

CHINESE POLL TAX HERITAGE TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT

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Introduction

In 2002 the Government of New Zealand formally apologised to the poll tax payers and their descendants for the actions of previous Governments in imposing a poll tax on Chinese persons entering New Zealand and in enacting other discriminatory statutes.

The Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust was established as a charitable trust by Trust Deed on 10 November 2004. The Trust is intended as a gesture of goodwill to the poll tax payers, their descendants, and future generations in recognition of the hardship caused by the poll tax and other discriminatory legislation, and for the purpose of creating understanding in the wider Chinese community and New Zealand society as a whole.

The Trust was established with an initial capital base of \$5,000,000. This is invested, and each year the Trust gives out most of the income earned on this capital to appropriate projects. Some of the accrued annual income received is reinvested in order to maintain the real value of the initial capital. The Trust is administered by the Department of Internal Affairs.

Objectives of the Trust

The objectives of the Trust are to:

- promote the preservation of Chinese New Zealand history and awareness of the contributions of early Chinese settlers; and
- provide tangible support for Chinese New Zealand history, language and culture, particularly that of the early settler Chinese community.

Within the context of the objectives above, the activities the Trust must promote (but are not limited to) include:

- learning and use of the Cantonese language;
- awareness and understanding of the history of Chinese in New Zealand;
- the recording and preserving of Chinese New Zealand history;
- greater public understanding of ethnic diversity with particular emphasis on the contributions of Chinese New Zealanders;
- Chinese arts and culture (including Chinese New Zealand creative and cultural expression).

Settlor

The Settlor for the Trust is the Minister for Ethnic Affairs, Hon Chris Carter.

The Role of the Trust Committee

The Committee is entrusted to advance the objectives as set out in the Trust Deed. The Committee may formulate policies and set priorities for making grants, and may commission works, sponsor and/or invest in projects or project partnerships for any purpose consistent with the objectives of the Trust.

The accounts are audited by Audit New Zealand. The audit was completed on 25 September 2008 and an unqualified opinion was given.

Appointed Trustees

The following Trustees served on the Committee during the 2007 - 08 financial year:

- Dr James Ng (Chairperson)
- Mr Peter Chin
- Mr Ron Hoy Fong
- Mrs Esther Fung
- Mr Kai Luey
- Ms Deborah Sew Hoy
- Mr David Wong Hop
- Mr Harvey Wu
- Mrs Maureen Leong
- Mr George Sue
- Mr Tony Thackeray

Chairperson's Brief

I would like again to acknowledge the generosity and vision of the New Zealand Government in setting up the Trust. In its third year the Trust has effectively fulfilled its objectives and has been actively promoted in the wider New Zealand community. The grants have been awarded to a range of projects which will be beneficial in many areas that impact on the Chinese Poll Tax descendants and the wider community. The Trust is becoming well-known and appreciated by the Chinese community.

May I also acknowledge the work carried out by the Trustees, who commit their time willingly, and on a voluntary basis, to ensure the Trust's role is carried out. Three Trustees of the eight have retired; Peter Chin, Esther Fung and Harvey Wu, and a warm thanks goes out to them for their very significant contribution to the Trust. The three incoming Trustees are Maureen Leong (Hamilton), George Sue (Levin) and Tony Thackery (Palmerston North), and we welcome them.

We are appropriately and enthusiastically served by the staff of the Department of Internal Affairs. I would like to thank the staff of the Department for their support and the manner in which they carry out their duties.

Dr James Ng
Chairperson

Funding Approved for 2007 - 08

Grant funding is prioritised to one-off projects or seed funding to start a project with a view to ensuring its sustainability for the future. During the financial year, grants totalling \$241,179 were approved by the Trust. The following grants were given in the 2007 - 08 financial year.

Grants Awarded 2007

Lawrence Chinese Camp Charitable Trust towards the cost of the resource consent process for the museum at Lawrence.	\$10,000
Otago Festival of the Arts Trust towards the funding of the cost of a theatre performance, "William Yang's China", at the Otago Festival of the Arts.	\$3,000
Access Radio Incorporated towards the cost of production of six New Zealand Chinese history interviews for Access Radio broadcast.	\$3,375
Tung Jung Association of NZ towards the cost of running adult Cantonese language classes for older students at the language academy.	\$3,500
NZ Chinese Association (Auckland) towards the cost of running the music school programme for the 2008 year.	\$8,700
Mayme Chanwai to assist with the cost of professional help for Mayme Chanwai to enable production and exhibition of her art work/heritage project.	\$3,000
Kidney Kids of NZ Support Group towards the cost of production of a Cantonese opera.	\$1,000
Kerry Ann Lee towards the cost of research to produce and design "Greetings from Chinatown Aotearoa".	\$3,000
Wallace Early Settlers Association towards the cost of display of the artefacts from 'Roundhill', to create a visual story of goldmining in the area.	\$1,800
Auckland Chinese Community Centre towards the cost of teaching, reading and writing in Cantonese at the Auckland Chinese Community Centre Chinese School.	\$6,000
Wellington Chinese Association towards funding of the Chinese New Year concert for 2008.	\$3,000

