



friendship force

KAPITI COAST

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2022 BOARD MEETINGS

The Board meets monthly

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, 8th March
at
34 Millennium Hill
Paraparaumu
7p.m.

Cancelled due to Covid
Phone 905 5491 or email
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if unable to attend

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 9th March	Coffee with Rhondda 10.15a.m. Venue: Joe ad Joys, Mahara Place, Waikanae. There are outside tables and chairs	r.s.v.p. Rhondda 904 4158 021 0721016
26-29 August 2022	The Gathering at Taupo	More info to come

President's Chatter



Have finally arrived back from my Southern Fjords Cruise and a visit to Queenstown . I have had so many Covid tests since I have been away and they have all come back negative thank goodness. This trip was arranged and paid for last September, so it was a “now or never” trip. I am glad I went though. I decided before I left I would self isolate for 7 days just in case when I got home. I was

very busy preparing quite a few meals before I left and my daughter and a very kind neighbour offered to deliver fruit and vegetables if I needed them. Have lots of library books to read.

I travelled on a small boat called the “ Island Escape”. A brand new boat capable of taking 30 passengers only. There were only 10 of us on board for this cruise. Plenty of room. We were helicoptered out from Te Anau to the boat which was moored in Doubtful Sound . That was exciting in itself as I had never been in a helicopter before.



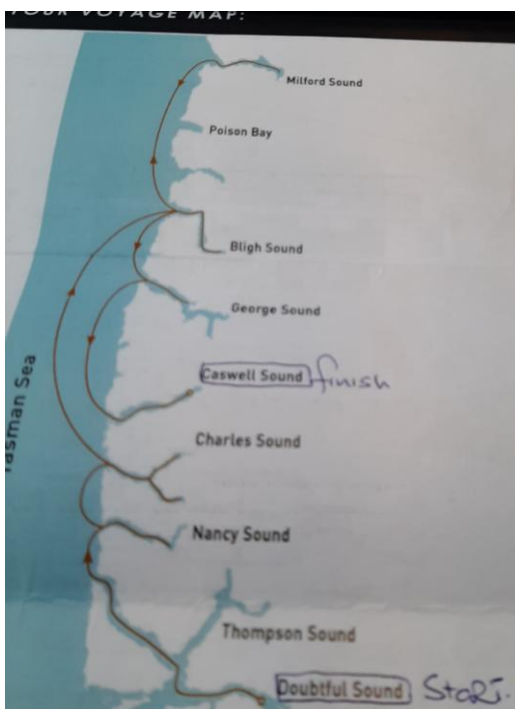
We spent 6 nights on board sailing in and out of Doubtful Sound up to Milford Sound, sailing into Bligh, George,

Caswell, Charles, Nancy and Thompson Sounds, (all had loads of history) the abundant bird life, waterfalls, dolphins frolicking in every sound and following us around. Every day the crew set crayfish pots and we were able to fish off the back of the boat. What was caught they cooked it up for us.



WE had the most beautiful weather the West Coast could give us and only

on the last day we saw a little light rain and the mist around the mountains.



I also spent about 5 days in Queenstown – a city struggling with Covid. Restaurants and shops were closed because staff had Covid – you could have shot a cannon down the streets and not hit anyone. Dining out – we sat outside – luckily the weather was shining down on us too.

Enough about me – this is going to be a tough year for our club arranging get-togethers. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please let me know. We need venues with outdoor space. Have a few ideas for small trips, so watch this space. Take care

everyone *Fran*

What's coming up....

Coffee Morning – Wednesday, 9th March
Venue: Joe and Joys, Waikanae

Outside tables and chairs

10.15a.m.
Contact Rhondda – 904 4168

Everyone is welcome. Don't forget your Vaccine Passport



Good Wednesday Morning
Coffee | Images

Friendship Force National Gathering

Due to Omicron, this Gathering is now scheduled for 26th – 29th August. More information is to come hopefully next month.

THE
Gathering
Place

Zoom Meeting with Jeremi Snook

This took place on the 18th February

Club leaders and members recently held a zoom meeting with Jeremi Snook. He advised FFI is now focusing on **rebuilding, recruiting and reaffirmation** of “a world of friends is a world of peace “. Their budget for the year is now in place and FFI will not be requesting further donations. The plan is to rebuild journeys for 2023, which will include a world conference and to concentrate on building membership. The new Global Membership will be part of this drive as well as utilizing new technology.

Jeremi has advised that the FFI membership dues and the \$45 payment in lieu of FFI journey fees (both of which will be paid by our Club) for the current year will be extended through to the end of 2023. This recognises the fact that we are in the midst of a pandemic and won't be able to hold many journeys this year to take advantage of the free domestic fees.

This very generous offer applies to all 2022 financial members and reflects NZ's importance to the FFI family.

Greetings from your Field Reps:

As you already know Friendship Force in New Zealand has changed from pre-COVID days. The lack of being able to travel and our ageing membership has reduced us to 10 active clubs (Whangarei is in recess). It is now your club and your members who we will rely on to take Friendship Force into the future.

While we don't expect many domestic journeys to occur this side of the National Gathering (commencing 26th of August), we do anticipate journeys commencing from that time. Planning is currently underway for a South Island farming tour and a Remutaka Rail Trail Bike Tour with home-hosting in the Wairarapa. In order to spread our workload, clubs have been reallocated between FieldReps Jan Harrison and Graham Wigley as follows:

Jan Northland, Hamilton and Waikato, Tauranga-WBOP, Christchurch and Southland.

Graham Taupo, Manawatu-Whanganui, Kapiti, Wairarapa and Wellington.

An amended address list of officers and clubs will be sent to you shortly.

2021 Newsletter Trophy

The winner of the newsletter competition is normally announced at The Gathering, but since this is now delayed until August, we thought you should be advised now. Three clubs were included in the judging (you must have at least 6 newsletters per year), and the winner for 2021 is WELLINGTON. Congratulations! The trophy will be presented in August. We will also discuss the future of the competition, its criteria, and its relevance going forward.



15 of us shared an evening meal at the Tuk Tuk Indonesian Restaurant at Waikanae Beach on Sunday 27th February. Thank you Lois for organising this occasion.



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.