

# friendship force

### March 2023



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### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Coffee with Rhondda – Venue Infinite Coffee lounge, Rosetta Road, Raumati Beach 10.15a.m.	r.s.v.p. Rhondda 904 4168 or 021 072 1016
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> March (date change)	LEO Let's eat out lunch – 12 Noon Long Beach Tavern, Tutere Street, Waikanae Beach	r.s.v.p. Lois 298 8504 021 154 4311 <u>mikelois@xtra.co.nz</u>
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 <u>mikelois@xtra.co.nz</u>
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Coffee and Kai and Music with Andrew and Kirstin London. Venue Robert Harris Café, Coastlands 8.30a.m. to 10a.m.	Just arrive
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Ramble – meeting place to be advised and barbecue after at Joan and Gary Martin's home, 16 Morepork Avenue, Waikanae Starting <b>2.30p.m.</b> This should be fun.  More info to come on this.	r.s.v .p. to Beth Lough 9022383 or 027 7888822 Rhondda 904 4168
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Coffee with Rhondda – venue tba	r.s.v.p. Rhondda 904 4168 or 021 0721016
Sunday, 21 <sup>st</sup> May	High Tea and Tiny cakes Come and celebrate with Shirley who is organizing a party to celebrate her big 'O' birthday before she departs for a 2/3 month holiday overseas. Open invitation for Club members.	r.s.v.p. Shirley 2931898 - Mobile 027 7423131 or dillydawn81@gmail.com
	Venue: 29 Cranbrook Road, Waikanae time <b>4p.m.</b>	
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Coffee and Kai and Music with Andrew and Kirstin London. Venue Robert Harris Café, Coastlands 8.30a.m. to 10a.m	Just arrive
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Leo Let's eat out lunch 12 Noon – Venue to be advised.	r.s.v.p. Lois 298 8504 021 154 4311 <u>mikelois@xtra.co.nz</u>
Weekend of 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Matariki celebration with our Soup lunch venue Waikanae Bridge Club 12 Noon. Speaker – to be advised.	r.s.v.p. Fran 027 2402349 905 5491 or reply to this email.
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.	

.....You will see details, dates and times in our 'dates for your diaries' listings. Please add them to your diary or change dates, when you receive this newsletter so you do not forget. We will send out reminders.

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

Waikato Friendship Force have come back and said they would be delighted to host us for 4 days in the Spring sometime. Trip to Great Barrier Island. I need 2 people to investigate this and come back with costs etc. Maybe train to Hamilton then bus to Auckland. Fly to Great Barrier – 3 nights then fly back by Air Chathams to Paraparaumu. A couple of tours will be arranged on the Island. Or stay in Auckland for several nights and take a trip to Waiheke Island to visit one of their wineries or olive groves.

Dates depending on the train timetable ......September or October 2023.

Anyone interested – we need 10 to make this domestic journey a goer......... Contact Fran

Rarotonga – August 2023 To date - I think we will have to postphone this trip in August, as 5 people have already pulled out.

A car ramble and barbecue on the 29<sup>th</sup> April – sounds like fun. Rhondda and Beth are the organizers.

Also – a celebration weekend of 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. Need some ideas of what we could do to celebrate this or not!

Our usual and popular soup lunch in July – around about the weekend of the 14<sup>th</sup> July. Maybe we could combine it with the Matariki celebration. Does anyone know a member of the Waikanae Marae who would come along to give us an insight into this celebration?

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. FF members from Australia, England, U.S.A. and Canada will be in New Zealand for 20 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 after that, the Lower North island – Wellington, Kapiti and Wairarapa (10 visitors each).

After they have visited the North Island Clubs, they will cross the Cook Strait on the ferry and travel to Christchurch on the Coastal Explorer train before going on a 10 day scenic and farming tour of the South Island.

#### 2024 National Gathering

The Wellington FF Club is organising another fabulous weekend for our clubs at the 2024 National Gathering. The venue will be Silverstream Retreat in Upper Hutt, and the dates are 4-6 April 2024.

There will be two nights staying at Silverstream Retreat and then three nights of home hosting by clubs in our area, including ours.

Put the dates in your diary and watch for more information to come.

Coffee Morning – Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March

Venue: Infinite Café
Rosetta Road, Raumati Beach
10.15am

Contact Rhondda 904 4168 or 021 0721016

Other dates will be 12<sup>th</sup> April - 10<sup>th</sup> May





Sunday, 26th March 2023

Long Beach Tavern, Tutere Street, Waikanae Beach

12 noon

r.s.v.p. Lois 298 8504 021 154 4311 mikelois @xtra.co.nz



## Ramble and barbeeue

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April – starting point to be advised









Ending up with a barbecue at Joan and Gary Martin's Home, 16 Morepork Drive, Waikanae.

Please bring a salad, vegetable dish or something sweet for afters.

R.S.V.P. Beth 902 2383 or 027 7888822 Rhondda 904 4168 or 021 072 11016



Sunday 21st May - 3-5p.m.

29 Cranbrook Road, Waikanae

Shirley is organizing a high tea and tiny cakes to celebrate her big 'O' birthday. She is inviting all our members to come along to help her celebrate.

R.s.v.p to Shirley 2931898 or 027 7423131 dillydawn81@gmail.com



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, <a href="mailto:jono.bspink@gmail.com">jono.bspink@gmail.com</a>
Hamilton-Waikato to West Alajuela (Costa Rica), and Napa-Sonoma & Greater Seattle, USA, Aug/Sept 2023
Taupo to Sydney (2 clubs) & Blue Mountains, Australia, 15 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2023 2 of our Club members are joining this journey.

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

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	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.

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.