



# friendship force

## KAPITI COAST

### FEBRUARY – MARCH – APRIL 2026

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February 2026		
Sunday 22 February 11.30am	<b>Let's Eat Out</b> Venue Bus Stop Café 55 Sims Road, Te Horo Beach	<b>No RSVP required</b> Organiser: Lois
March		
Monday 9 March 10.00am	<b>Coffee with Dee</b> Venue Kapiti Village Café 1 Henley Way, Paraparaumu	<b>RSVP if coming</b> Dee Heron <a href="mailto:heron7471@gmail.com">heron7471@gmail.com</a> ph 021 142 6441
Thursday 26 March 5.30pm	<b>Happy Hour and dinner</b> Club Vista, Paraparaumu Beach	No need to RSVP, just come on the day Organiser: Debbie
Tuesday 17 - Friday 20 March	<b>National Gathering</b> El Rancho holiday camp	Registrations to be in by end of February – see article in this newsletter
April		
Monday 13 April 10.00am	<b>Coffee with Dee</b> Venue TBA	RSVP if coming Dee Heron <a href="mailto:heron7471@gmail.com">heron7471@gmail.com</a> ph 021 142 6441
Thursday 23 – Thursday 30 April	Inbound journey from Vancouver Island	See article and programme in this newsletter to see how you can be involved in welcoming our Canadian friends

# President's Chatter

Hello friends.

I hope you had a lovely Christmas and summer break. The hot weather seems to have arrived at last, but it's forcing me inside as it's just too hot to be in the garden. You just can't please some people!

We had a good turnout for our February coffee morning, it was nice to catch up with those who came. We all enjoyed the ambience sitting outside at The Lockup Café, although some of us hid in the shade and the noisy construction next door didn't really add to the experience.



We have a couple of big events coming up.

## **FF National Gathering**

Our biennial National Gathering is being held at El Rancho from 17 – 20 March. This is a great opportunity to renew friendships with members from other clubs and of course make new friends too. Those from other clubs will mostly be staying at the venue, but with your own bed so close we don't expect Kapiti members to do so. However you can still take part – see the separate article in this newsletter with all you need to know.

Registrations have to be in by 28 February so please complete the registration form and send it to me if you are planning on coming.

## **Inbound journey from Vancouver Island**

We are looking forward to welcoming our incoming group from Vancouver Island from 23-30 April. We don't yet know how many are coming or the makeup of the group, so I'm not calling for hosts just yet. However the programme has been finalised and is included in this newsletter. We will require home hosts, dinner hosts and day hosts, so please keep this in mind and be ready to respond when I put the call out in March.

## **Club Constitution**

I am pleased to report that we have completed the registration of our new Club Constitution in line with the new legislation, and have received our Certificate of Incorporation. It's great to be able to tick that off the to-do list.

This newsletter covers three months as we have everything planned through until the end of April. The next newsletter will be in May and will report on all the events we have been enjoying over the summer.

In friendship,  
Debbie

# Coffee Mornings

## March

Date: Monday 9 March, 10.00am  
Venue: Kapiti Village Café, 1 Henley Way, Paraparaumu  
R.S.V.P. Dee, 021 142 6441 (only if coming)

## April

Date: Monday 13 April, 10.00am  
Venue: TBA  
R.S.V.P. Dee, 021 142 6441 (only if coming)



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# Let's Eat Out

## February

Date: Sunday 22 February 2026,  
11.30am  
Venue: Bus Stop Café, 55 Sims Road,  
Te Horo Beach  
RSVP: No need to RSVP, just turn up  
on the day if you feel like it



This is a lovely outdoor venue and they don't take bookings.

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# Happy Hour and Dinner

Date: Thursday 26 March, 5.30pm  
Venue: Club Vista, Paraparaumu Beach  
RSVP: No RSVP required, just turn up



# Inbound from Vancouver Island, 23-30 April 2026

We are looking forward to spending time and sharing our lives with a group of Canadians from Vancouver Island in April. The provisional programme is below and is loosely based on the programme we prepared for the Japanese inbound in November. A final programme will be sent out closer to the group's arrival.

