



friendship force

KAPITI COAST

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2024

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

August		
Wednesday 14 August 10.00am	Coffee with Dee Sunday Cantina, Raumati South	RSVP Dee Heron heron7471@gmail.com ph 021 142 6441
Sunday 25 August	LEO (Let's eat out) Lunch Fisherman's Table, Paekakariki	RSVP Lois Horsfall, mikelois@xtra.co.nz ph 021 154 4311, or leave a message on 298 8504
September		
10 – 15 September	Domestic journey to Taupo & Whanganui	Debbie Lattey 021 689 348 debbie@otaihanga.co.nz
Wednesday 11 Sept 10.00am	Coffee with Dee Venue TBA	RSVP Dee Heron heron7471@gmail.com ph 021 142 6441
Sunday 22 Sept 12 noon	Soup Lunch Waikanae Bridge Club	RSVP Debbie Lattey debbie@otaihanga.co.nz ph 021 689 348
November		
Sunday 24 Nov 5.00pm	Kapiti FF AGM Tuk Tuk Waimea Restaurant 1 Waimea Road, Waikanae Beach AGM followed by dinner at 6.00pm	RSVP Debbie Lattey debbie@otaihanga.co.nz ph 021 689 348

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, I hope you are keeping well in this changeable weather and enjoying the Olympic coverage. It has made for some late nights but some exciting events to watch.

Our LEO and coffee mornings have been well supported, and 10 members came to the recent Happy Hour at Club Vista. We will continue to hold these social events regularly, so do put the dates in your diary so you don't miss them.

Coming up in August we have coffee with Dee and a LEO at the Fisherman's Table. In September we have our annual Soup Lunch, and we are hoping to have a guest speaker at that event. And we have set the date for our AGM in November, which will be held at the Tuk Tuk Waimea Restaurant with the AGM at 5.00pm followed by dinner for those who would like to stay. We will have the upstairs of the restaurant to ourselves for the first hour for our meeting, after that other customers may join us depending on our numbers.

It was great to be involved in collecting Books for Vanuatu, and a big Thank You to those members who contributed. See a separate report in this newsletter.

In July new member Jennifer Hall joined our Club. Jennifer is part of our cycle group and hosted two of the ambassadors on the cycle tour in February. I'm sure you will all enjoy getting to know Jennifer at our social events.

Five of our club members are joining with three Wellington FF members on our domestic journey to Taupo and Whanganui in September. We will be hosted for three nights by the Taupo Club and enjoy the sights and amenities in Taupo, and we are all looking forward to immersing ourselves in the hot pools. After that we travel to Whanganui where we stay two nights, and although the Whanganui members are not able to host us, we are hoping they will join us for dinner one night. Our second night we will be staying at Bushy Park which is really beautiful. We had to abandon the idea of Whangamomona and the railcars as it turns out they don't operate in September. Another time perhaps.

Meantime take care everyone and enjoy the sun when it shines.

In friendship

Debbie Lattey, President

Coffee Mornings

August

Date: Wednesday 14 August, 10.00am

Venue: Sunday Cantina, Raumati South

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



September

Date: Wednesday 11 September, 10.00am

Venue : TBA

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



Let's Eat Out

Date: Sunday 25 August

Venue: Fisherman's Table, Paekakariki

RSVP Lois Horsfall BY THURSDAY 22ND, mikelois@xtra.co.nz, ph 021 154 4311,
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Soup Lunch

