



# NEWSLETTER

## President's Report

### Recruitment Focus for our Committee

We have recruited a number of new members onto our Committee as follows:

- Simon Li – Website and Social Media administrator
- Andrea Hamilton, Kenny Yu, and Shew Yee Tang – for Lion Dance team
- Janice Huang and Dave Sun – Youth and Outdoor events.

We have discussed working with the Chinese School in Dunedin and have set up a contact with the University Chinese Students Association.

### Community – Events we have Organised/are Organising

1. Lion Dance performances for August Moon celebration: our Lion dancers had performed at the function organised the Dunedin Chinese senior citizens group. It was an event held at Kavanagh College on September 10<sup>th</sup>. (Lisa Hanson, Kenny Yu, Leo Li)
2. A Night Under the Moon at the clubrooms on September 10<sup>th</sup> - with kids supper and moon hunt event for kids under 10. (Lisa Hanson)
3. Our Lion dancers performed on 8 October at the Queenstown Festival. (Lisa Hanson)
4. 8 & 9 October: Hosted visiting Lion dancers from Christchurch and from Auckland. We had Master George from Christchurch and the Lion dancers from Auckland who came to visit us. All teams performed in front of the Dunedin Chinese Garden on 9 Oct to the public. It was a real treat to see the different stages of experience in this amazing art. (OSCA Committee, Lisa Hanson & Kenny Yu)
5. We had a Lion dance open day on 15 October and recruited some new lion dancers. (Kenny Yu)
6. We had to postpone a beach clean-up on 20 November due to bad weather to help make our beaches cleaner and safer. (Janice Huang)
7. Our lion dancers participated at the Santa Parade on 4 December. (Kenny Yu) We had a Christmas party on 11 December and farewelled a couple of our members. (OSCA Committee)
8. We held a Chinese calligraphy fun day at our clubrooms on 14 January.
9. On 21 January 2023, we welcomed the Year of the Rabbit with a dinner at Golden Harvest.
10. On January 29 2023, we joined the Lawrence Chinese Camp Trust in their celebration of Chinese New Year, and celebrated the launch of our new Chinese lesson plans as part of the school curriculum.

Our younger Committee members have a few irons in the fire at the moment - possible day walk/camping trip, Beach Clean-Up Day, and a Fun Quiz planned for Chinese International students in conjunction with the Dunedin Shanghai Association.

Registrations for Easter Tournament in Christchurch this year are now closed. We have a team of 31 representing OSCA over 9 sports. The next couple of weeks accommodation and transportation will be firmed up. Neville Hall is working on the release for individuals wanting to play for us.

Stephanie Hall will be organizing practices at the Edgar Stadium.



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### Sik Fan Lah!!

There is a new TV series Sik Fan Lah! which will screen on TVNZ from 12 February at 10am. The show combines stories about our cultural history/identify with food. It will no doubt make delicious viewing!

Here is the trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XXyT92Cq1JE>

A couple of our members appear/feature in the Otago episode- Jean Lai and Janice Huang. That episode will screen on 5 March.

Our Association will be organising a series of talks on our cultural identities. Some of us were born here, others born in China, or wider China, or overseas.

We have our different stories, but we are all Chinese. Let's share those stories.

And if anyone of you would like to share any traditional recipes or cooking, please get in touch with us at [osca@nzchinese.org.nz](mailto:osca@nzchinese.org.nz). We'd love to have more Sik Fan Lah! amongst us.

### Heritage – Sun Gum Saan History Curriculum Development

As part of Sun Gum Saan Limited, we commissioned the development of new Chinese curriculum lesson plans and teacher resources. Those resources were completed by James Beattie & Brendan Seal. They were then peer reviewed and launched at the Lawrence Chinese Camp on 29 Jan 2023. Those lessons plans will be trialed at Columba College and the Lawrence Area School this year so that we obtain teacher feedback.

### Voice

We had representatives attending the "Ethnic Advantage" Regional Conference organised by the Ministry for Ethnic Communities on 5 November 2022. The conference is titled Ethnic Advantage Conference. Leo Li and Xiaoyan Mu represented us at the conference.

Shew Yee (Mark) Tang and his wife Wai Sum Fong, and I attended a Health Hui on Monday 27 February 2023 organised by the Ministry of Health and Ministry for Ethnic Communities. The Hui is intended to obtain feedback from ethnic communities on the development of a health strategy for New Zealand.

### Our Future—Sustainability

Our recruitment focus has ensured that we strive to remain a sustainable organisation.

