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Chairman's Message

The Executive Committee has worked very hard over the last four months to organize the many traditional events such as Social Mah Jong Tournaments, the annual 10-Pin Bowling event, annual Golf Tournament, our 66th Anniversary Dinner function, Table Tennis and Basketball tournaments, and AGM for our members to enjoy. There are separate reports of these events within this newsletter.

At our 66th Anniversary dinner, I was proud to present certificates to fourteen talented winners of our ACCC Academic Excellence Awards. These awards were created over four years ago to encourage and reward our youths who excel in their academic studies and extracurricular activities. I wish them every success in their chosen field of study.



This year's AGM held on 26 July 2026 was a non-election AGM. My report to the AGM appears later in this newsletter.

At this AGM, there was a discussion and approval given to increase our annual membership subscription for Ordinary and Associate Members to \$15 for individual membership and \$30 family membership, effective from the new financial year. This will be the first increase in subscription for over 10 years. For similar reasons, the Executive Committee had earlier approved increases in activities fees to \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. This increase was necessary to ensure the money collected as activities fees would cover the hall's operating costs.

A progress report on the Māngere Hall Extension project was also presented at the AGM. Since 2025 AGM approval of the project budget, there have been minor scope changes. This project had gone through an unsuccessful design and build tender process before work proceeded on determining the Rough Order of Cost and applying for a Resource Consent for the project. We had hoped this work would be completed before the AGM but some design issues have had to be resolved before the Resource Consent application can be submitted. A special General Meeting will now be required to approve a new project budget once the Resource Consent for the proposed new hall extension is approved by Auckland Council.

The Executive Committee have organized a number of activities for you to enjoy over the next few months and notices of these activities are included in this newsletter. These activities include:

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| • Auckland Chinese Men Basketball Tournament | 15-16 August 2026 |
| • 3 rd Social Mah Jong Tournament | 23 August 2026 |
| • Moon Festival Yum Cha | 19 September 2026 |
| • National Day Celebration | 20 September 2026 |
| • Junior Basketball Tournament | 17-18 October 2026 |
| • Children's & Fireworks Day | 8 November 2026 |
| • 2027 Chinese New Year and Market Day | 30 January 2027 |

Our Building sub-Committee continues to work hard to maintain our Māngere Hall. Recent work has been concentrated on landscaping the property. Work on the leaks in our investment property continues in earnest. A planned maintenance plan is currently being developed. All ACCC properties are going through a process of annual insurance renewal.

Sadly, we lost a couple of Enduring members over the last few months and they are David Chung and Tony Wong. We offer our sincere condolences to the families of these members. We will miss them.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all our Executive Committee members for their support and the time and effort that they have put into organizing the many activities that our members have been or will be enjoying.

Regards
David Tai
Chairman

主席的話

過去四個月，執行委員會非常努力籌辦多項傳統活動，包括社交麻將比賽、一年一度的十瓶保齡球活動、年度高爾夫球錦標賽、本會 66 週年晚宴、乒乓球及籃球比賽，以及供會員參與的周年會員大會。本期會訊內另有這些活動的專題報導。

在本會 66 週年晚宴上，我很榮幸向十四位才華出眾的 ACCC 學術卓越獎得主頒發證書。這些獎項於四年多前設立，旨在鼓勵及表揚在學業及課外活動方面表現優異的青年。我祝願他們在所選擇的學習領域中取得成功。

今年的周年會員大會於 2026 年 7 月 26 日舉行，屬非選舉年份的會員大會。我在大會上的報告刊載於本期會訊稍後部分。

在本次周年會員大會上，會員討論並通過由新財政年度起，提高普通會員及附屬會員的年度會費至個人會員 15 元、家庭會員 30 元。這是十多年來首次調整會費。基於類似原因，執行委員會較早前亦批准將活動費提高至會員 5 元、非會員 10 元。此項調整是為確保所收取的活動費能夠支付會堂的營運成本。

周年會員大會上亦匯報了 Māngere 會堂擴建項目的進展。自 2025 年周年會員大會批准項目預算後，項目範圍曾有輕微調整。該項目曾經歷一次未能成功的設計及建造招標程序，其後改為進行概算成本評估，並申請項目的資源許可。我們原本希望有關工作可於周年會員大會前完成，但仍有若干設計問題需要解決，方可向奧克蘭市議會提交資源許可申請。待擬建新會堂擴建部分的資源許可獲奧克蘭市議會批准後，本會將需要召開特別會員大會，以批准新的項目預算。

