



friendship force

KAPITI COAST

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March		
12-17 th March	Visit from Koriyama and Mie Friendship Force Clubs in Japan. They will be with us for 4 days, 5 nights.	Jeanette Page Coordinator Ph. 027 300 9435
13 th March	Coffee morning at Infinity Café, 340 Rosetta Road, Raumati Beach, 10 am	RSVP Dee 021 142 6441 heron7471@gmail.com
April		
4 th to 6 th April	2024 National Gathering – Silverstream Retreat Upper Hutt.	Registrar Lyndda Bouzaid tonyandlynnda@gmail.com
10 th April	Coffee morning TBA	RSVP Dee 021 142 6441 heron7471@gmail.com
April	LEO (Let's eat out) Lunch – TBA	Lois Horsfall, 021 154 4311

You will see details, dates and times in our 'dates for your diary' listings. Please add them to your diary or change dates, when you receive this newsletter so you do not forget. Reminders will be sent.

President's Chatter

Hello friends. What a sad end to February, with the passing of Mary Milne who most of you will have known. Mary and Alan were life members of our club and, although they moved to Taupo a number of years ago, they were still very much part of us. A tribute to Mary is included in this newsletter.

I returned a few days ago from leading the special journey “*Great Cycle Trails of New Zealand*”. The journey was for keen ebikers, and we had a group of 19 from the USA and Canada. Unfortunately one of the men crashed off his bike on the first bike ride on Waiheke Island and ended up in Auckland Hospital for a week with a broken collarbone and 10 broken ribs – not a good start! Obviously he and his partner had to withdraw from the journey, but they are now travelling around New Zealand by themselves and seem to be having a great time.

Other than that incident everything went well – we were blessed with beautiful weather the whole three weeks, spent 10 days on cycle trails from Auckland to Queenstown, and the rest exploring our beautiful country. The journey included two days at Kohutapu Lodge in the Bay of Plenty, which was a wonderful Maori cultural experience for the group. We also visited Spellbound which is a private glowworm cave experience. That was part of the programme put on for us by the Hamilton-Waikato club who hosted all 20 of us for a week, including some of their members accompanying us on the Te Awa and Hauraki Rail Trails. Special thanks to the club and especially to Jeanette Boswell for her superb organising skills.

Our club hosted half of the group for a week here in Kapiti (the other half were hosted by Wellington FF). Most of the hosts were from our ebike group and experienced their first Friendship Force hosting. We cycled to Peka Peka and rode the Waikanae River Trail one day, and headed to Paekakariki through QE Park another day, with a picnic at Otaihanga Domain in between. It was lovely to have a few of our members join us for the picnic. We then travelled south on the ferry and train to Christchurch, and after two days of touring with Pete Higginbottom, we cycled the Lake Dunstan and Otago Rail Trails – wonderful trails and stunning scenery! I left the group in Queenstown where most of them were staying a few more days to continue sightseeing. So a very successful journey and enjoyed by all, including me.

We are now working on the programme for the National Gathering in April. We do need more members from our club to register for the Gathering – PLEASE do consider coming! You have until 20 March to register. The Gathering won't be a success unless we get a good number of participants, and we can promise you very comfortable accommodation, lots of fun and games, renewing old friendships and making new ones, interesting speakers on the Friday (including an expert on marketing and publicity), and a party on the Friday night with a great entertainer. And if you'd like to add on a weekend with the Wairarapa or Wellington clubs you can apply for home hosting. A lot of work goes into organising these events, and WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!!

In friendship
Debbie Lattey, President

Coffee Morning

Wednesday 13th March

Venue: Infinity Café
340 Rosetta Road, Raumati Beach
10a.m.

R.S.V.P. Dee Heron 021 142 6441



12th to 17th March 2024

Koriyama and Mie Friendship Force Clubs.

Jeanette Page phone -27 3009435 jlpage@xtra.co.nz

Jeanette is the Journey Co-ordinator and Rhondda her assistant for this trip. There are 10 members coming. The programme is included in this newsletter, and members are welcome to join in where indicated.

2024 National Gathering - 4th - to 6th April

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 our local clubs.

Put the dates in your diary and get registered now – registrations close on 20 March! We do need more representations from our club, so please do consider attending.

Kapiti Coast outbound journey to Tamworth October 2024

As you know our club was allocated an outbound journey to Tamworth, at this stage scheduled for October 2024. This journey will be open to anyone in Friendship Force New Zealand to join.

