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CONSUL GENERAL LONG DINGBIN ARRIVES IN PERTH



A WARM WELCOME TO PERTH
FROM YOUR FRIENDS
AT ACFSWA



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EDITION



PRESIDENT'S UPDATE Nancy Chen

50
Years
Building
Bridges



The first quarter of 2021 was an exciting one for ACFSWA and was particularly notable for three exciting events:

1. Moving into our new premises at 3-5 Bennett Street, East Perth, close to the centre of town and with excellent accessibility for members. The venue provides great opportunities to host events for our members and to provide a meeting place for those committed to building bridges between Australia and China.
2. Holding our Annual General Meeting at our new premises at which we welcomed many senior figures with deep ties to China and Australia across a range of interests onto our expanded committee.
3. Appointing eight new members to our 2021 Committee shown in the group photo below - including Stuart Crockett to the role of Ambassador, as profiled in this newsletter. We look forward to sharing the profiles of our other new committee members in future editions of this newsletter.

The second quarter of 2021 is also looking to be very positive, In particular, I am excited that **Consul General LONG Dingbin** commences his term of office at the Consulate General Offices of the PRC in East Perth this month. I was pleased to meet Consul General Long and am delighted that he will continue the long tradition of meeting with our members at a private gathering this month.

Also during this quarter we plan to open the ACFSWA Library, which we are confident will be an invaluable repository of knowledge on the history of Western Australia's engagement with China as well as preserving important historical and cultural texts. We look forward to keeping members updated as we move closer to our official opening.

This quarter we also bade farewell to some long-standing Committee Members who have served our Society with great distinction. I particularly wish to recognise and thank Chance Zhang, David Kininmonth and Arnold Van Son for their great contribution over many years.

The good news is that they are not lost to the Society and the wisdom, knowledge and experience remains close at hand now that we have formed a Senior Persons Advisory Panel to provide insights and guidance to the committee. Former ACFSWA President Gian Wong has also joined the Panel to share his experience with us.

Whilst the Sino-Australian bilateral relationship is going through some tricky times at the moment and we have been witnessing troubling reports of increased verbal and physical abuse of Asian Australians in the last year, the need for the work of our Friendship Society has never been greater.



Committee members absent
Gordon Jin, Jessie Cai

At ACFSWA, we have a strong and proud history of building people to people links between China and W.A. and we intend to continue that history through promoting positive agendas of engagement.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Terrific new members joined our W.A. Committee at our AGM held in February 2021

Report by Vice President Simon Attenborough

The 2021 ACFSWA AGM was held on the 7th of March at our new premises located on Bennett Street East Perth. The Sunday gathering gave us an excellent opportunity to showcase our amazing outlet to members, meet the 2021 committee and experience a fantastic performance from a unique Chinese-Australian music ensemble. Refreshments and cake were served after the meeting to help celebrate our new place and welcome in the new year.

We welcomed 8 new people to the Committee (details below), providing us with the increased talent and resources we need to expand the contribution of the Society.

We are really fortunate to have such a highly functional venue in a very centralised location of Perth. As we move forward, our committee members are creating new and interesting events to be held throughout the year at this extraordinary venue so please look out for them as they are announced. On behalf of the ACFSWA committee we look forward to seeing you at Bennett Street soon.

Welcome to our new committee members:

Stuart Crockett (Ambassador)	Trade, PR and Govt Specialist
Phil McKeiver (Secretary)	Senior Counsel, Gilbert + Tobin
Prof. Clive Barstow	Dean of Humanities, ECU
Gordon Jin	Entrepreneur and businessman
Chris Brennan	Seven Stars Tai Chi Association
Joanna Liu	Ex Rio Tinto, Data Specialist
Ying Li	Businessman, Gymnastics Academ
Sarah Zheng	Fortescue Metals Group Executive

The National AGM of ACFS Ltd will be held on Wednesday 12 May by zoom teleconference,

Nancy Chen, Roz Hanley, Jessie Cai and Duncan Calder from our WA committee are nominated for positions on our National body.





