



# friendship force

## KAPITI COAST

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2023



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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Coffee with Rhondda – venue : Olive Grove Café, Waikanae, 10.15a.m.	r.s.v.p. Rhondda 904 4168 or 021 0721016
Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Coffee and kai with Andrew and Kirstin London Venue : Robert Harris Café Coastlands 8.30a.m. to 10a.m.	Just arrive
Sunday, 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Pizza and Plonk at the Lattey's residence, 177 Otaihanga Road, Paraparaumu <b>4p.m.</b> \$10 (cost of pizza), BYO drink and nibbles	r.s.v.p. Debbie 021 689 348 or 04 293 3252 by Friday 24 February
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Coffee with Rhondda – venue TBA	r.s.v.p. Rhondda 904 4168 or 021 072 1016
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Coffee and kai with Andrew and Kirstin London Venue : Robert Harris Café Coastlands 8.30a.m. to 10a.m.	Just arrive
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	LEO Let's eat out lunch – <b>12 NOON</b> Venue TBA	r.s.v.p. Lois 298 8504 021 154 4311 <a href="mailto:mikelois@xtra.co.nz">mikelois@xtra.co.nz</a>
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Coffee with Rhondda – venue TBA	r.s.v.p. Rhondda 904 4168 or 021 0721016
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Shen Yun Performing Arts – St. James Theatre, Courtenay Place, Wellington. Time 1pm matinee expression of interest	r.s.v.p. Lois 298 8504 021 154 4311 <a href="mailto:mikelois@xtra.co.nz">mikelois@xtra.co.nz</a>
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Barbecue and Treasure Hunt. Starting <b>3 p.m.</b> Details to be advised	Rhondda and Beth organizers
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Coffee with Rhondda – venue tba	r.s.v.p. Rhondda 904 4168 or 021 0721016
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Soup Lunch – venue Waikanae Bridge Club <b>12 Noon</b> Speaker: tba	r.s.v.p. Fran 027 2402349 905 5491 or reply to this email.
Weekend of 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Matariki celebration	
4 <sup>th</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Inbound Global scenic and farming journey – 10 people to be hosted in Kapiti. More information to come.	

# Management Committee Chatter

We had our first management team meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> January to nut out activities for this year. We have 8 members on our team for 2023. We are planning a 4-6 month selection of activities. You will see details above, dates and times in our 'dates for your diaries' listings. Please add them to your diary when you receive this newsletter so you do not forget. We will send out reminders.



It seems so long ago now, however, our AGM in November and lunch afterwards was attended by 28, an excellent attendance plus 6 apologies. Our new Treasurer has his head down and our finances are in good shape.

We shall still have the coffee and Kai with Andrew and Kirstin London at Robert Harris on the fourth Wednesday of every month. Also Coffee with Rhondda on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month.

LEO 'Let's eat out' lunches organized by Lois every 2 or 3 months.

Journey matching - We have been asked by FFI for our choice of countries for 2024. We have chosen Noumea New Caledonia and Australia (anywhere). I notice that New Caledonia are coming to New Zealand this year to visit Manawatu/Wanganui. Maybe an invitation to them to come to us for lunch. Just a thought.

An idea for a domestic trip this year. Have had talks with Waikato FF for 4 days and then an off shoot trip over to Great Barrier Island. Maybe fly to Auckland Air Chathams, boat or fly to the island and back, then the train to Hamilton. Have to come up with a suitable date for this – maybe in the Spring.

Rarotonga – August 2023. This will be dependent on the number of willing participants. Expressions of interest to Fran Kennedy.

A barbecue and treasure hunt on the 29<sup>th</sup> April – sounds like fun.

Also – a celebration on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July - in Maori culture, Matariki is the name of the Pleiades star cluster and marks the beginning of the new year in the Maori lunar calendar.

Our usual and popular soup lunch in June – date to be announced. – possibly the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

Finally this month on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> February – pizza and plonk gathering 4p.m. at Debbie and Wilson Lattey's home

Inbound Global scenic and farming journey – 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> November. We will be hosting 10 members from overseas 4 nights, 3 full days. In total there are 30 people coming on this journey and they will be split up in the North Island to 3 groups. Upper North Island – Northland, Hamilton and Western Bay of Plenty and Lower North island - Wellington, Kapiti and Wairarapa (10 visitors each).

