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AUCKLAND CHINESE COMMUNITY CENTRE INC

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Chairman's Message



Over the last three months the Executive Committee has been very busy organising the following activities that were enjoyed by our members and members of the communities:

• Men's Basketball Tournament	16–17 August 2025
• 3 rd Social Mah Jong Tournament	24 August 2025
• Auckland Mayoral Candidate Forum	7 September 2025
• Moon Festival Yum Cha	20 September 2025
• China National Day	28 September 2025
• Junior Basketball Tournament	18–19 October 2025
• Children's and Fireworks Day	1 November 2025
• 4 th Social Mah Jong Tournament	30 November 2025

Reports on these activities are included later in this newsletter.

Besides these activities, the Committee has hosted a small 100th Birthday party for one of our great Chairman, Thomas Doo, with members of our Senior Lifestyle Group and a few special guests at Mangere Hall on 30 September 2025. A special scroll created by our Committee Member, John Ling, was presented to Thomas Doo. This was a wonderful event to celebrate an important milestone of one of our great Chairman and community leader.

Work has started on the planning of the 2026 BNZ Auckland Lantern Festival to be held at the Manukau Sports Bowl from 26 February to 1 March 2026. This year, we are supporting Tātaki Auckland Unlimited as their community partner of the event. The event will have similar arrangements of registering online for free tickets and this will allow ticket holders to use free public transport to travel to the event. We will once again have our complimentary Riddle Stall within the Cultural Tent at the event. Please come and enjoy this largest Chinese festival event in New Zealand!

The planning of the 2026 CNY Festival & Market Day on Saturday, 14 February 2026 is well underway; sponsorships are in place and stalls are fully booked out. We are co-hosting this event with Channel 33TV and have the generous support of Multi Media Ltd once again. 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 (lesyoung25@gmail.com) or myself (d_tai@xtra.co.nz) asap.**

Please note for the future, the Committee is organising the following activities for you to enjoy:

- New Year Eve Dance on 31 December 2025
- Auckland Anniversary Yum Cha on 27 January 2026
- ACCC Chinese New Year Festival and Market Day on 14 February 2026.
- Chinese New Year Dinner co-hosted with Singapore Club on 22 February 2026
- 2025 BNZ Auckland Lantern Festival on 26 February-1March 2026

Regrettably due to adverse economic climate, we have lost the tenant of our investment property at 772 Great South Road in September 2025. We have tried to lease out this property for over six weeks without success so it is now on the market. The Building Sub-Committee has been busy doing some maintenance work on this property to make it more saleable. Impact of this is that our monthly financial surplus still remains but it is significantly reduced.

Work on the proposed extension on our Mangere Hall facility project is proceeding with the development of a more detailed specification for a re-tender. This re-tender was considered necessary because of changes in floor plan of the new extension. The Sub-Committee has decided to bring the new classroom spaces to the front of the building (instead of within the storage space area) for better access and also a 6m increase in the new gym length to enable reorientation of the three badminton/pickleball courts to be parallel to existing courts to avoid ceiling height issues.

Sadly, I need to report the sad passing of a few of our enduring members over the last three months and they are Shirley Sidnam and Molly Ah Chee. We have sent our sincere condolences to these families and donated to their preferred charity organisation.

In concluding this message, I wish to thank all officers and members of our Executive Committee for their great work over the whole year in organising so many successful events.

Also, on behalf of the Executive Committee and myself, I wish all our members a very merry Christmas and a happy & prosperous new 2026 year, the Year of the Horse.

David Tai
Chairman

*Season's
Greetings*



主席致辭

在過去的三個月裡，執行委員會非常忙碌，組織了以下活動，會員和社區成員都十分享受：

- 男子籃球錦標賽	2025 年 8 月 16–17 日
- 第三屆社交麻將錦標賽	2025 年 8 月 24 日
- 奧克蘭市長候選人論壇	2025 年 9 月 7 日
- 中秋節飲茶聚會	2025 年 9 月 20 日
- 中國國慶慶祝活動	2025 年 9 月 28 日
- 青少年籃球錦標賽	2025 年 10 月 18–19 日
- 兒童及煙花日	2025 年 11 月 1 日
- 第四屆社交麻將錦標賽	2025 年 11 月 30 日

這些活動的報導將在本期通訊的後續部分中呈現。

除了這些活動，委員會還在 2025 年 9 月 30 日於 Mangere Hall 為我們敬重的前主席 Thomas Doo 舉辦了一個小型百歲生日派對，參與者包括我們的「長者優閑生活組」成員和幾位特別嘉賓。委員會成員 John Ling 特別製作了一幅卷軸贈送給 Thomas Doo。這是一個非常美好的活動，慶祝我們敬重的主席和社區領袖的重要里程碑。

