



friendship force

KAPITI COAST

AUGUST 2023



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 9 th August	Coffee with Rhondda 10a.m. Venue: Olive Grove, Waikanae	r.s.v.p. Rhondda 904 4168 021 0721016
Saturday 19 th August	Nuts and Bolts – Venue Waikanae Bridge Club, Waikanae 10a.m. to 3p.m. \$10 per head	r.s.v.p. Debbie Phone 293 3252 021 689 348 by 16th August
Wednesday 30 th August	Coffee and Kai and Music with Andrew and Kirstin London. Venue Robert Harris Café, Coastlands 8.30a.m. to 10a.m	Just Arrive
Wednesday 13 th September	Coffee with Rhondda – venue TBA 10a.m.	r.s.v.p. Rhondda 904 4168 021 0721016
3 ^d to 11 th September	Domestic Journey to Hamilton Waikato plus an add on to Great Barrier Island. Full	
Wednesday 27 th September	Coffee and Kai and Music with Andrew and Kirstin London. Venue Robert Harris Café, Coastlands 8.30a.m. to 10a.m	Just arrive
Wednesday 11 th October	Coffee with Rhondda 10a.m. Venue TBA	r.s.v.p. Rhondda 904 4168 021 0721016
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
Sunday 19 th November	An invitation from Wellington who are hosting members from the Friendship Force Charlotte Club in USA.	r.s.v.p Fran 027 2402349 - 04 905 5491 or reply to this email
November 2023	AGM – date TBA	
December Christmas get together date TBA	Venue TBA	

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.

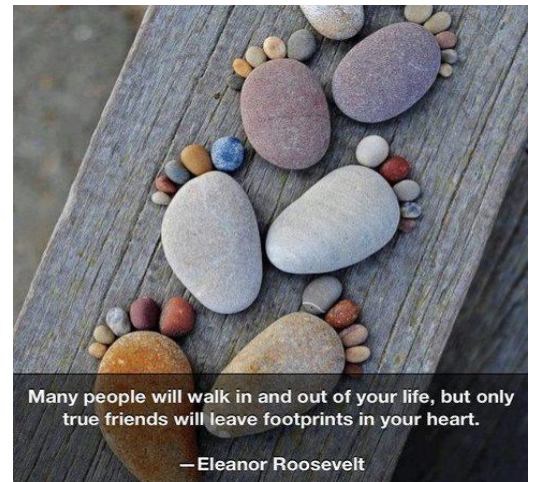
Scenic and Farming Tour of New Zealand – 4th to 8th November

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. As a club we will be hosting 10 people from the 4th to 8th November. We have 8 single ladies and one couple joining up with us.

We are organising an interesting itinerary – our first day will be in Paekakariki at the Station Museum, then to MacKays crossing, the US Marine Memorial at QE2 park tram ride and tram museum. If time permits we shall visit several of the art galleries on the Art trail. A quick drive up Paekakariki Hill to look at the magnificent view.

Day 2 will be spent at Southwards car museum, lunch at the Big Mack and plenty of time to check out the fascinating working shops there. Day 3 will be spent at Nga Manu Nature Reserve.

Day 4 – their final day with a trip back into Wellington to meet up with FF Wellington.



It's a date: Wellington FF are hosting FF Charlotte USA on the 19th November and are hosting them for the day on the Kapiti Coast. They have invited our Club to join them for this fun activity. Meeting at the Pentanque Club in Aorangi Road, Paraparaumu at **2.45p.m.** to introduce their visitors and some of our Club to the game of Pentanque and then on to Graham Wigley's Waikanae Beach House (address tba) for nibbles and drinks and then on to TUK TUK restaurant for dinner at 6.30p.m. (dinner is optional for us) Let's support them with their hosting, it should be



a fun time. Can we get at least 6 or 8 of our club members to join up with them. R.s.v.p. to Fran 027 2402349 or 905 5491 or reply to this email.



It's a Match 2024



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). Debbie is hoping to find home hosts amongst our ebike group and 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. Exact dates to be advised.



In friendship / nga mihi

Debbie Lattey
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What's coming up



Good Wednesday Morning
Coffee | Images

Coffee Morning – Wednesday, 9th August

Venue: Olive Grove Café, Waikanae 10a.m.

Contact Rhondda 904 4168 or 021 0721016



The Friendship Force of Kapiti
invites you to attend the



NUTS & BOLTS DAY 2023

Date: Saturday 19 August 2023

Place: Waikanae Bridge Club, 27 Elizabeth Street, Waikanae

Time: 10.00am to 3.30pm

Cost: \$10.00 per person

- ✚ It's time for a get-together of our southern NI clubs, and Kapiti FF invites you to join us for the 2023 Nuts & Bolts Day in Waikanae.
- ✚ The object of this day is to give as many members as possible the opportunity to have input into ideas for strengthening clubs and the new directions FFI is looking to take us in. Board Director John Hannah will give a presentation on the FFI Board's thinking about the future, and we will break into groups to discuss the new ideas. If you are interested in the future of Friendship Force and would like to have your say, this is your opportunity.
- ✚ The Kapiti Club will provide soup and rolls. **Please bring a plate of finger food with you – savoury or sweet, e.g. sandwiches, scones, muffins, slices, crackers & cheese, fruit etc.**
- ✚ **PLEASE ADVISE NUMBERS BY WEDNESDAY 16 AUGUST** for catering purposes. Send numbers to Debbie Lattey, email debbie.lattey@friendshipforce.org.

We look forward to seeing you on the 19th August.

A Note from Debbie

Our Club is hosting the 2023 Nuts & Bolts Day in Waikanae on Saturday 19 August. We would really appreciate a good turnout from our club, as there are only three other clubs now in our region.

If you are able to help with setting up the hall on the day or providing soup for lunch we'd love to hear from you. We will know numbers by Wednesday 16th and will work out then how many soups we need, but offers will be appreciated.

This N&B Day will be focussing on the FFI Board's plans for the future direction of Friendship Force, so it's a great opportunity to hear what is planned and give your feedback. We do hope you will join us.

Debbie

Wednesday 30th August

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.



Remembering Ria (Poiria) Erskine

— a Life Member of our Club, who passed away on the 26th July. Together with her late husband, Allan, they joined the club during the 1986/87. From the word go they threw themselves enthusiastically into all aspects of

the club activities. Their first hosting was in 1988 and she went on to host a further 17 times including being ED at least twice. Ria and her husband went on 10 International journeys and many domestic ones making lifelong friends.

She regularly attended club meetings as well as National and International Friendship Force Conferences and served on the Kapiti Coast Friendship Force Board as President for 3 years 1999, 2000 and 2001.

She organised Marae visits and was a wonderful hostess for many club functions at her home.

Ria was a prominent member of the Love family, served on the Board of Coastlands and was a very fine golfer, committee member and Women's Club Captain at Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club.

She regularly home hosted as well as hosting Guess Who's Coming Dinner, Day Hosting and participating in Welcome and Farewell functions for visiting Ambassadors.

A delightful friend and personality, a valued Club member, she certainly made her mark, a life well lived.

Ria truly represented the philosophy of the Friendship Force at that time and will be sadly missed.

Haere rā Ria



*Paekakariki means Paraket Perch
Kapiti means "to put together" or to be joined
Paraparaumu means scraps from an earth oven (umu)
Waikanae means waters (wai) of the grey mullet*

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.

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