



friendship force

KAPITI COAST

JULY 2023



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 12 th July	Coffee with Rhondda – Venue 180 deg. Paraparaumu Beach. 10a.m.	r.s.v.p. Rhondda 904 4168 021 0721016
Sunday 16 th July	Soup lunch - \$5 - Venue Waikanae Bridge Club 12 Noon. Speaker – Debbie Lattey as a 21 year old reminiscing on her 2 year posting as Secretary to the Ambassador of New Zealand based in Santiago, Chile. 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
Wednesday 9 th August	Coffee with Rhondda Venue Tba 10a.m.	r.s.v.p. Rhondda 904 4168 021 0721016
Wednesday 23 rd August	Coffee and Kai and Music with Andrew and Kirstin London. Venue Robert Harris Café, Coastlands 8.30a.m. to 10a.m	Just Arrive
Sunday 27 th August	Let's Eat Out (LEO) Venue tba	Lois 298 8504 021 154 4311 mikelois@xtra.co.nz
Wednesday 13 th September	Coffee with Rhondda – venue TBA 10a.m.	r.s.v.p. Rhondda 904 4168 021 0721016
3 rd to 11 th September	Domestic Journey to Hamilton Waikato plus an add on to Great Barrier Island. Full	
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.



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.

It's a Match 2024

Kapiti has two inbound and one outbound journey for 2024:

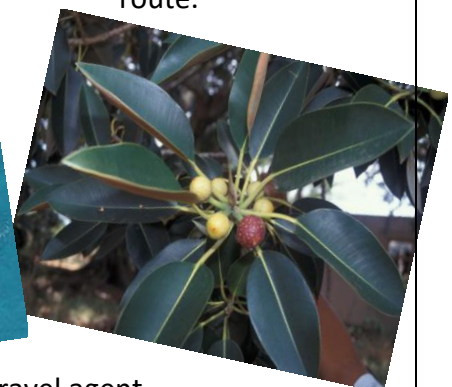
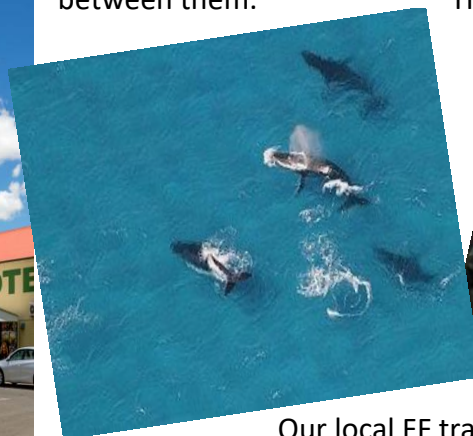
Outbound journey

- **Kapiti Coast to North Moreton and Tamworth, Australia, September 2024**

Tamworth is in New South Wales and is known as the music capital of Australia. North Moreton is in Queensland. It is full of history, wonderful beaches, seafood to die for, whale watching and of course it is well known for the beautiful Moreton Bay fig tree. The lovely weather goes without saying.

It is an approx. 7.5 hour road trip (or 1 hr 15min flight) between them.

There is also a scenic coastal route.



Our local FF travel agent, Susanne McCardle, can put together a package for us that makes the most of or time there, so have a think about whether you'd like to join us to socialise with our Aussie mates next September.

This journey will be advertised NZ-wide but we will need someone in our Club to step up and lead the journey, so please let us know if you're keen to take on this role



Inbound journeys:

Great Bike Trails of New Zealand (Global Journey), 20-23 February 2024

We will be hosting half of the group of 20 ambassadors here for the Great Bike Trails global journey (the other half will be hosted by Wellington). I am hoping to find home

hosts amongst our ebike group, but our club members can be involved in social occasions while they are here.

- **Mie & Koriyama, Japan, March 2024**

The Japanese are always wonderful ambassadors and we are looking forward to hosting this club next year, suggested month is March. We will need a Host Coordinator for this inbound journey, so please put your hand up if you are interested in taking on this role.



In friendship / nga mihi

Debbie Lattey
Regional Support Manager for New Zealand
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What's coming up



Coffee Morning – Wednesday, 12th JULY

Venue: 180 Deg.Café and Bistro
Paraparaumu Beach

Contact Rhondda 904 4168 or 021 0721016

Good Wednesday Morning
Coffee | Images

SOUP LUNCH

Bring a friend

Venue: Waikanae Bridge Club,
Elizabeth Street, Waikanae

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: *The year is 1975 and Bill Rowling is Prime Minister of NZ. Computers and cellphones have not yet been invented – the height of electronic sophistication is the electric golfball typewriter! I am 21 years old, and after joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a Shorthand Typist I am sent on a two-year posting as Secretary to the Ambassador at the New Zealand Embassy in Santiago, Chile. What followed were two exciting but sometimes scary years – hear all about my adventures at the Soup Lunch in July!*
Debbie Lattey

Coffee and Kai

They are back again – Wednesday
26th July – do come.....



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.

LEO (Let's Eat Out)

Sunday 27th August 2023
11.45a.m.



Venue: TBA

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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.