Date: Sunday 22 September

Venue: Waikanae Bridge Club, 11.45am

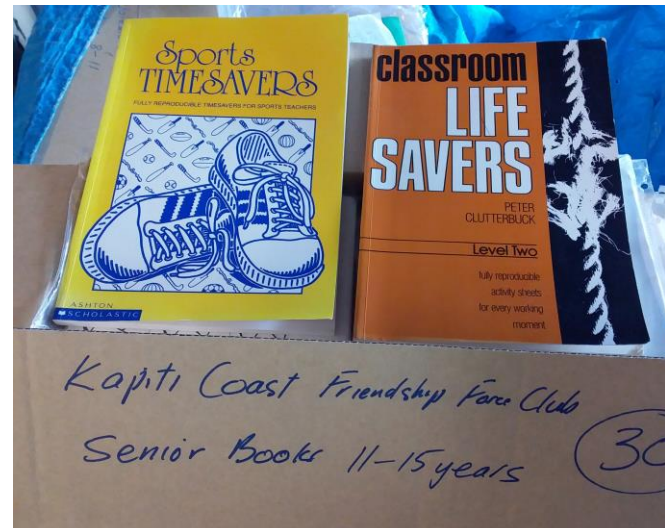
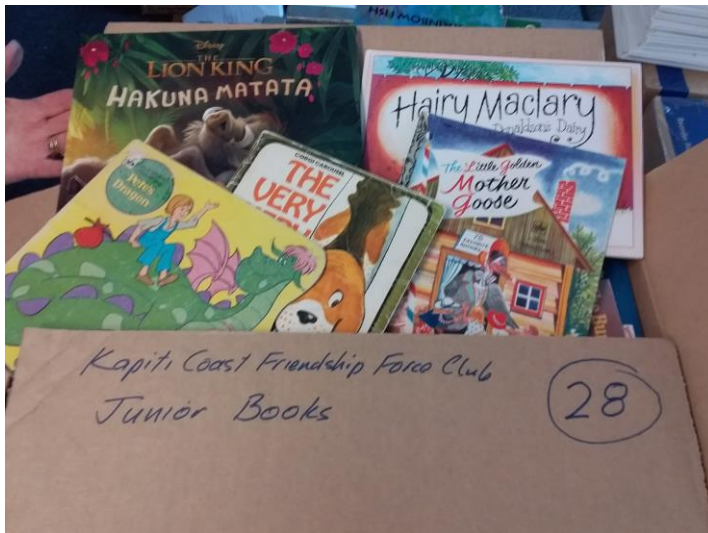
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Books for Vanuatu

Several of our members ferreted around in their cupboards or visited secondhand bookstores to donate books to the Vanuatu book appeal. We collected three boxes of books, one for each age group (5-7, 7-11 and 11-15) – photos of two of the boxes below. Thank you so much to those who contributed.

The organisation distributing the books is MEND, and there is a message on the next page from their Director which details some of the other work they do in Vanuatu. A very worthwhile organisation to support.



Message from Graham Wigley (dated 28 July):

It is a GREAT BIG THANK YOU for all the books collected. Your books have been packaged and tomorrow begin their journey to Tanna, Vanuatu.

Booths Logistics will transport them from Lower Hutt to Auckland (free of charge). They depart Auckland on 18th August (Oceanbridge Shipping) and arrive in Port Vila on 28th August. The journey from Vila to Tanna is a 12-hour ferry trip.

We are sure these books will be greatly appreciated.

Three or four Friendship force members will fly to Port Vila and on to Tanna on the 5th of September to help deliver the books and set up libraries. If any of our members would like to join in please contact Graham directly, you would be welcome to be part of this exciting venture.

Cheers & Thank You
Graham & Jenny & MEND
gjwigley@gmail.com



Message from MEND

Kia ora all Helpers

Thanks too from MEND team..!

I just flew back from Tanna in a tiny plane as ferries are few and weather dependent. It was only 40 years old and the pilot assured me the engines are changed every 2 years.

Tanna is like a step back in time..and quiet and friendly people ..



I carried 9 prostheses made on Fiji to fit to amputees there. And hearing aids donated from around NZ...so was able to get a bunch of folks hearing for first time...several hadn't heard since 1987 when a nasty cyclone hit Vanuatu and afterwards dengue fever was running around. In fact I had sailed my boat from NZ that 1986 winter season into Vila so had left for Oztralia before cyclone hit and did lots of damage.

See small girl I assessed that needs surgery to separate her fingers and a prosthesis as she was born without lower leg. Other foot needs correction for Club foot.

I have a list started of people with disabilities to support as time

moves on.

The Tanna school kids will enjoy all books! It has been Independence week so some good soccer matches and volleyball games and great banana leaf eco-friendly packets of local foods to eat.



Kind regards

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Elvis Presley's Senior Citizen Song

Are you lonesome tonight, does your tummy feel tight,
did you bring your Viagra and Tums?
Does your memory stray, to that bright sunny day,
when you had all your teeth and your gums?
Is your hairline receding, your eyes growing dim,
hysterectomy for her, and it's prostate for him,
does your back give you pain ... do you knees predict rain?
Tell me dear, are you lonesome tonight?

Is your blood pressure up, your cholesterol down?
Are you eating your low-fat cuisine?
All that oat bran and fruit, Metamucil to boot,
keeps you like a well-oiled machine.
If it's football or rugby ... he sure knows the score
Yes he knows where it's at ... but forget what it's for
So your gall bladder's gone, and his gout lingers on,
Tell me dear, are you lonesome tonight?

When you're hungry, he's not
When you're cold, then he's hot
Then you start that old thermostat war;
When you turn out the light, he goes left, you go right,
Then you both start your symphonic snore.
Life was once so romantic, so exciting and fun
You fought with the wrinkles but Father Time won.
So don't take any bets, this is as good as it gets,
Tell me dear, are you lonesome tonight.



[Loved this, enjoy!] Ed

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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