



FriendshipNight

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ABOUT ACFSWA ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP AWARDS 2018

ACFSWA Annual Friendship Awards have been introduced to recognise individuals and corporate entities who have significantly contributed to the promotion of friendship, education and cultural understanding between Australia and China, and will be presented each year.

Friendship has many forms and there are those in our community who demonstrate their belief in the value of friendship by working to put their beliefs into a practical reality. It is the aim of the Australia China Friendship Society in Western Australia to build the bonds of friendship between Australia and China. The Society in 2017 commenced the Annual Friendship Awards with just one presentation. Such has been the success that in 2018 that the number was increased to four with categories covering Individuals, Family, Associations and Corporate Entities.

The Society was formed in 1970 and it has an impressive and long list of activities in which the common bond has been the spread of friendship between the nations of China and Australia. The activities will continue to evolve just as the opportunities to interact with China and its people at every level expand. The Society is open to all who support the linking of our nations and new members are invited to join in this worthwhile task.

We often talk about the past and the present of Australian - Chinese friendship/relationships and neglect to look toward the future of this ultra important connectivity. The friendship of our two nations is too often considered as a basis of trade and profit and to be fair this is an important consideration for all nations, however, the best working relationships are built upon genuine friendship and admiration of not just the other's goods and services but upon the valued relationship that genuinely caring for each other brings to every interaction, be it cultural, or profitable. An equally important concept is that of being cognisant of cultural division and providing any opportunity to bridge that gap and move toward a better understanding and symbiosis between our two diverse cultural identities, for the profit of our souls as well as our pockets.

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THE AUSTRALIA CHINA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY AWARD WINNERS

KERRY JENKE INDIVIDUAL FRIENDSHIP AWARD

This award celebrates an individuals dedication to Australian - Chinese relations and mutually beneficial philosophy and ideology. The difference between these cultures are exemplified by the tenets of Confucian philosophy and Kerry has been recognised for her efforts to invest these ideals in the education of and intergration of the chinese language in schools in WA, most notably Penrhos College.



TOURISM COUNCIL OF W.A ASSOCIATION AWARD

The association award is presented to an organisation or company that has demonstrated a desire to create a strong connection with China. The Tourism Council of WA continues its long standing affiliation with the people of China and in it's encouragement and support of tourism from and to China throughout 2018. Alana Hammond is seen here accepting the award on behalf of the Tourism Council of WA

THE PERTH MINT CORPORATE AWARD

Representatives of The Perth Mint travel regularly to China to meet with the major banks and distributors and separately attend the many conferences and fairs. The Perth Mint's latest coin releases are displayed and sold to Chinese collectors. Efforts such as these make strong connections with China and Australia, making The Perth Mint a worthy recipient of this coveted award.



LYNDA NUTTER FAMILY AWARD

Lynda's work has inspired a team of interested parties at Edith Cowan University and the Academy of Sciences in Beijing and plans are underway to carry out thermoluminescence dating at an Helena Valley site that could help the research team to prove that Chinese astronomers visited Western Australia more than 740 years ago.





The Perth Mint, a Western Australian Government-owned organization, has a close and mutually beneficial relationship with China and Chinese companies (both Australian and China-based), formed over many years.

The Perth Mint's China relationship involves numerous arms of the international precious metals organization's diverse and vertically integrated business operations. These include Refining, Minted Products, Sales & Distribution, Tourism and Treasury.

The 119-year-old Mint was the first in the world to introduce a gold bullion coin series that draws its inspiration from the Chinese Zodiac. Launched in 1995 and exported worldwide, the Australian Lunar Gold Coin Series acknowledges the folklore and strong cultural affinity for gold among the people of Asia. In 1999, the Mint also added an Australian Lunar Silver Coin Series.

In addition, the Mint's Chinese Astrological Series, launched in 2008, showcases each animal in the Chinese Zodiac with pure gold coins representing 'Prosperity', 'Longevity', and 'Success'.

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The Perth Mint's refinery, which refines over 90% of Australia's gold production, is a major supplier of value-added gold cast bars to both China and the wider Asian region. The Mint's 99.99% kilobars were the first foreign bars accredited on the Shanghai Gold Exchange and remain a benchmark in terms of purity and consistency. Demand is further demonstrated by the supply of over 210 tonnes of gold annually into the Chinese market, amounting to revenue in excess of AUD 11.5 billion. This volume places The Perth Mint as the largest supplier of gold into China.

As well as providing goods and tourism services to the Chinese market, The Perth Mint has forged close and considerable business partnerships with Chinese suppliers in the development of packaging and giftware supplies totalling millions of dollars annually.

The Mint regularly hosts official Chinese visitors and enjoys a close and cooperative relationship with the Chinese Consulate in Perth.

With the recent growth in Chinese tourism to Western Australia, The Perth Mint Shop & Exhibition, one of the State's top tourist attractions, has demonstrated a strong commitment to the market.