Introducing our new ACFSWA Ambassador Stuart Crockett

Stuart is currently Strategic Counsel for CGM Communications trade and investment communications practice as well as CEO and Founder of two way International Trade and Investment execution services company, International Channel Partners (ICP).

Stuart brings exceptional regional networks and more than 30 years of public and private sector experience to the role of Ambassador to ACFSWA.

Stuart joined CGM and founded ICP after his most recent role as the Government of Western Australia's Commissioner to Greater China (2017- 2021).



During this time, Stuart lived in Shanghai and was responsible for managing all elements of WA's international trade, investment and cultural exchange activities with China.

Stuart has specialist expertise in identifying private and government investment opportunities for Chinese organisations in Western Australia and developing market entry strategies for WA export companies in China.

Before taking up this role, Stuart held the position of Executive Director – International Trade and Investment for the WA Government's Department of State Development, then Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation, for five years. His duties included managing overseas offices in China, Korea, Indonesia, Singapore and India.

Prior to this, Stuart held roles within the Australian Trade Commission (Austrade) including Trade and Investment Commissioner Los Angeles and State Director for Western Australia.

Stuart's experience and accomplishments within the public sector make him highly respected across the public service, as well as both sides of politics. Stuart has also held senior positions in a number of private companies, including start-up life science company Alosca Technologies and global trading organisation Craig Mostyn & Co.

Stuart holds a Bachelor of Business double-majoring in marketing and management from Edith Cowan University, a Diploma in Export Management from the Australian Institute of Export and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and the Perth US Asia Centre – Indo Pacific executive development program.

In his spare time, Stuart enjoys spending time with his wife and two daughters, cycling and kitesurfing.

**Stuart's
networks open
many doors
for ACFSWA to
build bridges**



Cross-cultural Misunderstandings

Dr. Wolfgang Frick

Past president
and Vice
President of
ACFSWA

“Australia's current falling out with China is largely based on failing to understand China and the Chinese people. Perhaps, I am one of the more fortunate people, who, after my history teacher at high school in the USA, back in 1952, told our graduation class that bears watching, for Napoleon had once said: *“let her sleep, for when she awakens, she will shake the world.”*”

From that day onward, I became interested in China and things Chinese and started to study the Chinese language and China's long and turbulent history, ancient and modern. I have travelled to China on many occasions and have studied, lived and worked in China.

Let us just pause for a moment and think about our daily lives. Is there currently anything at home or on our body, which is not “made in China”?

I am sure that you can name one of the many Chinese inventions, for instance?

Let me help you, by listing some of the more important ones, which have been around for a long time. They are among others: paper making, printing, gunpowder, the compass, paper money and coins, the toothbrush, bed, chair and pillows, row crop farming, the seed drill, the seismograph or earthquake detector, rocketry, porcelain, which we call China, the umbrella, acupuncture, map making, the lunar calendar, astronomical instruments, the mechanical clock, ore smelting furnaces, alcohol (long before the Arabs, from whose language the world el kohl or alcohol comes), the school system, which remains with us to this very day, since the days of Confucius.

And you could say I left out tea? Perhaps, that is because I am just having a cup of it. I could go on and name some 200 inventions of yesteryear.

After all, China was technologically advanced. It had also practiced early ship building and made attempts at human flight with giant kites. However, some emperors wanted to go back to the old ways and thus, the industrial revolution in Europe soon caught up with China.

Let us now jump ahead in history to get to the point I want to make.

Namely, how China got an inferiority complex - which it is now determined to eradicate forever.



The author has
been a member
of ACFSWA for 50
years, from the
very start!

Wolfgang
is now in
his 80's

Cross-cultural Misunderstandings

Dr. Wolfgang Frick (cont'd)



After Britain had shipped masses of tea to England, it needed to fill its ships on the way to China and thus picked up opium from India and other countries en route to China, which China paid for in pure silver. When in 1840 the Chinese imperial court recognised the scourge, which opium presented, it ordered the Governor of Canton (Guangzhou) to burn the opium stores in that town. This led to war.

