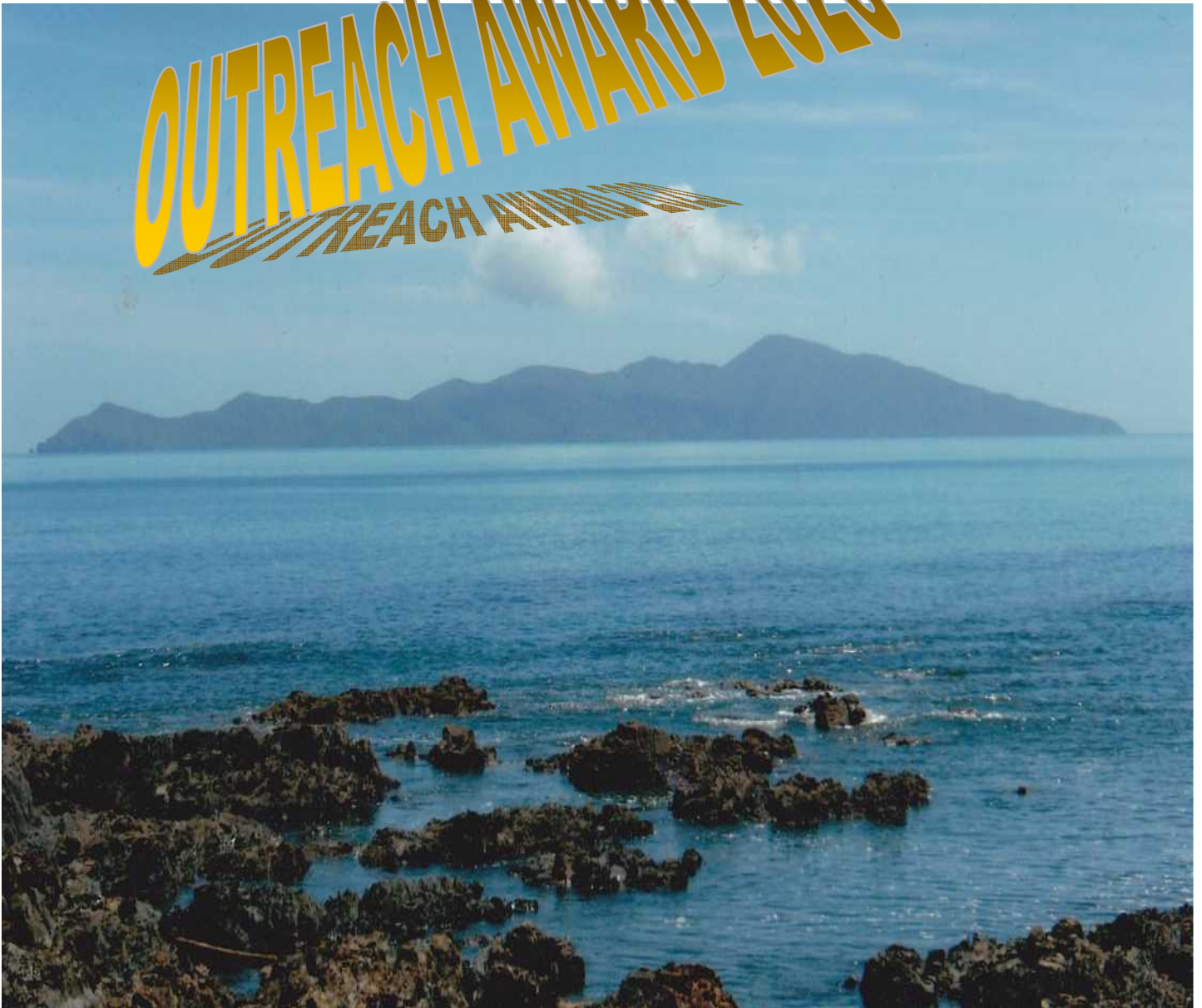




friendship force  
KAPITI COAST

OUTREACH AWARD 2020



*Share your smile with the world -  
It's a symbol of friendship and peace.*

# Open letter to our new friends

This email and photograph was sent to 25 people who gave contact details at the Labour Weekend Market in Waikanae. Several attended the lunch. Several attended the sausage sizzle. 1 attended the coffee morning.

Hello Friends,

It was great to have the chance to talk to you this morning about the Friendship Force of Kapiti Coast. Friendship Force International was formed in 1977 and our club has been in existence for more than 30 years; we have an active and lively membership. You might like to check out our website <http://kapiti.friendshipforce.co.nz/home> which has photographs of our activities in the Photo Gallery, our newsletters for the past few years, links to NZ and Aus E-Flyer and FFI upcoming journeys. There is much, much more on our website.