我們已經開始籌備 2026 年 BNZ 奧克蘭花燈節，該活動將於 2026 年 2 月 26 日至 3 月 1 日在 Manukau Sports Bowl 舉行。今年，我們將作為 Tātaki Auckland Unlimited 的社區合作夥伴參與該活動。活動將繼續採用線上註冊免費門票的方式，持票者可免費乘坐公共交通前往現場。我們將再次在文化帳篷內設立免費的燈謎攤位。歡迎大家前來享受紐西蘭最大的中國節慶活動！

2026 年農曆新年新春花市同樂日的籌備工作也在緊鑼密鼓進行中，該活動將於 2026 年 2 月 14 日（星期六）舉行；贊助已落實，攤位已全部預訂完畢。我們將與 Channel 33TV 聯合舉辦，並再次獲得 Multi Media Ltd 的大力支持。我們預計將迎來另一場盛況空前的年度 ACCC 活動。

請帶上您的家人、朋友和同事，一起享受這個充滿樂趣的日子。此外，如果您能夠在週五和週六協助志願工作，請盡快聯絡 Leslie Young (lesyoung25@gmail.com) 或我本人 (d_tai@xtra.co.nz) 。

請注意，未來委員會將為您組織以下活動：

- 2025 年 12 月 31 日 新年舞會
- 2026 年 1 月 27 日 奧克蘭週年飲茶聚會
- 2026 年 2 月 14 日 ACCC 農曆新春花市同樂日
- 2026 年 2 月 22 日 與新加坡俱樂部聯合舉辦的農曆新年晚宴
- 2026 年 2 月 26 日至 3 月 1 日 2026 年 BNZ 奧克蘭花燈節

遺憾的是，由於經濟環境惡化，我們在 2025 年 9 月失去了位於 Great South Road 772 號的投資物業租戶。我們嘗試出租該物業超過六週未果，因此目前已挂牌出售。建築小組委員會一直在進行一些維護工作，以提高該物業的可售性。這一情況導致我們的每月財務盈餘仍然存在，但已顯著減少。

Mangere Hall 設施擴建項目的工作正在推進，制定更詳細的規格以重新招標。重新招標的原因是新擴建部分的平面圖發生了變化。小組委員會決定將新的教室空間移至建築前方（而不是儲藏區內），以便更好地進入，同時將新體育館長度增加 6 米，以便重新調整三片羽毛球 / 匹克球場，使其與現有球場平行，避免天花板高度問題。

令人悲痛的是，我必須報告過去三個月中幾位長期會員的離世，他們是 Shirley Sidnam 和 Molly Ah Chee。我們已向這些家庭致以誠摯的慰問，並向他們指定的慈善機構捐款。

最後，我要感謝執行委員會的所有成員，在這一整年中組織了如此多成功的活動。

同時，我謹代表執行委員會和我本人，祝願所有會員聖誕快樂，並祝願 2026 年（馬年）幸福繁榮。

戴榮都
主席

2026 Membership Reminder

This is a gentle reminder that it is now time to renew your annual membership for 2026 if you have not done so recently and received confirmation that your membership is current to 31 December 2026. Annual memberships, for families and individuals, full and associates, are for the calendar year from 1 January to 31 December.

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. Reference bank payments with 'membership', your name, your membership number, or mob number.

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



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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	
<p>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) 包括在申請表內小孩滿 18 歲以下且與夫母同住</p>					
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)		
<p>FOR NEW APPLICATIONS ONLY 只適用於新會員 Main application nominated by 主申請人由以下人提名</p>					
	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 2026

Since 2023, ACCC has given Academic Excellence Awards (AEA) to high school students who have achieved a high standard in their chosen studies and who have wider achievements or interests outside the classroom, such as sports, community and cultural activities.

The AEA are available to secondary students completing studies in Year 11 to Year 13 as evidenced by results for NCEA, or NCEA substitutes offered by some schools, Cambridge or Baccalaureate courses. The three categories of awards are:

- Year 11 students, ten awards of \$200 and certificate.
- Year 12 students, ten awards of \$500 and certificate.
- Year 13 students, five awards of \$1500 and certificate.

Applications for these awards are now being sought from our members for the 2025 school year. Closing date for applications for all three categories of awards is 31 March 2026.

Application form, details of eligibility, and other applicant requirements for these awards will be on the ACCC website: <https://www.aucklandchinese.nz/News/>

All applications and enquiries should be sent to Vernon Choy, ACCC awards sub-committee, by email to: accc.comms@gmail.com.

