017

Applications for the following awards based on 2016 Examination results will be acknowledged by the New Zealand Chinese Association and are now being called for.

NCEA Level 1 or Cambridge International Examination (IGCSE) (three awards of \$250 each)

NCEA Level 2 (three awards of \$250 each)

NCEA Chinese Academic Award Level 3 or 4 (one award of \$250)

NCEA Level 4 Tertiary Scholarship Awards (three awards of \$750 each)

ILB Award (one award of \$450)

Cambridge Award (one award of \$450)

Encourage your children to apply for these special NZCA scholarship awards to acknowledge their success as a member of the New Zealand Chinese Association. Criteria for awards requires applicant or family to be members of NZCA for at least one years membership. Closing date for application to be received by 30 April 2017.

Application forms and further information, contact the Secretary, Rhonda Ding (rding@xtra.co.nz)

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 during Easter weekend from Friday 14th – Monday 17th April 2017. Planning is well underway in organising this major sporting event on the NZCA calendar.

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

ph: 021-335-760

Secretary: Melissa Wong

ph: 021-131-0177

Email address: canterbury.easter@gmail.com

Canterbury Branch Representative: Emmie King

ph: 021-211-7441

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

Controllers and Venues:

Opening Ceremony/Cultural Show: Aurora Centre (Burnside High School)

Athletics: Burnside High School (Athletics Track) - Bruce Chin

Badminton: New Zealand Institute of Sports (Christchurch) - Des Gee

Basketball/Mini-ball: Pioneer Recreation and Sports Centre - Thomas Yee

Golf: Coringa Golf Club - Wing Gin

Indoor Netball: Howzat Indoor Sports Centre - Jenni Snowdon

Indoor Football: Howzat Indoor Sports Centre - Angelina King

Lawn Bowls: Morrison Avenue Bowling Club - Tony & Penny Pat

Outdoor Netball: TBC - Jenni Snowdon

Table Tennis: TBC - Freeman Fang

Tennis: Wilding Park - Winston Chin & Rhonda Ding

Touch Rugby: Centennial Park - Kenny La

Volleyball: TBC - Adrienne Kilduff

Line Dancers Wanted for 2017 NZCA Cultural Show

Canterbury branch will be presenting a cultural show as part of the formal Opening Ceremony.

The Line Dance group requires ladies or men to perform in their dance routine.

Practice will be held from Saturday 5th February mornings from 11-12noon at the Chinese Hall.

No dance experience required. Come along to keep fit and have fun.

Contact Emmie King at graem88@xtra.co.nz

Fundraising Events

Canterbury Branch will be fundraising at the following events which your assistance would be very much appreciated in support towards the continuing success of our community.

Sausage Sizzles

Mitre 10 (Harewood) – Saturday 14th January

Bunnings Warehouse (Tower Junction) – Saturday 21st January

Mitre 10 (Hornby) – Saturday 18th March

Please contact Jenny Yee at jeny28@hotmail.com or 021 138 3530 if you can assist with support towards the NZCA Sports and Cultural Tournament.

A special thank you to Jenny Yee for coordinating the sausage sizzle fundraisers.

Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon - Marshalling Duties – Sunday 26th February (8:am – 12:30pm)

NZCA Canterbury requests for 48 volunteers for marshaling duties at the annual Weet-Bix Kids triathlon.

Acting as marshals in supporting this major event is a good cause with a positive enforcement. Aimed to encourage children to give exercise a try and to achieve a goal. Held nationally over New Zealand with the Christchurch event centered around the Jellie Park complex. Marshals to be over 16 years and will be rewarded for their time and efforts with a free Weet-Bix t-shirt and goodies.

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Please put forward your names along with family and friends before 3rd February to help support NZCA Canterbury towards a beneficial fundraising event. Contact Emmie King at graem88@xtra.co.nz

Calendar of Events

Christchurch Lantern Festival 2017 - Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th February - (5pm – 10.30pm)

Celebrating the ending of the Chinese Lunar New Year with Chinese food stalls, cultural entertainment and activities held at Hagley Park. Come along to support and enjoy the delight of the Lanterns and experience the atmosphere of Chinese culture.