After 2 opium wars in the 1840s, the defeated Chinese were forced to sign the unequal treaties, which later also ceded Hong Kong to the British for one hundred years. In 1911 during the boxer uprising an allied contingent, made up of many countries, among them Germany, England, Japan, Russia, Italy, France, Austria-Hungary and the USA marched on Beijing, suffering massive casualties along the way due to hit and run attacks by both the boxers and the regular Chinese army. Eventually, they took Beijing and freed the embattled legations. Negotiations with the Imperial court in its dying days extorted more concessions from the vanquished Chinese and established treaty ports along the east coast of China. 43 concessions were granted by China.

Later in 1937-45, the Japanese invasion of China and China's civil war between the Guomintang and the Communists under Mao Zedong, weakened Chinese morale and self-esteem further. After the Communists under Mao proclaimed the PRC on the 1st of October 1949, the once mighty China was economically ruined. Mao's doctrine of self-reliance bore no fruit and the communes proved to be a total failure and led to famines, which killed millions.

Not until Deng Xiao Ping, as supreme leader, did China open up to the west.

China began to modernise and a construction boom of housing units and modern factories followed. Joint ventures with foreign companies ensued and the world began outsourcing everything to China, so that retailers could enjoy greater profit margins.

The growing industrial giant China needed unlimited amounts of raw materials for its many industries and Australia was one of the major exporters profiting from China's boom and becoming reliant upon it. China also needed to strengthen and modernise its armed forces after having fought two border wars with India and Vietnam during which it did not fare too well. A nuclear armed North Korea and Japan, a highly armed and battle hardened Vietnam, a nuclear armed India, a hostile Taiwan and a not so friendly Philippines, all made China speed up its rearmament and put security corridors in place to prevent surprise attacks on it.

Would any forward thinking nation not act likewise in a similar strategic situation? I am sure it would.



Deng Xiaoping



Yet he
remains
committed
to building
friendships.
Inspirational stuff.



Cross-cultural Misunderstandings

Dr. Wolfgang Frick (cont'd)

Mutual respect
remains a
foundational
cornerstone
for friendship

The Chinese do business in a different manner to the West as well. They weigh up all the pros and cons of a business and base their business relations on mutual friendship and trust. Respect of the other party means everything to Chinese and to make a Chinese individual, a business or the whole nation lose face in public is a transgression they will hardly ever forget or forgive. Face giving on the other hand is much appreciated and expected. E.g. "China has made great progress in lifting its population out of poverty and deserves our respect". Easily said, but it means a lot to them when we say it.

They will not, unless under extreme duress, raise the issue of Australian migrant detention or treatment of Aborigines or the stolen generation etc. in public to embarrass Australia in front of the whole world, for they consider this a meddling in the internal affairs of a sovereign country. The posting of that cartoon concerning SAS alleged atrocities in Afghanistan recently is therefore completely out of character for China and the reaction of a Chinese diplomat familiar with western ways, who felt personally offended.

China too fails to understand how democratic governments function and in case of Australia think that the rhetoric coming from the mouth of Canberra politicians reflects the thinking of all Australians who are allegedly directed to hate China.

Let us hope that China realises that they will not hurt our politicians in Canberra, by refusing to buy our goods produced with the sweat of ordinary Australians. China's present attitude therefore hurts the ordinary hard-working people of Australia, who have no quarrel with China and its equally hard-working people.

I hope and pray that the politicians on both sides of the fence will take time to reflect upon the past history and the recent events that led to those cross-cultural misunderstandings.

As a member of the Australia China Friendship Society for 50 years, I would hate to think that I have wasted more than half of my life in trying to promote understanding and friendship between the people of our two great nations: Australia and China.



What topics would
you like future
articles to cover?
Please let us know!

Building bridges

A cord of many strands is strong!

