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AUCKLAND CHINESE COMMUNITY CENTRE INC

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# Chairman's Message

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope you have all enjoyed the number of important Western (Christmas and New Year) and Chinese (Chinese New Year and Chinese Lantern) festivals and looking forward to the new year of the Fire Horse.

Our premiere annual Chinese New Year Festival & Market Day event was once again successfully held at the Auckland Showgrounds on Saturday 14 February 2026. We were very lucky that the rain left for the day just before the official opening to enable us to have a very successful event. This year we welcomed a few new major sponsors as well as retaining our regular valued sponsors. A separate report on this event is included in this newsletter.



This is our second year involvement in the 2026 BNZ Lantern Festival as their Community Partner. We have been successful in obtaining over \$143,000 of grants for this event to contribute to its success. This event was once again held at the Manukau Sports Bowl from 26 February to 1 March and attracted over 200,000 people this year. Our immediate past Chairman stood in for the Chairman (being overseas) to speak on behalf of the Auckland Community at its Official Opening. Our Riddle stall located in the cultural tent at the Lantern Festival remained very popular.

On 30 January 2026, a group of students from Nankai University visited our Centre. We organised a programme for them that included a tour of our premises, a talk on the history of ACCC, a short video on the history of the Chinese who established this organisation, morning tea, and a brief discussion on the planning of our 2026 Chinese New Year event. We were also able to get two Nankai University alumni to share their experience with the group.



We hosted a group of 14 students selected by the Shanghai Branch of the Hong Kong Mirror newspaper for their Young Diplomats programme; firstly at our Chinese New Year event at the Auckland Showgrounds on 14 February and at our Mangere Hall on the morning of the 15 February. The purpose of this programme was to give potential future diplomats students some overseas experience. The main hosting of this programme in New Zealand was done by the NZ China Friendship Society.

During the last four months, we have also organised our successful New Year Eve dance (31.12.2025), our Auckland Anniversary Yum Char (26.1.2026), and a Chinese New Year Dinner (22.2.2026) which are reported separately in this newsletter.

Our Executive Committee has also organised a number of activities that you should enjoy over the next few months and notices for these activities are included in this newsletter. These activities include the following:

- 2026 ACCC Golf Tournament at Pukekohe Golf Club on Saturday, 17 May 2026
- 10 Pin Bowling Event at Zone Bowling Centre, Wairau Valley on Sunday, 24 May 2026
- 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner at Luck Fortune Restaurant on Saturday 6 June 2026. The ACCC Academic Excellence Awards for secondary students from years 11, 12 & 13 will be presented at this dinner
- Table Tennis Tournament at Mangere Hall on Saturday, 9 May 2026
- Badminton Tournament at Mangere Hall on Saturday, 13 June 2026.

The 2026 Annual General Meeting is coming up in July 2026 and this will be a non-election AGM. Everyone is welcome to this event to hear what our organisation has been up to. In last year's AGM, the Mangere Hall Extension project with an estimated cost of \$2.5 Million was approved to proceed. Subsequent preliminary design work done to produce the tender specification document revealed the need to enlarge the extension to avoid ceiling height issues for two of the three badminton courts. Also, the sole tender received for a design and construction contract did not give certainty on the final project costs being within the approved budget. The Committee has now decided to follow a standard design, tender and construction contract for the project. We are now proceeding with using a Quantity Surveyor to estimate the budget for the enlarged extension project and also consultants to obtain a Resource Consent for the project.

Our investment building at 772 Great South Road remained empty and unsold after a leasing followed by a sale process late last year. The Executive Committee took the view that ACCC should not accept a large loss by selling this property in the current difficult property market, so we returned to the leasing market. I am pleased that this property has now been successfully leased to 3A Group Limited for a 3 year plus three rights of renewal of 3-year term effective from 28 April 2026. This lease was achieved without agent fees at an annual rent that is lower than that paid by previous tenant (due to adverse market condition) but subject to annual adjustments in line with CPI movements. We are in discussion with the previous tenant about recovering of his outstanding rent payments.

We wish to express our deepest condolences to the families of a couple of our Enduring members who have recently passed away and these include Jack Chan, Sonny Tam and Lai Yew Young. I must acknowledge the generous \$10,000 donation to our organisation from Jack Chan's estate. Jack Chan's obituary is included in this newsletter.

I wish to express my deep appreciation to the officers and members of the Executive Committee for the time and effort they have made in organizing the many activities for members to enjoy and the management of our Mangere Hall facilities and investment properties.