執行委員會已為各位安排了未來數月多項精彩活動，有關活動通告亦收錄於本期會訊。這些活動包括：

- 奧克蘭華人男子籃球錦標賽 2026年8月15至16日
- 第三屆社交麻將比賽 2026年8月23日
- 中秋飲茶活動 2026年9月19日
- 國慶慶祝活動 2026年9月20日
- 青少年籃球錦標賽 2026年10月17至18日
- 兒童及煙花日 2026年11月8日
- 農曆新年及花市同樂日 2027年1月30日

我們的建築小組委員會繼續努力維護 Māngere 會堂。近期工作主要集中於物業園境美化。我們亦正積極處理投資物業的漏水問題，並正在制定一項計劃性維修方案。所有 ACCC 物業均正進行年度保險續保程序。

令人惋惜的是，過去數月我們失去了兩位資深會員，他們是 David Chung 及 Tony Wong。我們謹向兩位會員的家屬致以誠摯慰問。我們將會懷念他們。

最後，我衷心感謝所有執行委員會成員的支持，以及他們為籌辦眾多會員已經或即將參與享受的活動所付出的時間與努力。

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戴榮都
主席

REPORT ON THE 2026 ACCC AGM



The 2026 ACCC Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held at the Māngere Hall at 2pm on Sunday, 26 July 2026. This AGM was a non-election event in which annual reports were presented by the Chair and Treasurer. Attendance at this event was 68 members.

The Chair, David Tai, delivered his annual report (printed in this newsletter) at the meeting. The main points of his report were:

- The ACCC generating a surplus of \$260,934 for the 2026 financial year
- Examples of traditional and sporting events held by the ACCC during the year
- Hosting two groups from China and co-hosting a dinner with the Singapore Club
- Holding an Auckland Mayoral Candidates forum
- Partnering with Tātaki Auckland Unlimited to raise over \$145,000 for the 2026 BNZ Auckland Lantern Festival, and extending this partnership for three more years
- Work on improving our Māngere facility and our investment properties
- Re-leasing of the investment property in Penrose

The Chair thanked the Executive Committee members, especially past Chairman Kai Luey, and those people outside the Executive Committee for their support and hard work over their past year in making 2026 a successful year.

The Chair ended his presentation by reminding members present that he does not intend to run for Chair in 2027, and his early announcement is to enable those who wish to be Chair to prepare themselves for this important position.

The Treasurer, Merry Tsao, presented an unaudited Annual Performance Report that showed the ACCC generated a surplus of \$260,934 for the year to 31 March 2026. The main contributors to this surplus were rental income, fund raising activities and interest from bank deposits. Net Working Capital was reported as \$2,844,254, plus with Property, Plant and Equipment at \$6,758,593, the Net Assets of the Society was reported as \$9,602,847 as at 31 March 2026.

As the Annual Performance Report had not been audit reviewed, the meeting voted that a decision to accept the Report will be deferred to a Special General Meeting when

the audit report is available. The decision to reappoint the auditor was also deferred to the Special General Meeting.

Vernon Choy, Chair of the Membership Sub-Committee proposed that annual membership fees for the 2027 calendar year be increased to \$15pa for Individuals and \$30pa for Family memberships. After discussion, this was approved by the meeting.

The Secretary, Leslie Young advised the meeting that Disclosures of Interests by Officers is a new Agenda item being brought about by the ACCC being re-registered under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022. The only disclosure made was Deputy Chairman Bo Li, who has received payment for printing and website design during the year.

The Chair David Tai asked for questions and comments on his Progress Report on the Māngere Hall Extension that had been emailed to members prior to the meeting. The meeting discussed the overall costs to obtain Resource Consent and a Rough Order of Costs, and also expressed a view that members have not received sufficient visibility and information of what is being proposed. After some robust discussion, the meeting agreed to an information session on the project to be held at 2.00pm Saturday 1st August 2026 at the Māngere Hall. A Special General Meeting will be called to present an updated budget, resource consent and a funding proposal.