ACFSWA & THE CHUNG WAH ASSOCIATION
OUT IN THE COMMUNITY.

CHINESE NEW YEAR FAIR AND 110TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER



Nancy Chen & Duncan Calder attended Chung Wah's 110th Anniversary Dinner



Premier McGowan, building bridges



Chung Wah President, Chen Ting addressing audience at the Multicultural Concert that followed the annual Chung Wah Chinese New Year Fair in Northbridge



Minister Bill Johnston MLA & Kate Doust MLC magically transported to China at ACFSWA stall by our own magician Leo Hagan



ACFSWA stall at Chinese New Year Fair

Spring Festival is a time of great joy that blesses the whole community

Building bridges

ACFSWA & THE CHUNG WAH ASSOCIATION OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

CHINESE NEW YEAR FAIR



Sharing
cultural
celebrations
helps to build
understanding

ACFSWA was very proud to host a green screen stall at this year's Chung Wah Chinese New Year Fair at the Perth Cultural Centre. We asked passers by to have their pictures taken in front of a green screen and then superimposed images of China. Many of the background photos were provided by Susan Moss who has been visiting China for over 50 years.

We hope that this will help us to grow our membership by connecting with people and families at this wonderful annual event.

Building bridges

AUSTRALIA CHINESE WOMEN'S FEDERATION
OUT IN THE COMMUNITY
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION



Nancy Chen & Duncan Calder attended ACWF's International Women's Day breakfast celebrations

**BEIJING PEOPLE'S
ASSOCIATION FOR
FRIENDSHIP WITH
FOREIGN COUNTRIES
MEDICAL
COLLABORATION
BRIEFING**

Along with representatives from the Friendship Societies of 39 different countries Duncan Calder attended the BPAFFC promotion of collaboration of Chinese companies and overseas companies to combat Covid-19

beating COVID-19 together



Stuart Crockett attended foundation of Beijing People's Association of WA Inc.

**friendship first
business second**



Building bridges

AUSTRALIA CHINA BUSINESS COUNCIL (ACBC) AND
CHINA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN AUSTRALIA

OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

SHARPENING THE EDGE OF SOFT DIPLOMACY:
THE POWER OF SPORT, CINEMA AND THE ARTS

Report by
Julie Song
Fortescue
Metals Group

Nancy Chen (far right) attended ACBC's event on soft diplomacy
and its impact on Sino-Australian relations celebrations

Andrew Hunter
Author

KEYNOTE

Zhou Xiaoping
Artist

SPEAKERS

Camille Chen
Producer

Andrew Hunter, - author of "From Port Adelaide to Shanghai" and strategic advisor to the Munderoo Foundation. He worked for the Adelaide Hong Kong and Australian Football Club from 2015 to 2020 as GM of China Cooperation. He was a professional indoor volleyball player and played for the national team. Andrew was as a senior consultant for international engagement to SA Premier Jay Weatherill, and worked for Lowy Institute as well as working for newspapers, including The Australian.

Zhou Xiaoping is a Chinese-Australian artist living in Melbourne. Since 1988, he has lived and worked extensively in the Kimberley desert and the villages of Arnhem Land. He has made extraordinary achievements in cultural exchanges between Australia and China and has held art exhibitions in China with Australian Aboriginal people many times. He is the first artist to introduce Australian Aboriginal culture and art to China. In 2011, exhibitions entitled "Sea Cucumbers: Stories of Chinese, Makassar, and Aboriginal Australians" were held in Beijing Capital Museum and Melbourne Museum, respectively. Combining Chinese ink painting with the painting skills of Aboriginal Australians, he has developed a unique painting style. Many of his works have been collected by W.A. mining tycoons.

Camille Chen has more than 15 years experience in international co-production and creative content delivery, as a writer, producer and director, focusing on film and television works in cooperation between China and Australia. Her award-winning debut film "Little Sparrows" (2010) has been hailed as "ingenious conception" and "excellent expression". Camille is the co-founder of Legend Media Group, an independent entertainment company based in Perth dedicated to capitalising on the opportunities provided by the emerging Chinese establishment of the group's project pipeline.