Once we know who is coming I will put out a call for home hosts, day hosts and dinner hosts.

## Thursday 23 April

Group arrives, travelling by car from Rotorua.

Home with hosts for dinner.

## Friday 24 April

Free time with hosts, exploring the Kapiti region. Suggest Southward Car Museum

<https://www.southwardcarmuseum.co.nz/>, Big Mac's Slabs <https://bigmacslabs.co.nz/>, check out the view from the top of the Paekakariki Hill.

Possible visit to dyslexia unit at Kena Kena School

5.30pm – Welcome dinner – venue TBA

## Saturday 25 April - ANZAC Day

Attend ANZAC Day ceremonies – either Dawn Service (6.00am) or Citizens Service (9.00am)

Picnic at the park and games with club members

Dinner with hosts.

## Sunday 26 April

Kapiti Island trip for those who would like to go – see <https://www.kapitiisland.com/day-trips/> (cost not included in host club fee).

Other ambassadors – Waikanae estuary and beach walk. Meet at Otaihanga Domain (for those who want a long walk), otherwise end of Tutere St, Waikanae Beach. Walk out to beach and around Waimanu lagoons.

Free afternoon.

Fish & Chips on the beach (weather permitting) – meet at Paraparaumu Beach at Fed Up Fast Foods at 6.00pm.

## Monday 27 April

10.00am – Meet at Nga Manu Nature Reserve. Walk through the bush, listen to the bird songs, climb the tower lookout. <https://ngamanu.org.nz/>

11.00am – native birds close encounter (45 mins)

12.00pm – lunch at the Lattey's – ambassadors and hosts

Afternoon programme to be decided.

Hosted dinners.

### Tuesday 28 April

Ambassadors catch commuter train to Wellington for tour of Wellington (escorted by day hosts). Options include our National Museum Te Papa (entry fee for overseas visitors) <https://www.tepapa.govt.nz/>, cable car <https://www.wellingtoncablecar.co.nz/> Botanic Gardens <https://wellingtongardens.nz/> and Zelandia <https://www.visitzealandia.com/>  
Dinner with hosts.

### Wednesday 29 April

Cultural day – focus on indigenous Maori culture. Programme to be worked out closer to the time. May include visits to historic Otaki churches.  
6.00pm – Farewell dinner at Club Vista (ambassadors pay for hosts).

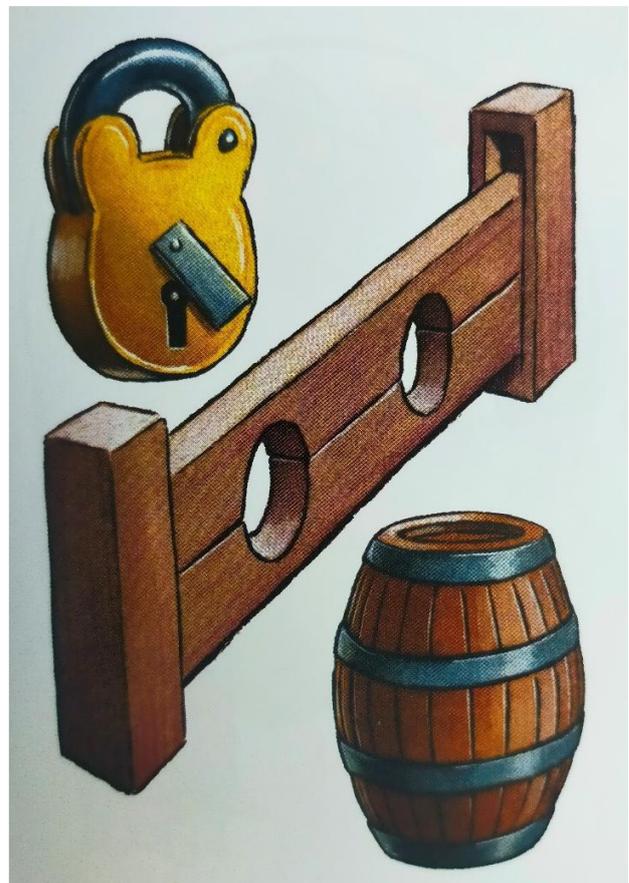
### Thursday 30 April

Group departs – arrangements to be confirmed.