NZ Chinese Association – Manawatu Branch	\$5,650
towards the translation of various information and to run weekly sessions for senior Chinese on old age issues.	
NZ China Friendship Society – Nelson Branch	\$15,000
towards the cost of a commemorative dragon mosaic mural for the entrance pavilion of the Huangshi Garden in Nelson.	
Glenys Ng	\$3,000
towards the cost of the exhibition of “The Return” at the Forrester Gallery at Oamaru.	
Ingrid Cheung	\$1,500
towards the cost of dragon and lion dance sets for students in the Chinese cultural group at Bailey Road School.	
Christine Chan-Hyams	\$3,000
towards the production costs of the novel “Bride Song”.	
Horowhenua Library Trust	\$3,000
towards their project to research early Chinese residents in cemeteries in the Horowhenua District.	
Asian Events Trust	\$2,000
towards the production of the Wellington Chinese New Year Festival 2008.	
Wellington Chinese Association	\$16,000
towards the cost of running a NZCA youth leadership and development conference in Wellington.	
Tairāwhiti Museum (Gisborne Museum Charitable Trust)	\$2,454
towards the Tairāwhiti Museum’s exhibition “A Barbarous Measure”.	
Dunedin Chinese Gardens Trust	\$100,000
to assist in the funding of a commemorative courtyard for the Chinese garden at Dunedin.	

Grants Awarded 2008

New Zealand Chinese Association Inc to assist in funding the Association's 2008 dance teacher programme.	\$4,000
Auckland Chinese Community Centre Inc to assist with the cost of the 2008 Chinese New Year Festival Cultural Concert.	\$4,000
NZ Chinese Association (Auckland) to assist with the cost of their annual Easter Tournament.	\$15,000
Zhang Jiaqi to produce, in Chinese, a book on basic knowledge of New Zealand history, which will benefit new migrants and other New Zealanders.	\$500
Leo Ying Hug Ho to assist with setting up four classes to teach Cantonese to local people.	\$2,000
NZ Chinese Calligraphers Association Inc to promote Chinese calligraphy as an art form in New Zealand.	\$1,000
White Cloud Choir of Auckland Inc to establish Cantonese language classes.	\$1,500
Manawatu Chinese Community Trust to host the annual Chinese speech competition, which will be followed by the Chinese mid-autumn Moon Festival celebration concert.	\$1,000
New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc to fund travel and hosting costs to bring Graeme Langton to Auckland to lecture and educate delegates on Chinese family history.	\$500
Tung Jung Association of NZ Inc to provide Cantonese language classes for adults in four blocks of ten week lessons during 2008 and 2009.	\$3,500
Yau Yih Yun to design and build side panels to support the pagoda float to ensure the safety of children during parades; purchase a portable sound system; and design and purchase vests and hats to promote YYY.	\$4,500

Canterbury Business Association	\$1,000
to fund the Chinese String Quartet who will perform at the Aroha String Quartet Concert and promote cross cultural understanding.	
Song Lam	\$3,200
to publish 1,000 copies of a booklet containing 26 Cantonese poems with English translation.	
New Zealand Guandong Association Inc	\$2,000
to provide art and tuition in Cantonese of Chinese/New Zealand history, and assist new Chinese immigrants to settle in New Zealand.	
New Zealand Chinese Writers Association	\$1,000
to publish a book containing the 27 winning writing works from the recent NZ Chinese writing competition. The book will be distributed to universities, libraries and other organisations.	
Age Concern North Shore	\$1,000
to provide support for the Chinese Senior Citizens Support Group.	
Jin Cai Charm	\$3,000
to set up courses in Chinese language, traditional Chinese culture, cross cultural negotiation, singing, calligraphy, dancing and cross cultural marriage.	
Dunedin Chinese Language and Culture Trust	\$4,000
for the continuation of Cantonese speech classes and dance and art.	