On March 19, 2021, the ACBCWA and CCCA in Perth hosted a themed event - Strengthening Soft Diplomacy (Civil diplomacy): Relying on the power of sports, film and art to bridge the gap between Australia and China.

The speaking styles of the three guests contrasted nicely. **Andrew** presents as a veteran diplomat. From table tennis diplomacy between China and the US in 1971, he talked about the introduction of Australian rugby into Shanghai. He believes that through sports exchanges between Australia and China, it is possible to leverage bilateral diplomacy. The door is open. **Camille** is worthy of holding a Masters of Communication and is a shrewd businesswoman. She advocates that soft diplomacy not only has influence, but also has commercial value. **Xiaoping** is more like a scholar, full of persistent pursuit and focus on aboriginal painting and history.

ACBC WA chairman, the handsome 'Chinese guy' James Clarke asked the three presenters to share what they want to do the most. **Andrew** hopes that there will be more cooperation and exchanges between Australia and China in Australian Football (AFL); **Camille** is immersed in her movie dream and promises, if given \$20 million, she will make a movie with an AFL team. Aboriginal athletes from China, go to Shanghai to participate in a film competition. **Zhou Xiaoping** is very straightforward. He doesn't need \$20 million but says "Give me \$1 million - I will hold an exhibition in China that is as influential as "Sea Cucumbers: Stories of Chinese, Makassar, and Aboriginal Australians".

My brain suddenly thought, why should the three of them fight alone, why not consider a plan that can integrate the three dreams? My script idea - a research project of early Chinese-indigenous marriages being carried out by **Xiaoping** that uncovers a descendant who likes AFL; **Andrew** takes him to China to participate in the AFL China competition, to find his roots. **Camille** shoots this story as a heartwarming movie.

Do you agree this is a good plan, a great screen concept, a sure fire hit?

Well, I need \$20 million to make it work, so ... I'm looking for a big investor!

Can you please find me one?

Movies bring
people closer
to each other

Julie Song
Author

We are proud to
profile our members
each edition

GYMNASTIC TRAINING FROM WORLD CLASS GYMNAST

Member profile Ying Li International Gymnastics Academy



Ying Li International
Gymnastics Academy

Ying Li is a world class Chinese athlete and his Gymnastics Academy in Booragoon, W.A. since 1993 has allowed children and adults of all ages to participate and learn various types of gymnastics at their own pace from a true master. School students of any age over 3 years can begin learning with a friendly instructor in classes of between 5 and 15 people.



Gymnasium: 11 Pitt Way, Booragoon



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Sport is a
great cultural
handshake

Member profile

Sino Australian Artists Association

Art is a
great cultural
connector

BILATERAL COLLABORATION OF VISUAL ARTISTS

The Sino Australian Artists Association was formed in 2019 to develop an ongoing dialogue surrounding Australian and Chinese art both ancient and contemporary, through individual and collaborative practices in the visual arts. Our mission is similar to that of the Australia China Friendship Society, that of furthering our friendship between Australia and China through cultural exchange and through exhibitions of visual arts.

While we are often separated by borders, ideologies and languages, we share a visual language that is common to us all as a way of expressing our imagination and telling stories about our cultures that can help in our appreciation of each other.

The inaugural exhibition of the SAAA entitled The Telescope and the Mirror was held at Gallery 25 Edith Cowan University in 2019 with plans to tour the exhibition in China in 2020. While the global pandemic has put this on hold, the SAAA will hold a major online exhibition in late 2021 involving thirty Australian and Chinese artists of international standing, followed by an international on-line conference. The SAAA therefore are proud to be associate members of the ACFS and will work together in coming years to foster and promote our common goals of friendship and understanding between China and Australia.