2026 Auckland Anniversary \$10 Yum Cha



**All ACCC financial and enduring members
are cordially invited
10am – 11.30 am MONDAY, 26 January 2026
at
CYPRESS Restaurant
296 Dominion Rd. Mt. Eden**

To Reserve a seat / table -

- a) Online Banking to Auckland Chinese Community ANZ
A/C No 060101 0300774 02. Reference payment with
your name and Membership number/s
- b) Pay Connie Kum direct for a receipted ticket.

Queries to: Connie Kum: cojay@xtra.co.nz M 022 1841925
Or Kai Luey: 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**

2026 Chinese New Year Festival & Market Day



The 2026 Chinese New Year Festival and Market Day will again be held in Halls 3 & 4 of the Auckland Showgrounds, 217 Greenlane West, Auckland 1023 on Saturday, 14 February 2026 between 9.30am and 4.00pm to celebrate the most important Chinese Festival and to welcome the Year of the Horse.

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.

Channel 33 will once again be our co-host for this 2026 event. We will be supported by our regular group of major sponsors (Multi-Media, Barfoot & Thompson, Tiger Fintech, and ANZ Bank) and many new less major sponsors. The event will continue to have free entry and again feature the following activities:

- Grand Opening at 10 am 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 program 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 ask your family, friends and associates to come and enjoy a fun-filled day at this festival.

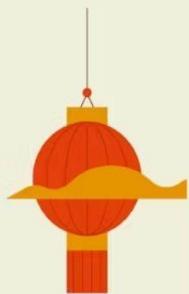
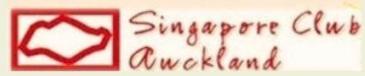
In addition, if you are able to assist as a volunteer worker (over 16 years old) on Friday from 10am to 3pm and Saturday from 3pm to 5.30pm, please contact David Tai (d_tai@xtra.co.nz) or Leslie Young (lesyoung25@gmail.com) asap.

All helpers at the CNY Festival are cordially invited to attend the traditional **Thank You Get Together dinner to be held on Sunday evening, 15 February 26 at 6.00pm in the Members Lounge at Mangere Hall.**





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Auckland Chinese Community Centre Inc



Come celebrate
Lunar New Year 2026
with us on

Sunday, 22 February 2026
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Lobster Palace Restaurant
298 Ti Rakau Drive, Auckland



With Lion Dance, and a sumptuous banquet



Loshan (Prosperity Toss) Platter
BBQ Combination Platter



Sautéed Crayfish with Ginger & Spring Onion on Noodles
Pan Fried Diced Steak with Black Truffle Sauce

Deep Fried Prawn Balls
Steam Whole Blue Cod
Vegetables Tri Egg Broth
Yangzhou Fried Rice
Dessert
BYO

Cost per table of 10 or 12 pax: \$880
Individual bookings: \$75 per person
seated at table of 12



For queries and bookings **by 17th Jan**, Please contact:-

Connie Kum: cojay@xtra.co.nz M 022 1841925

Or Kai Luey: kailuey@gmail.com M 021 333125

Online Banking to Auckland Chinese Community ANZ A/C
No 060101 0300774 02.

Reference payment with your name

ACCC NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

*Join us as we countdown to midnight.
Let's make it a night to remember!*



Date: Wednesday, 31 December 2025

Time: 7.30 pm to midnight

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

Band: D'Starlights

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

*Supper, with tea and coffee served
(welcome to bring your own drinks)*

As numbers will be limited, this function is by ticket only.
Tickets available at our monthly dance or from any
committee member below.

Payment can be made by bank transfer:

Account name: Yvonne Young

Bank account no.: 03-1509-0010679-000

Your name and contact number as reference

We look forward to seeing you at the party!

Committee:

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Yvonne & Les Young	lesyoung25@gmail.com	Mobile: 027 283 8395

Thanks for your support!

2026 Auckland Lantern Festival Notice



BNZ Auckland Lantern Festival returns in 2026 to celebrate the Year of the Horse!

Join us at the Manukau Sports Bowl on Thursday 26 February – Sunday 1st March 2026 for this free and family-friendly event.

BNZ Auckland Lantern Festival is a free Auckland Council Event delivered by Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, a council-controlled organisation.

Auckland Chinese Community Centre is again the community partner for this iconic event which attracts more than 110,000 attendees over four nights. Please refer to <https://www.aucklandnz.com/lantern> for more details.

ACCC will again have a riddles tents and we will be calling for volunteers to operate this stall and to assist with other Lantern Festival matters as the community partner. Ling Ling Liang will be coordinating these activities, mobile 021 0747199 and email linglingliang1029@gmail.com

Kai Luey

REPORT ON SOCIAL MAH JONG TOURNAMENTS



The third and fourth Social Mah Jong Tournament for 2025 was held on 24 August and 30 November. These tournaments had the maximum 14 tables with the sit-down dinner on the carpet area of the main hall. These tournaments were played with no chicken hands allowed and this will be the rule for all future tournaments.

