



# friendship force

## KAPITI COAST

**DECEMBER 2021**




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## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - NOV/DEC

Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Coffee with Rhondda – 10.15a.m. Venue:	r.s.v.p. Rhondda 904 4168
Sunday, 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas and 35 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary lunch Venue: Waikanae Chartered Club, Elizabeth Street, Waikanae. 12 Noon	r.s.v.p. by 9 <sup>th</sup> December
Wednesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Coffee with Rhondda 10.15a.m. to welcome the New Year in	Venue to be advised
Sunday, 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2020		Fish and Chips by the Sea
Please note that we are now	required to show our Vaccine Pass	at all venues

# President's Chatter

The last month of 2021 is now upon us – wow it has been such a busy year.



As I said in my President's Report at the AGM, 2021 started off with a 'hiss and a roar'. A pot luck luncheon in January 2021 started the year off rolling. February we had the Island Hoppers visiting our Island and shores.

Our monthly coffee mornings organized by Rhondda, a hot favorite, 3 team meetings held throughout the year with fascinating speakers, domestic journeys happening regularly in the North and South Islands and a yearly soup luncheon to put. We joined Wellington in the mid year and had a very enjoyable day learning how to bowl indoors and lunch at the bowling club's Bistro.

Our usual LEO (Let's eat out) organised by Lois was well attended. A visit to Circa Theatre in Wellington to see Roger Hall's play "Winding Up" was enjoyed by all who attended, although Wellington put on such dreadful weather for us.

We have had a rough year with Covid and our anxious wait for the Pfizer jabs to be offered to us. I feel that our overseas travel has been curtailed for now, hopefully not to Australia though. I am especially waiting impatiently to go to Brisbane as I haven't my son and his family now for 3 years.

Your Board is hoping to come up with some fun and interesting things to do in 2022 and the possibility of organizing several small domestic journeys to boot. Our intrepid Pete will be organizing more of his wonderful trips in the South Island. Details of Pete's April 2022 trip is in this newsletter. I will forward details of other trips as they become available. If you have any ideas of something different to do, please do not hesitate to contact one of us with your suggestions.

**My Vaccine Pass** – The introduction of the traffic light system on December 3 is a big step forward in restoring freedoms. However, to enjoy those freedoms we will need to be double vaccinated and carry a vaccine pass.

As far as our club is concerned the traffic light system means our visits to cafes and restaurants, attendance at indoor and outdoor events, etc. will require proof of vaccination. That means *the Christmas Lunch and 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary Celebration*, Let's Eat Out, Coffee with Rhondda, trips to the theatre, etc. will require proof of vaccination. Additionally, as those of you who were at the AGM will be aware, Friendship Force NZ requires that everyone going on a journey will need proof of vaccination.

If you are double vaccinated, but don't yet have a pass, then I urge you to get one as soon as possible. If you need help with that then Ken, our treasurer, has offered to assist. Please give him a ring on 021 631 162.

OR you can download your information from your My Health app. If you are having a problem with this, phone their 0800 number which is 0800 222478. You can now visit a Chemist and apparently the library will be able to help you if you do not have a computer or a mobile phone. You may need to show your Vaccine Pass in a range of public settings also. These will include events, hospitality venues, some sporting events and I believe faith based gatherings.

Businesses will not accept the purple vaccination card you were given when you had your jab or the vaccination confirmation letter as proof of your vaccination status.

You will not need to show proof of vaccination to access basic needs – services like supermarkets, pharmacies, health and disability services, petrol stations, public transport, schools and kindergartens,

This is the last newsletter for the year, so on behalf of the Board and myself, we wish you a very Happy Christmas and New Year. I hope Father Christmas will be kind to you all.

*Fran*

*What's coming up....*

**Coffee Morning – Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December**

**Venue: Sunday Cantina, Raumati South**

**10.15a.m.**

**Contact Rhonda – 904 4168**

**Everyone is welcome. Don't forget your Vaccine Passport**



Good Wednesday Morning  
Coffee | Images

## Walking group



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Our walking group meets every Thursday. The December dates are 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December for this month. We will be at different locations each week, so please contact:.....

Christine on 021 2136854 or email her on [trubury@gmail.com](mailto:trubury@gmail.com) if you would like to join the group. The warmer weather will be with us. This should be a fun

and maybe we could have a coffee at the end of the walk.