Clive Barstow
Chairman

<https://sinoaustralianartists.com/>

Remember to
ask your friends
to join ACFSWA



Lots of exciting events to help you to build new friendships

What's in the pipeline?

Upcoming events

WELCOME FUNCTION CONSUL GENERAL LONG DINGBIN

MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2021
4:30 PM TO 6:00 PM



ACFSWA members and their families are welcomed to a private meeting with the newly appointed Consul General of the People's Republic of China in W.A., His Excellency LONG Dingbin.

We will have a chance to meet and mingle with the Consul General in our new CBD office premises and start to share with him our passion for people-to-people exchanges and friendships between the peoples of the two great countries of Australia and China.

GRAND OPENING FUNCTION ACFSWA LIBRARY THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021 AFTERNOON - TBC

ACFSWA is very proud to have established an important new facility in our China Australia Library at our new premises. We are housing a large and beautiful collection of material that provides great history and insights into our bilateral relationship and shares information to help better understand one another's cultures. We have some exciting announcement to also make at this gala opening event. Don't miss it!

LOTS OF NEW FUNCTIONS AT ACFSWA HQ!!

With ACFSWA securing close to 200 m2 of central Perth property for our exclusive use we can plan a series of regular events for our members. Below are just some of the many ideas that we are preparing to implement. Do you have any other great suggestions for us to pursue?

MONTHLY EVENING MEET & GREET WITH CHINESE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

We plan to invite a different Chinese Community Association each month to attend our office in Bennett Street for their President and Committee to introduce their association and region to our members. A great opportunity for new knowledge and new friendships.

MONTHLY EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS FOR MEMBERS

What sessions do you our members want us to run? We will be seeking guidance as to what other events you would like to see us put on for our members. For example two sessions we are planning that will be led by members of our committee are:

1. Introduction to TAI CHI by Chris Brennan
2. Introduction to Chinese Tea by Simon Attenborough.

SOCIAL GET TOGETHERS FOR MEMBERS OVER TEA & COFFEE

We welcome members to arrange social catch-ups and discussions to explore all things friendship and China! Our office is your hub.

Let us know
what events you
want us to put
on for you

Help to build membership

Please renew & ask your friends to join



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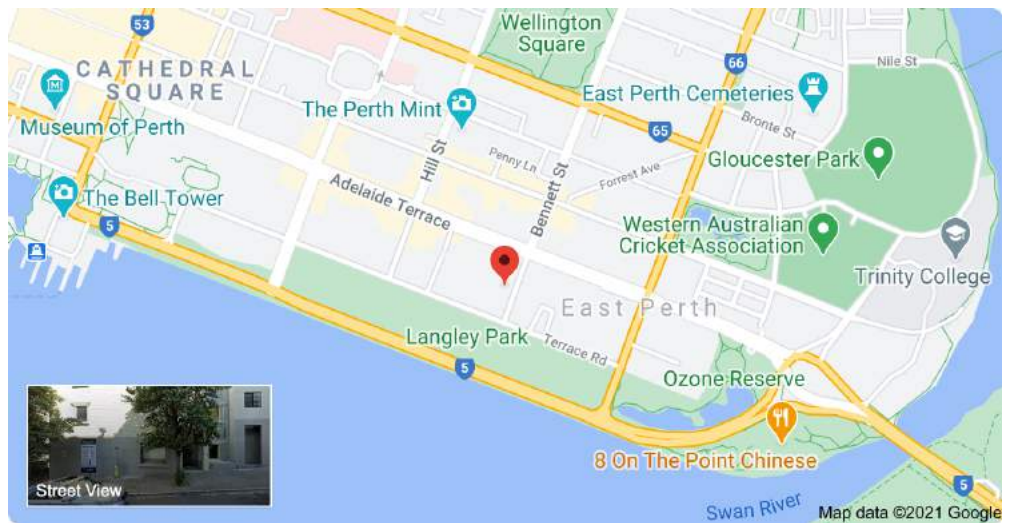
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between the peoples of Australia and China.

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