David Tai  
**Chairman**

## 主席寄語

新年快樂！希望大家都度過了重要的西方節日（聖誕節和新年）以及中國節日（農曆新年和元宵節），並迎接馬年。

我們一年一度的農曆新年新春花市同樂日已於 2026 年 2 月 14 日在奧克蘭展覽中心成功舉行。很幸運在官方開幕前，雨就停了，使得活動得以順利進行。今年我們迎來了幾位新的主要贊助商，同時也保留了長期支持我們的贊助夥伴。本簡報中另有專文報導此活動。

今年是我們第二次以社區合作夥伴的身份參與 2026 BNZ 元宵燈會。我們成功為活動申請到超過 143,000 紐幣的補助金，以助其順利舉辦。今年的花燈會於 2 月 26 日至 3 月 1 日在 Manukau Sports Bowl 舉行，吸引超過 20 萬人次。由於主席在海外，我們的前任主席代表奧克蘭華社在官方開幕禮上致詞。我們在文化帳篷內設立的燈謎攤位依然備受歡迎。

2026 年 1 月 30 日，南開大學的一組學生訪問了本中心。我們為他們安排了節目，包括參觀場地、介紹 ACCC 的歷史、播放關於本組織創立華人的短片、上午茶，以及討論 2026 年農曆新年活動的初步籌劃。我們還邀請了兩位南開大學校友向來訪學生分享他們的經驗。

我們亦接待了由上海《香港鏡報》分社選拔的 14 位「青年外交官」計畫的學生，並於 2 月 14 日在奧克蘭展覽中心的農曆新年活動，以及 2 月 15 日上午在我們位於 Mangere 的會所接待他們。此計畫旨在讓未來可能成為外交官的學生接觸海外經驗。該計畫在紐西蘭的主要承辦單位為新中友好協會。

過去四個月裡，我們還成功舉辦了多項活動，包括新年前夕舞會（31.12.2025）、\*\*奧克蘭周年紀念日飲茶聚會（26.1.2026）\*\*以及農曆新年晚宴（22.2.2026）。這些活動均在本期通訊中另有報導。

執行委員會亦為未來幾個月籌劃了多項活動，並已在本通訊中公布，包括：

- 2026 ACCC 高爾夫錦標賽 — 2026 年 5 月 17 日（星期六）  
地點：Pukekohe 高爾夫俱樂部
- 保齡球活動 — 2026 年 5 月 24 日（星期日）  
地點：Wairau Valley Zone Bowling 中心
- ACCC 66 屆周年紀念晚宴 — 2026 年 6 月 6 日（星期六）  
地點：Luck Fortune 餐廳  
晚宴期間將頒發 ACCC 卓越學術獎予 11、12 與 13 年級學生
- 乒乓球錦標賽 — 2026 年 5 月 9 日（星期六）  
地點：Mangere Hall
- 羽毛球錦標賽 — 2026 年 6 月 13 日（星期六）  
地點：Mangere Hall

2026 年度會員大會（AGM）將在 2026 年 7 月舉行，這是一個非選舉年度的大會，歡迎所有會員出席，了解組織的最新發展。在去年的 AGM 中，預算為 250 萬紐幣的 Mangere Hall 擴建專案已獲批准。然而，根據隨後為招標文件進行的初步設計結果，發現需擴大擴建規模，以免其中兩個羽毛球場出現天花板高度不足的問題。同時，唯一收到的設計與施工合約投標未能確保最終造價在核准預算內。根據這些情況，委員會決定採用標準的設計、招標與施工合約流程。我們現已聘請工料測量師重新評估擴大後專案的預算，並聘請顧問申請資源許可。

我們位於 772 Great South Road 的投資建築在去年底的租賃及出售過程後仍然空置且未售出。執行委員會認為，ACCC 不應在當前艱難的房地產市場中以低價出售該物業而承受重大損失，因此我們重新進入租賃市場。我很高興地通知大家，該物業現已成功租賃給 3A Group Limited，租期為三年，並附有三年期的續租權，自 2026 年 4 月 28 日起生效。此租約在未支付中介費的情況下達成，年租金低於前租戶所支付的金額（由於市場狀況不佳），並將根據消費者物價指數變動進行年度調整。我們正在與前租戶討論其未付租金的追討事宜。

