



friendship force

KAPITI COAST

JANUARY 2022



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2022 BOARD MEETINGS

The Board meets monthly

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, 12th January
At
34 Mellennium Drive
Paraparaumu
7p.m .

Phone 905 5491 or email
frankennedy@xtra.co.nz

if unable to attend

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - JANUARY

Wednesday 12 th January	Coffee with Rhondda 10.15a.m. Venue: Olive Grove Café, Waikanae	r.s.v.p. Rhondda 904 4158 021 0721016
Sunday 30 th January	Fish and chips, Marine Parade, Paraparaumu Beach	r.s.v.p. by 27 th January reply to this email or phone Fran 905 5491 027 2402349
Wednesday 2 nd - 7 th February	Team Building Trip to the Chatham Islands	
Wednesday, 9 th February	Coffee with Rhondda 10.15 Venue to be advised	r.s.v.p. Rhondda 904 4158 021 0721016
Sundat, 27 th February	LEO Let's Eat Out Venue tba	r.s.v.p. lois email: mikelois@xtra.co.nz or phone 298 8504 Or 021 154431

President's Chatter

A big hello and welcome to everyone. I hope the year has started well and you all had a wonderful Christmas catching up with family and friends.



We had a lovely 35th Anniversary celebration in December combined with a few Christmas cheers. All who attended enjoyed themselves I hope. For those who could not join us, you might enjoy some information from the past. We had 2 past presidents at the lunch, one being Shirley Clarke. She was President from 2011/2012 and was also Secretary 2005/2006 and Treasurer in 2003.

Debbie Lattey – President 2013/2015 and Secretary for 4 years 2009/2012.

Another long standing member, Ron Head, now a friend of the Club, was Treasurer for 8 years 2005/2012. Such dedication.

Howard Mander was our first President in 1986 with Mary Milne as his Secretary. Mary held the position of Secretary for 5 years.

It all started with Gerald Weekes who met up with Wayne Smith from the FFI. In November 1986 the Kapiti Coast Club was formed. Gerald Weekes who was the representative for the South Pacific region addressed a meeting of 35 people at Southwards Museum. He told them that people were coming from Des Moines, Iowa to visit us and that they had been learning about New Zealand and wanted to know as much as possible before they arrived. A matching process would be underway as soon as possible. He told his audience that he once borrowed caravans for them to stay in – they absolutely loved it – they were coming to meet the New Zealand people.

On a Saturday morning in November 1986 they had a display in Coastlands Shopping Centre where much interest was shown and many people took application forms for membership, with a view to hosting the American visitors and so the Friendship Force of Kapiti Coast was launched.

In 1988 we produced our first newsletter. **“Talking to Each Other”** this has since kept members advised of meetings, activities and exchanges. It was generously sponsored by Cuttriss Consultants for the first 14 years with Cheryl Adams (Life member) and Mary Milne former President 1997-1998 (who is now a Life Member) doing midnight sessions to compile and print each month's edition. Mary and Cheryl did many hours night and day to put it all together and after 11 years decided to hand over their newsletter producing to Jan Reid (Shirley Clarke). Also Debbie Lattey was the newsletter writer and editor in 2007 taking over from Eve Olsson who is a friend of our Club.

Most of the regular club meetings during the period were held in the Council Chambers, they literally had the run of the place – times have certainly changed.

From 1987 to 1991 they had 10 inward exchanges – 2 journeys a year and outward they had 7 exchanges – weren't they busy. 17 exchanges in five years. They must have been run of their feet.

The Conferences between 1987 and 1991 were held in Whanganui 1985, Napier 1986, Hamilton 1987, Christchurch 1988, Wairarapa 1989, Taupo 1990 and 1991 in Marlborough. One of our members who attended the Marlborough Conference said “I was absolutely enthralled by the whole weekend, really fired up for FF. Our group attended the opening sessions where introductions were made and we tried to explain where the Kapiti Coast was. At that time New Zealand led the world in ambassador numbers inwards and outward 775 in 1990.

Kapiti has held conferences 1996, 2010 and 2020. Our Club hosted The Gathering in 2021.

Those were the days of inward and outward journeys. Today our Club, due to the Pandemic has changed quite considerably. Our Club board works tirelessly on ideas to keep us interested. At this present time we do not see outward journeys to other countries starting up again for the foreseeable future. Maybe – just a maybe we might find a bubble again to Australia..... For those who came to celebrate, thank you all for coming. 2022 is a year of uncertainty, however, we will just have to hang in there and hope.



Fran

What's coming up....

Coffee Morning – Wednesday, 12th January

Venue: Olive Grove Café, Waikanae

10.15a.m.

Contact Rhondda – 904 4168

Everyone is welcome. Don't forget your Vaccine Passport



Good Wednesday Morning
Coffee | Images

Fish and Chips at the Beach - Sunday 30th January

The second social event of 2022 for our Club will be fish and chips at the beach on Sunday 30th January, 2022. This event of course is weather dependent but we have had some wonderful evenings lately and if there is a stiff breeze cooling your chips, we can move to the sheltered circles a few metres away.

Venue – Fish 'n ' chip hill, Marine Parade, Paraparaumu. This is the hill part in front of the shops down at Paraparaumu beach (or if breezy, the sheltered circles).

What to bring: Something to sit on
Something to drink (NB this is an alcohol free area so you may prefer to bring hot tea or coffee in a thermos plus a mug).

Time: 6p.m. or earlier if you like.

If you do not want fish and chips, I am sure there are plenty of other optional meals in Maclean Street to choose from.

RSVP: 27th January – just reply to this email.

Everyone is welcome.



walking group



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13th, 20th and 27th January for this month. We will be at different locations each week, so please contact:.....

Christine on 021 2136854 or email her on trubury@gmail.com if you would like to join the group. The warmer weather will be with us. This should be a fun and maybe we could have a coffee at the end of the walk.

Friendship Force National Gathering

THE Gathering Place

You are invited to the 2022 FFNZ National Gathering, **18th to 21st March 2022** which this year will be held at MiCamp in Waitetoko (on the shores of Lake Taupo). Come to catch up with friends, enjoy social events, explore the local environment, learn more about FFI and where we are headed, and dance to the sounds of the Wellington FF Band at our 'Musical Mayhem II'.

The last Gathering was a great success and you won't want to miss this one. An information sheet and registration form was sent to members in November, and registrations are now open. Be in quickly because there are only 80 beds so places will be limited. The full registration fee which includes accommodation and all meals is just \$260 and covers from midday Friday lunchtime to Monday morning, so a great price for what will be another exciting Gathering.

If you require any information on the above, please phone me Fran 905 5491 or 027 2402349

Registration form is attached.

Top of the South - Pete's Tours

Email – margpete.hig@xtgra.co.nz Mobile 027 4570387



Pete is looking to organize other trips this year, so if you are



interested, please direct.

contact Pete



THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE PLEDGE

As a member of the Friendship Force, I recognise that I can make a difference.
I recognise that I have a mission.
That mission is to be a friend to the people of the World.
As I embark on this adventure I know that others will be watching me.
I know that through my example to my fellow citizens and people of other countries, the cause of peace and friendship can be furthered.
I can make a difference.