## Christmas Lunch

**Date: Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> December**

**Venue: Come and celebrate at the Waikanae Chartered Club,  
Elizabeth Street, Waikanae.**

**Time: 12 Noon**

**R.S.V.P. to this email**

**By 9<sup>th</sup> December**

## 35th Anniversary



**Please bring with you your official Vaccine Pass**



# Nicholson's

CAFÉ & BISTRO

## Christmas Buffet/35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



**\$35 per person**

*Honey Glazed Ham and Roast Lamb*

*Roast Potatoes*

*Roast Pumpkin*

*Roast Carrots and Parsnips*

*Minted Peas*

*Fresh Green Salad*

*Fresh Bread Rolls*

*Xmas Pudding with Brandy Custard*

*Mini Pavlova & Whipped Cream*

**All Included**

***Xmas Table setting, Xmas Crackers, Tea, Coffee and 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cake***

**Please reply by the 9th December. We need to know for catering purposes.**

*It is 35 years since the foundation of the Kapiti Coast Friendship Force in 1986. 35 years is a milestone in the life of any Club. On the first Saturday in November 1986 much interest was shown at a display in the Coastlands Shopping Centre and many people took application forms home with a view to hosting a group of American travellers planning to come to the Kapiti Coast in the following year - April 1987. They came, They saw and..... the rest is history so they say.*

**Please put this date in your diary.**

# Friendship Force National Gathering

You are invited to the 2022 FFNZ National Gathering, **18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022** which this year will be held at MiCamp in Waitetoko (on the shores of Lake Taupo). Come to catch up with friends, enjoy social events, explore the local environment, learn more about FFI and where we are headed, and dance to the sounds of the Wellington FF Band at our 'Musical Mayhem II'.

THE  
Gathering  
Place

The last Gathering was a great success and you won't want to miss this one. An information sheet and registration form was sent to members in November, and registrations are now open. Be in quickly because there are only 80 beds so places will be limited. The full registration fee which includes accommodation and all meals is just \$260 and covers from midday Friday lunchtime to Monday morning, so a great price for what will be another exciting Gathering.

# Top of the South - Pete's Tours

**4<sup>th</sup> April to 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022**



Day 1 – 4<sup>th</sup> April Christchurch to Blenheim via Kaikoura. Accommodation Palms Motel Blenheim.

Day 2 - 5<sup>th</sup> April Blenheim to French Pass via Queen Charlotte Drive and Pelorus Bridge.  
Accommodation D'Urville Island Wilderness Resort

Day 3 - 6<sup>th</sup> April D'Urville Island boat trip Hopefully through the pass. Accommodation same as last night

Day 4 - 7<sup>th</sup> April French Pass to Motueka via Nelson. Accommodation Motueka Garden Motel

Day 5 - 8<sup>th</sup> April Motueka to Takaka via Marahau. Option of water tax \$40 to Torrent Bay and 4 hours walk back to Marahau on the Able Tasman track or 3 and a half hour water taxi scenic cruise \$85. Acc. Takaka Golden Bay Motel

Day 6 - 9<sup>th</sup> April Travel to Collingwood to join the Farewell Spit Eco tour to the Spit. Departure time is dictated by the tide times. We have an early am start. Accommodation same as last night.

Day 7 – 10<sup>th</sup> April Takaka to Hamner via Murchison and Lewis Pass. Acc. Alpine Lodge in Hamner.

Day 8 – 11<sup>th</sup> April Free time in the morning for a swim or walk. Leave after lunch for Chch via a Waipara Winery.



Cost for the Tour \$1740.00 – this includes all accommodation and travel to D'urville and return, a D'urville scenic cruise, hopefully through French Pass, Eco tour on Farewell Spit. FF fee to be decided by FFI, gst. Extras for your

choice of walk \$40 or scenic boat trip \$85 at Abel Tasman, all meals. We will stop at a supermarket most days. Based on shared twin. Single supplement not available at D'urville. Payment will be one month before the tour starts – details will be sent to those who are coming.

Email – [margpete.hiq@xtgra.co.nz](mailto:margpete.hiq@xtgra.co.nz) Mobile 027 4570387

Pete is looking to organize another trip late February early March – will let you know when the dates are announced.

## Greetings FF members.

This is the time of year when we call for nominations for Field Reps as current terms expire. We need a new Northern NI Field Rep to replace Gwendolyn who has completed her term and I am stepping down as FR Coordinator, as my four-year term is also nearly up. My focus over the next couple of years will be to help FFI get the new Global Membership Scheme off the ground, and this is going to be a big job.

If you or someone you know has the skills, commitment and enthusiasm to take on the Field Rep role then please let us know. It doesn't really matter where you are located as we can split the 15 clubs amongst the FR team. The Job Description is available on the FFNZ website [friendshipforce.org.nz](http://friendshipforce.org.nz) in the Members Section. Remember that the login name is your club name, e.g. [wellington@friendshipforce.org.nz](mailto:wellington@friendshipforce.org.nz), and the password is Nat10nal. You'll find a huge range of resources in Google Drive which is accessible through the Members Section. The changeover would be at the National Gathering in Taupo in March 2022, and the term is for three years.

Please do consider putting your name forward for the role, or talk to others about putting their name forward to me at [debbie@otaihanga.co.nz](mailto:debbie@otaihanga.co.nz). Friendship Force needs the support of its members to survive through this pandemic and come out the other side stronger and able to embrace the challenges of a new world.

In friendship,  
Debbie Lattey  
Field Rep Coordinator



# Merry Christmas



## 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.