



# ACCC NEWSLETTER

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# CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



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Over the last three months, the Executive Committee organised a number of activities for our members including:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Social Mahjong Tournament 2pm at Mangere Hall - 25 August 2024
- Auckland Chinese Men's Basketball Tournament - 27-28 August 2024
- Moon Festival Yum Char at Cypress Restaurant - 14 September 2024
- National Day Celebration at Mangere Hall - 29 September 2024
- Junior Basketball Tournament at Manager Hall - 12-13 October 2024
- Junior Mah Jong Tournament on 6 October 2024
- Children's & Fireworks Day - 2 November 2024
- 4<sup>th</sup> Social Mah Jong Tournament – 10 November 2024

Reports on these activities are included in this newsletter.

Besides these activities, the Committee co-hosted with the Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust (CPTHT) in the launch of the *Golden Enterprise* book authored by Phoebe Li on a commission from the CPTHT. This very successful book launch, opened by Hon Melissa Lee, Minister of Ethnic Communities, took place at our Mangere premises on 21 September 2024. The Committee has also chosen to sponsor the ACCC Sports club in their Junior basketball tournament held at our Mangere premises on 12-13 October 2024.

The Committee was approached by Tataki Auckland Unlimited (TAU), an Auckland Council organization responsible for the organization of the Auckland Lantern Festival, to partner them in the organization of the 2025 Auckland Lantern Festival event. A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed and a Lantern Festival sub-Committee has been set up to manage this relationship. ACCC's main role in this relationship is to provide TAU the use of its Chinese community networks and its Charitable Trust status to apply for funding required for the Lantern Festival. This relationship will raise ACCC's profile within the Auckland Chinese community.



The planning of the 2025 CNY Festival & Market Day on Saturday, 25 January 2025 from 9.30am to 4.00pm is well underway. We will again be co-hosting this event with Channel 33 TV. We are expecting another bumper crowd to come to this premiere annual ACCC event. Please bring your family, friends and associates to enjoy this fun-filled day. In addition, **if you are able to assist as a volunteer worker on Friday and Saturday, please contact Leslie Young or myself.**

Please note for the future, the Committee is organizing the following activities:

- ACCC Chinese New Year Festival and Market Day on 25 January 2025.
- Auckland Anniversary Yum Cha on 27 January 2025.
- 2025 BNZ Auckland Lantern Festival on 13 to 16 February 2025
- ACCC 2025 Golf Tournament on 4 May 2025

The Buildings sub-Committee has had a very busy few months with the maintenance of ACCC properties. They have arranged the painting of the exterior of our investment property at Great South Road, and the securing of wall and ceiling and wall panels in our Mangere stadium that have come loose before painting the interior of the stadium. Contractors will be recoating the stadium floor and restoring all floor court line markings between 1 and 15 January 2025.

Sadly, I need to report the passing of a few of our enduring members over the last three months and they are Ivy Young, KY (Tom) Young and Ah Choon Tang. We have sent our sincere condolences to these families and donated to their preferred charity organization.

In concluding this message, I wish to thank all officers and members of our Executive Committee for their work over the whole year in organising the many successful events. Also, on behalf of the Executive Committee and myself, I would like to wish all of them and our members a very Merry Christmas and a happy & prosperous 2025 New Year, the Year of the Snake.

David Tai

**Chairman**

## 會長訊息

在過去的三個月裏面，我們會所委員會組織了以下多種活動給會員分享。

2024年8月25日下午兩點在會所舉行的第三次社交麻將比賽;

2024年8月27至28日的奧克蘭華人男子籃球比賽;

2024年9月14日在柏悅酒樓中秋飲茶活動;

2024年9月29日在會所舉行的慶祝中國國慶;

2024年10月7日, 12- 13日在會所舉行少年籃球比賽;

2024年11月2日的兒童日及煙火節;

2024年11月10日第四次麻將比賽

這些活動的報告會包括在這季報以後部份。

除了以上活動之外，在9月21日我們委員會又與華人頭稅基金合辦一個名為榮光基業書展，此活動在華人頭稅委員會獲得Phoebe Li 授權。開幕儀式在我們會所舉行並且由民族事務部長 Melissa Lee 主持。另外，我們委員會挑選了華僑會所體育會去給他們贊助少年籃球比賽。他們的活動在10月12至13日於本會所舉行。

一個奧克蘭市政會組織 (TAU) 他們的工作是負責安排花燈節活動。這組織與我們委員會接觸及邀請華僑會所與他們合辦2025年花燈節活動。有一份相方了解備忘錄也簽妥，本會亦成立了一個花燈節分組去處理雙方面合作關係。華僑會所的任務是提供TAU利用他們群組內的華人團體網絡以及他們設立的慈善基金去進行為花燈節申請撥款。此等合作關係會提升華僑會所在華人社團聲望。

我們已開始了2025年1月25日星期六的春節花市同樂日策劃工作。今年我們仍然會與TV33頻道合辦花市同樂日。我們期待今年又是一次大量人群來參與我們華僑會所盛大的活動。