Debbie Lattey  
Host Coordinator

## What sayings do these pictures represent?

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



# Friendship Force National Gathering, 17-20 March

Our Field Reps are organizing our biennial National Gathering in March. We have booked El Rancho as a venue, and are hoping for a good turnout of members.

The programme, information sheet and registration form have been sent out to members, and I'll send them out again with this newsletter in case you have mislaid them. It would be great to have a good representation from Kapiti at some of the events.

Because the Elm Centre is fully booked with other groups also staying there, it is not possible to include day visitors in any of the meals provided in the dining room. So you'll need to bring your own lunch if you come during the day.

What you might be interested in coming to include:

- The Wednesday night is a social get-together, no charge for that just come if you'd like to catch up with old friends.
- Thursday is the main conference day, the charge for day visitors is \$15 (of which \$10 goes to El Rancho). Morning and afternoon tea are provided (BYO lunch).
- The party on Friday night is open to all. Day registrants will need to pay an extra \$20 for that event. We have entertainment booked and it should be a fun evening.

Please do consider supporting our national organization and coming along for at least some of the Gathering.

Debbie

## Almoner's Report

Shirley Clarke has agreed to be our Almoner, and below is her report.

I visited Nancy Frizelle and Vic Olsen who both live in Rymans, Waikanae.

Nancy is looking reasonably well and indicated she was pleased to have me visit her. She turned on her tablet to show me photos of her recent 90th birthday celebration and the beautiful cake which Ngaire Robinson had made for her. As the machine scrolled on I saw many photos of her family who live overseas.

Vic is very happy living in Rymans. He enjoys all the "wonderful entertainment" which is provided every week. He said that all the residents who attend are given a glass of wine.

He has a lovely big room with a very pleasant outlook.

I had a long conversation with Ngaire who is trying to remain quietly at home as she has hurt her neck. She thinks it is gradually improving.

If you know of any members who are unwell please let me know so that I can contact them.

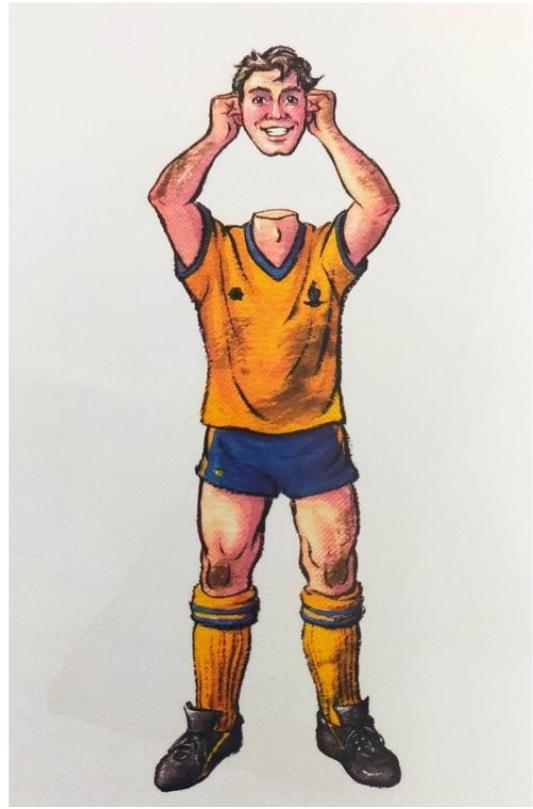
Keep well everyone.

Shirley Carke (Almoner)

## Answers to previous puzzles



Getting on your high horse



Holding your head up high

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### 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.