



friendship force

KAPITI COAST

MAY 2023



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 10 th May	Coffee with Rhondda - venue 180 Degs. Paraparaumu Beach. 10a.m.	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 4-6.m.	r.s.v.p. by 15th May please Shirley 2931898 - Mobile 027 7423131 or dillydawn81@gmail.com for catering purposes.
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 11 th June	LEO "Let's Eat Out" lunch - Venue: Waterfront Raumati Beach. New time of 11.45	r.s.v.p. Lois 298 8504 021 154 4311 mikelois@xtra.co.nz
Wednesday 14 th June	Coffee with Rhondda – venue TBA	r.s.v.p. Rhondda 904 4168 or 021 0721016
Wednesday 28 th June	Coffee and Kai and Music with Andrew and Kirstin London. Venue Robert Harris Café, Coastlands 8.30a.m. to 10a.m	Just arrive
Wednesday 12 th July	Coffee with Rhondda – venue TBA	r.s.v.p. Rhondda 904 4168 or 021 0721016
Sunday 16 th July	Matariki celebration with our Soup lunch - venue Waikanae Bridge Club 12 Noon. Speaker – to be advised.	r.s.v.p. Margaret Swain Mobile 021 1466066 OR Fran 027 2402349 905 5491 or reply to this email.
Wednesday 26 th July	Coffee and Kai and Music with Andrew and Kirstin London. Venue Robert Harris Café, Coastlands 8.30a.m. to 10a.m	Just arrive
3 rd to 11 th September	Domestic Journey to Hamilton/Waikato and an add on holiday to Great Barrier Island.	Journey Coordinator Fran
4 th to 8 th November	Inbound Global scenic and farming journey – 10 people to be hosted in Kapiti. More information to come.	Journey Coordinators Fran and Beth

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.

Waikato Friendship Force have come back and said they would be delighted to host us from 3rd September to 7th September 2023. We will travel by train to Hamilton on Sunday 3rd September. Travel to Great Barrier Island 7th September to 11th September. A couple of tours will be arranged on the Island. After returning from the Island you can do whatever 'takes your fancy' your own time. Several of us are planning to stay a bit longer to take a trip to Waiheke Island to visit one of their wineries or olive groves. For those who have said they would like to join up, an itinerary and costing has already been forwarded to you. If you are interested in joining us, please do not hesitate to contact me Fran or just reply to this email. It will be a great trip.

2024 National Gathering – 4th to 6th April 2024

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.

Scenic and Farming Tour of New Zealand – 4th to 8th November

An itinerary is being organised as we speak. Friendship Force members from the UK, Canada, USA, Australia and Belgium will be arriving on our shores in the first week of November. Total number of 30, being divided up into 3 groups of 10. As a club we will be hosting 10 people from the 4th to 8th November. If you are interested in hosting a single or a couple, please let me (Fran) know.

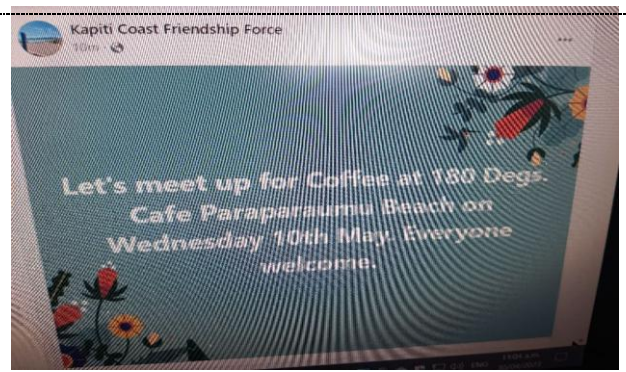
Car Ramble and Barbecue last month was an outstanding success. The day dawned with blue sky and sun and stayed the same the whole day. Beth had spent a great deal of time and energy planning the ramble. Thankyou Beth for doing such a great job. We should have made the winners do the dishes!!! Haha

On arrival from the car ramble we were served tea and coffee and freshly made Anzac biscuits. A lovely barbecue was had by all and our thanks to our chef Gary for cooking the kebabs, chicken legs, pork meatballs and sausages. Lovely salad and vegetable bakes were provided by our members plus the yummy bits and pieces to have with our coffee and tea.

Thank you to both Joan and Gary for allowing us to use your home.



Check out our **Club's facebook** page for some lovely photos of the trip Rhondda and Fran did to 3 clubs in Sydney last month. Also I put a reminder on the page about our up coming coffee with Rhondda on the 10th May. For those who do not have Facebook, here is what I wrote on our Club page.



Coffee with Rhondda



Good Wednesday Morning
Coffee | Images

Coffee Morning – Wednesday, 10th May

Venue: 180 Degs.
Paraparaumu Beach
10a.m.

Contact Rhondda 904 4168 or 021 0721016

Coffee and Kai



Wednesday 24th May 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.

Apologies for Andrew and Kirsten not being there last month. They were away travelling with their stage show "Let's talk about me".

Tea and Tiny Cakes

Sunday 21st May - 4-6pm
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 by **15th May** please to Shirley 2931898 or 027 7423131

dillydawn81@gmail.com



Sunday 11th June 2023
Waterfront at Raumati Beach

11.45a.m.

(note slightly earlier time)

r.s.v.p. Lois 298 8504
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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
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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

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.