

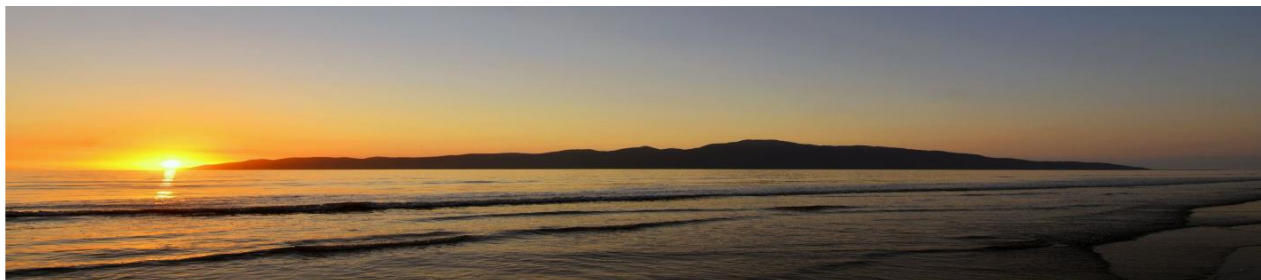


friendship force

KAPITI COAST

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2025

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 2025		
Monday 13 Oct 10.00am	Coffee with Dee Café Novella Beside the library, Paraparaumu	RSVP Dee Heron heron7471@gmail.com ph 021 142 6441
November		
Monday 3 November 10.00am NOTE: This is the 1st Monday of the month	Coffee with Dee Truffles Café, Cnr Milne Drive & Kapiti Road, Paraparaumu	RSVP Dee Heron heron7471@gmail.com ph 021 142 6441
8 – 13 November	Inbound from Aichi & Ehime See details of programme in this newsletter	Host Coordinator Debbie Lattey debbie@otaihanga.co.nz 021 689 348
Sunday 9 November 5.30pm	Potluck dinner – includes welcome for Japanese ambassadors and Club AGM Midland Gardens Rec Centre	Debbie Lattey debbie@otaihanga.co.nz 021 689 348
Wednesday 12 Nov 5.30pm	Farewell dinner for Japanese ambassadors Club Vista, McLean Street, Paraparaumu Beach	No RSVP needed, just turn up Organiser Debbie Lattey debbie@otaihanga.co.nz ph 021 689 348
December		
Sunday 7 December	Christmas Lunch Waikanae Club, 8 Elizabeth St	Diary the date! More info to follow.
March 2026		
17 – 20 March	National Gathering El Rancho	Registrations will open in January

President's Chatter

Hello friends.

The months are flying by and the Christmas decorations will start appearing in the shops any time now. We have a busy November with our Japanese inbound and our AGM, so do get the key dates in your diary now.

You will notice that coffee mornings have changed from a Wednesday to a Monday. We thought it a good idea to vary the day and hope it doesn't exclude anyone from coming. Normally this will be the second Monday of each month, but in November we will hold the coffee morning on the first Monday due to the programme for the Japanese visit.

Our main upcoming event is the inbound journey from Japanese clubs Aichi & Ehime in November. Sadly the couple who were coming have now pulled out, so they are down to just four women which is the smallest group we have ever hosted! Thank you to Jeanette Page, Joy Sloan and Jennifer Hall who along with Wilson and me will be hosting the four ladies.

The programme for the group is in this newsletter. There are a number of opportunities for you to be involved, so do let me know if you are happy to participate in some way.

The welcome dinner for the group will be on Sunday 9 November, followed by our Club AGM. This will be a pot-luck dinner and we are lucky enough to be able to use the Recreation Centre at Midland Gardens again, it's a great venue. Do mark that in your diary – more information about the AGM also in this newsletter, including a motion to be put to the members about becoming unincorporated.

We have also set the date for our Christmas lunch on Sunday 7 December at the Waikanae Club.

Our 2026 inbound was to be from Santiago, Chile, but unfortunately that club has pulled out. Instead we are talking to the Victoria/Vancouver Island club about coming in April or May, so watch this space.

