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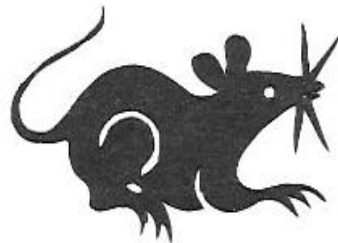
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Coming events

Film evening (details to be advised)

29 July



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Promoting friendship and understanding between the Australian and Chinese people

Corona virus

The committee met for the first time since the AGM on Thursday 11 June at the China Tea Club. For all of us it was our first Chinese meal at a restaurant since restrictions were imposed and it was so good to be able to see and talk to each other in person. We discussed possible future activities given that restrictions have been eased and we decided a film at a club with dinner beforehand was the best option. The date we selected was 29 July. Our preference was the Belconnen Labor Club which we have used before and it has a big room that would allow for appropriate social distancing. At the moment the Club's rooms are not available but as restrictions ease still further we are anticipating that venues will become available and by the time the next newsletter comes out we should have a clearer idea.

We are fortunate being in Australia that the impact of the virus has not been as severe as in many other countries. China is slowly getting back to normal but a small outbreak in Beijing has just occurred. So many Chinese students have had their education in Australia seriously disrupted, however the ACT government has announced there will be a pilot group of students admitted in time for semester 2 but no mention of the source country of these students.

China is receiving a good deal of negative press at the moment and it is often difficult to find items in the media which present a balanced view. The Australia-China relationship is every bit as important as the China-Australia relationship.

Keep safe everyone.

Carol

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## Letter from a Project Hope student

Following is a letter of thanks from a student from Beijing Huairou No. 2 High School, who has received a scholarship under Project Hope, translated by Corrine Zhang.

Name: Xu Bo  
Sex: Female  
DOB: 29/04/2004  
School year: Senior High School Year 3  
School: Huairou No.2 Middle School

Maths 67  
Chinese 87 P.E. 60

English 80  
Physic 77

Chemistry 70  
History 79

Geography 68

### ***Fast facts from the Beijing Review, June 2020***

- 106 new mobile phone models were released in China in the first quarter of 2020, of these 57 were 5G models.
- 560 million Chinese used live streaming services in March 2020, that is about 62% of 904 million internet users. That gives China an internet penetration rate of nearly 65%.
- There were 132 patent applications per 10,000 people in Beijing in 2019 the highest in China. There were 226,100 patent applications in Beijing last year up 7.1% for the year. There were also 546,600 trade mark applications and over a million copyright registrations including 202,700 software copyright registrations.
- China has maintained a vaccination rate above 90% for vaccines under the national immunization program. There are currently 15 free vaccines for children under the program.
- A special online job fair was created on 20 March to help revive job markets hard hit by the novel coronavirus. It is expected to run until the end of June. By mid April it had provided over 11.6 million job postings from 1.24 million companies.

**Thanks to Neil Birch for compiling these.**

Family situation: Her father has passed away. Her mother is ill and works on the farm.

Dear committee members of the Australian organisation,

Firstly, I would like to say thank you. I am grateful for your support to my study. Even though this might only be a small amount of money to you, it means significantly to me. The money symbolised your concerns for my family situation, as well as your approval for my achievement in study, and mostly, your encouragement for my continuing effort in study and life. I am hopeful despite that I am not growing up in a wealthy family, nor am I the most outstanding student in my class. This hopefulness has been inspiring me to keep going regardless of unfavourable circumstances. Being admitted to a prominent school is the repayment of all my previous hard work. However, this is only another beginning, a long road awaits me in my life journey. Undoubtedly your financial support has made my journey a little easier and has helped and eased my worries for the future. I am extremely grateful for that. I will definitely continue to work hard to overcome any challenges in study and life, in order to repay the communities that have been supporting me in the future. I will also carry your kindness and pass it on to others around me, so to create a loving environment in a larger extent.

Salute!

Yours sincerely,  
Xu Bo  
12 Nov 2019

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Committee News - June 2020 meeting

Your committee was very excited to meet for its first committee meeting since February 2020 and since the election of the new committee at the AGM in March 2020. We met at the 'China Tea Club' Restaurant in North Lyneham and were lucky to be able to hold the meeting and then enjoy a sumptuous meal (originally we thought we may need to meet and eat at the same time due to the time restrictions a lot of eateries have made for these COVID19 times).