我們謹向近期離世的幾位長期會員的家屬表達最深切的哀悼，包括 Jack Chan、Sonny Tam 和 Lai Yew Young。特別感謝 Jack Chan 遺產向本會慷慨捐贈 10,000 紐幣。Jack Chan 的訃告已刊載於本通訊。

最後，我謹向執行委員會的各位人員致以誠摯的謝意，感謝他們為組織策劃眾多會員活動、管理 Mangere Hall 設施和投資物業所付出的努力與時間。

**戴榮都 (David Tai)**  
主席

# MEMBERSHIP REPORT AND NOTICE TO RENEWAL

ACCC membership is currently very strong. At the beginning of March 2026, there were 2665 members in our database (Family 930, Individual 556, Associate 67, Enduring 1112). However, a significant number are not financial members; we do not have the resources to send out membership invoices, but a reminder will be sent. The membership database is not completely accurate as some past members have moved away, or no longer wish to be members for various reasons.

We are now into the second quarter of 2026 already, and many annual Individual and Family members have not yet renewed for the year. For those who have not done so yet, please fill out the online membership form and pay the appropriate subscription amount (\$10 Individual, \$20 Family) into the ACCC account detailed at the bottom of the form. The online form is available on the ACCC website (<https://www.aucklandchinese.nz/membership/>). You can also use the form if your contact details have changed recently. Bank payments must be uniquely identifiable, such as tagged with 'membership' and your membership number or mob number.

ACCC communications are mostly digital now, so we must have every member's email address to ensure delivery of notices and newsletters. If you have not received anything from ACCC recently, please let us know so we can check your status in the mailing list: [acc.comms@gmail.com](mailto:acc.comms@gmail.com)

# **NOTICE OF 2026 AGM**

**ACCC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE  
MEMBERS LOUNGE, MANGERE HALL, 99 TAYLOR  
ROAD, MANGERE BRIDGE, AUCKLAND**

**AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY 26 JULY 2026**

All financial members are cordially invited to attend our 2026 Annual General Meeting (AGM). This AGM will be a non-election of Committee members event.

The Agenda is as follows:

1. Chair's Welcome
2. Confirm that the financial members present exceed the meeting quorum – 16 financial members personally present.
3. Apologies
4. Confirmation of Minutes for the 2025 Annual General Meeting,
5. Receive and approve the Chair's Annual Report for the 2025-26 year.
6. Receive the audited Annual Financial Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2026.
7. Setting of Membership Fees for Calendar Year 2027
8. Appointment of Auditor for the financial year ending 31 March 2027.
9. Disclosures of interests made by Officers
10. General Business
11. Refreshments

Leslie Young  
**Secretary**



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# 2026

## ACCC Golf Tournament

### 屋仑杯高尔夫球赛

Sunday 17 May 2026

地址 Venue: Pukekohe Golf Club,  
654 Karaka Road, Karaka.

费用 Fee: ACCC members \$75  
non members \$85

报名 Register: Virginia Chong, 021 982 726  
virginia.chong29@gmail.com



# Auckland Chinese Community Centre

## Golf Tournament 2026

The ACCC Golf Tournament will be held on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at Pukekohe Golf Club, 654 Karaka Road, Karaka.**

There will be competitions as follows:

1. Best Gross
2. Men's competition – Best Nett and Best Stableford
3. Women's competition – Best Nett and Stableford
4. ACCC Challenge Cup – Team of four – Stableford
5. Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin. Spot prizes Entry is on a first

come first served basis. Limited number of places. All players must be current financial or Enduring members of ACCC.

Each competing player must have an Official NZ Golf Handicap. Participants must be able to furnish their Club number and Membership number.

Social golfers welcome and are not required to have an official handicap. They will NOT however be eligible for the competitions, or the ACCC Challenge Cup.

Each team will consist of a minimum of three, but a maximum of four players, (may comprise both men and women). The team with the **highest aggregate stableford** points for the three best players will win the Team ACCC Challenge Cup. In the event of a tie, the winner will be the team with the **lowest aggregate handicap index** for the three counting players. Players do not have to be part of a team.

Entry fee for each player is **\$75.00** which entitles them to be part of a team entry. ACCC non-member entry fee is **\$85.00**. ACCC annual subscription is \$10.

The latest Royal and Ancient rules of golf and normal golf etiquette apply. For the enjoyment of all, please keep up with the group ahead.