As usual, all participants thoroughly enjoyed the events. Merry Tsao and Cathrine Ming did a tremendous job administrating the tournaments with the assistance of Keith & Alexander Wong in setting up, and Bonnie and her team put on fantastic afternoon teas, dinners and suppers.

The winners at the 24 August tournament were :-

1st Place Stella Lam, 2nd Place Chas Luen, 3rd Place Robert Mar, 4th Place Alex Wong
The winners at the 30 November tournament were :-

1st Place Stella Lam, 2nd Place May Mar, 3rd Place Nancy Wong, 4th Place Eve Graham

The overall winners for 2025 based on a minimum of 3 tournaments were:-

1st Place May Mar, 2nd Place Robert Mar, 3rd Place Chas Luen, 4th Place Andy Tang

Kai Luey

AUCKLAND MAYORALTY CANDIDATES FORUM



Auckland Chinese Community Centre Inc. 屋仑华侨会所 hosted an informative Mayoralty candidate's forum on 7 September 2025. High profile candidates including the incumbent Mayor Wayne Brown along with Kerrin Leoni, Ted Johnson, John Alcock and Eric Chuah attended.

The topics of discussion were diverse ranging from strategic issues facing Auckland, through to infrastructure, housing, transport, economics and fiscal management. Each candidate delivered their views on how to make Auckland better. People in the audience also wanted to seek views on Māori Statutory Boards – which reflected the range of questions and debate which ensued.

ACCC continue to host these important central and local government forums to gain a better understanding of each candidate's views and their outlook to our diverse communities and ethnicities. We were pleased that Wayne Brown attended our forum as up to that stage he was not willing to engage on any mayoralty debate and there were limited public sessions he was available as a candidate spokesperson.

This was our second hosting of the local Auckland mayoralty race and follows on from the 2023 general election leader's forum for central government – which again was well attended by candidates and local Chinese community.

ACCC invited over 20 Chinese candidates who were putting their names forward to stand for Council or local board office. It was pleasing to see many Asians participating in local body politics and reaching out to represent their ethnic communities and being advocates for their

local board area. Of the 20 running – 10 Chinese candidates were successful in being elected – and summarised below: -

David Wong – Ōrākei Local Board

Sylvia Yan, Selena Wong, Rebecca Huang – Upper Harbour

Fiona Lai – Puketāpapa

Susan Diao – Henderson Massey

Raymond Tan – Kaipātiki

Kai Zhang, Peter Young – Howick Flat Bush

Jack Tan – Alber Eden/Maungawhau

Overall the event was well attended (thanks to Bonnie and the team for catering and support) and for those busy candidates it was a nice Father's Day afternoon at the office.

2025 MOON FESTIVAL YUM CHAR



The Annual ACCC Moon Festival Yum Char was held on Saturday 20 September at Cypress Restaurant, 296 Dominion Road, Mt Eden from 10.00am to 11.30 am. The Restaurant was at capacity of 24 tables x 12 per table. Families and various groups book tables eg Badminton group (2 tables), Dancing group (2 tables). The NZCA Cantonese Language Music School booked out four tables in an adjacent room. It was a great learning experience in Chinese culture and Chinese food.

It is an ACCC subsidized event at a cost of \$10 per person for Enduring and Financial Members for 2025, for a selection of dumplings, rice rolls, chicken feet, custard tart, sesame balls, turnip cake, fried rice, noodles etc. A real treat to have that many dishes!!! Many thanks to the Auckland Chinese Community Centre for its generosity.

The first of the ACCC Subsidized Yum Char in 2026 will be held on the 26 January 2026. If not an Enduring member then need to pay your 2026 Membership now.

REPORT ON 2025 CHINA NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION EVENT



ACCC celebrated the 76th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China with members of many Auckland Chinese organizations at their Mangere premises on Sunday, 28 September 2025 starting at 2.00pm. A crowd of around 300 people attended this event.

This event commenced with a lion dance performed by the E-Pac Group and was followed by the raising of the New Zealand and China flags while respective national anthems were being played. Our Chairman, David Tai, welcomed everyone and congratulated China for their achievement of transforming China over their 76 years of existence from a poor country to one of the most powerful countries in the world. The Chinese Ambassador (Dr Wang Xiaolong) from Wellington delivered his keynote address which was then followed by speeches from Minister for Ethnic Communities (Hon. Mark Mitchell), and the Labour Ethnic Communities spokesperson (Hon. Jenny Salesa). A video of greetings from the Auckland Deputy Mayor (Desley Simpson) was also shown to the audience.