MR LEI KEZHONG CHINESE CONSUL GENERAL SPEAKS

The relationship between China and Western Australia is not only about iron ore, not only about trade, it is also about tourism, education, people to people exchanges. The Chinese Consulate General in Perth will continue to work together with our friends in WA, to further promote the friendship and corporation in all our fields.



tourism council

the voice of tourism western australia

Tourism Council WA is the peak body representing tourism businesses, industries and regions in Western Australia. The Council promotes the value of tourism, facilitates sustainable development and advocates industry policy on behalf of members. The national industry development programs, such as the Australian Tourism Accreditation Program, assist members to enhance their sustainability, improve standards and enhance the reputation of tourism destinations throughout WA.

In its advocacy capacity, Tourism Council WA develops evidence-based policy on issues including: business regulation; marketing and events; parks and environment; planning and infrastructure; aviation and transport; and workforce development. The Council advocate it's policy agenda to government and maintains an active public profile and media presence to communicate critical industry issues.

Since 2013, Tourism Council WA has partnered with China Ready and Accredited to implement a global accreditation program in Western Australia. China Ready and Accredited assist business in training programs that equip them with cultural insights and understandings that are essential for engaging Chinese consumers.

The China ready and Accredited program identifies products and services that Chinese consumers can trust. The trademark symbol signifies quality assurance, cultural awareness, consumer protection and respect for Chinese travellers.

Tourism Council WA has developed China Ready workshops to assist members to further develop their insights into the growing China market by understanding:

- Cross cultural training.
- Language, culture, history and traditions.
- Greetings.
- Accommodation expectations.
- F&B and tourism services.
- WeChat, including the types of accounts and how to communicate to potential agents and suppliers.

Since the introduction of the program, 84 tourism business have completed or are in the process of completing the China Ready and Accredited Program.

Tourism Council WA is committed to the preparedness of tourism business to service the Chinese market in the future.

MR. PAUL NG THE MAYOR OF CANNING

Pictured at the ACFSWA friendship night (on left) with Shaoping Ding (President of Chung Wah Association). Mayor Paul Ng is a great supporter of the society and a much appreciated personality who, in his position as Mayor of Canning has done much to support his community in providing a strong bridge between the asian and Australian people of Canning.





INDEPENDENT HISTORIAN **LYNDA NUTTER**

Lynda Nutter (ACFS WA's immediate past Secretary) is an Independent Historian whose research suggests that a spectacular, stone-walls structure and engraved stone at the Helena Valley near Perth could be the remains of an ancient Chinese observatory, possibly built for the Si Hai Ce Yan (四海测验) or Four Seas Survey Test in the Thirteenth Century.

Lynda's work has inspired a team of interested parties at Edith Cowan University and the Academy of Sciences in Beijing and plans are underway to carry out thermoluminescence dating at the site in early 2019.

With the potential to overturn our current view of History, thermoluminescence dating at the Helena Valley site could help the research team to prove that Chinese astronomers visited Western Australia more than 740 years ago.

ECU Research Team: Fieldwork at Helena Valley, November 2017.

Pro Vice Chancellor (China) Prof. Wei Wang, Prof. Xiaoli Zhao, Ph.D. candidates Xueqing Wang and Seqi Ge, with Jill Thompson-White and Lynda Nutter. (seen above)



AN INSPIRATIONAL EDUCATOR **KERRY JENKE**

Kerry Jenke is an inspirational educator with a reputation for innovative best practice. Kerry has worked tirelessly to initiate and foster strong relationships with the Confucius Institute and three schools in Hangzhou. In addition, Kerry has developed personal networks, which has led to her hosting many members of these networks in her home.

Kerry has played an integral role in developing and maintaining the relationship between Penrhos College, the Confucius Institute and Jincheng Experimental School in China. As well as being key in liaising with other institutes in order to ensure the success of planned events. Kerry has contributed countless hours in the coordination and supervision of Chinese lessons.

Kerry's efforts have led to the adoption of a Chinese Language Co-curricular club which continues to see increased participation with students eager to learn more about China! The success of this program has since led to the adoption of Chinese Language (Mandarin) introduced into the Early Learning Centre curriculum at Penrhos College. It has also strengthened Penrhos College's Sister-School Relationships and engaged more teachers and students in cross-cultural collaboration.

BEVAN & SEAN LI XU PERFORM FOR THE GUESTS AT THE ACFSWA FRIENDSHIP NIGHT



The attendants at the ACFSWA friendship night were graced with a wonderful performance by the accomplished young musicians Bevan and Sean Li Xu who demonstrated their skill and passion for traditional Chinese music with their beautiful composition 'The Galloping War Horse'. Both brothers have become highly skilled as composers and players of these ancient instruments and the audience was treated to solo performances by Bevan on the Chinese dulcimer and Sean playing the Er Hu as well. These talented boys can look forward to many more years of creating and performing their truly inspiring music and to helping to create a greater appreciation of Chinese culture within the Australian community as well.



AUSTRALIA CHINA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY COMMITTEE OF WA

The Australia China Friendship Society was established in the 1960's to promote friendship between the people of our two nations and it was in no small way instrumental in assisting with Australia recognising diplomatically the People's Republic of China in December 1972. For many years The Society was the only source of information about China available in this State and we assisted the Western Australian government in establishing sister state and province relationships.

