



FALUN DAFU in Yass

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For the Attention of:

Mayor Wang Kai, Wuzhou City
Mayor Rowena Abbey, Yass Valley Council

Open Letter to Mayors of Yass and Wuzhou

As a resident of Yass for over ten years, I was very pleased to hear of the establishment of a friendship-city relationship between our small town and the city of Wuzhou in Guanxi. I hope this relationship will be an excellent opportunity to improve trade and cross-cultural exchange between our two communities.

In Yass, and more broadly in Australia, we enjoy great freedom and great opportunities. One of our greatest freedoms is that of freedom of belief and freedom of assembly.

Since 1998, I have been doing the exercises of Falun Gong (also called Falun Dafa, a simple and effective Chinese form of yoga/meditation) for my own personal physical health and later I began to teach the exercises freely in my local community. I ran the local exercise group in Canberra from 2001 until I moved to Yass in 2006 and have taught the exercises freely in Yass.

I find it tragic that these beneficial exercises are still banned in China and many of the millions of people who practice the exercises have been forced into hiding, imprisoned or executed simply because of their practice. Ms Lu Huibi, a citizen of Wuzhou, was arrested for her practice on April 6, 2017 and may still be detained in the Wuzhou Detention Centre. Our records indicate that in broader Guangxi, one person has been killed (Ms. Wang Zhuen), twenty-one illegally imprisoned and thirty forcibly taken from their homes and detained.

One of the goals of any cross-cultural exchange is to try and understand what makes us different and what we have in common. From personal experience, I have found Falun Gong to be a positive influence on my life and that of many hundreds of other people that I know. It is a wonderful example of how the ancient traditions of China are of universal benefit for people today, whether in China or Australia.

I look forward to sharing my experiences with you in the coming months when Yass Valley Council welcomes the Wuzhou Government to formalise the friendship-city agreement.

Yours Sincerely

Daniel Clark

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