Our first activity for the year was the meet up and ramble with FF Wellington on the 28<sup>th</sup> January. 17 of our members met FF Wellington for brunch at the Palmer's Café at Plimmerton and after brunch we did a ramble around the Pauatahanui inlet/Whitby in the light rain landing up in the heights of Whitby and on to the Police College Museum. We had been hoping for some sunny weather, however, the misty rain didn't put us off. Luckily we all had taken rain jackets. Great day was had by all. A little bit of gumboot throwing – Gary Martin threw the most gumboots 4 out of 6 hit the jackpot. Plus a little bit of fun at the Police Museum.



## What's coming up?

Coffee Morning – Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Venue: Olive Grove Café Waikanae, 10.15am

Contact Rhonda 904 4168 or 021 0721016

*Other dates will be – 8th March and 12<sup>th</sup> April*



## Coffee and kai with music



Wednesday 22nd February 2023 - 8.30a.m. to 10a.m.

Come along to Robert Harris, Coastlands and enjoy the music and lovely food. A great way to start the morning off and to have a chat one-to-one with your fellow club members.



# Pizza and plonk

Sunday 26th February 2023, 4.00pm

at the Lattey's home, 177 Otaihanga Road, Paraparaumu .

They are up a long driveway, sharing with several others – entrance opposite the transfer station.

We will have our feather flag by the letterboxes.

Please bring a few nibbles and something to drink, plus \$10 to cover the pizzas.

RSVP to [debbie@otaihanga.co.nz](mailto:debbie@otaihanga.co.nz) or phone 021 689 348 or 04 293 3252 by Friday 24 February



# Great trips for you to consider

It is pleasing to see some outbound journeys in the planning stages. If you are interested in any of these journeys, contact the NZ club for more information using the club's email address.

- Wellington to Eastern Washington, Northern Idaho & Lower Columbia, USA, 16-30 June 2023
- Northland & Wairarapa to Mt Gambia & Perth, Australia, Sept/Oct 2023
- Tauranga-WBOP & Christchurch to Haliburton Highlands & Winnipeg, Canada, Sept 2023  
The Tauranga-WBOP club is actively recruiting members for this journey – watch for more details in the Friendship Flyer coming out this week or contact Jonathan Spink, [iono.bspink@gmail.com](mailto:iono.bspink@gmail.com)
- Hamilton-Waikato to West Alajuela (Costa Rica), and Napa-Sonoma & Greater Seattle, USA, Aug/Sept 2023
- Taupo to Sydney (2 clubs) & Blue Mountains, Australia, March 2023  
**2 of our Club members are joining this journey to Sydney in March**

Looking for something different? Check out the global journeys open to all members by clicking on the link to the FFI Journey Catalogue:

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Tf2cX72YdZtTgsGjGr-JaafTPMXxoGL-WI8G2nuMvIA/edit#slide=id.gc6f90357f\\_0\\_5](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Tf2cX72YdZtTgsGjGr-JaafTPMXxoGL-WI8G2nuMvIA/edit#slide=id.gc6f90357f_0_5)

## Inbound

- Wellington—hosting Sunshine Coast, Australia, and Charlotte, USA
- Northland —hosting Greater Orlando, USA, and Tokyo, Japan
- Tauranga-WBOP—hosting Greater Boston, USA, and Cedar Rapids, USA
- Hamilton-Waikato—hosting Western North Carolina, USA, and Tamworth, Australia
- Christchurch—hosting North Moreton & Brisbane, Australia, and Wisconsin-Madison, USA
- Southland—hosting North Moreton & Brisbane, Australia
- Manawatu-Whanganui—hosting New Caledonia
- Taupo—hosting New Caledonia, Hsinchu, Taiwan, Gold Coast, Australia, and Greater Orlando, USA
- Kapiti, Manawatu-Whanganui, Wairarapa, Northland, Tauranga-WBOP and Hamilton-Waikato are all hosting the global farming and scenic tour in November 2023.





Matinee – 1p.m. Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> April

St. James Theatre, Courtenay Place,  
Wellington

*Reviving a lost civilization – You cannot see the genuine Chinese culture that Shen Yun presents anywhere else, not even in China Today. After decades of persecution under communist rule, this traditional culture has been almost destroyed. However, in 2006, a group of elite Chinese artists – some who escaped persecution themselves – came together in New York united by a mission, to revive China’s traditional culture and to share it with the world. Shen Yun presents on stage the ideals of loyalty, humility, compassion and tolerance – all that is beautiful and good in a masterful and moving theatrical experience, ushering in a renaissance of China’s ancient civilization. Ticket prices vary from \$112 to \$179.*

If you are interested in going to see this wonderful production – contact r.s.v.p. Lois 298 8504 021 154 4311 [mikelois@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mikelois@xtra.co.nz)

**MANAGEMENT GROUP 2023**

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**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.**