I am waiting for Tamworth to confirm they are still able to host us before trying to put something together. Watch this space, and contact me if you might be interested in going.

Debbie, debbie@otaihanga.co.nz, 021 689 348

In Memory of Mary Milne who passed away on 26 February 2024



We were all shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden death of Mary Milne after a fall at her home. Fortunately Alan had the support of his family who were with him when Mary passed away in Rotorua Hospital a few days after her fall.

Mary was the very first Secretary of our club, serving in that role from 1986 to 1989. She then served as Club President from 1997 to 1998. She was the ED numerous times for both inbound and outbound journeys, including outbounds to the Netherlands and Belgium, Japan, Noumea and the Gold Coast.

Alan and Mary were life members of our club and moved to Taupo in 2013 to be closer to their family. I have passed on our club's sincere condolences to Alan and know he will have the support of his family during this difficult time.

Debbie

Inbound journey from Mie & Koriyama clubs

Here is the programme for this inbound journey. Events that non-hosting club members are welcome to join are shown in orange.

Tuesday 12 March

10.10am – Jeanette and Rhondda catch train to Wellington, bus to airport to meet ambassadors off Flight NZ0421 at 12.10pm.

1.13 or 1.33pm – travel back by train to Paraparaumu Station, arrive 2.13 or 2.33pm where hosts are waiting to take ambassadors home to settle.

Wednesday 13 March

10.30am – Meet at Nga Manu Nature Reserve. Walk through the bush, listen to the bird songs, climb the tower lookout. Note: Bring water, comfortable shoes, warm jacket.

12.30pm – Shared picnic lunch, hosts bring finger food to share.

2.00pm – Watch for free the feeding of the eels, option of feeding the eels for \$2.50 at own cost.

2.30pm – Hosts pick up ambassadors. Free afternoon to explore other places of interest that Kapiti Coast has to offer. Dinner at home with hosts.

Thursday 14 March

10.30am – Assemble at east gate of Whakarongotai Marae ready for the Powhiri at 11.00am. Experience the protocols involved in a traditional welcome onto a Marae.

Note: Men should wear long trousers, women should wear skirts.

2.00-3.00ish – Free afternoon to explore

6.00pm – Fish & Chips at Paraparaumu Beach, on bank or in sound shell area if windy. F&C provided for ambassadors, hosts buy their own. BYO drinks (non-alcoholic) and chairs.

Friday 15 March

9.00am – Meet at Paraparaumu Railway Station, catch 9.11am train to Wellington, walk along waterfront to Te Papa.

12.30pm – Lunch at Downstairs Café, own cost.

1.00pm – Walk and ride the cable car, view the city from the top, walk back to station observing artworks, buildings of interest and the Beehive on the way.

4.15pm – Train back to Paraparaumu, arrive 5.04pm where hosts are waiting.

Dinner at home with hosts.

Saturday 16 March

11.00am – Meet at Otaihanga Domain, walk with Rhondda to river mouth. (If wet we will move to Big Mac's Slabs).

12.30pm – Packed lunch provided for ambassadors, hosts BYO food and chairs. Games provided.

2.00-3.00ish – Free afternoon to explore. Home to pack

6.00pm – Farewell dinner at Tuk Tuk Restaurant, 1 Waimea Road, Waikanae (Ambassadors take hosts out to dinner)

Sunday 17 March

9.30am – Meet at electric car charging units in Pac 'n Save carpark, Rimu Road entrance.

9.45am – Shuttle leaves for Wellington Airport.

Sayonara, haera ra, farewell, ka kite ano, we will meet again.

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USER: boiled cabbage

WINDOWS: Sorry, the password must contain 1 numerical character.

USER: 1 boiled cabbage

WINDOWS: Sorry, the password cannot have blank spaces.

USER: 50damnboiledcabbages

WINDOWS: Sorry, the password must contain at least one upper case character

USER: 50DAMNboiledcabbages

WINDOWS: Sorry, the password cannot use more than one upper case character consecutively.

USER: 50damnBoiledCabbagesShovedUpYourAssIfYouDon'tGiveMeAccessNow!

WINDOWS: Sorry, the password cannot contain punctuation.

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ReallyPissedOff50DamnBoiledCabbagesShovedUpYourAssIfYouDontGiveMeAccessNow

WINDOWS: Sorry, that password is already in use.

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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