It would be fun to organise a domestic journey of some sort in 2026, or just a weekend or few days away somewhere. If anyone has any ideas please bring them to the AGM or email me your suggestions.

As you know we lost a longstanding member Eve Olsson recently. Eve had just moved into an apartment in Rymans a few weeks before she took ill, and sadly passed away in hospital on 6 September. Vic is also in Rymans in the care unit. Eve and Vic joined FF in 2002 and participated in many inbound and outbound journeys, as well as serving as President and Secretary of our club for a number of years. About a dozen of our members attended Eve's funeral and shared our memories of Eve with her family and friends. She will be sadly missed.

Four of our club members – Fran, Lois, Jan Bason and Rhondda will be leaving shortly to join the Manawatu-Whanganui FF journey to Perth and Adelaide. We hope they have a great time and look forward to hearing about their adventures when they return.

In friendship,
Debbie

Coffee Mornings

October

Date: Monday 13 October, 10.00am
Venue: Café Novella, Kapiti Library, Paraparaumu
R.S.V.P. Dee, 021 142 6441

November

Date: Monday 3 November, 10.00am
Venue: Truffles Café, Milne Drive, Paraparaumu
R.S.V.P. Dee, 021 142 6441

Note: This is the first Monday of November



Welcome Dinner and AGM

Date: Sunday 9 November
5.30pm welcome dinner for Japanese ambassadors
7.00pm Club AGM

Venue: Rec Centre, Midland Gardens, Milne Drive, Paraparaumu

If you are joining us for the dinner please bring a main or dessert to share.

Farewell Dinner for Japanese

Date: Wednesday 12 November, 5.30pm
Venue: Club Vista, Paraparaumu Beach
Organiser: Debbie Lattey, 021 689 348 – no need to RSVP, just turn up

Christmas Lunch

Date: Sunday 7 December, 12 noon
Venue: Waikanae Club, Elizabeth Street, Waikanae
Cost: \$40 pp for main and dessert
RSVP: Debbie Lattey, 021 689 348 by 28 Nov

A reminder will be sent closer to the date



Club AGM, Sunday 9 Nov

The agenda, reviewed annual accounts and supporting papers for the Club's 2025 AGM will be emailed out in a couple of weeks. The AGM will be held after the welcome dinner for our ambassadors from Japan, and will begin at 7.00pm.

The current committee is willing to stand again with the exception of Beth Lough who is standing down. Our thanks to Beth for all the work she has done on the committee and as a member of Friendship Force over a number of years, her contribution will be missed.

We would like one or two more members on the committee, so please consider if you can help run our club by standing for the committee. It's not an onerous task, we only meet once every couple of months!

The main item on the agenda for this AGM will be taking a vote on becoming an unincorporated society. The work involved in meeting the new legislation is large and your committee doesn't believe we need to maintain incorporated status. The reasons for this are outlined below.

Society Incorporation

New legislation requires all Incorporated Societies in NZ to re-incorporate in terms of the new Act by April 2026 or they will lose that status. The primary benefits of being an Incorporated Society are that it is a separate legal entity that can lease, rent, buy and sell property, own assets, borrow money, and sign contracts in its own name without the officers and members being individually liable. There are strict requirements regarding the preparation of a new constitution and the filing of annual returns.

Many small existing societies, especially those which don't undertake these activities, are deciding not to re-register. This will mean that they cannot enter into contracts, own property or assets, or sue or be sued in the name of the society, and individual members may become personally liable for the society's debts and obligations.

FFKC currently falls into the second category, as our club does not own or intend to own any property or assets and does not take on debts or obligations. For this reason we recommend that it does not re-register which will save a lot of administrative effort. The society will still exist and can still have a constitution and set rules in the normal way.

The motion will be put to the AGM that the Friendship Force of Kapiti Coast becomes an unincorporated society.