The attached photo shows President Sue Harris with Immediate Past President Allan Taylor at the Waikanae market this morning. You may wish to come and meet other members of our club at one of our future social functions, the upcoming ones are listed below. Please let us know if you would like to join any of these functions.

Afternoon tea following our AGM on Sunday 17 November (the AGM will finish about 3.00 p.m. and you will be welcome to join us for the afternoon tea.

Wednesday 13 November: Member's Coffee Morning - Maison 8, Waikanae - 10.15 a.m. or thereabouts

Sunday 24 November: Christmas Lunch at The Jolly Pub, Mazengarb Road, Paraparaumu 12 noon

Sunday 08 December: Country Ramble and sausage sizzle. Starts at Kotuku Drive, Paraparaumu and ends at Ramaroa, QE Park, Paraparaumu.

In Friendship

# Being Visible

Back in March 2019 at our Board Meeting we talked about being “more visible” and so decided to delegate small jobs to each Board Member and to others on the Committee if they would like to help out. We decided to attend some of our weekly markets in Paraparaumu and Waikanae and the women’s expo.

This sign we had made to increase our visibility which is shared around Kapiti on a Council Board for 2 weeks on a rotation basis The sites are Kapiti Road, Paraparaumu, Raumati Road and Te Moana Road.Waikanae. This is a freeby from the Kapiti Coast City Council.



*Come and share our travel journeys with us*

Along with our

# Friendship Force bumper stickers

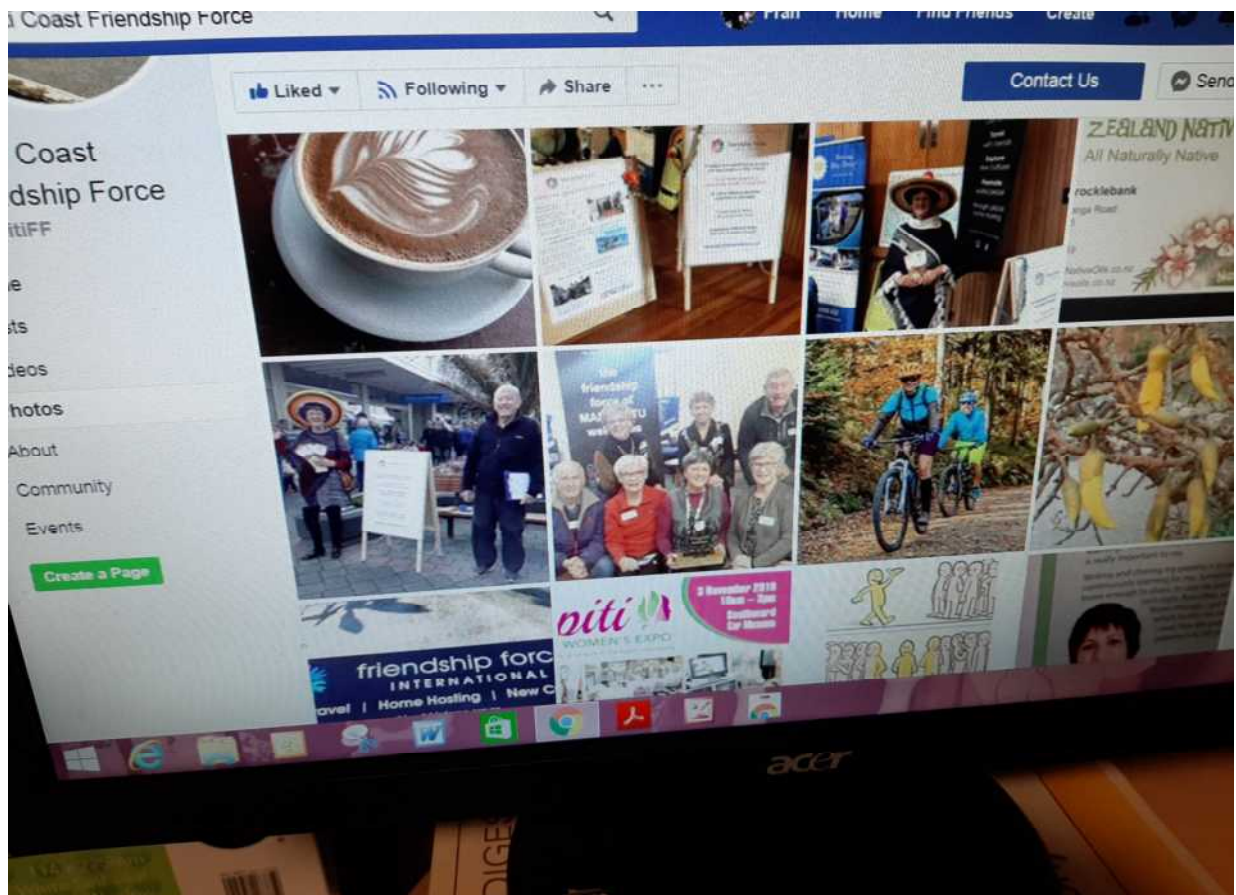
To make us more visible, we have purchased 100 'bumper stickers' which we encouraged our members to purchase one or two each. Some went on cars, others have more imaginative ideas – letter boxes, suitcases and a fence. We did advertise on our Facebook Page "whoever could find the address where the letterbox belonged to, a free cup of coffee with the President was the Prize. To this day only the owner of the letterbox knows the address – the Board Members were not permitted to claim the prize!!



