



澳洲塔省華人聯誼會

Chinese Community Association of Tasmania Inc.

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2014 President's report

Dear Members and Friends,

Welcome and thank you all for attending CCAT's 2015 Annual General Meeting.

Amidst increasing economic and social ties between China and Tasmania, it is an exciting time for growth at CCAT and I am delighted with our progress of introducing new cultural events, activities and services for the community for the past year. Let me highlight those activities and achievements which could not have been possible without us all working together:

- ❖ On 27 April, the Club supported the Mount Nelson Fire Brigade's Fundraising event with spring rolls and traditional Chinese Guzheng performance by our talented young member Steven Wang.
- ❖ On 1 June, CCAT in co-operation with Dragon Boat Tasmania, staged the first "Race a Dragon Boat" at Sandy Bay Short Beach. A very successful day attracting a good crowd and excellent media coverage. The Club catered for all attendees and the Rotary Club of Sandy Bay provided a BBQ. The mixed racing was enjoyed by all the younger members of our Club. It is hoped that we will be able to continue in future to make this event a traditional highlight for Hobart.
- ❖ I was honoured to be invited by the Chinese Government to Beijing to attend the "7th Global Conference for Friendship of Overseas Chinese Associations" which was addressed by President Xi Jinping in the Great Hall of the People on 6 June. After the 2 days conference under the theme "Serve the Community, Develop in Harmony" Lily and I joined an official tour of Hebei Province. This trip provided an unforgettable learning experience for me.
- ❖ On 7 September, the Mid-Autumn Festival was celebrated with a successful buffet in the Clubhouse. Thanks to EIG again for donating the moon cakes for our members and guests including Deputy Lord Mayor Ald Ron Christie and Speaker of the House Elise Archer MP.
- ❖ On 3 October the Chinese National Day celebration was held at the Government House for the first time, to mark the 65th Anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. This was attended by the Premier Will Hodgman, Mr Yumin Song, the Consul-General for China in Melbourne, who was privileged to give an address along with Lieutenant Governor Alan Blow. The focus of the evening was on building and strengthening friendships for now and the future for global peace and prosperity. Thank you Hingor Chung for superb organisation of this successful function.
- ❖ On 16 November concurrent with the G20 held in Brisbane, I led a team of Tasmanian Chinese Association leaders to attend the National Chinese Australian Leaders' Summit and Forum in Gold Coast organised by the National Liaison Council of Chinese Australians. The Forum aimed to discuss ideas and roles of Chinese Australians in promoting Australia China relationship.
- ❖ 18 November was a significant day for the local Chinese community as we gathered our members and friends to welcome Chinese President Xi Jinping and Madame Peng Liyuan to Hobart. The historical visit put Tasmania on the world map and highlighted the Chinese community presence and the ties that have been built up for the past two decades. While club members were a bit disappointed in being unable to meet directly with President Xi during the short visit, I was more fortunate to be invited to the State Dinner in Parliament House Canberra a day before and was privileged to meet the President and shake his hand.



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- ❖ The traditional festivities at the clubhouse included our Christmas party on 7 December with Santa and gifts for the children; and the Chinese School's end of year party on 6 December with awards and prizes for students. The Chinese School is now offering 12 classes in total including free dancing and singing classes for kids. Thank you Kim Phong and all your staff for the excellent work.
- ❖ The Club continues to work in partnership with the Migrant Resource Centre (MRC) and support their regular Chinese Day Centre lunch meetings at our clubrooms on Thursdays. Our senior members could also receive subsidies for occasional lunch outings at other Chinese restaurant.
- ❖ CCAT maintain our tradition of supporting the local Chinese community. We again supported the UTAS Chinese Students and Scholars Association by donating \$300 towards their Mid-Autumn Karaoke singing contest. \$200 was donated to the Chinese Language Teachers' Association of Tasmania (CLTAT) for their Hanyuqiao (Language Bridge) Speech and Performance Competition. Our committee also approved a donation of \$1,000 to the 2008 car accident victim Ms Yao Liu to meet immediate needs.
- ❖ Thanks to our Festival Chairman James Lee and all his helpers, the "2015 Lunar New Year Festival" was successfully held at the Parliament Lawns on Sunday 22 February. We expanded the Festival by involving all local Chinese groups and many other Asian friends who share the Lunar New Year celebration(hence the name change from Chinese New Year Festiva)l. Our move of venue to the larger, central and more family friendly lawns of Parliament House has been proved a wise choice, drawing an estimated crowd of over 4,000. We were fortunate to have the Premier Will Hodgman, Madam Speaker Elise Archer and Lord Mayor Ald Sue Hickey to open our event. A really big thanks to Master Wang and his Buddhist Academy for their participation and wonderful lion dance for our opening ceremony. Of course our deepest gratitude goes to our tireless members and volunteers enabling us to make this bigger and better event a huge success.

Having served three years as Club President, it has been a privilege to work with so many club and community members that have supported CCAT's growth and evolving vision for multiculturalism in Tasmania. It is a testament to the enthusiasm of our people that CCAT has established a strong and positive presence in our local community.

With my presidential term now drawing to a close, I would like to thank all of you in particular those in the Management Committee for your support in helping CCAT realise all achievements and milestones. Looking forward, I believe it is crucial that CCAT remains active as an organisation reaching outward to the wider community. Whether it is through festivity, schooling or charity, we should always aim to engage in roles of both cultural learning and education to identify where support and improvement is needed.

I would like to provide a warm welcome to the incoming Management Committee for 2015 and wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year of the Ram!

Daniel Chan
President