

The activities of the branch have been recognised by both the Australian Government and by the Peoples Republic of China.

1974 committee person Renie Yuen was invited with nine others to take part in a National Celebration day in China. A highlight of her trip was being interviewed by Premier Zhou Enlai.

1981 the then Lord Mayor of Perth Sir Thomas Wardle agreed to become the ACFSWA patron.

Members Geoff Davis and Anita Chong were active in promoting the teaching of Mandarin in Western



Geoff Davis AM

Australian State and Private Schools. In recognition of their work in this area, both were honoured with the Medal of the Order of Australia. They were also awarded the special title of “Outstanding Chinese Language Educator” by the Council of the People’s Republic of China in recognition of their many years work as teachers of Mandarin.



Anita Chong AM

The Branch’s president Mr Les Grieve was given an award by the Chinese People’s Association of Friendship with Foreign Countries in recognition for his work with both the WA and National body of the society in promoting friendship between the two countries.



Roz Hanley being shown the award by Les Grieve



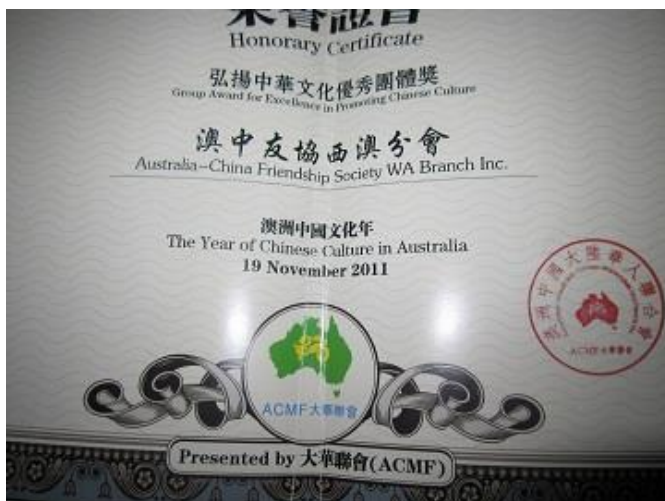
Mr Les Grieve, Mr Zhou Wenzhong and Ms Xie

The Chinese Ambassador to Australia Zhou Wenzhong and his wife Xie Shumin were guests of the Branch at a special dinner at the Grand Palace Restaurant. Mr Zhou Wenzhong presented President Les Grieve, representing the Society, with a beautiful Chinese tapestry.



2000 on 16<sup>th</sup> October, a Memorandum of Understanding was agreed between ACFSWA and the Zhejiang Provincial People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, Hangzhou.

2011 At the Tenth Chinese Culture Ambassadors Award Presentation Ceremony held on ACFSWA Branch was recognised for "Excellence in Promoting Chinese Culture" in the Group Achievement Category.



The Award Trophy and the Honorary Credential (certificate) were received on behalf of the Society by Roz Hanley, Branch Treasurer and ACFS National Tour Organiser.



2012 At a reception to Celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between China and Australia, five Branch members were recognised for their contribution in improving Australia China relations.

**China Australia Friendship Award**  
*On the occasion of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations, we avail this opportunity to award you for your great contribution to the China-Australia friendship relations.*  
*Consulate General of P.R. China  
in Perth 21 December 2012*



Anne Grieve, representing Les, Wally Frick, Geoff Davis, Ann Begg and Roz Hanley receiving their awards with President William Chi

2012 in recognition of the branch's activities and the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of Diplomatic relations between Australia and China, Australia Post issued commemorative stamped envelopes for the branch and its members to use.





Another contribution was the development of the national logo for ACFS Ltd. It was designed under committee member Roz Hanley guidance. The design looks great with blue for the Australian component and red for the Chinese component

Today the Branch continues to focus on friendship and understanding between the two countries by promoting studying of mandarin, delegations and cultural tours to China, exhibitions of Chinese culture, and entertaining Chinese delegations and using special occasions both Chinese and Australian to promote friendship.