The AGM ended at 3.20pm with attendees enjoying lovely refreshments provided by Bonnie Lynch and her catering team.



Chairman's Report for 2026 AGM

The year from 2025 to 2026 has proven to be another good year for the Auckland Chinese Community Centre Inc. in both activities and financial performance.

We have generated a good surplus of \$260,934 this year, made mainly from the surplus made from our Chinese New Year Festival and Market Day event and increased market interest rates on our financial reserve. The 2026 surplus, however, is lower than previous year's (down from \$365,393 in 2025) due to no rent being received from our 772 Great South Road investment property for three months.

We have continued to successfully hold our traditional events such as Auckland Anniversary and Moon Festival Yum Chas, China National Day, monthly dances, Chinese New Year Festival and Market Day, ACCC Anniversary dinner, 10 Pin bowling, Social Mah Jong Tournaments and a number of sports tournaments (basketball, golf, volleyball, table tennis and badminton).

This year, we have had the pleasure to host two overseas groups at our Māngere Facility. This first group of students were from Nankai University, who visited our facility on 30 January 2026. The second group comprised 14 students, selected by the Shanghai Branch of the Hong Kong Mirror newspaper for their Young Diplomats program, they first attended our Chinese New Year event at the Auckland Showgrounds on 14 February and then met again at our Māngere Hall on the morning of the 15 February. This main hosting of these students in New Zealand was managed by the NZ China Friendship Society.

This year, we have had the opportunity to cohost with Singapore Club Auckland a Lunar New Year Dinner at the Lobster Palace on 22 February. This reasonably priced lobster dinner was enjoyed by over 180 of our members and friends to welcome the Year of the Horse.

Because of local body elections being held this financial year, we took the opportunity to hold an Auckland Mayoral Candidates Forum to assist members of the Auckland Chinese community in deciding who they should vote for as the Auckland Mayor. The incumbent Auckland Mayor and four candidates participated in this successful event. This event also presented all the Local Body Chinese candidates to the community.

For the second year, we have joined with Tātaki Auckland Unlimited (TAU) as their community partner in the organisation of the very successful 2026 BNZ Auckland Lantern Festival at the Manukau Sports Bowl. We were able to raise over \$145,000 in grant money for this event. This year, we were invited to speak on stage on behalf of the community. We have now signed an agreement with TAU to be their partner in organising the annual Auckland BNZ Lantern Festival for the next three years.

The Building sub Committee has been working very hard to maintain and improve our Māngere premises and the two investment properties. Many improvements have been made to our Māngere facility, mainly in the landscaping of our Māngere property.

Much work has been done to advance the Māngere Hall Extension Project to a stage that we are preparing an application document for the Resource Consent for the project. A separate report for this project has been prepared to update members at the AGM and will be discussed later in the meeting.

It had been brought to the attention of the Executive Committee that there has not been any increase in annual membership subscription fees or activities fees for over 10 years. The Treasurer had advised that over the last financial year, the operating cost of Māngere Hall far exceeded the money collected from the activities fees. For these reasons, the Executive Committee had decided to increase the activities fees from 1 July 2026 and is seeking approval from the AGM to increase the annual membership subscription fees for the 2027 financial year. This matter will be discussed later.

Regrettably in September 2025, we lost our car dealership tenant at our 772 Great South Road investment property. Much effort has been put into the re-leasing or sale of this property in a very unfavourable economic environment. We were fortunate to attract a new tenant, 3A Print, to lease the property from 28 April 2026 at a slightly lower market rental. Three of the seven month of rent loss from this investment property is reflected in the reported lower generated surplus.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all members of the hard-working Executive Committee, especially our past Chairman Kai Luey, for their great support to enable ACCC to have another successful year. Members of this Committee have worked tirelessly to make our organization much more financial and a wonderful place for members to enjoy their favourite activities. I also wish to thank the many people outside the Executive Committee for their support and hard work in making 2026 a successful year.

I wish to remind members that I had announced at the 2025 AGM that I did not intend to run for the Chairman position in 2027 because of my age. The intent of this early announcement was to enable sufficient time for those who wish to be Chairman to prepare themselves for this important position. The Chairman position would be well suited for a recently retired person with general management experience.