We continue to build relationships with other groups. We have worked with the Dunedin Senior Chinese Group in the Santa Parade. We also attended a Chinese New Year lunch hosted by them recently at the Dunedin Community House.

We contributed to the Multicultural Event coming up on 11 March 2023 organised by the Pakistan Association of Otago by meeting with them and seeking performers for them. They have offered to come to a Beach Clean Up day we organised last year. It is great to work together.

**Teresa Chan**

**President - March 2023**

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## Happy Chinese New Year!

A big thank you to the Dunedin City Council and Lan Yuan Dunedin Chinese Gardens for having our Lion Dance team perform for the Chinese New Year celebration. We had great support from the crowd. Wishing everyone a happy Chinese New Year for the Year of the Rabbit.



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OSCA's Lion Dance team performed at the annual Chinese New Year dinner at Golden Harvest on 21 January 2023. We had over 100 attending that dinner and our raffles raised around \$1,000 that evening. Thanks so much for the support!



The Lion dance team also performed at the Grand Casino and Impression Manor Restaurant





## Happy Chinese New Year!

Thank you to the [Lawrence Chinese Camp](#) for inviting us to share in their Chinese New Year celebration. It was also a very meaningful celebration with the launch of new lessons plans for teaching the history of Chinese in NZ as part of the Aotearoa Histories Curriculum. Our committee members all turned into great chefs for fund-raising to restore the camp site. There were cultural performances with performers from Christchurch and distinguished guests from Wellington. Our National President Jenny Too came down for the event, as well as Kirsten Wong, Nigel Murphy and Duncan Campbell who are also well-known for their involvement and contribution to the history of Chinese in NZ. Our lions showed their respect to our guests and ancestors. They were pleased to meet up and learn from [Qiao Yi Hong De Lion Dance Team Christchurch, New Zealand 紐西蘭基督城僑藝弘德醒獅團](#).

Thank you to Sally Young and Leanne Chin in planning and organising the cooking. Thanks to their support crew who were all the Committee members. It was a hot day, especially around the Stoves!! Thanks to our Lion Dancers who travelled to Lawrence with all their equipment and brought us joy & happiness.

We gave Jenny Too our National President a copy of the Lan Yuan Book signed by the authors James Beattie and Duncan Campbell, and the contributors James Ng, Peter Chin and Malcolm Wong. We retained a copy of the Book as souvenir signed by the same people, plus our guests from Wellington and our National President. It was a momentous day after all. Otago was where the history of Chinese began in NZ. We are happy to be the first within our community to develop resources to teach our history in NZ.



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## Who are the Lovely Couple??

Our Committee attended a delicious Lunch on 10 Feb 2023 prepared by the Dunedin Senior Chinese Group. Malcolm Wong of the Dunedin Chinese Garden Trust was also present. After the main course, Weidi Xu, chair of the Group, asked Malcolm Wong to cut the cake with her. Everyone started laughing when someone started humming the wedding tune!!



### Items of Interest

[Zest wins Innovation award at China Business Club](#)

[History of Chinese New Zealanders in the Spotlight](#)

[TVNZ documentary series celebrating Chinese food in Aotearoa](#)

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/programmes/giants/story/2018847343/episode-1-the-chinese-community-of-dunedin-giants>

<https://www.odt.co.nz/news/dunedin/dancing-full-moon>



## Chinese Calligraphy Fun Day

Thank you for joining our Chinese Calligraphy Fai Chun fun day on 14 January. Kenny Yu organised this event and turned our clubrooms into a calligraphy heaven with beautiful calligraphy equipment, and himself dressed in traditional Chinese costume. Many adults and children attended and enjoyed the peace and art of calligraphy. Thank you Kenny for making this happen. There seems to be demand for more lessons so watch this space!!



## Christmas Party

We had our annual Christmas Party on 11 December 2022 at the Guthrie Pavilion. We farewelled Xiaoyan Mu who left with her family to go to China in January 2023. We also said thank you to Lisa Hanson who has been running our lion dance team for many, many years. Lisa will take time off to do a Masters in Health/Dentistry at the University. The children performed a thank you and farewell lion dance for Lisa and presented her with a trophy. We hope that Lisa and Xiaoyan will re-join us in future.



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## 2022 Santa Parade

Our Lion Dance team were giving back to the community and celebrating Christmas in the 2022 Santa Parade in Dunedin

Thank you to Dunedin Senior Chinese Association (DSCA) & Otago Young Professional Association (OYPA) for making it happen!



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