After reporting our success in receiving \$2000 from the ACT Government's Multicultural Grant to help with the Lantern Festival costs, we very unfortunately had to cancel the Festival due to potential smoke from the then fires and the threat of COVID19. The ACT Government has agreed that we can roll over the funds to the 2021 Lantern Festival, which we are all looking forward to already! On the topic of grants, we heard that we were not successful in the Commonwealth Government's Small volunteer grant which, if successful, would have been used to purchase a replacement data projector.

Carol has been following up with the ACT Teachers of Chinese Network, Independent Schools organisation and the Catholic Schools association to promote the Panda competition.

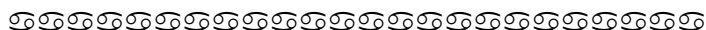
Due to the current uncertain times, we have avoided booking too many future events, however are very excited to propose our first event since the AGM – a movie night in late July 2020. We are hoping to be able to book a room at the Labor Club, which will allow for generous spacing of seats and

people. Please let us know if you would be interested in attending – we are all taking this slowly!

We all commented how wonderful it was to go out for a delicious Chinese meal again following the meeting. Very difficult to pick a favourite dish, although have to say the chilli soft shell crab was extremely tasty!

Wishing you all good health and hoping that you are all managing ok during these odd times.

Your Secretary, Tanja



Vale Jeff Culnane

Jeff sadly passed away on 26 May at Clare Holland House. He was diagnosed with melanoma 18 months ago and after months of treatment went into remission early this year but the melanoma then returned. Our sincere condolences go to Tin, Candice and Nic.

Jeff first joined the Society in Melbourne in 1970 and transferred to the ACT Branch in 1978. He was vice-president from 1982-84 and President from 1985-88. During this time he was also the National secretary for the ACFS national body for several years.

Whilst he was president, he was instrumental in organising a huge project funded by the National body for Australia's bi-centenary the painting of the Harvest of Endurance – a 70m scroll depicting the history of the Chinese in Australia. It was done in the *gongbi*, or meticulous brushwork style, by 2 artists from China, Mo Xiang Yi and Jing Wen. The artists and their very small daughter Mo Zi, lived and painted the 18 sections of the 50 metre artwork in a small flat in Lyneham for the nearly 12 months it took to complete the painting. The completed sections were then sent to China to be mounted on silk and returned to Australia for the official launch in December 1989.

This project was extremely time-consuming and exhausting for Jeff who had the role of in today's



Display of Harvest of Endurance at the High Court 1990



Cultural Counsellor Zhang Minghua, Ross Garnaut, Carol Keil, Jeff Culnane at the High Court 1990

terms 'project manager'. There were many ups and downs, awkward situations and financial concerns but the result was a magnificent painting that toured to various capital cities, including Canberra in 1990, before it was subsequently sold to the National Museum of Australia in 1992.

Jeff was awarded the Society's first life membership on the 14th December 1988 in recognition of the significant contribution he had made to promoting friendship between Australia and China and particularly for his great contribution towards the Harvest of Endurance. The Scroll was part of the Chinese Art and Calligraphy exhibition at the NMA in 2019 and Jeff and I attended both the launch and the official dinner.



Jeff was the eldest of 7 children and I had known of him since primary school days. Both I and my brother were in the same classes as 2 of his brothers at Our Lady of Mercy School (on the site of St Patricks Church in Donaldson St Braddon). On leaving school in Canberra he went to Melbourne where he obtained a Science degree from RMIT and went to work for the CSIRO. While there he met and married Pui Tin, the youngest of 10 children of a family who had immigrated from Hong Kong but with family in BeiJing. After they returned to Canberra Jeff took out a Diploma in Modern Languages where he learnt Standard (Mandarin) Chinese. I did not come across him again until I joined the Society in 1982. He was working at CSIRO at this time and later went on to establish a travel agency specialising in travel to China. Unfortunately the agency was not a long term success and had to close. He travelled to China frequently and worked and organised tours for other travel agents. He had a deep and abiding interest in all things Chinese and was extremely well-informed on the history and politics of China.

A memorial service will be held later in the year when Candice is able to return from the US.