David Tai
Chairman

Membership Report for July 2026

Category	July 2026	July 2025	July 2024	July 2023
Enduring	1107	1112	1120	1130
Family	1012	813	621	275
Individual	582	505	418	174
Associate	66	54	53	27
Total	2767	2484	2212	1606

Managing the membership list is an ongoing challenge for the membership subcommittee. Since July 2023, there has been a noticeable increase in members from 1606 to 2767 this year. The reason for this growth is due to the many sports and cultural activities and events available for members as reported in this newsletter. In some cases, numbers have put a strain on our facility capacity. This is one of the reasons for restricting some activities to members-only, and also for closing the new Associate membership category in June.

The number of Enduring Members has decreased slightly reflecting the age of the original brick donors although there have also been several new Enduring Memberships during the year. Kai Luey does a great job looking after that list.

Individual, Associate and Family Membership categories are renewed yearly and are current 1 January to 31 December of each year. This means these memberships needed to be renewed at the start of 2026. In July 2026, there were a significant number that have not yet paid membership fees for this year despite reminders sent last month.

If you need to pay fees (\$10 Individual/Associate; \$20 Family), please pay the appropriate amount into the ACCC bank account:

Auckland Chinese Community – 06-0101-0300774-00

Please tag your direct bank payment with the name you usually use at ACCC, the word “membership”, membership number (if known), or mob #. Some direct credits cannot be confirmed as fee payments due to missing identification!

If membership is no longer required, just drop us a short message to let us know to update your details (and not to send you reminders!).

Should your name, address, phone number, or email address changed recently or within the last year, can you please send changes to Vernon Choy at accc.comms@gmail.com.

ACCC Academic Excellence Awards 2026

These awards were introduced in 2023 to recognise high standards of academic achievement by senior high school students and to encourage outside-the-classroom interests such as sport and cultural activities. These awards include a commemorative certificate and a cash prize (\$200 for Year 11, \$500 for Year 12, and \$1500 for Year 13) for outstanding results in their studies.

The winners this year were:

Year 11: Danielle Joe, Zeya Lai, Caleb Rambaud, Harrison Wong, Peyton Wong;

Year 12: Hayden Carpendale, Alyssia Lowe, Zoe Pook;

Year 13: Josh Luey Aitkenhead, Ginny Fraser, Genestat Lee Hamm, Amy Hornby, Nicholas Lum, Jacob Wong.

They were presented with certificates at the ACCC Anniversary Dinner on 6 June 2026.

Details about the awards and how to apply for next year will be posted on the ACCC website later this year, or contact Vernon Choy (accs.comms@gmail.com).



2026 Moon Festival \$15 Yum Cha



**All ACCC financial and enduring members
are cordially invited**

10am – 11.30 am SATURDAY, 19 September 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 - \$180 Limited Seating – Don't be disappointed – **There will be NO DOOR SALES**

ACCC INVITATION



Auckland Chinese Community Centre Inc.

Invites

All ACCC Members

to celebrate with the Chinese Ambassador and Prime Minister

**the 77th Anniversary of the Founding of the
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

Date: Sunday, 20 September 2026

Time: 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Venue: Auckland Chinese Community Centre Inc. Hall at 99 Taylor Road,
Māngere Bridge, Auckland 2022

Tentative Program Includes:

- Opening Lion Dance
- Welcome Speeches

- Cultural Items
- Refreshments

RSVP: For catering purposes, please reply by email to Leslie Young before 6 September 2026 at lesyoung25@gmail.com.



奧克蘭華僑會
Auckland Chinese Community Centre Inc

Children's & Fireworks Day
兒童煙花節
Play Together • Learn Together

Sunday 8 November 2026 🕒 From 2:00pm

Highlights

Lion Dance & coach

Cultural Fun Cantonese Opera Costume Display, Sedan Chair Rides, Children's Parade & Song

Active Zone & Team Spirit Children's Challenges, Team Games, Sports Club Showcase & Table Tennis.

Creative Corner Origami, Face Painting, Balloon Sculpting

Kiddies' Tea Party & Refreshments, BBQ & Wok Supper

Playtime Fun Bouncy Castle, Lolly Scramble & Balloon Shower

Grandparents' Playground Shuttlecock, Skipping Ropes, Diabolo

Health Corner ACMA Health Advisory Kiosk

Community Hero Zone

- Hato Hone St John, 3 steps for life
- NZ Police, meet the police

Special Highlights Flying a kite, twilight tug of war, Fireworks display

And More...