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# Our Website

## Welcome



***Welcome! ¡Bienvenido! Сардэчна запрашаем! Bienvenue!  
ようこそ! Herzlich Willkommen! Bem-vindo! Kia Ora!***

Welcome to the website of the Friendship Force of Kapiti Coast. We hope that this site will both answer some questions for you, and whet your appetite to find out more. Search through the pages, follow the links that seem enticing, and check out our albums of photos showing some of our experiences.

If you are a Club member you will find lots of information on this site about Club activities, upcoming journeys and other items of interest. If you are a visitor to this site then you will find information about what the Friendship Force is all about and whether it is for you.

### **Who are we?**

We are a group of local people who share a common interest in meeting and sharing cultural experiences with people from around the globe. We also enjoy sharing our experiences with

others in our group. Friendship Force enables us to confidently travel (as ambassadors) to places all around the world, including where language may be a problem, or where there may be some safety and security concerns in that country.

It also enables us to host guests from other places who want to meet us and get acquainted with our life and region. New members are welcome - come and join our group! If you have more specific questions, please contact us through the Contact page of our website.

## What is the Friendship Force?

The Friendship Force is an international, non-political, non-sectarian and non-profit organisation. The sole aim of the Friendship Force is to foster peace and understanding throughout the world by means of personal contacts and shared experiences achieved through a programme of home hosting. The Friendship Force was founded in the USA in 1977 by Wayne Smith under the auspices of President Jimmy Carter and is coordinated from the international headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. There are over 350 clubs in 58 countries throughout the world. The Friendship Force is not a travel club although the core activity is travelling in groups, to stay with like-minded people in other countries (a cultural exchange). The first priority is to develop friendships and through this to generate understanding across cultural boundaries.

Formed in 1987, the Kapiti Coast Friendship Force is one of several clubs located in the lower half of the North island. We welcome two international journeys every year and also participate in local journeys. Our outward journey programme is based, where possible, on either a two or three-phase journey. Our members may also join other clubs' journeys. We have 60 members (many retired and semi-retired).

For more information about the Friendship Force, go to [www.friendshipforce.org](http://www.friendshipforce.org). To watch a short video about the Friendship Force, go to <https://player.vimeo.com/video/194675995?>

## The Friendship Force of Kapiti Coast

- **Official Name:** The Friendship Force of Kapiti Coast Inc.
- **Club Membership:** 60
- **Number of Ambassadors our club can host:** 15
- **Membership Subscriptions:** \$40 per member per year
- **Closest major airport:** Wellington
- **Transport to Kapiti Coast:** Air New Zealand ([www.airnewzealand.co.nz](http://www.airnewzealand.co.nz)) operates frequent flights from all the major centres of both islands to Wellington. A shuttle service between Wellington Airport or the ferry terminals to Kapiti Coast can be arranged. There is a small airfield in Paraparaumu on the Kapiti Coast and Air Chathams ([www.airchathams.co.nz](http://www.airchathams.co.nz)) operates daily flights between Paraparaumu and Auckland. A local airline, Sounds Air ([www.soundsair.com](http://www.soundsair.com)) operates limited-capacity flights to Paraparaumu from Blenheim (Marlborough) and Nelson in the South Island. Ferry services across Cook Strait are operated by Bluebridge Cook Strait Ferry ([www.bluebridge.co.nz](http://www.bluebridge.co.nz)) and the Interislander ([www.interislander.co.nz](http://www.interislander.co.nz)) between Picton (Marlborough) and Wellington. [www.thefriendshipforce.org.nz](http://www.thefriendshipforce.org.nz)



# Neighbourly

## Advertisements placed on line

What's On: Kapiti Friendship Force Soup Lunch – contact Allan Taylor from Paraparaumu Beach. A warm welcome awaits you at our annual soup lunch \$5 entry for a delicious soup lunch and dessert with members of the Friendship Force of Kapiti. Contact 297 1622 to register.