請大家攜同你們家人、朋友及有聯繫的人一起來這個充滿喜樂及節日氣氛的盛會。

若果你能夠在星期五及星期六來當志願工作人員的話請盡快與Leslie Young或者與我聯絡。

華僑會所委員會亦在安排以下項目在日後舉行：

2025年1月25日 華僑會所新春花市同樂日;

2025年1月27日 奧克蘭紀念日飲茶活動;

2025年2月13-16日 BNZ 2025 奧克蘭花燈節

2025年5月4日 華僑會所2025高爾夫球比賽

物業分組近數月內都忙於保養維修我們會所的物業。他們去安排在Great South Road投資物業外牆油漆以及穩固會所運動場天花板，才去進行內部油漆。2025年1月1日及15日承造商會在球場地板重新披上漆油及翻新場地界線。

我十分傷感的報告有幾位永久會員在過去三個月內離世，他們是Ivy Young, KY (Tom) Young and Ah Choon Tang。我們已給予他們家人致以深切哀悼並捐款給他家人屬意的慈善社團。

在總結我的訊息時候，我要感謝所有職員及委員會成員，他們全年的努力組織了很多成功活動。

再者，我代表會所委員祝願所有會員聖誕節快樂及預祝大家蛇年興旺、愉快。

屋崙華僑會所  
戴榮都會長



# 2025 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

All members, who have annual memberships, i.e., not Enduring or Life Members, should note that annual memberships are for the calendar year from 1 January to 31 December. It is now time to renew your membership for 2025, unless you paid your subscription from October 2024 and already fully paid up to 31 December 2025.

We do not send out invoices for membership subscriptions. You can submit your details online: <https://www.aucklandchinese.nz/membership%20application%20form/>

Alternatively, you can use the downloadable form from the ACCC website (<https://www.aucklandchinese.nz/membership/>). Complete the form and either hand it in at the Centre or send a scan by email.

Please pay the appropriate subscription amount (\$10, Individual, or Associate; \$20, Family) into the ACCC account detailed at the bottom of the form. It is helpful to reference bank payments with 'membership', your name, your membership number, or mob number.

As ACCC notices and newsletters are sent by email, it is essential that an email address is provided to avoid missing out on news, events and activities that are coming up. These can also be read on the ACCC website.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 會員申請表

NEW APPLICATION 新會員  MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 會員更新

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER 會員號碼 \_\_\_\_\_

Surname 姓		First Names (s) 名			
Chinese Name 中文名		Gender 性別			Date of Birth 出 生日期
Residential Address 住址	Street 街名:				
	Suburb and Postcode 地區和郵編:				
Postal Address (if applicable) 通訊地址 (如有別)					
Telephone 電話		Mobile 手機		Email Address 電子郵箱	
Family members included in application 包括在申請表內的家庭成員: Children included in this application must be under 18 and living with their parent(s) 包括在申請標內小孩滿18歲以下且與夫母同住					
English Name 英文名		Chinese Name 中文名	Date of Birth 出生日期	Relationship to main applicant 主申請人關係	
Signature of applicant* 主申請人簽		Date 日期		Office Use 辦公室使用	
Annual Fee 每年會費		\$10	Individual 個人 & Senior (or over 65) 歲以上		
		\$20	Family 家庭		
		\$10	Associate		
		FREE	Enduring Members (Brick holders)		
<b>FOR NEW APPLICATIONS ONLY 只適用於新會員</b>					
Main application nominated by 主申請人由以下人提名					
	Surname 姓	First Names (s) 名	Address 地址		ACCC Membership No. 會員號碼
Sponsor 推薦人					
Seconder 第二推薦人					

\* Signing this form means that you (and family members included on this application) consent to being a member of the ACCC.

Direct credit ANZ ACCC account – 06-0101-0300774-00, Reference “membership + your name” or/and “membership #”  
Hand in form at the Centre, or email to Vernon Choy (accc.comms@gmail.com)

# ACCC ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS NOTICE

## Background

We, as a community organisation with a long history contributing to our members and with a connection to the Auckland Chinese population, understand the importance of our young members continuing this work of our organisation.

The ACCC Academic Excellence Awards ('awards') are established to recognise and reward secondary school students, who are ACCC members and have achieved a high standard in their chosen field of studies. The awards will also give some weight to achievements and activities outside the classroom, such as sport and community interests.

The following awards are available to secondary students completing studies in the following years:

Year 11: Up to Ten awards at \$200 each with ACCC award certificate

Year 12: Up to Ten awards at \$500 each with ACCC award certificate

Year 13: Up to Five awards at \$1500 each with ACCC award certificate

## Eligibility and Selection

1. Applicants must have been members of the ACCC for at least two years (enduring, family or individual membership).
2. Applicants must provide evidence of both academic achievement and community involvement/service/membership. Academic achievements can be Excellence Endorsement for NCEA or NCEA equivalent provided by a school or equivalent Cambridge or Baccalaureate courses of study. Community involvement can be within the Chinese or wider community. Evidence should include copies of academic transcripts, NZQA results, letters recommendation and other outputs. It is helpful and meaningful, especially for Year 13 applicants, to provide full details in the Achievement sections rather than a bare list.

