



# Sunseeker



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### The Friendship Force pledge

As a member of the Friendship Force  
I recognize that I can make a difference  
I recognize 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 the  
people of other countries, the cause of friendship, love and peace  
can be furthered  
**I can make a difference**

### Meeting Dates

Board Meeting	General meeting	Picnic Meeting
15 Mar 2016	20 March 2016	28 Feb 2016

### Dates For Your Diary

10 March	Dine Out: Road House Grill at Sands Tavern, Plaza Pde, Maroochydore
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### President's Ponderings

Unfortunately, our first social function of the year, the Australia Day luncheon held after our meeting on 31st January, had to be transferred from Wirreanda Park to Millwell Hall because of inclement weather. Despite this hiccup we were all served a delightful luncheon of corned beef prepared by Joan and Tom Breitenbach. All those involved in the organisation of this event rallied very well to the changed venue and the event went off without a hitch.

In our Club we are lucky to have so many willing helpers who give freely of their time to ensure that we are all able to take our part in a very strong organisation. Fifteen of our members are attending the Australian National Friendship Force Convention in The Blue Mountains in February, and a further fourteen will be venturing on a domestic exchange to Albany in Western Australia in March.

Plans for next year's National Convention, to be hosted by our club, are well in hand under the able leadership of Jim Haxton. This event will require support from all of our club members to ensure its total success. It is pleasing to see so many members already pledging to assist.

We have now received notification from FFI that our outbound exchange to Rostov-on-Don in Russia next year will include a week's exchange to Hsinchu in Taiwan. We have also been offered an inbound exchange from Lincoln USA.

The first dine-out for this year was held on 11th February and attracted twenty participants. Obviously members are showing their enthusiasm for such events. Pam Ferguson will continue to organise these.

***In Friendship***  
***Jim Macready***

### **2017 Conference Report**

Our next meeting will be March 1 and will concentrate on what we need to follow up from the Blue Mountains conference.

***Jim Haxton***  
***Convenor***

### **Change to March *Sunseeker***

I will be away during most of March. Jim Haxton has kindly offered to produce the March *Sunseeker*, so please send any contributions to Jim. (See back page)

***Tony Sayer***  
***Editor***

### **Social Committee Report**

The picnic meeting at Nelly's is coming up quickly: an Italian BYO lunch on the 28th Feb. At the recent Dine-Out at Parklands Tavern, Nelly announced that she is leaving us to return to Canberra, so we are all in shock and we need to make this luncheon one to remember. Mind you, she still needs to sell her unit, so hopefully she won't be leaving us too soon! Damn it, we are going to miss you Nelly.

After the Dine-Out the Social committee had a quick meeting and it was decided that the function room at Parklands Tavern was too small and too noisy for the proposed Christmas lunch. It was useful to have the chance to road test it with a relatively small number. We are back to square one in terms of getting a venue booked, but there are still some irons in the fire and, of course, it is a long way off.

The next picnic meeting is on 24th April. Given that it is the day before ANZAC day, an ANZAC theme is in order. We will have a morning tea consisting of billy tea and Anzac biscuits – and perhaps some ground corned beef sandwiches! The venue: Wirreanda Park. The billy tea and food will be provided. Just bring your picnic gear. I will send another reminder closer to the day. Let's cross our fingers for good weather for this one!

For those who can make it to Nelly's, see you at 12 midday on the 28th Feb.

***Merrilyn Rundle***  
***Convenor***

## **Greeters and Morning Tea Helpers**

*Please note that to allow sufficient set up time you will need to be at the hall from 9 am. If you won't be attending please make arrangements for another member to replace you.*

*Will greeters please look after new members and visitors and introduce them to other members to make them feel at home.*



## **Morning tea and Greeters**

### **Greeters**

Tom & Joan Breitenbach



### **Morning tea**

Jenny Donovan

Pam Ferguson

Bob & Margaret Hill

### **Microphone Monitor**

Gillian Dwyer

## **Morning Tea Duty?**

***Some helpful hints on how we do it.***

### **Before the Meeting (0900):**

1. Tea cups on the left of servery. Coffee cups on the right.
2. Fill and turn on 2 urns only (no more, or fuses will blow).
3. Most find it quicker and more economical to use the big tea pot, using about 10 teabags.
4. Arrange for tables to be placed on veranda for any food.