Three cultural performances entertained the audience before refreshments were served. The performances were from Nan ZHOU, a distinguished Chinese–New Zealand baritone singer, the ACCC Tai Chi Group led by Rosemary Tan, and the Joyee Hanfu Chinese Dance Group. Formal photographs were taken during refreshments. The event finished around 4 pm.

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

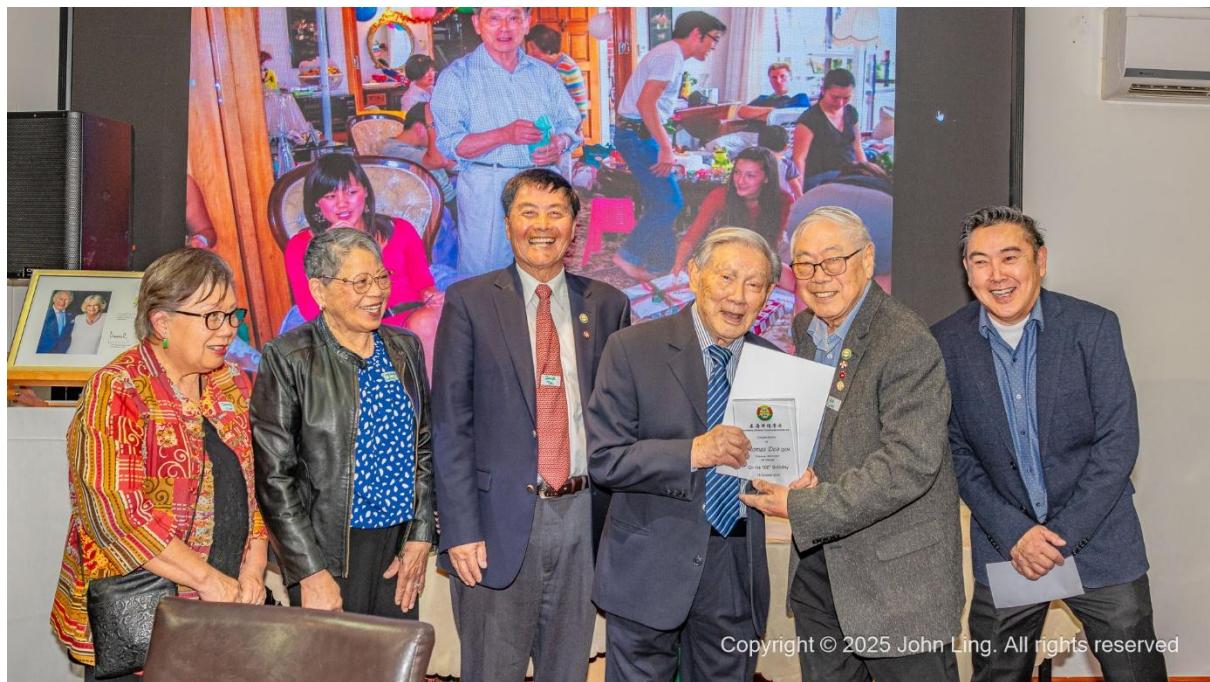


Thomas Doo 100 Year Birthday Celebrations

Our esteemed former Chairman and significant supporter of ACCC for many many years, Thomas Doo, attended our normal Tuesday Senior Lifestyle Group get-together to celebrate his milestone achievement on reaching 100 on 16 October 2025. John Ling kindly arranged a special scroll to present to Tom to commemorate this special occasion. We were joined by various former ACCC Committee members when Tom was the Chairman.



Tom Doo held his personal 100th birthday celebration at Lucky Fortune Restaurant on Sunday, 12 October 2025 attended by his many relatives and a few close friends. A small group of ACCC members with close association with Tom were invited to this special occasion and presented Tom with a special plaque to mark his milestone.



Children's Day 2025 on 1st November— A Heartwarming Celebration of Joy and Community



Children's Day 2025 was a beautiful mix of laughter, colour, and genuine togetherness as families gathered to celebrate our tamariki. As always, the day opened with the bright gong of the Lion Dance, setting a festive and joyful atmosphere that carried through every corner of the event.

Throughout the day, children immersed themselves in a world of activities—trying Cantonese opera, police physical exercises, Hato Hone St John CPR, line dancing, and moving to the beat of West African drumming. The Sedan Chair ride made a charming return, giving little ones a playful glimpse into traditional Chinese transport. A big thank you to our Sport Clubs, Volleyball teams, and ACMZ for supporting activities and providing caring health checks for our members.



The Creative Corner was alive with imagination as children folded origami birds, decorated hot-air balloons, and lined up for face painting. Out on the field, the day hummed with excitement—kites soaring, tug-of-war competitions. A lucky draw that kept everyone smiling. The balloon shower and lolly scramble added pure, infectious joy.