Entries close on **Friday 8th May 2026.**

Please email your entry form with date and details of your payment to: [virginia.chong29@gmail.com](mailto:virginia.chong29@gmail.com)  
Please pay by direct credit to ACCC's Bank account: **ANZ 060101 0300774 00** stating your NAME and GOLF to identify the payment

Convenor: Virginia Chong      [virginia.chong29@gmail.com](mailto:virginia.chong29@gmail.com)      Mob: 021 982 726

# Auckland Chinese Community Centre Golf Tournament 2026 – Entry Form

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Affiliated Club\_\_\_\_\_Club Number\_\_\_\_\_

Membership Number\_\_\_\_\_Handicap Index\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Details: Mobile\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_

Are you entering a team: Yes / No

Name of Player1\_\_\_\_\_Player 2\_\_\_\_\_

Player 3\_\_\_\_\_Player 4\_\_\_\_\_

Separate entry form must be completed giving each player's details.

- If no, do you wish to be assigned to a team?
- Entry Fee: **\$75.00** for current financial or Enduring ACCC member  
**\$85.00** for non-financial member
- Carts must be prebooked – please advise me if you require one. Cost is \$60 per cart payable to the starter on collection of key.

Entries close on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

Please pay by direct credit to ACCC - ANZ 060101 0300774 00 Please identify your payment with your name & golf

Convenor: Virginia Chong [virginia.chong29@gmail.com](mailto:virginia.chong29@gmail.com) 021 982 726

Please feel free to distribute this notice to your friends and family

# 2026 ACCC 10-PIN BOWLING



Members and their family are invited to enjoy an afternoon of 10 Pin Bowling at  
**Zone Bowling Centre**

**10 TARGET COURT, WAIRAU VALLEY, GLENFIELD, NORTH SHORE**

**Sunday, 24 May 2026**

**1.30 pm for 2.00 start of games**

**\$20 PER PLAYER FOR SHOE HIRE, 2 GAMES AND REFRESHMENTS**

**RSVP ESSENTIAL BEFORE 17 MAY 2026 TO**

**Harry Wong Kam**

**[jennakam@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jennakam@xtra.co.nz)**

**021 922 397**

**LAST YEAR'S EVENT WAS OVER SUBSCRIBED SO DO NOT DELAY**

**LIMITED TO 48 PLAYERS**



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# 2026 屋仑杯乒乓球赛

## ACCC Cup Table Tennis Tournament

### 9 May, Saturday

Address: 99 Taylor Road, Mangere Bridge

Time : 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Fee : ACCC member free of charge,  
non member team (3 players) \$45

Registration: asiaworks.nz@gmail.com / 0221116868



Online registration : [www.aucklandchinese.nz](http://www.aucklandchinese.nz)

Major Sponsor:



Major Sponsor:



Media Partners:





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# 2026 屋崙杯羽毛球賽

## Badminton Tournament



13 June  
Saturday



Address: 99 Taylor Road, Mangere Bridge  
Time : 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM  
Fee : ACCC member \$10, non member \$20  
Registration: asiaworks.nz@gmail.com / 0221116868

**Tournament details: [www.aucklandchinese.nz](http://www.aucklandchinese.nz)**

Major Sponsor:



Major Sponsor:



Media Partners:





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**66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner**  
**六十六週年晚宴**

**AUCKLAND CHINESE COMMUNITY  
CENTRE INC**

**屋崙華僑會所**

**Chow Foo Restaurant**

126 Pakuranga Road, Pakuranga, Auckland

**Saturday, 6 June 2026 at 6.30 PM (BYOW)**

\$50.00 per person | Table of 12 - \$600.00

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**ANNIVERSARY DINNER MENU**

Soup of the Day  
Roasted Meat Platter (Roasted Pork Belly, BBQ Pork, Jelly Fish)  
Whole Cantonese Roasted Duck  
Whole Crispy Fried Chicken  
Steamed Marble Goby - Large  
Golden Fried Shrimp Balls (12 pcs)  
Crispy Pork Ribs with Plum Sauce  
Braised Tofu with Mushrooms  
Sautéed Seasonal Veg with Garlic  
Lamb chops with Black Bean Sauce  
Steamed Rice  
Plate of Fruit

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**For bookings, please contact:**

Connie Kum: 022 184-1925 | [cojay@xtra.co.nz](mailto:cojay@xtra.co.nz)

Kai Luey: 021 333 125 | [kailuey@gmail.com](mailto:kailuey@gmail.com)

**ONLINE BANKING: ANZ Bank**

Account Name: Auckland Chinese Community Centre

Account Number: 06-0101-0300774-02

Reference: [First Name] [Surname]

**BOOK AND PAY EARLY TO AVOID MISSING OUT! ( Limited Tables Available!)**

**[LATE BOOKINGS WILL BE WAIT-LISTED]**

# ACCC 2025 New Year's Eve Dance Party Report



The ACCC New Year's Eve Dance Party at the Mangere Hall had over 200 people enjoying themselves right up to the Balloon Drop at midnight!