### **Just Before Morning Tea – President will indicate 10 minutes before serving**

1. Make the tea
2. Spoon coffee into cups, in readiness.
3. Place food on table on veranda. Arrange to serve the workers at the front table, back tables and trade table.

### **Washing Up**

1. If meeting resumes before cleaning up is finished, ensure minimum disturbance by closing kitchen door and servery.
2. Return Club tea towels (used for wiping up) to box.
3. Close outside servery and leave kitchen neat and tidy.

## **Next General Meeting**

Sunday 20 March 2016, at 9.30 am

Millwell Road Community Centre Maroochydore

***Please note the earlier than usual date.***

## **General Meeting dates in 2016**

**31 January**

**31 July**

**20 March\***

**25 September**

**22 May\***

**27 November**

*\* Note: March & May meetings not on last Sunday*



To all those members who are not feeling well: we hope you make a speedy recovery. If you know of anyone who is on the sick list would you please contact Peg Turner, who will send a cheery "get well" message.

***Reminder – travelling on exchange with another FF Club? Please remember that your application has to be signed by our President.***

# Club Calendar

## February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Notes
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Dine Out, Parklands Tavern
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Board Meeting 2pm, 9 Feb
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28	29						Picnic Meeting at Nelly's

## March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Notes
		1	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Dine Out, Road House Grill, Sands Tavern
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Board Meeting 2pm, 15 Mar
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	General Meeting 9:30am
27	28	29	30	31			Easter Sunday

## April 2016

(More info in March *Sunseeker*)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Notes
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Board Meeting 2pm, 5 Apr
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29		Picnic Meeting, Wirreanda park

## Inbound Exchanges

### Salisbury, South Australia

13 – 20 June 2016

#AUS D130 ED Maggie Overend



Still waiting to hear regarding the number of Ambassadors. I will know by end February.

Looking for Hosts for couples for this exchange

*Maggie Overend*

### Christchurch, New Zealand

12 – 19 July 2016

#12640 ED Maggie Overend



At present in the process of matching the 18 Ambassadors with their Hosts.

The program is more or less decided, including lunch at Rick's Garage, Palmwoods (a 60s themed cafe); fish & chips lunch at the beach, Happy Valley, Caloundra; and a silent movie at the Majestic Theatre, Pomona.

The ambassadors leave on the 5.00pm train for Cairns on 19 July.

*Maggie Overend*

### Austin, Texas

October 2016

#12844 ED Gayle Macready



I am delighted to announce that I have made contact with the ED from Austin, Texas (even if it was by phone at 5am!)

She would like the exchange to start in Perth and is looking for a further week with a club located in the southern states of Australia. They would like to spend a few days in Sydney on the way to Sunshine Coast.

Their ED is going to look into air fares, etc, and then start a recruitment drive.

The exchange will probably be mid October and the dates will depend on obtaining a third stage.

Let's hope they have sufficient interest to make a viable exchange – I will keep you posted.

*Gayle Macready*

## Outbound Exchanges

### Albany, Western Australia

9 – 16 March 2016

#AUS D119 ED Tony Sayer



We have 14 fully paid-up ambassadors setting off for Albany early in March – and looking forward to some cooler weather.

*Tony Sayer*

## Other Activities

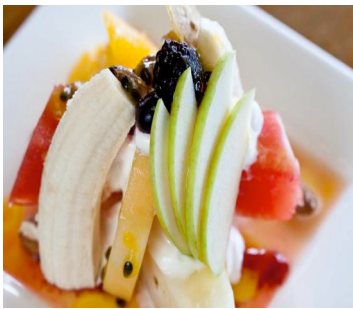
### Social Events



See Social Committee report on page 2.

*Editor*

### Dine Outs



The next Dine Out is at Road House Grill at Sands Tavern, Plaza Pde, Maroochydore, on 10 March at 12pm.

*Pam Ferguson*

### February birthdays



*Happy Birthday to:*

Gillian	Dwyer	1	Mar
Patricia	Barry	7	Mar
Mike	Matthews	10	Mar
Chris	Martin	13	Mar
Jan	Bell	19	Mar

### Have you changed your address?



If you change your postal address, phone number, email address, etc. would you please remember to let either the database administrator (Mike McFarlane) or the *Sunseeker* editor (Tony Sayer) know of the changes.

Thank you, *Editor*

### Next Sunseeker

Please put "Sunseeker" in the subject line and email contributions to **Jim Haxton** by Friday 11 Mar 2016

*Editor*