## Application

Application for these awards shall be made on the ACCC Academic Excellence Award 2025 form which can be found on the ACCC website: <https://www.aucklandchinese.nz/News/>

All applications with supporting papers should be emailed to ACCC Awards Sub-Committee, Vernon Choy: [accc.comms@gmail.com](mailto:accc.comms@gmail.com)

## Selection

A selection sub-committee of the ACCC Executive Committee will assess all applications based only on the applications provided but applicants may be asked for further information or clarification. Decisions made by this panel on the successful applicants will be final.

Applicants will be advised of the outcome of their applications before 1 May 2025 and be invited to attend the ACCC Anniversary dinner in June 2025 to receive their Awards. Details for this event to obtain tickets will be announced when available.



**ACCC Academic Excellence Award  
Application Form 2025**

Level of Award Applied for	Year 11, 12 or 13	
Surname		
First Names		
Parents' name		
Membership:	Type: Membership No:	
Contact details	Address:  Email: Phone:	
School:	Name: Year:	
Academic Achievements:	Attach Transcript of Examination Results and/or Certificates of Achievement:	
	Year 13 students must provide rank score using the University of Auckland online tool:	Rank score from this website <a href="https://www.rankscorecalculator.auckland.ac.nz/">https://www.rankscorecalculator.auckland.ac.nz/</a>
Community Achievements:	List Community memberships and/or extra-curricula activities	

**NOTE:** It is helpful and meaningful, especially for Year 13 applicants, to provide full details in the Achievement sections rather than a bare list.

Deadline date for all applications is **31 March** of the year following the year of completion of studied by the applicant.

Send application to the ACCC awards subcommittee, Vernon Choy, by email: [accc.comms@gmail.com](mailto:accc.comms@gmail.com)

# 2025 AUCKLAND ANNIVERSARY

## \$10 YUM CHA



All ACCC financial (for 2025 year) and enduring members  
are cordially invited

10am – 11.30 am

MONDAY, 27 JANUARY 2025

at

**CYPRESS Restaurant**  
296 Dominion Rd. Mt. Eden

To reserve a seat / table -

- (a) Online Banking to Auckland Chinese Community Centre Inc. **ANZ A/C No 060101 0300774 02**. Reference payment with your name and Membership number/s or
- (b) Pay Connie Kum direct for a receipted ticket. Queries to:  
Connie Kum: [cojay@xtra.co.nz](mailto:cojay@xtra.co.nz) Ph: 09 625 8611 or  
Kai Luey: [kailuey@gmail.com](mailto:kailuey@gmail.com) M: 021 333 125

**Bookings for a table of 12 can be arranged - \$120  
Limited Seating – Don't be disappointed -**

**There will be NO DOOR SALES**

## 2025 CHINESE NEW YEAR FESTIVAL AND MARKET DAY

SATURDAY 25 JANUARY 2025



The 2025 Chinese New Year Festival and Market Day will be held in Halls 3 & 4 of the Auckland Showgrounds, 217 Greenlane West Road, on Saturday 25 January 2025 between 9.30am and 4.00pm to celebrate the most important Chinese Festival and to welcome the Year of the Snake.

This annual event has been organized by our organization for over 30 years and at the Auckland Showground every year from 2002 except when the event had to be cancelled due to CoVID-19 in 2022. This event has grown in popularity over the years and its attendance number now well exceeds 20,000 people.

Our co-host for the 2025 event will once again be the Chinese Channel 33. We will be supported by our regular group of major sponsors (Multi-Media, Barfoot & Thompson, Tigerbroker, and ANZ Bank) and many new ones. The event will continue to have free entry and again feature the following activities:

- Grand Opening at 10.00am with Lion Dance
- Over 200 specialist stalls selling traditional & exotic Chinese hot delicacies,
- Chinese New Year foodstuffs, Chinese traditional arts & crafts, & promoting advisory services
- Extensive indoor and outdoor entertainment programme of Chinese cultural songs, dances, musical items, martial arts, tai chi and other Chinese activities
- Other entertainment and games & rides for children

This premiere event will be a showpiece for ACCC so please advise your family, friends and associates to come and enjoy a fun-filled day (see following brochure).

**In addition, if you are able to assist as a volunteer worker (over 16 years old) on Friday from 10am to 3pm and Saturday from 3pm to 5.30pm, please contact David Tai or Leslie Young now.**

All helpers at the CNY Festival are cordially invited to attend the traditional **Thank You Get Together held on Sunday evening, 26 January 2025 at 6.00pm in the Members Lounge at Mangere.**

# NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE PARTY

TUESDAY 31 DECEMBER 2024

## ACCC NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

Join the party as we countdown to the New Year - let's make it a night to remember!