Curious about the world and other cultures? April 12<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon. Come and join us. RSVP (/event/curious-about-the-world-and-other-cultures/rsvp)



**Curious about the world and other cultures?**

**Come and meet us on Sunday at the Kapiti Women's Expo in Paraparaumu**

We are a group of local people who share a common interest in meeting and sharing cultural experiences with people from around the globe. We also enjoy sharing our experiences with others in our group.

Or contact us [kapiticoast@friendshipforce.org.nz](mailto:kapiticoast@friendshipforce.org.nz)

[www.kapiti.friendshipforce.co.nz/](http://www.kapiti.friendshipforce.co.nz/)

Advertisement on Neighbourly 2019



1,300 neighbourhoods across New Zealand are using Neighbourly. Our members have helped us create the public noticeboards, available to everyone. Become a member to connect with your neighbours and interact with your neighbourhood. Our Club did join up.



**Join Neighbourly**

Get together



for new Members and soon to be new members in April.

**What we have achieved this year** - 4 new members  
12 application forms given to interested people  
50 emails sent with our Newsletter attached from Facebook, market and neighbourly enquiries



Advertisements put in the Super People Magazine in 2019

### **Friendship Force of Kapiti Coast**

**Would you like to take a Journey into the heart of a country and its people, stay in their homes, learn about their culture, and traditions?**

**Our members travel in a safe group environment**

**Hosts become friends, and so do your fellow travellers.**

**Would you like to learn more about us?**

Email: [kapiticoast@friendshipforce.org.nz](mailto:kapiticoast@friendshipforce.org.nz)

Phone: the Secretary 027 242 2594

Or check out our website

<http://kapiti.friemdshipforce.co.nz>



## **SOCIAL KAPITI**

**We advertise all our social activities on this private on line group –**

**Extract from one of our ads.....**

**Coffee morning Maison 8 Waikanae – come along and find out about our Friends Group – Kapiti Friendship Force. We home host and get home hosted when we travel. This helps to spread friendship and kindness around the world by breaking down cultural barriers.**

Kapiti Women's Expo

Kāpiti Women's Expo a success





## Other advertising aids

### Radio FM KAPITI



We advertise our Coffee Morning every month.

We are also in the process of organizing a live interview on this Radio Station.



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**CHANGING THE WAY**

**YOU SEE THE WORLD**

Travelling, meeting, making new friends

Enjoying amazing experiences

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# Coffee and Chat



We have a monthly Coffee morning enjoyed by all those who come. Most of our new members come to these morning coffee meet ups.

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# Soup Lunch - midwinter

Once a year in August we organize a bowling evening and an enthusiastic bunch come along to show off their bowling skills. Afterwards we sit down to a lovely Roast Dinner and dessert. We always get quite a good turnout.

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# Indoor bowling

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# Car Ramble

Every year usually in early December we organize a car rally, which everyone enjoys, ending up with a Barbecue to celebrate the end of a successful Friendship Force year.



# Let's eat out

Every 2 months we choose a local restaurant to have lunch. Usually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday.



# Where all the planning is done!

**Board Meeting**



# *Inward and Outward Journeys*

Friendship Force of Quebec Canada visited our shores in April 2019



## **Making friends in Canada**

The Friendship Force of Kapiti Coast recently welcomed 13 ambassadors from the Friendship Force of Quebec Canada.

They met up with our Mayor K. Gurunathan in the Council Chambers in Paraparaumu.

A very varied programme saw the Quebec members visit Kena Kena School where students gave them a tour of the school and the kapa haka group enthralled them with their performance.

Other outings included a visit to the Rembrandt Remastered exhibition and into Wellington by train to visit Te Papa and of course a trip to our lovely Nga Manu Nature Reserve.

**This is an extract from a newspaper article in the Kapiti News 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019**





## Friends meet in Kapiti

The Friendship Force Kapiti Coast recently welcomed 15 ambassadors from the Friendship Force Saitama Japan.

They ranged in age from 14 to 80 and were hosted by members of the Friendship Force Kapiti Coast.

At their welcome dinner the Japanese visitors were delighted to meet Kapiti Mayor K Gurunathan and the two youngest visitors performed a traditional dance for him.

**This is an extract from a printed publication in the Kapiti News 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018**

Life's truest happiness is found in the friendships we make along the way