Pickleball Matariki Gathering



New Pickleball Nets donated by a couple of Pickleball individuals

As with each long weekend, we love to offer an additional pickleball session. This Matariki it was going to be no different - other than extending the session from half a day to a full day, with a shared lunch + Mah Jong to those who were seeking a break from sporting events.

It was a change up ... and almost overwhelming when we arrived at the car park at 9:45am. The numbers were incredible and easily the highest of any open day with over 70 players. It was initially a bit of a log jam of people. That said, it was great to bring the pickleball family together and we all enjoyed catching up with friends with some social interaction on court. Many thanks to Gwen and Jeannie for taking charge of organizing the mornings play.

As always food plays an important role in these festivities... members continue to shine. The tables were laden with sandwiches, sausage rolls, sushi, chicken, jook, jellies and cake. A big thanks to those who helped out in the kitchen and cleaned up.

We look forward to the Labour weekend. Ideas for long weekend are welcome.

Volleyball Update

Our Term 3 volleyball programme is now underway. This term we're running only:

- **Youth & Beginners Training:** Saturdays, **12:30 pm – 2:30 pm**
- **Social Mixed Volleyball:** Saturdays from **12:30 pm**

With many of our regular players representing their respective clubs in the **Volleyball New Zealand Northern Zone League**, our focus this term is our youth and beginners. We'll focus on basics, helping newer players build confidence and develop their skills while providing a fun, social environment for everyone to enjoy.

We're incredibly proud to see so many of our members competing across the Northern Zone this season. On behalf of ACCC, we wish them all the very best and look forward to hearing about their successes throughout the competition.

Our Saturday social mix sessions continue to be a fantastic way to stay active, meet new people, and enjoy some friendly volleyball. Thank you to everyone who has joined us so far, we're looking forward to another enjoyable term together!



REPORT ON 2ND 2026 SOCIAL MAH JONG TOURNAMENT

The second Social Mah Jong Tournament for 2025 was held on Sunday, 31 May with the maximum 14 tables. The tournament was played with no chicken hands which is now the standard rule for the quarterly Social Mah Jong Tournaments.

As usual, all participants thoroughly enjoyed the event. Merry Tsao and Cathrine Ming did a tremendous job administrating the tournament with the assistance of Keith & Alexander Wong in setting up, and Bonnie and her team put on a fantastic afternoon tea, dinner and supper.

The winners at the tournament were:

-1st Place Candy Lim, 2nd Place Lukaz Kum, 3rd Place Hing Wong, 4th Place Alexander Wong

The next tournament will be on Sunday, 23 August and the final 2026 one in November. There will a winner's trophy and prizes again this year for the persons with the highest average aggregate over the four tournaments.

Kai Luey



ACCC Cup Table Tennis Teams Tournament Successfully Held at Auckland Chinese Community Centre



The 2026 ACCC Cup Table Tennis Teams Tournament was successfully held on 9 May 2026 at the Auckland Chinese Community Centre. The event attracted a strong turnout, with teams from a range of Auckland community organizations competing in lively and closely contested team matches.

Throughout the tournament, players demonstrated impressive technique and consistently good standards of sportsmanship, reflecting the depth and quality of table tennis within the ACCC community.

For many years, the ACCC has been committed to promoting cultural and sporting activities for the Chinese community, with the aim of strengthening community connections and encouraging exchange and participation. As one of the Centre's major annual events, this year's ACCC Cup delivered an energetic atmosphere and a series of good-quality matches, earning praise from both participants and spectators.

The tournament was made possible through the support of various organizations and individuals, including Mr Steven Wong, the New Zealand Chinese Sports Association, Zestt Wellness, Asiaworks, and a number of media outlets, all of whom contributed to the smooth running of the event. Following the final matches, an awards ceremony was held, with guest presenters David Tai, Kai Luey, Steven Wong, Bo Li, and Rean Wong joining the winning players for group

photos to mark the tournament's successful conclusion. Thank you to Bonnie and her team for organizing the delicious food at the prize-giving ceremony.