Our popular dance band The D'Starlights played a mix of Ballroom, Latin and Dance Floor Classics and had everyone up on the floor.



It was a terrific party atmosphere with Supper provided thanks to the hard working ACCC Dance Committee and the ACCC Catering team.

**The ACCC Dance Committee:**



Report by Les Young, Photos thanks to George Gin

# Report on Auckland Anniversary Yum Char



The Auckland Anniversary Yum Char was once again held at the Cypress Restaurant, Mt Eden on Monday 28 January 2025 from 10 am - 11.30am. Despite the fact that it was a long weekend the Yum Char was attended by 288 (24 tables) Yum Char 'foodies'. It is a great opportunity for family and friends to get together and enjoy the heavily subsidized event.

And what a coincidence for Dot to meet up with her Sunday School teacher's daughter of yesteryear. And Alex and Janice's daughters were at school together. With 288 people attending there is every likelihood of some reconnections. Oh, and Colleen met up with the sister of a University friend that she was bridesmaid for. How fascinating that there were three tables with these reconnections!!! It wasn't even planned either.

When attending Yum Char at Cypress Restaurant there is free parking BUT you need to scan your car registration onto the parking QR code that is on the counter of the Restaurant.

The next Yum Char will be celebrating Autumn Moon Festival (Autumn in the northern hemisphere) but Spring in the Southern hemisphere or Down under. September!!!

# 2026 ACCC CHINESE NEW YEAR FESTIVAL & MARKET DAY EVENT REPORT



The 2026 ACCC Chinese New Year Festival and Market Day event was held with great success at the Auckland Showgrounds on 14 February 2026 to welcome the Chinese New Year, the Year of the Fire Horse. We must have had a divine blessing for this event because the overnight rain chose to leave only five minutes before the Official Opening and stayed away for the rest of the day.

The Official Opening of the event began at 10am with the Prime Minister (Rt Hon. Chris Luxon), Ambassador (Dr Wang Xiaolong) dotting the eyes of the Lions before the lions danced and then led the guests into the indoor concert hall for formal speeches. Other VIP guests included the Consul General (Chen Shijie) of the Peoples' Republic of China, Deputy Mayor of Auckland (Desley Simpson) and the Deputy of the Leader of the Labour Party (Hon. Carmel Sepuloni),

Major Sponsors presentation of ceremonial cheques to ACCC Executive Officers followed the speeches. The Official Opening concluded with two wonderful cultural performances.



The event was enjoyed by over 20,000 members of the Auckland community. This event was only possible mainly due to the wonderful support from our co-host Channel 33, our loyal major sponsors, such as Multimedia, Tiger Fintech, Barfoot & Thompson, ANZ Bank, Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust, Legendary Homes, Fresher Futures, Auto Distributors NZ Ltd, and Oriental Merchants (NZ) Ltd, plus new major sponsors such as Lee Kum Kee and Western Union. ACCC wishes to express their sincere thanks to all these major and other minor sponsors, stallholders, and valuable hard-working volunteers who have made this 2026 event such a great success. This year, we were fortunate to be able to tap into an Auckland University Volunteers Group for 20 young volunteers to help us.

All the sponsors and stallholders were very happy with this year's event and many have expressed their wish to participate in the 2027 event. ACCC has pencil booked the Auckland Showgrounds on Saturday, 30 January 2027 for its 2027 Chinese New Festival event.

# REPORT ON 2026 AUCKLAND LANTERN FESTIVAL

Auckland Chinese Community Centre Inc was again the community partner with Tātaki Auckland Unlimited (TAU) for the 2026 BNZ Auckland Lantern Festival held at Manukau Sports Bowl from 26 February to 1 March 2026.

In the absence of Chairman David Tai, Kai Luey delivered a speech on behalf of all Chinese in Greater Auckland area at the Opening Ceremony on the first evening of the event. Our contributions were also acknowledged on a special billboard.