A standout feature this year was the Lion Dance Heads and Cantonese Opera Costume Display. These intricate costumes—once worn by ACCC members decades ago—captivated visitors with their beauty and history, gently rekindling interest in a cherished cultural tradition.



And of course, Children's Day wouldn't be complete without food. Prepared lovingly by our wonderful kitchen team, the Kids Tea Party, dinner, and desserts were more than just food — they were moments of connection. Every shared plate, every sweet treat, and every warm bite brought families closer together, turning simple meals into comfort, culture, and community. Dragon Beard Sweets added a touch of ancient charm and sweetness, bringing smiles to both little ones and grown-ups.



Photographer: Philip Chong

As evening arrived, families gathered for the spectacular Fireworks Finale. Watching children's faces glow with wonder beneath the sparkling sky was the perfect end to a magical day. Children's Day 2025 was made possible by our incredible volunteers, performers, supporters, and every family who joined us. Thank you for bringing your warmth, spirit, and smiles. We can't wait to celebrate with you again next year!

Reports on Basketball Tournaments



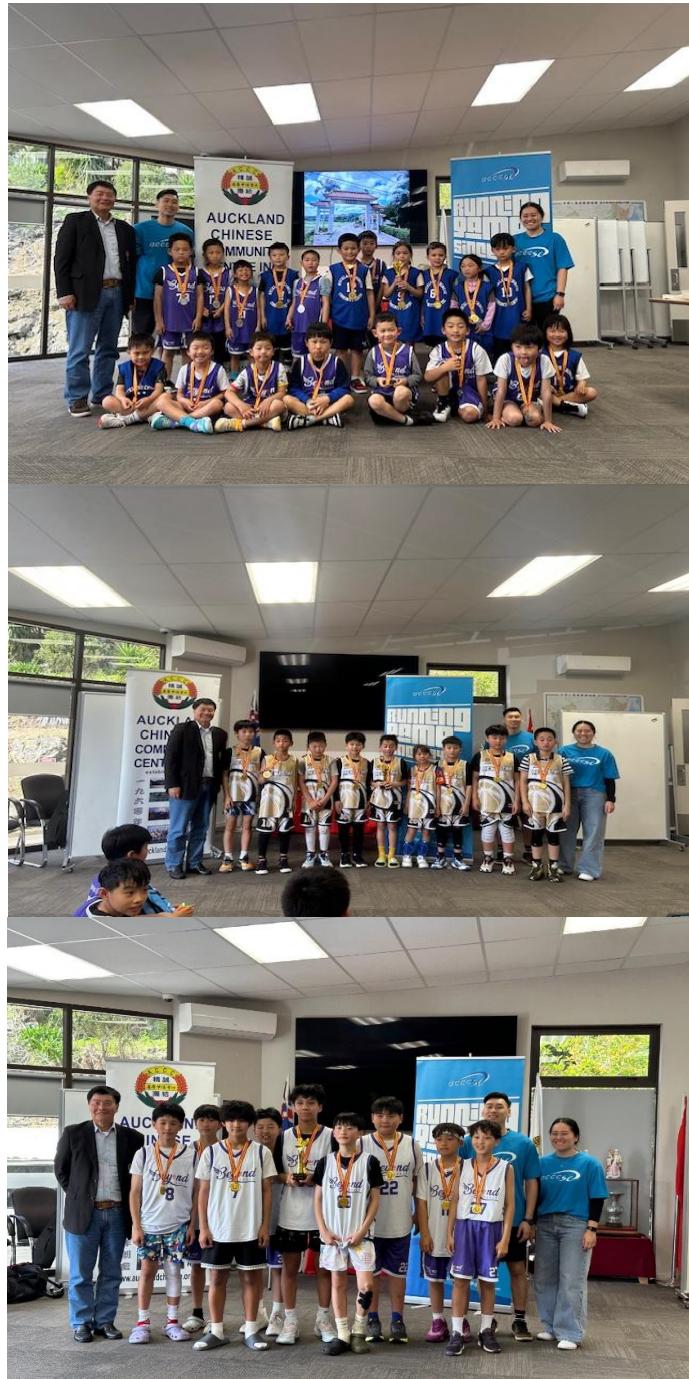
Auckland Chinese Community Centre with co-host New Zealand Chinese Sports Association held its 10th Annual Chinese Men's Basketball Tournament on 17 August 2025 at our Mangere Hall. Eight entries were received this year with a combined team from Tauranga & Hamilton for the first time. The tournament again featured some very competitive and close games with the eventual winners RIP City.



Many thanks to our valued sponsors Legendary Homes and the Federation of NZ Chinese Association 2016, Simon Li and the ACCC Sports Club for organising the tournament and to the ACCC kitchen team for the presentation refreshments.