The ACCC Cup Table Tennis Teams Tournament will continue to be held in Auckland each May. For confirmed dates and registration details, please visit aucklandchinese.nz or follow the Facebook page **Auckland Chinese Community Centre**.



ACCC Golf Tournament 2026



Winner Best Team: Chris Ying, Brendon Sue, Tony Young, Martin Young
Presented by David Tai & Steven Wong

The 3rd ACCC Golf tournament was held at Pukekohe Golf Club on Sunday 17th May 2026.

This event was a great success. A total of 63 keen golfers participated on a warm sunny autumn day, ready to enjoy a challenging but leisurely day at the golf course, with friendly competition and great sportsmanship.

We were delighted to welcome many familiar faces as well as the new players participating in our tournament for the first time.

The tournament was supported by valued sponsors and the ACCC thanks them for their generous support:

Principal Sponsor: Simon Ravenscroft - JB Were Financial and Wealth Management;

Sponsors: Steven Wong – Federation of NZ Chinese Associations
 Rean Wong - NZ Chinese Sports Association
 Sam Jiang - L J Premium Meats

Many thanks also to Mabel and Chris Kan of Pearl Garden Restaurant for the dinner vouchers and Nick Bing of Urban Fairway Indoor Golf for their complimentary vouchers.

Congratulations to our prize winners:

Best Gross		Bill Chien	
Best Nett	Mens	Dominic Wong	
	Ladies	Lily Goh	
Best Stableford	Mens	1. Stu Chong	2. K C Ng
		3. Tony Young	4. Stephen Chung
		5. Darren Soo	6. Dan Lynch
		7. Joe Chow	8. Brendon Sue
	Ladies	Lena Houg Lee	
	Teams	1. Brendon Sue	Martin Young

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| Chris Ying | Tony Young |
| 2. Bill Chien | Dominic Wong |
| David Tauch | Sam Chung |
| 3. Stu Chong | Gavin Lai |
| Andrew Dunning | Vernon Lu |
| 4. Richard Lin | Winston Chow |
| Joe Chow | Philip Chong |

Longest Drive

Nearest the Pin

Mens

Ladies

Bill Chien

Andrew Wong

Lena Houn Lee

Martin Ho

Sue Kwok

My sincere thanks also to the Management team and caterers at Pukekohe Golf Club for their hospitality. A BIG Thank You to my helpers on the day – Merry Tsao, Ida Tai, Philip Houn Lee and Richard Lin for checking scorecards and assistance on the day.



Winner Best Gross
Bill Chien Presented by Steven Wong



Winner Best Nett
Dominic Wong Presented by David Tai



Winner Best Stableford Men
Stu Chong presented by Kai Lucy



Winner Best Stableford Ladies
Lena Houng Lee presented by Steven Wong



2026 10-PIN BOWLING EVENT



ACCC held its 2026 10 Pin Bowling event at the Zone Bowling Centre, located in Wairau Valley, on Saturday, 24 June starting at 2 pm. Many thanks to Harry and Jenna Wong Kam for organising this wonderful event for ACCC members to enjoy once again.

Forty-one bowlers, including 21 youngsters came and enjoyed the afternoon. Each bowler paid \$20 and this allowed them bowling shoes, two games and refreshments. After an exciting afternoon, prizes were given to the following winners:

Ladies' high score.	Pauline Chong.
Ladies' high aggregate score.	Emily Chong.
Men's high score.	Aki Lee.
Men's high aggregate score	Stu Chong.
Girls' high score	Zoe Lawgun.
Girls' high score aggregate	Sasha Chong.
Boys' high score.	Cameron Chui.
Boys' high score aggregate	Joshua Nicoll.

Congratulations to all the winners.



2026 ACCC Anniversary Dinner



The 2026 ACCC Anniversary dinner was held at a new venue this year, the Chow Foo Restaurant in Pakuranga, on Saturday, 6 June 2026. This event was to celebrate the 66th anniversary of the establishment of the Auckland Chinese Hall, later known as Auckland Chinese Community Centre.