ACCC was only allocated a smaller 3 metre x 3 metre stall this year. However, with colourful decorations and adjusting the layout to make the English riddles more visible, whilst having the Chinese riddles arranged in two slightly scattered lines, we still managed to engage effectively with the very diverse Auckland communities. In particular because of the hard work of Cathrine Ming and Bonnie Lynch in developing and integrating new English riddles, we observed a significant shift in demographics, successfully attracting a much larger English-speaking audience compared to previous years.

Many thanks to Ling Ling Liang for her tremendous efforts in organising the ACCC riddles tent, to Bonnie Lynch for coordinating the exchange of parking passes, and to the dedicated team of over 20 volunteers whose proactive approach encouraged the visitors to enjoy the traditional Chinese culture of solving riddles.

Kai Luey



# REPORT ON FIRST SOCIAL MAH JONG TOURNAMENT

The first Social Mah Jong Tournament for 2026 was held on Sunday, 8 March. The tournament again had the maximum 14 tables with the sit down dinner on the carpet area of the main hall. The standard rules witsit-downncken hands was again applicable.

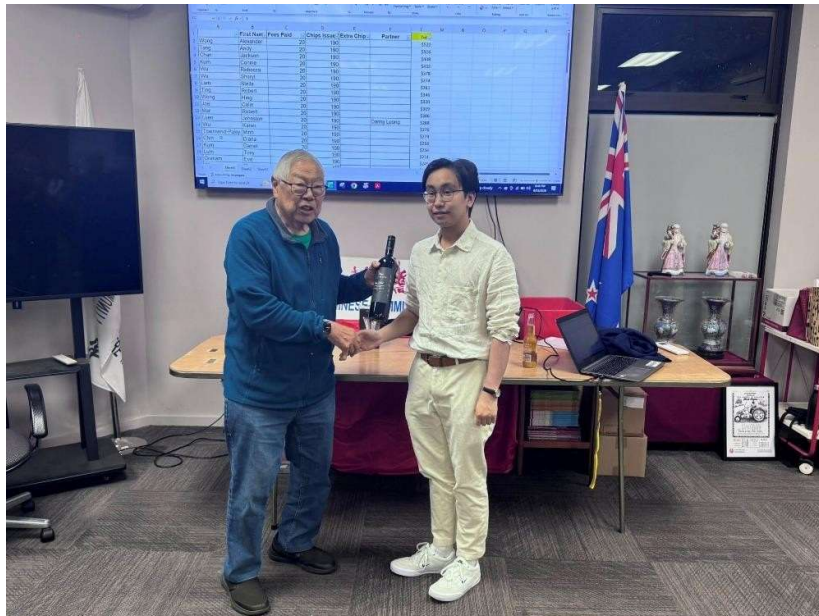
As usual, all participants thoroughly enjoyed the event. Many thanks to Jenny Miller & Rean Wong for the donation of prizes, Cathrine Ming for a tremendous job administrating the tournament with the assistance of Keith & Alexander Wong in setting up, and Bonnie and her team put on fantastic afternoon teas, dinners and suppers.

The winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> Alexander Wong , 2<sup>nd</sup> Andy Tang, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jackson Chan, 4<sup>th</sup> Connie Kum.

The other 2026 Social Mah Jong Tournaments will be in May, August & November.

Kai Luey



# SENIOR LIFESTYLE OUTING TO CAMBRIDGE

## CHAMPION HORSES - CHAMPION ATHLETES

WEDNESDAY 04 MARCH 2026

The perfect weather, a comfy coach, and fantastic company all combined to make a day to remember. 31 senior lifestylers enjoyed the trip to Cambridge New Zealand!

The schedule was seamless for our 3 visitations. We learnt so much about our history.

Firstly, we stopped at Rangiriri, where in 1863, Māoris battled with 850 British forces for this Waikato land.

