



friendship force

KAPITI COAST

April 2023



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 12 th April	Coffee with Rhondda – 10.15. Venue: Salt and Wood Collective, Ngaio Road Waikanae	r.s.v.p. Rhondda 904 4168 or 021 0721016
Sunday 16 th 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 mikelois@xtra.co.nz
Wednesday 26 th 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 th April	Ramble – Queen Elizabeth park – car park at 2.30p.m. and a barbecue after at Joan and Gary Martin's home, 16 Morepork Avenue, Waikanae Starting 2.30p.m. 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 th May	Coffee with Rhondda – venue tba	r.s.v.p. Rhondda 904 4168 or 021 0721016
Sunday, 21 st 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. Venue: 29 Cranbrook Road, Waikanae time 4p.m.	r.s.v.p. Shirley 2931898 - Mobile 027 7423131 or dillydawn81@gmail.com
Wednesday 24 th 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 date tba	Leo Let's eat out lunch 12 Noon – Venue to be advised.	r.s.v.p. Lois 298 8504 021 154 4311 mikelois@xtra.co.nz
Weekend of 14 th 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 th to 8 th November	Inbound Global scenic and farming journey – 10 people to be hosted in Kapiti. More information to come.	

Chatter

.....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 . 14 members attended on a beautiful Waikanae day down by the beach.

Waikato Friendship Force have come back and said they would be delighted to host us for 4 days in the Spring sometime. September before the school holidays. Possible trip to Great Barrier Island. 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 timetableSeptember 2023



We need to know who would be interested in going on this trip as soon as possible. R.s.v.p. before 28th April. This will be the cut off date. Fran 905 5491 or 027 2402349.

A car ramble and barbecue on the 29th April – sounds like fun. Rhondda and Beth are the organizers. Meeting at 2.30p.m. on Saturday 29th April at the Queen Elizabeth Park car park and instructions will be given then. Afterwards we will end up at Joan and Gary Martin's home, 16 Morepork Avenue, Waikanae. A lovely way to spend an afternoon.

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.

Check out our **Club's facebook** page for some lovely photos of the trip Rhondda and Fran did to 3 clubs in Sydney. Also I put a reminder on the page about our up coming coffee with Rhondda on the 12th April.

Coffee Morning – Wednesday, 12th April

Venue: Salt and Wood Collective
Ngaio Road, Waikanae
10.15am

Contact Rhondda 904 4168 or 021 0721016



Ramble and barbecue

Saturday 29th April

A ramble along the Kapiti Coast, deciphering clues, following directions/ clues and hunting for answers. This will be a wonderful way to spend Saturday afternoon with your friends.

WHEN: Saturday April 29

TIME: 2.30pm

WHERE: Meet at Queen Elizabeth Park – car park

Finish at Joan and Gary's house, Morepork Drive, Waikanae for a barbecue

WHAT: Car pool – 4 per car – Driver, navigator, detective to follow clues and find answers (back seat)
And a Recorder to write answers- back seat.

This promises to be a fabulous team effort tracking down historic and interesting locations.
The Ramble will take approximately 1and 1/2 hours.



AN UNPLUGGED ADVENTURE
ROAD RAMBLE
NARRATOR'S GUIDE



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

R.S.V.P. Beth 902 2383 or 027 7888822

Rhonda 904 4168 or 021 072 11016

Coffee and Kai



Wednesday 26th April 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.

Tea and Tiny Cakes

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

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Fran and Rhondda's Chatter

about their recent journey to 3 Friendship Force Club – Southern Sydney, Blue Mountains and back to Sydney (North). We called it our “Goldilocks” journey Too hot, too cold and just right!!!! (We are talking about the weather here).

We set off on our Journey to Sydney on the 15th March for 15 days. It was actually my very first Friendship Force outbound journey since I joined back in 2017. Rhondda had already been on several journeys.

We spent 5 days with Southern Sydney FF club. What great friendly people they were and there was no trouble taking us everywhere and anywhere. They told us we were the first club they have hosted since Covid.

This photo was taken outside the Sydney Opera House before we did the tour. Our hottest day was 38degs. We were just dripping.



Most of the days were in the 30s whilst we were in Sydney. We even took a hike over the bridge. The snap below is from the walkway on the bridge.



After Sydney we took the train to the Blue Mountains – what a contrast with the weather. We arrived to low cloud and misty weather and was it cold. Most of us had not packed for the cooler climes, so a hurried sharing from our hosts of warmer clothes was undertaken. The highlight of the trip was going to be the Scenic World, Echo point, 3 sisters. However, to our disappointment, the whole area was

shrouded in low and misty cloud. It took



us 3 more days to be able to see the 3 sisters. A ride on the scenic railway at



Katoomba was a 'must do'.



After our 5 days in the Blue Mountains, we caught the bullet train from Bathurst to Sydney and were met at Central Station by 3 of our hosts. The other



hosts were waiting for us at Hornsby station, a 40 minute train ride over the bridge going North. 4 lovely days were spent with this Club including a visit to Taronga Park Zoo, picnic in the park with the Lace Monitor or tree goanna, a member of the lizard family. This one was a baby about 1 metre in length. They can grow up to 2 metres. A visit to the Quarantine Station at North Head. We kept a record of all the steps we had taken each day and the most we did in one day was 16540 steps which equals 12.6 kilometres....A visit to the lovely Manly beach and a lovely farewell dinner at one of the local hotels.



Information from our NZ Regional Support Manager Debbie

Individual Journeys - a brand new FFI initiative.

In addition to our Club-to-Club and Special Journeys, Friendship Force is introducing a new program called Individual Journeys. This new program will give our members more opportunities to form friendships in between inbound and outbound group hostings. We have always had requests for this type of Journey and the interest has risen during the past few years when group travel wasn't always possible. So we are excited to finally offer this new program to you as another way to make new friends!

Spaces are limited on Club-to-Club and Special Journeys and members who want to travel and host sometimes don't get the chance to do so. Individual Journeys also serve our mission of meeting new people around the globe and doing our part to make this world a more peaceful place - one friendship at a time. Much like with Club-to-Club and Special Journeys, FFI will assemble a list of the individual hosting opportunities. Those opportunities will then be announced on the Journey Catalogue so that members can apply and be selected by the host.

At the moment we have just one registered host in New Zealand, and we need more to put their hands up so that members from around the world can make their journey worthwhile. To find out more information and to register as hosts to individual travellers, go to <https://helpcenter.friendshipforce.org/are-there-member-to-member-journeys-for-individuals>.

In friendship / nga mihi

Debbie Lattey
Regional Support Manager for New Zealand
Tel 021 689 348 / 04 293 3252

Canadian journey

The Tauranga-WBOP club is still looking for ambassadors to join their journey to FF Winnipeg & Haliburton Highlands from 12 September to 2 October 2023. They have 8 ambassadors but need a minimum of 12. This looks like an amazing journey and includes visits to Vancouver, Niagara Falls, Montreal, Ottawa and/or Quebec City and more. For a full itinerary contact Jonathan Spink, jono.bspink@gmail.com.

If you are interested, do not hesitate to contact Jonathan Spink – email above

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
- 📍 Hamilton-Waikato to West Alajuela (Costa Rica), and Napa-Sonoma & Greater Seattle, USA, Aug/Sept 2023



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

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
- 📍 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.

<u>MANAGEMENT GROUP 2023</u>			
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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.**