Date: Tuesday, 31 December 2024

Time: 7.30 pm to midnight

Venue: Auckland Chinese Community Centre  
99 Taylor Road, Mangere Bridge

Singer: GEMMA CELESTE  
"The voice of an angel with the power of a Lion"

Tickets: \$35 per person (no door sales)

Supper with tea & coffee served - welcome to bring your own drinks

As numbers will be limited, this function is by ticket only

Please purchase your ticket/s from any of the organisers.

Payment to: 03-1509-0010679-000, please include your name & contact no.

### Tickets available from organising Committee:

Sue and John Cheung	cheungfamily126@gmail.com
Louise & Colin Chin	loulouchin@gmail.com
Marie and Lawrence Liew	liewlandm@xtra.co.nz
Barbara and Geoff Lim	barbaraylim@gmail.com
Janice & Peter Sew Hoy	pjsewhoy@gmail.com
Carol & Kevin Young	carolyoung008@gmail.com
Jenny and Ken Young	bren2000@xtra.co.nz
Yvonne and Les Young	lesyoung25@gmail.com

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Mobile: 027 628 8195
Mobile: 021 147 5513
Mobile: 021 739 469
Mobile: 027 451 3385
Mobile: 022 488 9584
Mobile: 027 283 8395



# BNZ AUCKLAND LANTERN FESTIVAL

THURSDAY 13 TO SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2025

The ACCC is delighted to have been chosen by Tātaki Auckland Unlimited to be their Trust Partner for the 2025 BNZ Lantern Festival. We are now working with TAU to make this a successful and fun event.

Please join us at the **Manukau Sports Bowl** on 13-16 February 2025 for this **free family** event to celebrate the Year of the Snake!



## The Event times are:

Thursday 13 February 2025 3.00pm – 10.00pm

Friday 14 February 2025 3.00pm – 10.00pm – with a Spectacular Fireworks Display!

Saturday 15 February 2025 1.00pm – 10.00pm – with a Spectacular Fireworks Display!

Sunday 16 February 2025 1.00pm – 10.00pm – with a Spectacular Fireworks Display!

## Highlights

- Over 500 handmade lanterns will be displayed across four days, including a brand-new lantern commissioned to commemorate the Year of the Snake in 2025.
- 40+ street stalls will be on-site selling delicious food from many cultures, supported by retail stalls, including craft and gift merchandise.
- Watch traditional & contemporary performances come to life in the cultural courtyard and on our main stage.
- Visit our popular ACCC Chinese Riddles tent.
- Entertain the kids with the various amusement rides.
- Shoot for the stars at the BNZ Basketball Court, with skills sessions featuring guest appearances from BNZ Breakers and BNZ Northern Kāhu players, giveaways, and more, or take in the mainstage performances from the BNZ Grandstand.

## Volunteering

Tātaki Auckland Unlimited are now accepting volunteer applications for the BNZ Auckland Lantern Festival 2025. Please email [volunteer@aucklandnz.com](mailto:volunteer@aucklandnz.com)

# SOCIAL MAH JONG TOURNAMENTS

The 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Social Mah Jong Tournaments for 2024 were held on Sunday 25 August and 10 November. Due to increased popularity, we set a maximum capacity of 12 tables for both tournaments. All participants really look forward to playing in these tournaments.

The overall winners for 2024 averaged over the two tournaments were: 1<sup>st</sup> place Katherine Chew, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Nancy Wong and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Robert Ting.

The winners of the August event are: 1<sup>st</sup> place Johnston Luen, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Philip Chin. The winners of the November event are: 1<sup>st</sup> place Alex Luen / Allan Lowe, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Robert Mar.

Many thanks to Bonnie Lynch and her team of kitchen volunteers, Merry Tsao and Catherine Ming for administrating the events and Peter Pan for the donation of fresh vegetables.



# MINI MAH JONG TOURNAMENT REPORT

Mini Mah-Jong Tournament was held on 6th October for our Sunday learner players.

People put into practice what they have learnt over the past few weeks. There were still lots of laughing and everybody really enjoyed themselves.

Thanks to our tutors – Nini Knight, Chas Luen, Johnston Luen & Kai Luey for imparting their knowledge and helping us to interpret the rules.

The winners at the tournament are:

1st Place: Chow Hing Long, 2nd Place: Robyn Ng, 3rd Place: Jeanie Stewart

Wooden spoon: May Young

All are welcome to participate. Text Cathrine on 027 274 9851 if you wish to join us to learn, upskill & socialise for 3 hours on a Sunday.



# REPORT ON MOON FESTIVAL YUM CHA

Held on 14 September 2024 at Cypress Restaurant.

A very successful event with a record number of attendees. 24 x 12 people in the main hall, 2 x 12 people in the side room and 4 tables x 12 in another area for the NZCA Cantonese school. In total, 360 people enjoyed the selection of dumplings, rice rolls, custard tarts, fried rice, noodles etc. and a number even had Dar Baow.

For many of the older members of the Chinese Community this is an opportunity to socialize with each other as evening outings are not so easy. Super fun for the Super Gold Card oldies!