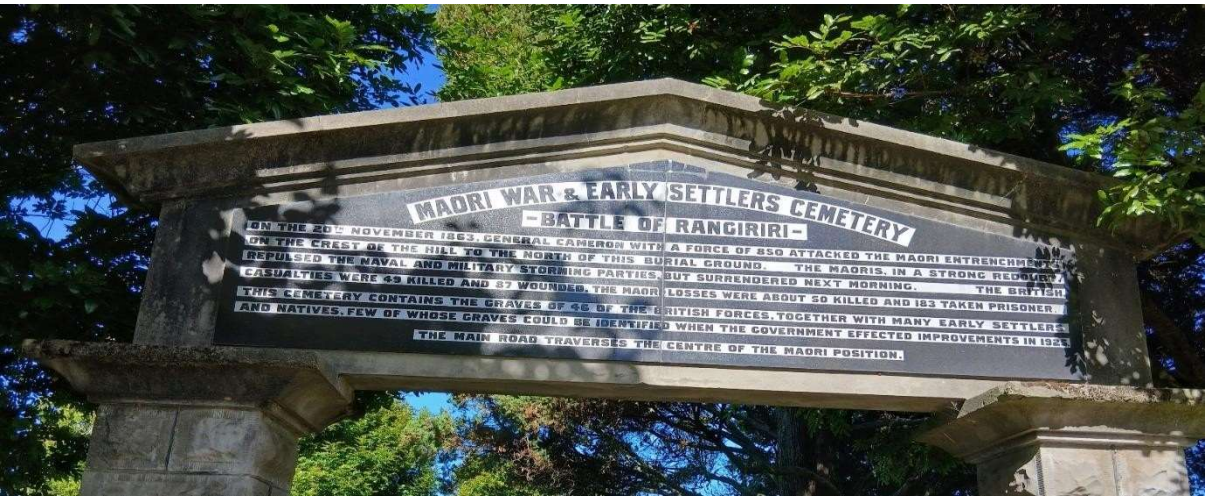
The cemetery contains the graves of 45 unknown soldiers.

The famous Fixate café served us delicious morning tea of hot drink, muffin and warm buttered scones. A perfect indication of the treats awaiting us.

We were thrilled to visit the Cambridge Stud, started 50 years ago by Sir Patrick Hogan. He put NZ horse breeding and us on the world map with Sir Tristram, dad to 41 world leading race cup winners. The newly built Heritage Museum showcases the Hogan's successes. And well worth a visit.

Everyone agree the 2 hours spent at the Grassroots Velodrome was the icing on the cake. We learnt so much about bikes and racing and watched the NZ Mens cycling team in training for the upcoming Commonwealth and Olympic Games. To be able to actually stand on the wooden racing track and have our photo taken on it was a great thrill and honour.





We had a gentle explore around this Fletchers housing development. We even viewed the open home. 2 storeys, 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms. 1 garage. Price \$1,799,000. Lunch was either Mrs Bun or yum cha!



Janet Lowe

# Obituary - Jack Foh Chan 陳紹雄

## 30<sup>th</sup> September 1930 - 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025

### A Life of Enterprise and Entrepreneurship

Jack was born in the small rural town of Raetihi near Mt Ruapehu in 1930. His parents Mr Chan Yin and Mrs Mark Moy Chan, ran the Waimarino Supply Store in Ohakune. His father was somewhat famous in the area, for getting lost in the bush on a hunting trip, and was the subject for the story “The Lost Chinaman” written by James Hyndes in 1911.



Jack came from a family of six children, although as Jack's mother was the third wife of Mr Chan Yin, there were 19 children in total with some not surviving infancy. Some of Chan Yin's other children living in NZ and some remained in Hong Kong and China.

When Jack was six, the family moved back to the hustle and bustle of Hong Kong. However not long after, they were caught up in the turmoil of World War II. His father owned the Cathay Cinema Theatre on Wanchai Rd which was confiscated by the Japanese for war time use. As a small child living through war time Hong Kong, Jack witnessed the cruelty of war, and lost his own father during those times who died from illness.

After the war ended, the remaining family returned to New Zealand, aboard a small cargo ship as refugees, determined to start a new life. For economic reasons the family was split up to live with close family friends, Jack and his mother stayed in Wellington along with his brother Young who had returned to NZ earlier. Jack spoke little English when he returned to New Zealand, despite this, he attended Wellington Technical College and excelled in his studies. Years later, he would be honoured by the school, along with some of Wellington's most well-known figures, as the highest-achieving alumni in its history.

After graduating high school, and with the family now reunited in Wellington, Jack helped out in the family run store **Pacific Fruit Supply**, when a sharp-eyed bank manager noticed his book keeping skills, and encouraged him to consider business as a career.

In these years, Jack was a keen basketball player, and even helped organized a trip to Fiji for his team to play in a tournament. He also gained his pilot's licence with a dream of flying commercial aircraft. Unfortunately, there were too many barriers after the wars for that dream to come true.

