



# HKUAANZ NEWSLETTER

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HONG KONG UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND INC.

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• **Editor's note:**

Trust this newsletter finds you well, safe, and somewhat relieved from the restricted lives we led for several weeks. Our planned March/April newsletter was never produced. The lockdown to fight the pandemic was just two weeks after our last monthly lunch in March. Given that most members of the association are in the vulnerable category it was the right thing to realign our focus on staying safe and breaking the chain of transmission to achieve the national target of stamping down the virus. Thanks to the virtual meeting platforms of connectivity, the Exco met virtually to discuss and consider alternative ways forward for the association under different scenarios the country as a whole will progress. For now, enjoy the not-so-newsy newsletter!

• **Monthly lunch - March**

Who knew that it was going to be the last lunch gathering before a pandemic? Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of March turned out to be a very pleasant day with excellent weather for a lunch out. A group of members met at the Remuera Golf Club as usual with the newest member Katherine Lam also joining the event for the very first time. Katherine was welcomed by the senior members of the group and she got to hear the experiences of those who came to New Zealand many years ago and the conditions that prevailed then. The meal itself was very enjoyable as always. Aren't we all eagerly awaiting for those 'normal lunch days' to return?

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• **Monthly lunch - June**

As it will not be 'business as usual' during Level 2 restrictions, our usual practice of casual walk-in for the monthly lunch at Remuera Golf Club on the first Friday of the month may have to be changed to a more streamlined and pre-planned affair.

As this newsletter goes out (on the second day of Level 2) the situation dictates that the Winstone Café has to be notified of our intended gathering, the number of participants limited to under 10, and the duration limited to 2 hours. To enable the reservation ahead of time the organisers need to know your intention to attend the lunch as early as you can. There may be many members who want to grab this opportunity to come out, gather, and celebrate this first post-lockdown luncheon but we need to abide by the regulation of limiting the number of participants to ten.

As such, for the upcoming lunch on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of June, let Shirley know (by phone or Email [ipsinyee@hotmail.com](mailto:ipsinyee@hotmail.com)) your intention to attend as soon as possible. There is clear indication that the measures in place now will be reviewed on 29<sup>th</sup> May and we may be able to attend in a larger group by the 5<sup>th</sup> of June. However, in case the conditions remain unchanged and if some do miss out the June lunch, we can hope that the restrictions will be further lowered by the next monthly lunch in July. Let us play by the rules and give the support we can to stamp out the virus once and for all from New Zealand.

Please also arrange transport compliant with the restrictions prevailing on the day to reach the venue.



- **Membership fees**

We are getting close to the time to renew the annual membership fee for the year 2020-2021 starting 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020. All members and associate members have been sent an email already.

There are three options of payment.

- Preferred method: Via internet to the Account number 03-0259-0353948-000 named HKUAANZ Inc. Please insert your name in the reference column or send a copy of the payment slip to the treasurer Yuk Ming.
- Post a cheque payable to HKUAANZ Inc. to PO Box 128-518, Remuera, Auckland 1050
- Hand over cash to an Exco-member



- **HKUAANZ Exco**

The Exco have been meeting regularly since the AGM 2019. Physical distance has never been an obstacle to them; even the lockdown has not stopped them from meeting in a virtual setting. It is hoped that with restrictions being gradually released, the committee will be able to get back to face-to-face meetings and plan for the upcoming AGM in August.