Carol Keil

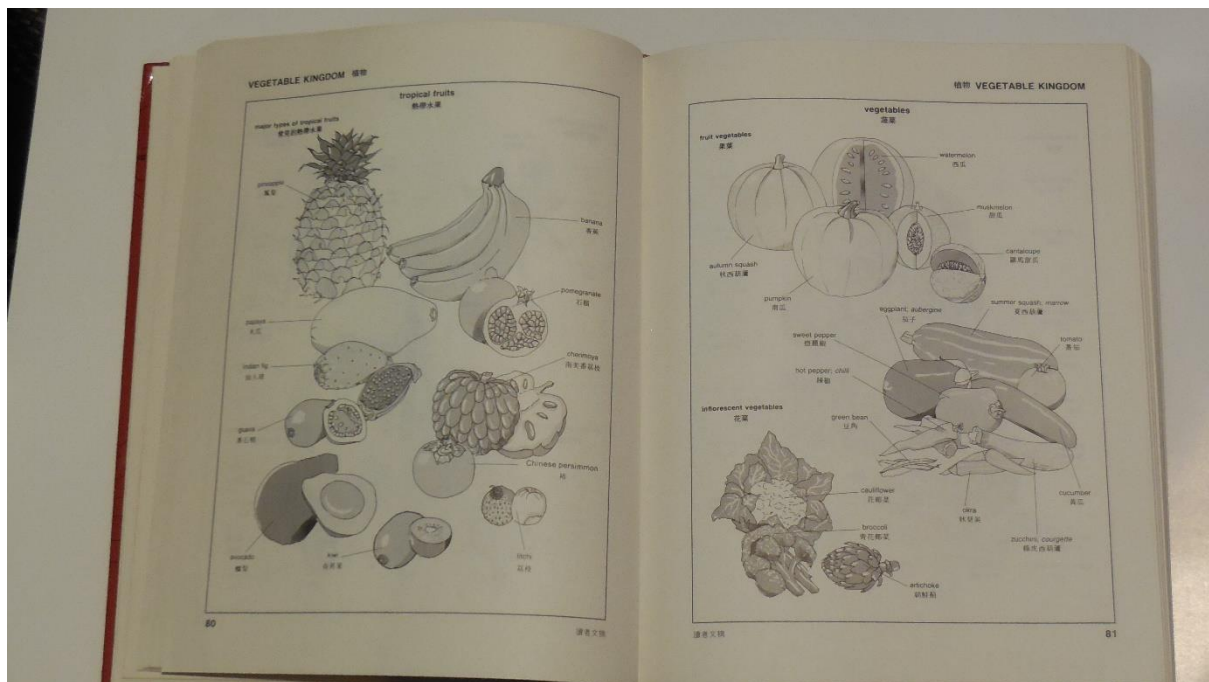
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The books below belonged to Jeff Culnane and have been donated to the Society. If you would like any of these titles please contact Carol. All are in excellent condition.



Information China, Vols 1-3. Comprehensive Authoritative Reference Source of New China, 1st ed 1989 Pergamon Press, 1615pp

Visual Dictionary, Jean-Claude Corbeil, 1986, 820pp



From Emperor To citizen, Vols 1-2, 1979, 495pp

FLTRP Collins English-Chinese, Chinese-English Student's Dictionary, 2008, 347pp

A modern Chinese English Dictionary, 1988, 1217pp

Chinese 300. 30 lessons focussing on everyday conversational Chinese, 1986, 193pp

English-Chinese Pinyin Dictionary, 1st edn 1998, 1722pp

About Chinese, 1973, 188pp

Lonely Planet Cantonese Phrasebook and Dictionary, 2013, 60pp

An English-Chinese Dictionary of travel and Tourism, 1987, 355pp

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## Panda Competition 2020

The Panda Competition is conducted every year by the Australia China Friendship Society and is open to students from Pre-schools, Primary schools and High schools in the ACT and Queanbeyan and is open to children and grandchildren of members.

The topic for this year's competition is:



## Chinese Mythical Creatures



China is noted for many mythical creatures such as the dragon, phoenix and Chinese lion. The most famous is the dragon but there are many others we have not mentioned that are worthy of investigation.

Students are asked to creatively focus on an aspect of this topic. This can be through a drawing or painting, creative works such as a collage or 3-dimensional construction, a poem or other creative individual effort, appropriate to the student's age and school grade.

Pre-school and year 1 and 2 students can also enter the colouring in section of the competition.

If the entry is in Mandarin an English translation must be provided. The entry should be the work of a single student. If a joint entry for more than 1 student is submitted only a single prize will be provided.