Over the years ACFS have also assisted with a number of teachers going from Australia to China to teach English in remote rural areas, where it was difficult to obtain qualified English teachers.

Australia China Friendship Society of Western Australia has hosted many Chinese delegations to this State and has been instrumental in sending many friendship delegations to China as well as being involved in cultural activities and presentations on China by eminent scholars.

Today, the ACFS role continues not only working with own efforts but also encourage the others to promoting the cultural exchange and friendship between Australia and China.

ZIYU XIONG VOLUNTEER AT THE CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE

Among the various forms of entertainment provided on the friendship night was the exceptional talent of Ziyu Xiong. Ziyu Xiong, a postgraduate from Ocean University of China, working as a volunteer in Confucius Institute.

The name of the music is 'Song of The Returning Fishboat'

回鱼之歌 舟唱晚



FRIENDSHIP BRIDGE

A poem by Mr. Xiangpei Lin

(attempted translation)

Australia-China Friendship Association has been here for decades proving their amazing selfless dedication. Building a wonderful Friendship Bridge from the earliest time. The peoples of Australia and China are very happy for relations established over a half century ago and more, with mutual benefit, each to the other. Respect for freedom is the cornerstone of cooperation for an avenue of a many miles.

七律（友谊桥）

澳中友协老团体
无私奉献了不起
最早搭建友谊桥
澳中人民皆欢喜
澳中建交半世纪
互惠互利互送礼
尊重主权为基石
合作大道铺万里



HUNYUAN TAIJI QIGONG SYSTEM MARTIN DENG

Master Deng is a 20th generation successor of Chen Style Taijiquan and founder of the Australian Hunyuan Taijii Quigong Academy. Shane (pictured above - behind Master Deng) began his practice of Hunyuan Taiji and Quigong in 2009. Recently he has completed the entire program at the Hunyuan Taijii Quigong Academy and celebrated his successorship. He is going to set up his own Tai Chi School in Canada.

About the Hunyuan Taiji Qigong System

Over the last two decades, Hunyuan Taijii (Tai Chi) Quigong has been the fastest spreading exercise practiced

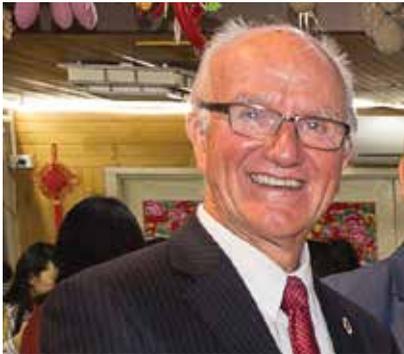
in mainland China and some western countries. It is a complete system which represents the essence of traditional Taiji Qigong, Taoist teachings, chinese medical theory and martial arts. The system is composed of internal power excersises, Taijiquan forms, weapons, push hand and free sparring. Practicing Hunyuan Taijii Quigong is not just healty exercise, but also learning a process of ancient eastern philosophy, culture and the development of a positive life style. The Australian Hunyuan Taijii Quigong is authorised by the Beijing Hunyuan Taijii Quigong Center.



MR XIANGPEI LIN SEVEN LAWS

Mr Lin is a well known figure in the Perth Chinese community an elder statesman of some repute as an artist, writer of poetry and a passionate advocate of biuldng bridges toward better relations and friendships between the Australian and Chinese community in his adopted home of Western Australia. Mr Lin was inspired to create a wonderful impromptu poem on this occasion which he performed to great applause. (above)

ARNOLD VAN SON
ACFSWA
VICE PRESIDENT



Arnold van Son is the Vice President of ACFSWA and has been a staunch supporter of the society and its agendas for many years now. Arnold performed the role of MC for the Friendship night, he is a very welcome and important part of the society's connection to the broader Chinese - Australian community.



THE CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHER ASSOCIATION OF WA

The Chinese Language Teachers Association of Western Australia was founded in 1984 by Geoffrey Davis, a senior member of ACFSWA, aimed to promote the teaching and study of the Chinese language in Western Australia, undertake activities designed to extend the knowledge of members on all aspects of the Chinese language and teaching methodology, and to assist members and students of Chinese with all the publication of materials. CLTAWA also assists members to extend employment opportunities.

As a member of ACFSWA, CLTAWA has worked closely with ACFSWA in organise appropriate activities to promote the cultural exchange and friendship of Australia and China, as well as to encourage Western Australia students to learn Chinese Language in the school and at home.



NANCY CHEN
ACFSWA PRESIDENT

Nancy Chen is the lynch pin in a chain of enthusiastic people whose sole desire is to create good and friendly relations between the people of Australia and China. She is responsible for the inception and development of this truly wonderful friendship society and its primary goal, which is to foster better relations between our two nations. Nancy has worked tirelessly to provide any opportunity for Australians and Chinese to connect on a meaningful level for the mutual benefit of both communities. Her efforts include the creation of the ACFSWA awards and the management of the event every year. Furthermore, Nancy institutes many other valuable connections between both societies via her social (and media) activities designed specifically to provide opportunities for China and Australia (particularly Western Australia) to interact in meaningful and profitable ways.



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