A very enjoyable community event subsidised by the Auckland Chinese Community Centre. The next subsidised Yum Cha will be Monday, Auckland Anniversary Day, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Please refer to notice earlier in this newsletter.



# REPORT ON 2024 CHINA NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION EVENT



ACCC celebrated the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China with members of many Auckland Chinese organizations at the Mangere premises on Sunday, 29 September 2024 starting at 2.00pm. A record crowd of over 300 people attended this event.

This event commenced with a lion dance performed by the E-Pac Group and followed by the raising of the China and New Zealand flags while respective national anthems were being played.

Our Chairman, David Tai, welcomed everyone and congratulated China for their great achievements over their 75 years of existence. The Chinese Ambassador Dr Wang Xiaolong from Wellington delivered his keynote address which was then followed by speeches from the Minister for Ethnic Communities (Hon Melissa Lee), and the Auckland Deputy Mayor (Desley Simpson).

Three cultural performances entertained the audience before refreshments were served. The performances were from the Jane & Kelly Dance Studio (dance), the NZ Wushu Academy (martial arts), and the New Zealand Chinese Blossom Art Association (instrumental performance). A formal photograph was taken of the VIP group prior to refreshments. The event finished around 4 pm.

Many thanks to the members of the Committee for organizing this successful event. Special thanks go to Bonnie Lynch and her catering team.

# ACCC CHILDREN'S AND FIREWORKS DAY 2024

A festive Extravaganza! 🎉 🚗 🎆 — story by Ling Ling Liang.

The 2024 ACCC Children's and Fireworks Day was an absolute hit, filled with vibrant activities, cultural delights, and unforgettable moments. When guests arrived, they were greeted with spectacular sights: two glowing Peking opera mask lanterns stood proudly at the entrance, alongside a cheerful San Tai Zi giant puppet spreading festive vibes. To make the welcome even more special, Chinese-costumed ambassadors greeted attendees with warm smiles and graceful bows, setting the perfect tone for the day.

## 🎭 Performances and Cultural Activities

The festivities kicked off at 2 PM with a thrilling lion dance performance, drawing cheers and applause. Attendees jumped at the chance to learn the moves from the lion dance coach. The fun continued with lively performances from the Chinese School children and a vibrant line dance, filling the air with rhythm and excitement.

In the culture corner, creativity took centre stage. Kids and parents alike enjoyed Chinese calligraphy, Peking opera mask making, crafting paper lanterns, paper cuttings, and colouring oriental pictures. At the PotShot Bamboo Wind Chimes station, participants aimed to hit targets while learning about the beauty of traditional chimes. The face-painting booth was another highlight, turning little ones into butterflies, tigers, and other colourful characters.

## 🎪 Unmissable Activities

The bouncy castle was a must-do for children, who laughed and bounced their way through the day. Little kids took turns riding the sedan chair, giggling as they were carried around the festival grounds. For those looking to try something new, the diabolo coaching sessions provided endless fun as participants spun and tossed the traditional Chinese yo-yo. Some children were thrilled to take home intricately sculpted balloons.

## 🏀 Sports and Competitions

Sports lovers had their pick of activities, including basketball games and an auto table tennis ball launcher. Friendly fun competitions saw kids and adults competing in three-legged, pillow sacks and egg and spoon, and a thrilling obstacle course with winners proudly receiving Laisee red pocket money, adding a traditional touch of celebration. Even the quick-witted geniuses in the quiz were rewarded with red pockets for their sharp answers!

## 🎈 Outdoor Fun and Kite Flying

The beautiful weather made kite flying a standout activity. Colourful kites soared through the skies, adding vibrant hues to the horizon. The car park team and fireworks crew ensured a safe and lively outdoor environment, allowing everyone to enjoy the activities with peace of mind.

## 🚓 Emergency Services and Community Spirit

A police car and an Auckland Emergency Management Command Unit were stationed on-site, adding a touch of heroism to the event. The Police wowed the crowd with their amazing police dog, a favourite among children and adults alike. The Hato Hone St John team offered CPR workshops, giving families a chance to learn life-saving skills while having fun.

## 🍖 A Feast for All

The kitchen team outdid themselves, serving a mouthwatering spread of drinks, supper, desserts, and sizzling BBQ delights. The aroma of grilled treats filled the air, adding to the festive summer vibe. Families gathered to enjoy the delicious food, sharing laughter and stories over their meals.

### 🎁 Lucky Draws and Spectacular Fireworks

The lucky draw added an extra dose of excitement, with prizes including grocery hamper, fruit basket, and the much-coveted OSIM massage device. Cheers erupted with each winning ticket, spreading smiles all around.

As night fell, the day ended on a high note with a dazzling fireworks display, lighting up the night sky in brilliant bursts of colour. The final moments of the day brought a sweets scramble and a balloon shower, with children gleefully collecting candies and colourful balloons, their laughter ringing out like music.