**Only original entries will be accepted: photocopies or scanned copies will not be considered.**

Conditions of entry are:

- Drawings and combination drawing/words should be **no larger than an A3 sheet**.
- Sculptures or collages must have a footprint **no larger than an A3 sheet**
- One entry per student. (Entry must be the work of only that student.)

**All entries must have the following information provided on a label that is easily read. Entries will be not be accepted if the label is not securely attached to the piece of work.**

**Panda Competition 2020**

**School name:**

**Teacher's name**

**Student Name (First name plus Surname)**

**Gender**

**Age of student**

**School Year**

**Entries must be received by 5pm Sunday 27 September 2020**

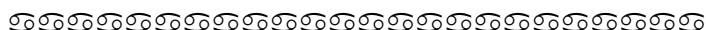
Entries should be sent to:

The Secretary (Panda Competition)  
Australia China Friendship Society  
PO Box 530  
Civic Square ACT 2608



Judging of the entries will take place early in the school holidays and the presentation of prizes will be on a date to be advised. **When sending in an entry please include a phone and email contact address** so that we can contact you with the names of the winners and details of the awards ceremony. If you are posting your entry please email [acfsact@gmail.com](mailto:acfsact@gmail.com) so that we can ensure it has arrived.

For further information about the competition or, if you would like to deliver your entry, please email [acfsact@gmail.com](mailto:acfsact@gmail.com)



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The China Cultural Centre in Sydney is going to bring you a series of virtual exhibitions named **Visiting China Online**, welcoming you to reach out of various fascinating Chinese scenery, culture and heritage, when you are at home.

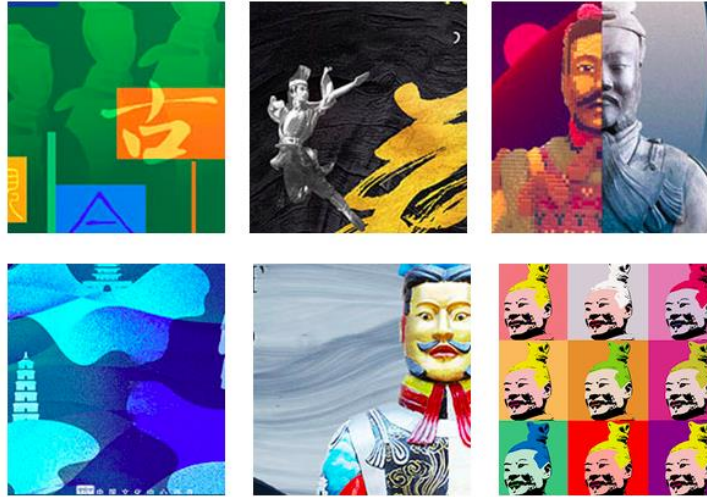
Come to discover the **World Heritage in China** through our exhibition gallery!



## Qin-the Past and Present of Terracotta Warriors

The terracotta warrior's relic, built 2,500 years ago, has been known as the Eighth Wonder of the World since it was excavated, and has become an immortal historical and cultural treasure.

This online exhibition is exclusively launched on June 12th on our official website by China Cultural Centre in Sydney and Shaanxi Provincial Department of Culture and tourism, splendidly presenting the unique cultural connotation and aesthetic charm of the World Cultural Heritage Qin Terracotta Warriors.



Taking history, heritage, art and cultural creation as content-ground, and "Internet +" as the technology carrier, this wonderful cloud exhibition will bring all historical-artifacts back to life. It demonstrates the derivative art creations of Qin Terracotta Warriors, like an amazingly painted scroll to interpret the history and civilization of Qin and Han Dynasties, as well as the cultural marks they left in modern China.



360° Panoramic Display of **Digital Museum**

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家

Home / jiā

Oracle bone script  
甲骨文

Small seal script  
小篆

Regular script  
楷书

“家”字，甲骨文字形，“宀”，棚屋，里面是“豕”（猪）。屋有一头猪。这就是“家”。从这个字可见，上古人们的畜牧业是从养开始的，猪对人很重要。

中国人的家庭观念很重，儒家尤其重视家庭情感。

The oracle bone script has 'hut' on the top and 'pig' at the bottom. It can be inferred that ancient Chinese stock farming began with the breeding of pigs and the animals played an important role in the formative years of humankind.

The Chinese people have a strong faith in family, a faith fostered particularly by Confucian philosophy.

Source: *Getting to Know China: appreciation of 100 Chinese characters.*



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