

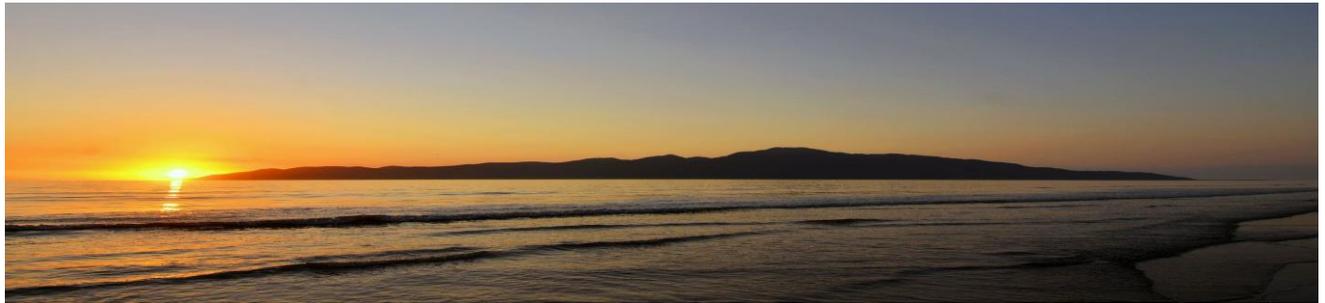


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KAPITI COAST

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2024

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November		
Wednesday 6 Nov	Happy Hour at Club Vista 5.00pm, Dinner 6.00pm Club Vista, Paraparaumu Beach	Just turn up
Wednesday 13 Nov	Coffee with Dee Truffles Café, 9 Milne Drive Paraparaumu	RSVP Dee Heron heron7471@gmail.com ph 021 142 6441
Sunday 24 Nov 5.00pm	Kapiti FF AGM & Christmas Party Tuk Tuk Waimea Restaurant 1 Waimea Road, Waikanae Beach AGM 5.00pm followed by dinner at 6.00pm	RSVP Debbie Lattey debbie@otaihanga.co.nz ph 021 689 348

December		
Wednesday 11 Dec	Coffee with Dee Venue TBA	RSVP Dee Heron heron7471@gmail.com ph 021 142 6441

February		
Sunday 9 February	Garden Party at the Lattey's 387A Te Moana Road, Waikanae	Details later, but put the date in your diary!

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. It's lovely to see the sunshine and the garden starting to bloom. I hope you are all well and enjoying the Spring weather.

Our AGM and Christmas Party will be held on Sunday 24 November. We will hold the AGM first at 5.00pm in the upstairs restaurant, and then those who would like to stay for dinner can continue to party.

The end of the year is fast approaching and your committee has already started planning for next year. We would like to start the year with a Garden Party at our home, so we hope you can come to that. More details in the New Year. Meantime there are a couple of coffee mornings to look forward to, as well of course as our AGM/Christmas party.

We have accepted an inbound from Ehime, Japan, in November 2025, so that's in the diary. We don't have dates yet but keep that in mind. We are also hoping that Taupo and Hamilton-Waikato clubs might come on a domestic journey to us in 2025.

Wilson and I are about to embark on a three-week trip across and around Australia. We are starting with the Indian-Pacific train journey from Sydney to Perth, something I've long wanted to do. After a couple of days in Perth we fly back to Sydney and embark on a 10-day cruise from Sydney to the Great Barrier Reef and back to Sydney. Hopefully it will be sunny and warm, because we are dusting off our summer clothes in the expectation of good weather! We return on 3 November.

See you all in a few weeks.

In friendship
Debbie Lattey, President



Coffee Mornings

November

Date: Wednesday 13 November, 10.00am
Venue: Truffles Café, 9 Milne Drive, Paraparaumu
R.S.V.P. Dee, 021 142 6441



December

Date: Wednesday 11 December, 10.00am
Venue : TBA
R.S.V.P. Dee, 021 142 6441



Happy Hour

Date: Wednesday 6 November
Venue: Club Vista, 5.00pm Happy Hour, 6.00pm dinner
RSVP Table booked for 12, no need to RSVP --
just come if you can for drinks and/or dinner



Garden Party

Date: Sunday 9 February
Venue: 387A Te Moana Road, Waikanae

Let's kick off the New Year with a Garden Party at the Latteys' new home. More details in the New Year but get it in your diary now.