In 1960, he moved to Auckland, to become a partner of Arthur Lowe Ltd, a well-known food manufacturer. Taking the role of sales and marketing manager, he achieved a most memorable contribution to New Zealand's culinary story – introducing *Spring Rolls* to the many Fish and Chip shops across New Zealand. He even flew a plane to deliver Spring Rolls to some of NZ's smallest towns, and show shop owners how to cook them in their deep fryers. His promotion of spring rolls was so successful the factory was unable to keep up the supply, taking them a full 15 months to catch up with incoming orders.

On 25<sup>th</sup> February 1967 Jack married the love of his life Marcia Chan in Auckland, the start of a long life together over the next 54 years. He also in that year helped develop a high-rise apartment building in Devonport which still stands today.

A few years later Jack and Marcia moved to Wellington, and they bought a small corner store in

Berhampore, that they named **Chan's Place**. They lived above the shop in a modest apartment where they started their family with the arrival of their two sons Lincoln and Stephen. Jack found the routine of running specials in the store too stressful to maintain, he decided to scrape them in favour of lowering all his prices, and advertising his price lists on the free TV Weekly. Customers flocked in from all areas - and soon sales in their little store increased by a whopping 450 percent.

Having his sights set on a much larger challenge, they closed their little shop, and in 1980 along with Marcia's brother Vivian Chan opened **Chan's Supermart** in Newtown. Carrying over the same operating model from his smaller store, the supermarket was given the accolade as the cheapest store in the North Island by Consumer Magazine. He then expanded in 1987 with a new branch in Johnsonville Mall which he named **Chan's For Food**, where he introduced Asian food products onto the shelves, which were well received by his customers.

When circumstances forced him to close the Johnsonville store, Jack didn't want to end his retail career on such a low note. He teamed up with his long-time friend Charlie Young, and opened in downtown Wellington what became probably his most iconic store **Mr. Chan's**. Expanding on the Asian products line, it was one of the first Asian supermarkets in the city, and it quickly became a household name.

At the age of 67, Jack finally decided it was time to retire, although anyone who knew him, could've guessed that "retirement" would not last for very long. Always looking for another challenge to occupy his time, he joined forces with developer Warwick Angus, to embark on his biggest and boldest venture yet - building and opening the five-star **Bolton Hotel** in the heart of Wellington city.

Throughout all his many ventures, Jack would often say the greatest reward wasn't the success itself, but all the friendly greetings, that he and Marcia would get in public from those who would come up and shake their hands, genuinely expressing their pleasure in having shopped at their stores.

Apart from his many businesses Jack was an avid golfer well into his 90's. He also enjoyed practicing Tai Chi - and was once featured, in a McDonald's commercial as a Tai Chi Master. He even tried his hand at acting, once appearing in a Peter Jackson film called *Forgotten Silver*, as a Chinese gold prospector. He had a lifelong fascination with Chinese history and literature, and he could tell you about every dynasty, and every emperor in great detail. As well as describe the "Eight Great Cuisines of China", and how of course (without bias), that Cantonese food was the best of them all. He had a fondness for travel, especially on cruise ships, and he and Marcia were often off on a trip exploring different parts of the world.

He faced life's challenges with determination and grace - none more so, than when he and Marcia cared for their son Lincoln during his battle with cancer. In 2021 he lost Marcia to Alzheimer's, he stood by her every day until her very last, always devoted to her as her husband.

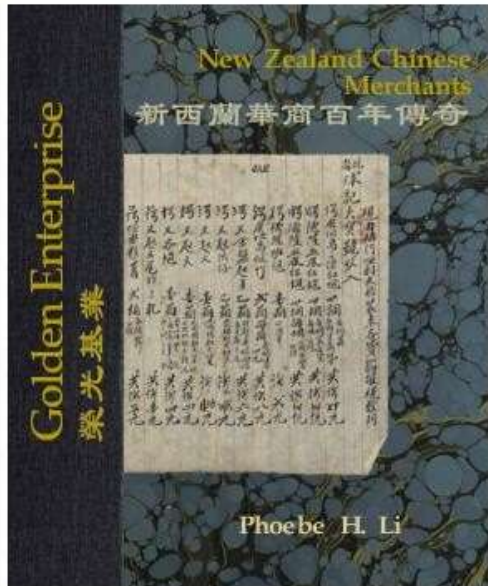
Jack passed away on October 13<sup>th</sup> after a long struggle with dementia. A service was held for him at Davis Funeral Services in Auckland on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025. He is survived by his son Stephen and his granddaughter Maya.

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