### 🎉 A Day to Remember

From the cultural crafts and exhilarating rides to the thrilling fireworks and festive food, the ACCC Children's and Fireworks Day was an extraordinary celebration of community and joy. It brought together tradition, creativity, and fun, leaving everyone with cherished memories and anticipation for next year's festivities! 🎉





# ACCC & ACCC SPORTS CLUB JUNIOR BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

*Paige Young, ACCC Sports Club President*

This October, the ACCC Sports Club and ACCC teamed up once again to host the third annual Junior Basketball Tournament, and what a day it was! Our courts came alive with the sound of cheering families, determined young athletes, and the unmistakable buzz of community spirit.

With 16 teams taking part, it was inspiring to see players from Tiniball (5-7 years old), Miniball (8 years old – Year 6), Intermediates, Women's U17, and Men's U17 showcase their skills, sportsmanship, and love for the game. From the youngest Tiniball players dribbling with big smiles to the fierce competition in the U17s, the weekend was a true celebration of basketball and togetherness.

ACCC Sports Club x ACCC Junior Basketball Tiniball Winners: NEWSTARS



Behind the scenes, this event wouldn't have been possible without our incredible volunteers. A heartfelt thank-you to Simon Li, Paige Young, Brittany Young, Jarrad Chin, Andrew Lowe, Devon AhMu, Jack Chan, Jo Bing, Martin Young, and Yolande Joe for their time and dedication.

ACCC Sports Club x ACCC Junior Basketball Intermediate Winners: BEYOND



ACCC Sports Club x ACCC Junior Basketball Miniball Winners: BEYOND



We're also so grateful to the ACCC Committee for running the canteen. Your delicious snacks kept energy levels high and spirits even higher.

It's events like these that remind us of the strength and joy in coming together as a community. Thank you to everyone who played, supported, or cheered - we can't wait to see you all again next year for more basketball and memories!

# CHINESE SCHOOL REPORT

(Cantonese and Mandarin classes) 華僑會所中文學校

ACCC Chinese School has had a long history since 1960. We had hundreds of students at that time. Students were taught to read and speak in Cantonese, and how to write Chinese characters. ACCC has persevered in the mission to give students the chance to learn Cantonese and Mandarin, especially our Chinese descendants.

At present, we have both Mandarin and Cantonese classes for children and adults.

**Adult Cantonese classes** are held on weekday evenings. There are 3 classes which are on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday respectively. **Mandarin Classes for children and adults** are on Sunday.

We understand the quality of teachers is very important in our student's learning. Our teachers are all experienced in teaching either in China or in New Zealand.

Besides classes at ACCC Mangere Bridge, we now have classes at Epsom Community Centre. Our school fee is at an affordable rate for parents and students.

## Class times :

Children's Mandarin classes 10:00am to 12:00 at Mangere Bridge and Epsom.

Children's Cantonese class 12:00 to 2:00pm at Epsom.

Adult Mandarin classes 12:00 to 2:00pm at Mangere Bridge.

Adult Cantonese classes 7:00 pm to 9:00pm at Epsom.

**Term 1 of 2025 (starts in February 2025)** 明年第一學期 現在可以來報名

**You can enrol now.** Contact us by email [ACCCchineseschool@gmail.com](mailto:ACCCchineseschool@gmail.com) or Contact Peter Pan on 021-733888 or Alfred Li on 021-2349954.





## VOLLEYBALL REPORT 2024 HIGHLIGHT

A lot has happened in Volleyball over the last half year. There are many facets to the game of volleyball and at ACCC we are pleased to support our community to explore other aspects of the game. This year we had over 30 of our members take part in the VNZ Local Referee course and became qualified Local referees. This could be the first step for one of us to continue the journey to become a sanctioned international referee. See you at the Olympics, if not a player maybe a referee! Congratulations to all participants.

With the club growing and needing more coaches to support our player development, Tina attended the VNZ coaching course with aspiration to help grow our youth program in 2025.



Our talent doesn't just reside on the volleyball court. Our own professional graphic designer Chace Lum took on the challenge to design our uniform and what a stunning result. Thank you, Chace.



**More Tournaments** – on the back of a successful tournament we hosted back in February, we ran another tournament for our community during the July school holidays. An eight teams mixed draw was held with 6 participating teams from the ACCC Sat training groups, a special invitation team comprising ACCC players from yesteryears forming the Originals to compete and lastly V-Ray volleyball club again fielding a team to support our tournament.

A social occasion it was meant to be, but competitive tendencies were shown across all games. In the end, the Originals (aka the Old Guys) managed to beat all the competition to grab 1<sup>st</sup> place. Well done the OGs for showing us wisdom and trickery is valuable on court.

From top to bottom: 1<sup>st</sup> The Ogs, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ho Ball and 3<sup>rd</sup> Nameless.



### ACCC Shines at ACVL League and Taupo Tournaments

Our ACCC volleyball teams have been busy this season stepping out of the Mangere Hall to compete in various tournaments and leagues.

- Men's and Women's Teams: Recently showcased their skills at the Great Lake Tournament in Taupo.
- Pink Missile Junior Girls U15: Finished 4th in the ACVL Div 4 Winter League and is now joined by our Senior Girls competing in the Div 3 Youth.
- Boys Youth Team: Achieved an impressive runner-up position in the ACVL Div 3 Springs League.

