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KAPITI COAST

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2022 BOARD MEETINGS

The Board meets monthly

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, 9th February
At
64 Cedar Drive
Paraparaumu
7p.m .

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

if unable to attend

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - FEBRUARY/MARCH

Wednesday 9th February	Coffee with Rhondda 10.15a.m. Venue: Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club	r.s.v.p. Rhondda 904 4158 021 0721016
Sunday 27th February	Let's Eat Out LEO – Tuk Tuk Indonesian Restaurant, 1 Waimea Road, Waikanae Beach	r.s.v.p. lois email: mikelois@xtra.co.nz or phone 298 8504 Or 021 154431
Wednesday, 9th March	Coffee with Rhondda 10.15 Venue to be advised	r.s.v.p. Rhondda 904 4158 021 0721016
26-29 August 2022.	The Gathering at Taupo	New date

President's Chatter

A big Hello from the Chatham Islands.



What a wonderful 6 days we had on this fascinating island. I bet none of you will believe

me when I tell you we had the most beautiful weather, lovely blue skies with puffs of cloud, temperature up to 24deg's. We all wished we had taken with us more summery clothing Even the locals were saying that this was the warmest patch of weather they have had for sometime.



We all fell in love with the Chatham and Pitt Isles. The scenery is magical. I think the Chatham Islands are one of New Zealand's best kept secrets, A visit to these wonderful islands offers the traveler a combination of experiences available nowhere else in the world –

- Being where the sun rises first
- A rich cultural heritage
- Varied and spectacular scenery
- Solitude and remoteness
- Rare bird and plant life
- Fishing, diving and abundant seafood
- Bushwalking and bird watching



There are 25 scattered islands that make up the Chatham Islands. Only the two largest islands have settlements, the Chatham Island has around 570 people and Pitt Island about 30 people.

The flight over took 1 and ¾ hours – they are 45 minutes ahead of our time. We were met by Marcel Tuuta and Bernardette Lim, our tour guides whilst we were on the Island.

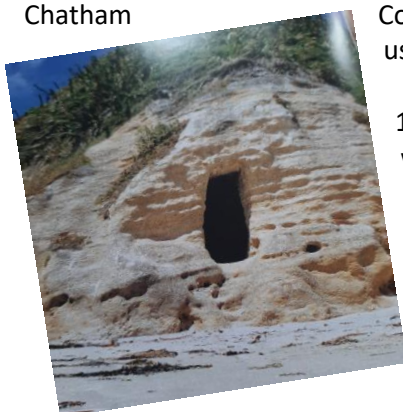
Our accommodation was booked at the Lookout and Chatham Rise Motel– a few hundred meters from the Chatham Hotel where we dined on the first night.

The next 4 days were weather dependent on where we went.

We toured the northwest and northeast of the Island visiting the Basalt Columns, Port Hutt Fishing Village, Stone Cottage which is the oldest dwelling on the Island, the new Museum in Waitangi.

Chatham

Cottage crafts was a must and most of us purchased a small memento.



10 of us flew in a Cessna to Pitt Island about 20 minutes from the Chatham Is. We were met by Chewey our driver and tour guide (originally from Taihape!!) and we drove all over the Island. I have to mention that the roads were dirt and rock base and I was told that sitting in the back of the van, they felt every rock the van went over. It must have been bad – it was pretty awful in the front too. We went to Glory Bay (the little red house in memory of the ship "Glory" that hit the rocks on the point.) It is the first place in the world to see the sun so they told us. Out to Flowerpot Bay Lodge for a lunch, a walk along the beach to visit the 19th century

Gaol cut into the cliff, (where apparently the absconders from the boats were locked up.) A very busy day on Pitt.

Back to the mainland we were taken to Lois and Val Croon's Admiral Farm and Gardens. This was one of the highlights, the gardens were magnificent – the plantings were to attract the butterflies, bees and birds. Wild flowers and Chatham Island for-get-me-nots. You name it, they had it all, even a honey farm. We had our lunch there, and Lois had a film to show us on the history of the Chathams and what is happening now. I could go on and on – thanks for your hospitality Marcel and Bernardette.

Fran



What's coming up....
Coffee Morning – Wednesday, 9th February
Venue: Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club
10.15a.m.
Contact Rhonda – 904 4168

Everyone is welcome. Don't forget your Vaccine Passport



Good Wednesday Morning
Coffee | Images

Let's Eat Out (LEO)

Venue: Tuk Tuk Indonesian Restaurant,
1 Waimea Road, Waikanae Beach

Time: 12 Noon

r.s.v.p. Lois email:
mikelois@xtra.co.nz or
phone 298 8504 or
021 154431



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Please let Lois know if you would like to come to the LEO. Fran will be away and possibly out of wifi range until the 2nd March

Friendship Force National Gathering

Due to Omicron, this Gathering is now postponed until 26th – 29th August.

THE Gathering Place

Top of the South - Pete's Tours

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



The last tour of Pete's was cancelled at the last minute. At this stage I do not have any details about other trips being organized.



Pete is looking to organize other trips this year, so if you are interested. Contact him above.

Just thought of something fun to put into the newsletter each month, but need your help please. I wondered if you have any cute photos that you have taken of absolutely anything, you could send to me and tell me a little about it and I could then publish it in the newsletter each month. I will start the ball rolling to give you an idea of what I am thinking. So here goes.....

Saw these dogs in the car on a hot Auckland day. There were actually 5
One bobbed down when I took the picture



Sits in front hall and I put my Sun hats on him





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.

Mayor urges Kāpiti residents to stay calm and prepare for Omicron

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Kāpiti Coast Mayor K Gurunathan is urging residents to prepare for Omicron in the community following reports today of two active cases isolating in Kāpiti.

“It is inevitable that we will have actual cases of community transmission sometime soon and while that is certainly not the news that any of us want to hear, these reports are a timely reminder,” says the Mayor.

“We must all remain calm, have trust and confidence in the health-led response, and continue to play our part to minimise the spread of this virus.

“We need to mask up, scan and pass, and play by the red traffic light rules.

“If you’ve been in a location of interest, stay home, monitor your symptoms and do the right thing and get a test. This is not the time to take a ‘she’ll be right attitude’.

“It is now more important than ever that we support those who are eligible to be vaccinated but haven’t had their first or second shot to get vaccinated, and those that are due their booster shots to do so immediately. This will help us overcome the worst of the virus.

“We may not be able to stamp out Omicron but if we all play our part we can learn to live with this virus – the reality is this is our ‘new normal’.”

The Mayor says Council has contingency plans in place but if staff get sick it may need to look at reducing hours at Kāpiti Coast District libraries, pools and service centres for example.

“Omicron isn’t something we can control and staff are working hard to keep things open and ticking over.

“Please be patient and kind and visit the Council’s website kapiticoast.govt.nz for up-to-date information about Council services and facilities.

“We’ve been here before and with a little manaakitanga we can get through this together.”