This Anniversary dinner was well supported by the community, 288 people (24 tables) attended in a packed restaurant. The guests invited to this celebration dinner included

- ACCC friends including the Vice Consul-General Wang Junchao and Consul Yang Jingyu, Nancy Lu and Carlos Cheung (National Party Members of Parliament).
- Representatives of some of our valued sponsors of our events including Bong Wong from Multi-Media, Crystal Song and Lucy Chen of Channel 33, Howard Wilcox and Sunny Sun of Tiger Fintech Ltd, Nee Cullum of ANZ Bank, Kevin Huang of Lee Kum Kee, Brian Carr of Auto Distributors (NZ) Ltd, and Chen Shijie of Legendary Homes.

Prior to dinner being served, our Chairman and deputy Chairman presented 2026 ACCC Academic Excellence Award certificates to our 14 talented young members.

It was a wonderful and successful evening for everyone who attended. Many friends were reconnecting and others were making new connections while enjoying wonderful food.



Report on ACCC Badminton Tournament

It was a great day for the 2026 ACCC Cup Badminton Doubles Tournament on Saturday 13 June. The competition started at 9:30am and finished at 4:00pm. The chairman of ACCC, David Tai, and the event organiser, Bo Li, presented the trophy and badge to the winners.

The Men's Doubles Winners

1. Champion: Ashok Kesana / Akshay Kumar
2. Runners-up: Aki Chone / John
3. Third place: Simon Gou / Jackson Zhang

The Women's Doubles Winners

1. Champion: Hannah Njo / Rechelle Go
2. Runners-up: Michelle Lee / Flavia Chan
3. Third place: Karen Ng / Isadora Ho

The Mixed Doubles Winners

1. Champion: Isadora Ho / Aki Chong
2. Runners-up: Jie Tang / Jerry Wei
3. Third place: Ashok Kesana / Ellie

After the trophy presentation, the players enjoyed refreshments, coffee, and tea prepared by the ACCC catering team. Thanks Connie & her team for making it happen.

Thanks, Mr Steven Wong, Ms Rean Wong, for sponsoring the event. It's appreciated.



SENIOR LIFESTYLE OUTING -13

MAY 2026

Shark Exhibition at Museum & Winter Gardens

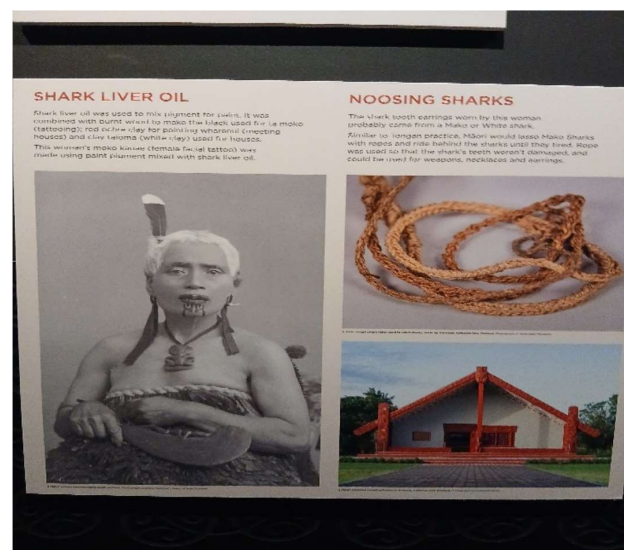
Wednesday 13 May was a calm sunny Autumn Day perfect for a trip to the Domain. Twenty-six lifestylers spent two hours inside the exhibition Hall viewing impressive full size shark exhibits and learning from the interactive displays. Auckland Museum was the NZ venue for this world tour.

We learnt that great white sharks can live to 70 years of age.

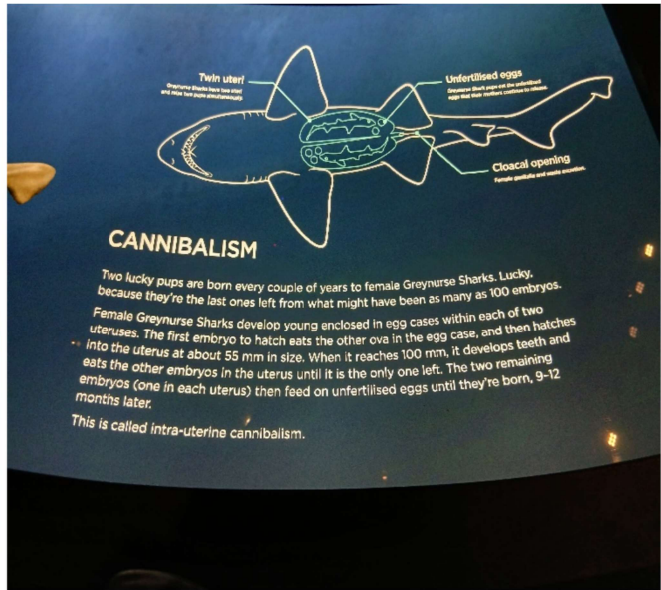
In olden times, whales were important to Māori diets. On whaling expeditions, thousands were caught at one time. They were taken ashore, dried on racks in the sun to feed the tribe during the winter months. No parts of a whale were wasted. Māori prized the Mako sharks and they were lassoed with ropes and brought ashore live. The shark teeth were prized for weapons, necklaces and other adornments. Bones were used for making tools.

