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Changing the Way You See the World

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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 Jan 2016	31 January 2016	
9 Feb 2016		

Dates For Your Diary

31 January 2016	Australia Day lunch, Wirrianda Park, Buderim
11 February	Dine Out at Parklands Tavern, 238 Parklands Boulevard, Meridian Plains

President's Ponderings

Firstly, may I wish all of our members and their families and friends a very happy and prosperous New Year. The Christmas rush period is now behind us and planning is well under way for the year ahead.

Fourteen of our members will be heading to Albany WA in March, led by ED Tony Sayer. There are still some places available if anyone would like to join them. In June we will be hosting a domestic inbound exchange from Salisbury, SA, followed by Christchurch, NZ, in July. Maggie Overend is acting as ED in both cases. Unfortunately, at this stage we do not have an outbound foreign exchange for 2016, but we are hoping to rectify this situation, although planning time is getting short.

Gayle Macready as ED for the Austin Texas inbound exchange in September has been in communication with the Texans and planning has begun

Fiona Simpson, our local state MP, has agreed to be patron of our club and will attend our Australia Day luncheon in Wirreanda Park following our next meeting on 31st January. All of our members are invited to join in and take the opportunity of meeting Fiona.

Jim Haxton has plans for the 2017 National Friendship Force Conference, to be hosted by our club, well in hand. We will need all members to be involved in February 2017 in order to make it the great success we have come to expect from our club.

I look forward to seeing you all on 31st January.

In Friendship, Jim Macready



President Jim

2017 Conference Report

We had another successful well attended conference workshop. At this workshop we finalized our presentation at the Blue Mts. conference. Tony Sayer has produced a great 8 min video to be shown along with a PowerPoint presentation to be played at the registration table.

We have 13 members attending the BM conference.

Bookings for main events have been made for our conference and we plan to discuss registration fees at the Club's next general meeting.

I am planning to make future workshops more manageable by having topic workshops where those working on those particular topics would attend. We are getting 18-20 at each meeting now. Next meeting will be March 1 and will concentrate on what we need to follow up from the BM conference.

Jim Haxton

Convenor



Vice-President Tom

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

Tony & Patricia Barry



Morning tea

Jan Bell

Nev & Marilyn Berry

Anne Derksen

Laurel Dixon

Microphone Monitor

Jack Kruizinga

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 31 January 2016, at 9.30 am
Millwell Road Community Centre Maroochydore

General Meeting dates in 2016

31 January

31 July

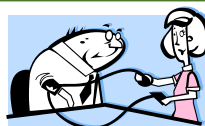
20 March*

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

January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Notes
					1	2	Happy New Year
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Committee Meeting 2pm
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
31							General Meeting. Australia Day lunch

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	Committee Meeting 2pm, 9 Feb
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28	29						

March 2016

(More info in February *Sunseeker*)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Notes
		1	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Committee Meeting 2pm, 15 Mar
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	General Meeting
27	28	29					

Inbound Exchanges

Salisbury, South Australia

13 – 20 June 2016

#12926 ED Maggie Overend



Salisbury and Northern Districts to Sunshine Coast. I don't know how many ambassadors as yet, but should know for 31st January meeting.

We require hosts/co-hosts, etc.

Maggie Overend

Christchurch, New Zealand

12 – 19 July 2016

#12640 ED Maggie Overend



Ambassadors arrive 12th July and leave for Cairns 19th July.

We have 18 ambassadors now: 7 couples and 4 singles.

We have hosts for this number and have some co-hosts, but require more co-hosts.

A preliminary itinerary has been drawn up. I hope to know the names of the Ambassadors by the 31st January meeting.

Maggie Overend

Austin, Texas

September 2016

#12844 ED Gayle Macready



Austin have appointed an ED for their exchange to Sunshine Coast and Perth.

At this stage I have only had correspondence with the club Exchange Coordinator.

The recommended month for the exchange is September 2016 - but no dates have been set at this time. I look forward to hearing from their ED.

Gayle Macready

Outbound Exchanges

Albany, Western Australia

9 – 16 March 2016

#AUS D119 ED Tony Sayer



We have 14 members confirmed for this domestic exchange to a beautiful and historic part of Australia.

The Albany ED is still away 'on tour', so I haven't been able to get an outline program yet.

Tony Sayer

Other Activities

Social Events



Watch for more social news in the next *Sunseeker*. Contact Marilyn Rundle.

Editor

Dine Outs



Next dine out at Parklands Tavern, 238 Parklands Boulevard, Meridian Plains.

Pam Ferguson

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*

February birthdays



Happy Birthday to:

Bernie	Treston	3	Feb
Helen	Treston	7	Feb
Anne	Green	15	Feb
Jim	Macready	18	Feb
Tony	Barry	23	Feb
Nev	Berry	25	Feb

Webmaster & Database Administrator

Jim Haxton has been filling these roles for a long time now and would like to retire at the end of the year. Thanks to Mike McFarlane, who has volunteered to take over as Database Administrator.

Would anyone interested in taking on the role of Webmaster please contact Jim.

Editor

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Please put “Sunseeker” in the subject line and email contributions to me by Friday 22 Jan 2016

Editor