The annual Junior Basketball Tournament was held at our Mangere Hall on 18/19 October 2025. This was the usual very friendly but competitive event thoroughly enjoyed by all the participants with the winners

Intermediate Grade	Beyond
Miniball Grade	New Star
Tiniball Grade	ACCC Sports Club



Many thanks to Simon Li and Paige Young for organising the tournament and to the ACCC volunteers for providing snacks & refreshments

ACCC Chinese School Report



Introduction

The third term of ACCC Chinese School ended on September 14. The fourth term began on October 12, 2025. Currently, the total number of students in the Mandarin and Cantonese classes is 45.

Community Activities

Over the past few months, in addition to attending weekly classes, the school also participated in several community activities. On September 6, 2025, our school took part in the 'Chinese Language Week' community event organized by Mt Albert Library. Our students performed recitations, dances, and songs. There were over a hundred audience members at the library that day, and the students' performances were outstanding. The library presented the school with a certificate of appreciation.

Another student activity was on November 1 at ACCC's Children's Day and Fireworks Day event. The students wore traditional costumes and performed songs and dances, creating a lively atmosphere. The dance performances received enthusiastic applause from the audience, who eagerly took photos to capture the moment.

Upcoming Events

After the fourth term ends, the school will hold its annual student award ceremony on December 14. Students will also perform songs, dances, and recitations at the event. Each student will receive a gift. The award ceremony is open to all students, parents, and relatives.

Enrollment Information

The first term of 2026 will begin on February 1. Enrollment is now open for children's and adult classes in Mandarin and Cantonese. Registration forms can be downloaded from the Chinese Association's website, or you can email acccChineseschool@gmail.com or call 021-2349954 for more details.

Written by Alfred Li
Date: November 2025

End of Year Volleyball Wrap Up 2025

This year has been one of outstanding growth, teamwork and unforgettable achievements across our volleyball community. As we close out the season, it's a great chance to celebrate the highlights, recognise the commitment of our members, and acknowledge the support that keeps our club thriving.

Girls Team Won their first Tournament

Our biggest youth highlight came from the Girls Volleyball team, the Pink Missiles, who delivered an exceptional performance and won the ACVL one day youth tournament in September. Their determination, teamwork, and composure under pressure were evident throughout the day, finishing strong and proudly bringing home the Trophy which we have on display at the ACCC cabinet.



Their success reflects the hard work put in throughout the years, weekly trainings, skill development, and a collective desire to improve. A huge congratulations to the players and coaching team for this well-deserved achievement. A big thank you to all the parent's support for dropping the girls off week in week out and supporting them to develop volleyball at ACCC.

ACCC Men's and Women's at Great Lake Tournament

Another highlight came when several of our ACCC men's and women's players travelled to compete in the Great Lake Tournament held in Taupō. The event brought together strong teams from across the region.

We wish to congratulate the ladies for winning and taking the trophy home from this competitive tournament



Looking Ahead

With rising talents, and growing participation across the club, 2026 is shaping up to be another exciting year. We look forward to building on this momentum, strengthening our programmes, and continuing to create pathways for all athletes to thrive.

End-of-Year Tournament & Club Celebration

We wrapped up the season with our annual end-of-year tournament and club party - a fantastic day of “friendly competition”, laughter, and connection. It was great to see players of all levels mixing together, enjoying the game in a relaxed environment, and celebrating the year’s achievements as a community. The energy, the sportsmanship, and the shared pride in how far our club has come truly made it a memorable way to finish 2025.

Keen to Join Us?

Whether you’re a seasoned volleyballer looking for social volleyball, a complete beginner wanting some basic training, or a youth, women’s, or men’s player wanting more structured development to advance your skills - get in touch (email: accc.volleyball@gmail.com). We welcome all levels and would love to have you as part of our growing community.

Wishing everyone a safe, relaxing break — see you back on court in the new year.

Pukekohe Pickleball Club Challenge



Sixteen players from our ACCC pickleball group travelled to Pukekohe on Saturday, 30th August, for our annual challenge match with the Pukekohe Pickleball Club at the Franklin Pool and Leisure Centre.

We entered two teams of eight players each (four men and four women). One team competed in the Open Grade, while the other represented us in the Over-60s division.

As always, the games were fiercely competitive and played in great spirit. Although we were narrowly beaten this year, participation and friendship were the real winners.

At half-time, our hosts treated us to a delicious afternoon tea, and after the matches many of us carried on to the Franklin Club, where we enjoyed a very sociable evening with some of the Pukekohe players over drinks and dinner.

It was another thoroughly enjoyable and successful challenge, blending competition with friendship.

A big thank-you to Jeff, Naomi, Sharon, Sandra, Kevin, and the Pukekohe Club for their warm hospitality and for staging such a memorable event.