Wilson Lattey
Treasurer

Inbound from Japan

8 – 13 November

The programme for this journey is below. There are plenty of opportunities to be involved, and we would welcome members to offer to help with the following items:

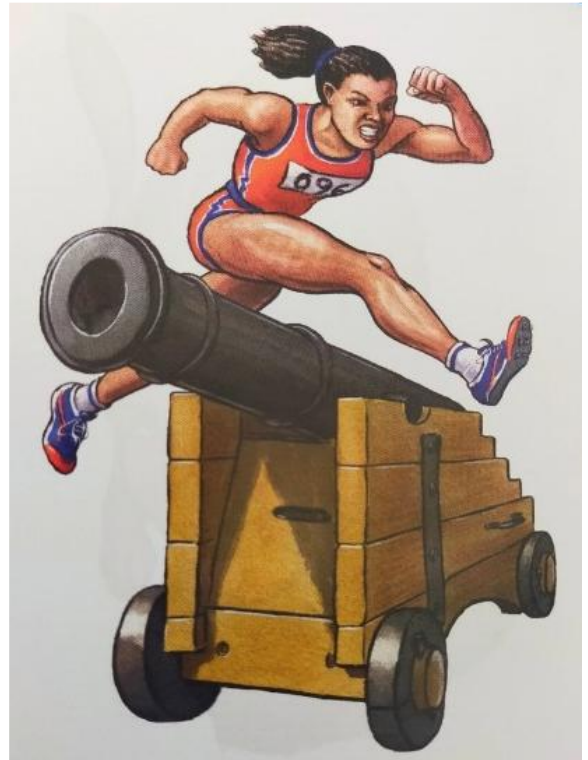
- Accompany the ambassadors on the train to Wellington to join the Wellington and Atlanta FF members on a tour of Wellington – includes a walk along the waterfront, cable car and lunch.
- All members invited to the welcome dinner at Midland Gardens Rec Centre, please bring a main or dessert to share.
- Hosts for dinner on the Monday evening – let me know if you would like to host dinner for two or four guests.

Saturday 8 Nov	Ambassadors arrive on Northern Explorer train, arriving Paraparaumu Station at 5.30pm Home with hosts for dinner
Sunday 9 Nov	Free day - suggest Kapiti Arts Trail / explore the local area Welcome potluck dinner at Midland Gardens Rec Centre 5.30pm – all members welcome - followed by Kapiti FF AGM
Monday 10 Nov	Ambassadors catch commuter train to Wellington (departing Waikanae 8.25am, Paraparaumu 8.31am) to join Wellington members and FF Atlanta ambassadors for day in Wellington. Hosts and club members welcome to join them if they'd like to. Return on 3.35pm train, arriving Paraparaumu at 4.24pm and Waikanae at 4.30pm Group dinners
Tuesday 11 Nov	Kapiti Island trip – Naoko & Chieko only. Others free day. Fish & Chips on the beach
Wednesday 12 Nov	Nga Manu with native bird encounter / estuary walk / beach walk – all welcome. Farewell dinner at Club Vista with club members – ambassadors pay for hosts.
Thursday 13 Nov	Group departs

Debbie
Host Coordinator

What sayings do these pictures represent?

(Answers in the next newsletter – thanks to FF Manawatu-Whanganui for this item)



ENGLISH IS THE ONLY LANGUAGE WHERE YOU DRIVE IN PARKWAYS AND PARK IN DRIVEWAYS.

IT'S ALSO THE ONLY LANGUAGE WHERE YOU RECITE IN A PLAY AND PLAY IN A RECITAL.

YOUR FINGERS HAVE FINGERTIPS BUT YOUR TOES DON'T HAVE TOETIPS.

YET, YOU CAN TIPTOE BUT NOT TIFINGER.

THE WORD **QUEUE** IS JUST A **Q** FOLLOWED BY FOUR SILENT LETTERS.

JAIL AND **PRISON** ARE SYNONYMS. BUT **JAILER** AND **PRISONER** ARE ANTONYMS.

WHEN YOU TRANSPORT SOMETHING BY CAR, IT'S CALLED A **SHIPMENT**. BUT WHEN YOU TRANSPORT SOMETHING BY SHIP, IT'S CALLED **CARGO**.

Answers to previous puzzles



Many hands make light work



Keep your hare (hair) on

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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