Congratulations to all teams for their dedication and stellar performances! Keep up the fabulous work.



# PICKLEBALL REPORT

## PUKEKOHE CLUB PICKLEBALL CHALLENGE

On August 21st, our ACCC Pickleball Club hosted a one-day tournament against the Pukekohe Club. The event was a great success, with exciting matches, good food, and wonderful company.

Our team of eight players competed in seven doubles matches, enjoying the opportunity to test their skills and learn from each other. The atmosphere was friendly and competitive, with all players showing great sportsmanship.

We were pleased to win the challenge. Our name will be added to the Pukekohe Club trophy. However, the real value of the day was the chance to connect with fellow Pickleball enthusiasts and make new friends.

We would like to extend a special thank you to the Pukekohe players for traveling to our club and participating in the tournament. Your presence helped make the event a success, and we appreciate your help in running the competition.

Thanks also to our own players and supporters who made the event a success..... on the court and in the kitchen.

We're looking forward to the next challenge, which we hope will take place before Christmas. This will give more of our players the chance to participate and enjoy the competition.

Peter Sew Hoy & Les Young



ACCC team with the Pukekohe Club Trophy: Yvonne Young, Julie Gin, Janice O'Connor, Pauline Chong, Les Young, Peter Sew Hoy, Ken Young and Weber Lu.

# ACCC SPORTS CLUB REPORT

*Paige Young, ACCC Sports Club President*

As 2024 heads into its final months, the ACCC Sports Club has had an incredible run of events and activities that brought our community together through sport, fun, and teamwork.

Since our last update, we've been busier than ever! Here's what we've been up to:

## ACCC x NZCSA MEN'S BASKETBALL

TOURNAMENT – Our talented players showed their skills and sportsmanship on the court, competing in this highly anticipated event.

## ACCC SPORTS CLUB 4 CORNERS

TOURNAMENT A fantastic day of multi-sport competition and camaraderie that truly highlighted the versatility and enthusiasm of our members.



WEEKLY BASKETBALL SESSIONS – Our Sunday basketball sessions continue to thrive, offering a regular chance to play, connect and stay active.

JUNIOR TOUCH TRAININGS – A new and exciting addition to our activities! Junior touch trainings are now held outside on the grass at the ACCC hall, introducing a fresh way for young players to get involved.

## ACCC SPORTS CLUB BADMINTON

TOURNAMENT – Shuttlecocks flew, laughs were shared and great games were played in this fun-filled event.



## ACCC x ACCC JUNIOR BASKETBALL

TOURNAMENT – This beloved annual event was a resounding success, engaging our young players and celebrating community spirit (see more in our feature article!).



Looking ahead, we are thrilled to announce our upcoming annual **Summer Slam Events**:

- **ACCC Sports Club Auckland Anniversary Weekend Picnic** at Long Bay on Sunday, January 26 – Bring the family for a relaxing day by the beach!
- **ACCC Sports Club Waitangi Tennis Tournament** – An annual favourite, kicking off in early February 2025.

We're immensely grateful to everyone who has participated, volunteered, or supported us this year. Your contributions make these events possible and so special. If you're keen to get involved as a volunteer or have ideas for future events, we'd love to hear from you—reach out via our Facebook or Instagram pages.

Thank you for being part of our vibrant sports community. Wishing you a safe and joyful holiday season, and we can't wait to see you at our summer events!

# SENIOR LIFESTYLE GROUP OUTING

Coach Trip on 24 August – a fabulous day was enjoyed by 40 people.

## MATAKANA FARMERS MARKET – MORNING

Light drizzle did not deter our enjoyment of the market. But the eels in the river stayed in hiding. Every time we visit, there are new shops, exhibits, and food to try out. This destination is always evolving. With the high growing costs and cold weather, the fresh vegetable sellers have been replaced by stalls selling chili jams, unusual hummus tubs, Japanese shitake mushrooms, Matakana rock oysters, fancy salamis, and delicious new ranges of bread rolls and tarts. The bakery section of giant size lemon meringue pie, Portuguese tarts, and slices were snapped up quickly. We all enjoyed our lunch meals - a different dining experience.

## SCULPTUREUM – WHERE ART IS FUN

Alighting from the bus, the sun came out for a perfect afternoon for us to enjoy - amongst nature and art. The Sculptureum is privately owned by Anthony and Sandra Grant, avid collectors of over 800 art pieces which rotate through the galleries. New blown glass creatures hid in the outdoor garden, but the giant pink snail and his family still hold pride of place.

Janet Lowe







# GOLDEN ENTERPRISE BOOK LAUNCH

Phoebe H Li

On 21 September, the Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust in conjunction with the Auckland Chinese Community launched *Golden Enterprise: New Zealand Chinese Merchants 1860s-1970s*. The launch was attended by about 200 invitees, including the Minister for Ethnic Communities Melissa Lee, two National MPs Nancy Lu and Carlos Cheung, and many who helped me with writing the book.

