



friendship force

KAPITI COAST

JUNE 2023



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 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 – Longbeach – Waikanae Beach 10a.m. | r.s.v.p. Rhondda 904 4168 or 021 0721016 |
| No performances until July. Date see below | Coffee and Kai and Music with Andrew and Kirstin London. | Starting again in July |
| Wednesday 12 th July | Coffee with Rhondda – venue TBA 10a.m. | r.s.v.p. Rhondda |
| Sunday 16 th July | Soup lunch - \$5 - venue Waikanae Bridge Club 12 Noon. Speaker – to be advised. Please bring soup bowl, spoon and coffee mug. \$2 for raffle. Also a small plate of something yummy to have with our coffee or tea. | r.s.v.p. Margaret Swain Mobile 021 1466066 margsgarden@outlook.com 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 plus an add on to Great Barrier Island. | 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.

We had a delightful "Tea and tiny cakes" get together invited by Shirley Clarke in honour of her 90th birthday party. Shirley is off to do her "great OE" in June and will not be back until the end of August.

Shirley has been a member of our club since the mid 1990s, was President for 2 years in 2011-2012, Secretary in 2005 and 2006, and Inward Exchange director for many journeys - Niagara Canada in 2002, Western Colorado in April 2004, Albuquerque New Mexico November 2007, Vintage Global exchange November 2011, Los Angeles October 2013, Outward exchange director Melbourne 2006, North Bay Canada and Charlottesville Virginia March 2009, Raleigh North Carolina/Hartford 2016, plus many domestic inward and outward exchanges. Shirley was made a 'life member' acknowledging her huge contribution she has made to our Club



Please keep in touch Shirley and send a few photos of your wonderful journey.

Waikato Friendship Force - Journey No. 23611. This trip is now full,

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 weekend 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.

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, iono.bspink@gmail.com



Travelling overseas and your NZ Superannuation – I found this article in the latest Grey Power Super People Winter 2023 quarterly publication which I thought you might be interested in. Some of it I knew, but didn't know about the General Portability payment you could be entitled to if you stay away longer than the 30 weeks. - Fran

If you are planning an overseas trip, you may be entitled to continue receiving your NZ Super (NZS) or Veteran's Pension (VP). However, there are a few important things to note before you go.

Your M+NZS payments can continue for up to 26 weeks while you are away provided you return to NZ within 30 weeks.

If you intend to travel overseas for longer, you must apply for **General Portability payments** at least 6 weeks before you leave NZ. **General Portability payments** are not the same as your full NZS entitlement and instead reflect the number of years you have resided in NZ, meaning the amount you get depends on your individual situation.

If you receive any other payments from the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) such as the Accommodation Supplement or Winter Energy payments, these will stop if you are away from NZ for more than 28 days.

It is important to let MSD know your travel plans, otherwise your payments will be wrong and you may have to pay some money back. The easiest way is using the 'Overseas travel dates for NZ Super and Veteran's Pension online form [HTTPS://bit.ly/3nfjRQq](https://bit.ly/3nfjRQq) or by giving them a call on 0800 552 002. Don't forget to get in touch when you return from your travels so your payment can be started again.

For specialist information, contact MSD's International Services team. 0800 777 227 or email international_services@msd.govt.nz

LEO (Let's Eat Out)

Sunday 11th June 11.45a.m.

(NOTE SLIGHTLY EARLIER TIME)

Venue: Waterfront, Raumati Beach

let's
EAT
together

r.s.v.p. by **9th June** Lois 298 8504
021 154 4311 mikelois@xtra.co.nz

Coffee with Rhonda



Good Wednesday Morning
Coffee | Images

Coffee Morning – Wednesday, 14th June

Venue: Long Beach
Waikanae Beach
10a.m.

Contact Rhonda 904 4168 or 021 0721016

SOUP LUNCH

Bring a friend

Venue: Waikanae Bridge Club,
Elizabeth Street

Sunday: 16TH July 2023

Time: 12 Noon

Cost: \$5

r.s.v.p. Please reply by **Thursday 12th July** - we need to know numbers for catering purposes.



What to bring: Change for a raffle ticket
A sweet slice to share
Soup bowl, soup spoon and coffee cup

Bread rolls and coffee and tea will be supplied.

Speaker: To be advised



Coffee and Kai

Will be back in July – all of June they are travelling with their musical show.

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>.

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.