After the museum visit we wandered down to the winter gardens and enjoyed the beautiful plants in the two glass houses. 🌺🌹🌵🌸

Janet Lowe









IN REMEMBRANCE OF TONY WONG

It was with great sorrow that my husband, Tony Wong passed away on 10th of April at the age of 81 years.



Tony was born in Zhongshan, a Province of Guangdong, China on 11th July 1944, and at the age of 12 he joined his parents in Hong Kong, having moved there 3 years before. He had lived with his grandmother in the village up to that time.

At the age of 16, he went to Sydney, Australia to learn English and he worked part-time in the evenings in a restaurant as well as working early in the morning at the fruit markets loading bananas. Even at this young age he was hard working and diligent in his work.

Tony and I met in Sydney in September 1963 through friends when we were 19, when I was on my way to Hong Kong to work for Jardine Matheson, a branch of P&O Orient Lines. Tony returned to Hong Kong in January 1964, where we again established a friendship and got married in Hong Kong on 31st December 1965.

I was able to apply for Tony to come to New Zealand, and we arrived back in Auckland at Easter Weekend in 1966. Tony worked in a friend's fruit shop on Karangahape Road when he first arrived and, in 1968, he went to Foodtown Supermarket (now Countdown), where he eventually became Manager of the Fruit Section in Te Atatu South.

We lived with my parents in their home in Onehunga and, in 1969, after Tony's hard work, including working part-time in a market garden, selling fish in a market in Mangere, and working part-time in various Chinese restaurants, we managed to buy a house in Mangere. We have three children, five grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

In 1972, we established one of the first Chinese Takeaways in Three Kings, Clover Takeaways, where we were very lucky to have a thriving business for 8 years. Tony then

spent a couple of years working at an ink factory in Otahuhu, where he was finally promoted to Manager of his section and then decided that he wanted to go into the restaurant trade again, as his real love was cooking Chinese food.

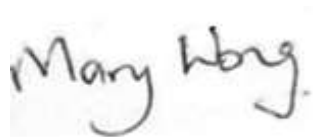
In 1983, we brought the Red Lantern in New Lynn, where we spent 3 years before establishing the Sunrise Restaurant in Te Atatu Peninsula. In 1989 we managed to buy our own building and established the Swan Sun Restaurant in Swanson Road, Henderson where we spent another 16 years, strangely enough enjoying the hard work and long hours, but also meeting a lot of great customers who have eventually become good friends.

Tony was well known in the Chinese Community over the years as he had been Vice Chairman of the Auckland Chinese Community Centre and Founder in 1984 of the Auckland Zhongshan Clan Association. He had two four-year terms as Chairman of the Association, and he was instrumental in assisting the Association to purchase property in Glen Eden. One of the six shops has been retained as the Association's Club House, and the Association will be celebrating its 42nd Anniversary this month.

We moved into the Village in March 2023, and Tony thoroughly enjoyed being amongst the community here. He made many new friends and met many old friends whom he had met in the past through our various restaurant businesses in the Henderson area.

He was a quiet man, a gentle giant, and although he did not speak very often due to a stroke 13 years ago he was able to communicate the best he could. He used to enjoy his walks around the Village meeting people and enjoying the many social occasions offered to us by Management and the Villager Lifestyle Coordinator.

My family and I would like to thank all those who have supported me, and for the kindness, messages, phone calls, texts and flowers which have been given to me over the past weeks. It truly has brought great comfort.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Wong". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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