AGM and Christmas Party

Our AGM will be combined this year with our Christmas party, and will be held at Tuk Tuk Restaurant at Waikanae Beach. All members are invited to attend the AGM, and Friends of the Club are welcome to join us for dinner at 6.00pm. We will have the top floor to ourselves for the first hour for our AGM, and can then enjoy a lovely dinner and each other's company.

The current committee are all happy to stand again for 2025, and I would like to thank them all for their continued service. If anyone would like to join us on the committee you would be most welcome – let me know if you are interested.

We don't know yet what the subs will be for 2025 as we are still waiting for the international levy to be notified. Once we have this information your Treasurer will send out sub invoices for 2025.

We will need numbers for both the AGM and dinner by Wednesday 20 November. A reminder will be sent out a week or so before the deadline.

RSVP Debbie Lattey, 021 689 348 or debbie@otaihanga.co.nz.

Report on Soup Lunch

We had a good turnout of 26 members at our annual Soup Lunch on 29 September. It was also great to have Graham & Jenny Wigley and Jaye Howey from the Wellington FF join us for this event.

After indulging in the usual delicious range of soups, Rhondda Harris told us all about our club's recent domestic journey – report on the next couple of pages. We then welcomed our guest speaker Andrew Malcolm, a local businessman who is involved in a number of humanitarian projects in Papua New Guinea, Zambia, the Phillipines and Turkey – all very inspirational. He also talked about the single parent housing project here in Kapiti.

Graham Wigley also gave an update on the books for Vanuatu project, including the difficulties they are encountering in keeping track of the container of books and getting it to Tanna Island. It's still a work in progress!

Report on the Kapiti/Wellington Domestic Journey to Taupo and Whanganui - 10-15 September 2024

Eight ambassadors (five from Kapiti and three from Wellington) enjoyed a lovely few days away together in September. Rhondda gave a presentation about our journey at our Soup Lunch, but for those who weren't there, here is a brief run-down and a few pics of our trip.



On Tuesday we made our way north in sunny weather, stopping for lunch at the Brown Sugar Café in Taihape. On reaching Taupo we were warmly welcomed at the home of ED Aline Fletcher where our hosts met us for afternoon tea before taking us home for a three-night stay.

Wednesday was a free morning and in the afternoon we went to the Wairakei Hot Pools – they are spectacular if you haven't been there! In the evening we had a fish & chip dinner at the home of Bev Joyes, who during the evening was presented with a Wayne Smith Medal – much to her surprise! Bev has been involved with Friendship Force for many years and was a most deserving winner.

On Thursday we joined other club members at the Wairakei International Golf Course for morning coffee – see photo below. In the afternoon we embarked on a riverboat cruise up the Waikato River to the Huka Falls, which we all very much enjoyed. The farewell dinner that evening was hosted by Alan Milne who had only just returned from several months in Europe, so he went beyond the call of duty to accommodate the farewell.



With our hosts and Taupo Club members at Wairakei



On Friday we said our farewells to our lovely hosts and on Friday morning regathered to drive to Whanganui via National Park and the Para Paras. We stayed our first night in a motel in central Whanganui and were met for dinner at St John's Club by members of Whanganui FF, so it was lovely to catch up with old friends. We discovered we had three Ngaire's at the table, so that was unusual!



The three Ngaire's - Ngaire Durnford, Ngaire Barlow and Ngaire Robinson – dining at St John's Club in Whanganui

The following morning we headed out to Bushy Park, which is a bird sanctuary just north of Whanganui. It's a fabulous place to visit, and we were made to feel like royalty by our lovely host. We were treated to Devonshire Teas on arrival and given a guided tour of the beautiful historic house which was built in 1906.

Sadly the rain had set in so we couldn't do the bush walks, but we had a lovely social time sitting around the fire in the lounge and helping ourselves to wine and other beverages from the bar. Dinner was served in the formal dining room where we were joined by a Whanganui couple who were lovely – and we persuaded them they should join FF!

Breakfast was also included in our stay, so after another great meal we headed off home.



Enjoying Devonshire Teas in the formal lounge

Grateful thanks to the Taupo and Whanganui Club members who made our journey so enjoyable. We are hoping we can return their hospitality in the not too distant future.

Why you should travel while you are young...



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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