Reflecting on the long and bumpy journey towards the day, I feel privileged and honoured that I have received extremely warm support from the ACCC. With its constant and generous assistance, I was able to build an extensive network amongst numerous poll tax descendants to gather information, especially a large amount of archival material. I am most grateful to the Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust for the faith it had in me to complete this mission. It was a day not just about celebrating a book publication but commemorating the collective achievement of a remarkable community.

This achievement has also been recognized by the Professional Historians' Association of New Zealand/Aotearoa (PHANZA). A good turnout of their members attended the book launch. This suggests that the New Zealand Chinese history is drawing increased public interest, which may encourage more New Zealanders to understand our country's past, and then aspire for its better future.



Photo courtesy of John B Turner

# NZ CHINESE HISTORY BOOKS FOR SALE

## GOLDEN ENTERPRISE: NEW ZEALAND CHINESE MERCHANTS 1860s – 1970s



Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust

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### INFORMATION SHEET

#### Golden Enterprise:

New Zealand Chinese Merchants 1860s-1970s

By Phoebe H. Li

Commissioned by the Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust, *Golden Enterprise* offers a compelling re-examination of New Zealand Chinese history from the 1860s to the 1970s, focusing on the pivotal role of Cantonese merchants. These early entrepreneurs not only facilitated Chinese immigration but also shaped the identity of Chinese New Zealanders within the broader context of New Zealand's shifting relationships with China, Britain, and the wider world. Drawing on extensive archival research in both Chinese and English sources, Phoebe H. Li illuminates the merchants' transnational business and social networks, providing fresh perspectives on Chinese migration to the South Pacific.

This richly illustrated volume combines in-depth historical analysis with vivid human stories, complemented by a stunning collection of paintings and photographs. With its accessible style, *Golden Enterprise* appeals to both academic readers and those with a general interest in New Zealand and Chinese diaspora histories.

Phoebe H. Li holds a PhD from the University of Auckland and was a research fellow at Tsinghua University in Beijing. She is currently an independent historian. Her prior publications include *A Virtual Chinatown: The Diasporic Mediasphere of Chinese Migrants in New Zealand* (Brill, 2013), *Recollections of a Distant Shore: New Zealand Chinese in Historical Images* (co-authored with John B. Turner, Social Sciences Academic Press, 2017) and some journal articles and book chapters. She was the principal curator of the acclaimed photographic exhibition *Being Chinese in Aotearoa*, hosted by the Auckland War Memorial Museum, the Waitangi Treaty Ground Museum, and the New Zealand Portrait Gallery (2017-2020).

Designed by Rim Books, *Golden Enterprise* features full-color illustrations, encased in a quarter cloth-bound hardcover, offering both a visual and intellectual feast.



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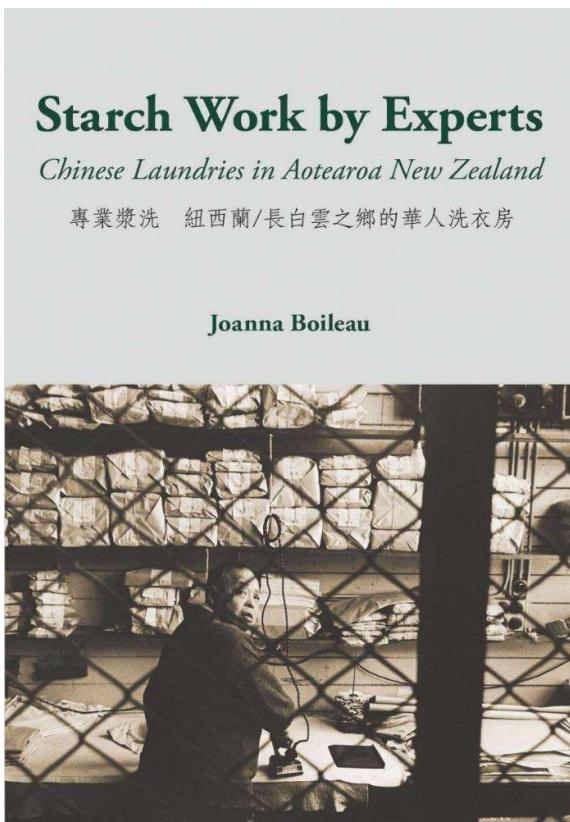
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## STARCH WORK BY EXPERTS: CHINESE LAUNDRIES IN AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND



Chinese laundries first opened in the 1880s and were an integral part of New Zealand's social fabric until at least the 1950s. How did they develop in towns from Southland to the far north before slowly disappearing after the 1940s? Who ran them and how did they fit into their communities? *Starch Work by Experts: Chinese Laundries in Aotearoa New Zealand* tells the story of the laundrymen, their families and customers.

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Blending documentary research, personal stories and fascinating images, *Starch Work by Experts* goes beyond the grille to step inside the world of steaming coppers, hissing irons and perfectly starched collars.

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