Report by Peter Sew Hoy and Lawrence Ngan

SENIOR LIFESTYLE GROUP OUTINGS

AWAAWAROA ALPACA FARM November 2025

36 lifestylers travelled to Pukekohe for a tour and talk with the alpacas followed by high tea. We learnt the owners have 120 animals. We learnt a pregnancy takes 11.5 months. Two weeks later, a male stud could be brought in to mate again.

So baby alpacas are born year-round. A male stud can cost up to \$150,000. This Awaawaroa Alpaca farm has 8 males who are kept busy year-round. The girls are kept for breeding and their fibre. The boys sadly are sold off to lifestyle blocks for a life of leisure.





ACCC WERE WOWED IN WELLINGTON





Obituary

Percy Kai Fong

4 July 1934 to 20 February 2025

Percy Kai Fong 陳玉麟 was the oldest son of Chan Kai Fong (aka Harry Kai Fong) and his wife Winnie Wong (aka Wong You Jung) The third of five siblings.

On 12 September 1959, Percy married Iva Hing 吳愛華, a daughter of Ng Yoi Hing and Lilly Hing. Percy loved his sport—soccer in his youth, then squash, badminton, and table tennis in later years. In 1972, he relocated from Rotorua to Auckland, to give his five children the opportunity for a university education. Over the years, he ran several businesses, including a car wash, supermarket, and coffee lounge.

Deeply committed to the Chinese community, he served for many years on the ACCC Committee and was honoured with Life Membership for his contributions. He was known for his legendary cheesecakes, scones, shortbread, and afghan biscuits. Tuesdays were sacred “Seniors Day” at the ACCC and he always looked forward to the events hosted by the Women’s Club.

He embraced languages from across the Pacific— Māori, Samoan, Tongan, Fijian, Indonesian, and Mandarin—traveling to China following Iva’s passing. He enjoyed travelling, both overseas and within NZ – visiting family and engaging with friends he had made. Percy loved singing and dancing and in the last year winning chocolate fish (at the Edmund Hilary Retirement Village).

He is survived by five children, twelve grandchildren, and one great-grandchild, with another great grandchild on the way.

Helen Wong September 2025



Fellow Har Gee villagers, Auckland. Eva Lai (Nee Chan), Lai Lo King, Percy Kai Fong, Moo Jing Wong (Nee Chan)



Percy with his legendary Cheesecake
NZCA Christmas December 2013

Obituary

AH CHEE, Molly.



Molly Ah Chee passed away peacefully on Saturday 18th Oct. She was an active member of ACCC attending taichi and all associated functions along with NZCA Women's talks and she especially enjoyed Sid's bongo drum session and the recent superb high tea.

There wasn't much she didn't want to attend and remained active up until her medical event 4 days prior to her passing.

She was 96 yrs old and had lived 25 years on after her husband Tom died.

She leaves a huge legacy for her four daughters, Bonnie, Louise, Debbie and Julie, and her loved 11 grandies and 4 great grandies.

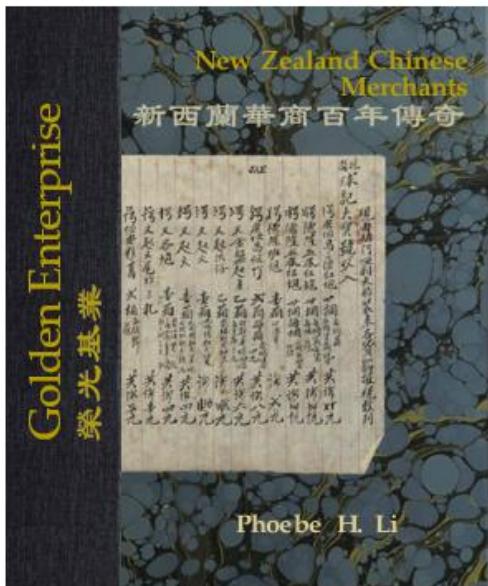
She will be missed forever by all who knew her.

BOOKS FOR SALE



Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust

華人人頭稅歷史遺產信託委員會



Cantonese merchants facilitated early Chinese immigration to New Zealand and their social and business networks laid the foundation of the Chinese community in the South Pacific. Zooming in on these merchants' dynamic roles in the making of Chinese New Zealanders through a lens of New Zealand's changing relationships with China, Britain and beyond, this book commissioned by the [Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust](#) revisits New Zealand Chinese history from the 1860s to the 1970s.

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Starch Work By Experts: Chinese Laundries in Aotearoa New Zealand \$30

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

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Home cooking through the generations since Chinese Women settled in New Zealand over the last 100 years. They have shared their recipes and their life stories which began in different circumstances but have similarities in their assimilation to the Kiwi lifestyle. *The love of cooking* is their way of ensuring that the Chinese culture continues.

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