Culture Galore - Saturday 11th March 2017 – (12noon – 4pm)

Culture Galore is a part of Christchurch Garden City Summer Times Festival. A multi-cultural festival that provides an opportunity for different ethnic groups to showcase their culture. Celebrating the ethnic diversity through performing arts, ethnic foods, crafts, sports, games and language from more than 50 cultures in Christchurch.

The event is held at the Ray Blank Park, Maidstone Road, Ilam. NZCA Canterbury Branch will be holding a food stall at this event. Come along to support NZCA Canterbury and share in the enjoyment to be part of the many cultural communities in Christchurch. Free Entry.

NZCA Canterbury will be participating in holding food stalls at both the Lantern Festival and Culture Galore. Volunteering your time with preparations or sales at both events will be most appreciated or come along to support our stall. Please contact coordinator Fran Yee on f.yee@hotmail.com or 021 138 3663 if you are available to help out with either of the events.

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)

NZCA Canterbury Website: canterbury.nzchinese.org.nz

With the initiative of the national NZCA body, 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. 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 publication of any information or articles relating to NZCA Canterbury, please contact our Canterbury webmaster Ronald Lee at ronald18@orcon.net.nz

Check out new face book page

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

Karaoke

Held at the Chinese Association hall for the first time on 11th December organised by Stan Yee and Jane Gin. Hopefully this will be an event that can be repeated. There was much enthusiasm and some real talent. Watch this space for the next Karaoke event.



Christmas Picnic 2016

It was well attended with many smiles and fun to be had with good food, the water balloon throw/catching game with the adult record this year at 10m and Children's water balloon catch at 4.2m. There was also races with and without eggs and spoons and many prizes.

There weather cooperated with no rain but a bit of wind which was not a problem.

A great day had but all and even a special visit from Santa.

A huge special thank you for all who helped to run Xmas Picnic.



Social Activities Dates Resuming in 2017

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

Beijing Health Promoting Exercise Classes Beijing style exercise resumes **Saturday 14th January** from 10-11.00am at the Hall. \$2 donation. Contact Mrs Sum Duncan (ph 342 7822)

Chinese Language Classes - Cantonese, Mandarin & Beginners Conversational Mandarin

Term one classes commence on **Sunday 15th February**. Refer to January notices for more Information or contact Mr Quoon Chin (ph 027 285 2859)

Canterbury Chinese Basketball Club Basketball practice starts back for **High School and Open grades only** on **Sunday 22nd January** at 10am at Burnside High School.

Tini-ball, Mini-ball and Intermediate age group session resumes on **Sunday 12th February**.

A notice will be sent out shortly advising of times and sessions.

Teams training to compete at the annual NZ Chinese Sports Tournament held in Christchurch during Easter weekend. Contact Simon Chan (chan-clan@xtra.co.nz)

Cooking Classes Held monthly on a Sunday at 2pm at the Association Hall. Cost \$5.

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

New Vogue and Ballroom Dance Classes Resumes **Sunday 12th February** from 7.30-8:30pm at Edwards Dance Academy, 23 Livingstone Street. Linwood (Fitzgerald Street end).

\$7 per dancer. Contact Emmie King (graem88@xtra.co.nz)

Future Dragonz Canterbury Set up by enthusiastic young adults for young professionals 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 etc.

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)

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 Classes resumes on **Sunday 15th January** from 9-10am. Gold coin donation.

We extend a warm welcome any new members and friends to attend our activities for 2017 and look forward to meeting up.

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

Acknowledgements and Donations

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

Tai Chi Group \$241.00

Steam Buns for new Photocopier \$633.00

Thank you to the many volunteers who participated and supported the A & P Showground Fundraiser. It was a great day out and enjoyed all who helped out.

A&P Canterbury Show Day fund raising volunteers



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 rding@xtra.co.nz or 021 259 0745.

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