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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	24 April 2016

Dates For Your Diary

10 March	Dine-out: Road House Grill at Sands Tavern, Plaza Pde, Maroochydore
14 April	Dine-out: Green Zebra, 5 Parrearra Pde, Parrearra

President's Ponderings

Last month thirteen of our members attended the Friendship Force National Conference in Katoomba in the Blue Mountains of New South Wales. It provided a great opportunity for us to obtain ideas for our conference next year and evaluate the things which we should and should not incorporate in it. Both socially and from a learning point of view the conference was a real success. Next year we expect to attract more than the 168 people who attended the Blue Mountains.

The new CEO of Friendship Force International, Jeremi Snook, was in attendance having previously taken part in the New Zealand conference. He hopes to attend our conference next year and bring with him Matthew Nidek who is known to many of our members. As luck would have it Gayle and I ended up being responsible for looking after Jeremi and got to know him well. He was very interested in picking our brains about all things Friendship Force. Jeremi, being young and enthusiastic and a good listener, augurs well for the future of Friendship force. Together with Kay Price, the convenor of the conference, Viv Caulfield, the Australian representative on the board of FFI and Jeremi our thirteen members had a

great dinner together on the free night of the conference thus giving all our members present the opportunity of talking frankly with the hierarchy.

Maggie Overend and her teams are well advanced with planning for the inbound exchanges from Salisbury, South Australia from 14th to 21st June and from Christchurch, New Zealand from 12th to 19th July.

Gayle Macready has now had telephone contact with the Exchange Director from Austin Texas and they will be visiting us from 27th September to 4th October, 2016.

I would like to thank Nelly Rogers very much for the delightful Italian lunch she organised at her place on Sunday, 28th February, Over twenty people attended and it provided a great opportunity for our members to get together in an informal and relaxing atmosphere. Our next meeting is earlier than usual being on Sunday, 20th March and I look forward to catching up with you all then.

In Friendship Jim Macready

2017 Conference Report

At the meeting on March 1 we dissected the Blue Mts. Conference program and activities deciding what we might copy and what we might do differently. We had many robust discussions about many topics such as speakers, workshop formats, registration, entertainment and audio-visual presentation difficulties.

Jim Haxton Convenor

Social Committee Report

I have tracked down Phon's Thai new premises 21 Nicklin Way, Minyama and made a booking for us to have lunch there after our meeting this month - on the 20th. I will ring through the exact numbers on the day.

Due to the fact that the Australia Day lunch made a significant profit this year, that money will go toward some upcoming functions. The next picnic meeting is the 24th April and given that it is the day before ANZAC Day it will be a billy tea morning with anzac biscuits and corned beef sandwiches - all supplied. The size of the profit - \$255 - was due to the fact that there were 12 extra people who paid to stay and have lunch at the hall. It stretched the resources a little on the day, but the extra money will pay for more catering, such as a Mother's Day lunch after the May meeting.

See you Sunday,
Merrilyn

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

Role of Microphone Monitor

Millwell Hall has poor acoustics, while many of our members suffer from hearing difficulties – an unfortunate combination.

Experience has shown that it is essential that everyone wishing to be heard, whether officials or members, uses a microphone at all times.

The position of Microphone Monitor was established by the Board to ensure that everyone is able to be heard at club meetings.

The **duties** of the Microphone Monitor include:

1. testing one of the radio microphones before the meeting to ensure that it works properly;
2. sitting in the front row near the top table (where board members sit during meetings);
3. being ready to take the spare microphone from the top table;
4. carrying the microphone to a club member wishing to speak from the floor;
5. ensuring that the speaker uses the microphone effectively (ie, close to, and in front of, his or her mouth) at all times;
6. carrying the microphone to the next speaker nominated by the meeting chairman;
7. returning the microphone to the top table when all members have spoken; and
8. remaining vigilant, ready to take the microphone to cover the next question or statement from the floor.

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 5438 1958 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

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Notes
					1	2	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Board Meeting 2pm, 5 Apr
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Dine-out, Green Zebra, Parrearra
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29		Picnic Meeting 10am, Wirreanda park

Please note that confirmed dates for this year's exchanges are as follows:

Domestic Inbound from Salisbury, South Australia – 14th to 21st June, 2016.

International Inbound from Christchurch, New Zealand – 12th to 19th July, 2016.

International Inbound from Austin Texas – 27th September to 4th October, 2016.

Lost Property

At the last Conference meeting someone inadvertently took home a lid for a Décor tray. Would the person please sneak it back to Gillian Dwyer or to me and I will pass it on. (26.5cm X 19.5cm)

Thanks Jim

Inbound Exchanges

Salisbury, South Australia

13 – 20 June 2016

#AUS D130 ED Maggie Overend



Exchange D130 **Salisbury and Northern Districts to Sunshine Coast**
14th to 21st June

Note that the Ambassadors are coming and leaving 1 day later than was previously advertised.

They are flying into Maroochydore airport and leaving on the 21st on an early flight. A programme for them has been decided including a farewell lunch at Tranquil park overlooking the Glasshouse Mtns, trip to Noosa on the Ferry from Tewantin but we are waiting to hear how many ambassadors are arriving as Salisbury have 14 Ambassadors arriving which means we are seeking more Hosts and cohosts....as it was originally an Exchange for 9 Ambassadors.

We have also booked a Careflight visit at Maroochydore Airport in their programme.

Maggie Overend

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Exchange 12640 Christchurch to Sunshine Coast 12th to 19th July

a Programme has been set for this Exchange including a lunch at Secrets on the Lake, Fish and Chip lunch at the beach in Caloundra, lunch at 60's themed Cafe in Palmwoods, and farewell at Headland Golf Club.

The Ambassadors and Hosts have been matched and will be ratified at the Board meeting on 15th.

Thanks Maggie

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

Maggie Overend

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Austin, Texas

October 2016

#12844 ED Gayle Macready



Austin, Texas #12844
to Perth, Adelaide and Sunshine Coast

27 September to 4 October

Today I phoned the ED from Austin, Texas to find out how her plans were progressing. They are very excited to be heading 'down under' and have had quotes from a travel agent for their proposed trip.

They plan to visit the other two clubs and then head to the Sunshine Coast. She is just starting to encourage members from her club to join in this exchange and will also promote the exchange to other clubs.

I will have applications to host, co-host and dinner host at the March meeting.

Gayle Macready ED

Outbound Exchanges

Albany, Western Australia

The Albany exchange officially finished about 1500 today (Tuesday 15 Mar) after a lunch. We've had a great time.

I'm not sure if any of our ambassadors will be back in time to report at the General Meeting next Sunday.

I can personally report that we've been well looked after by Albany club; the ED has been a 70 year old human dynamo, with boundless energy. We've enjoyed the generally cooler weather (low 20s some days) after our hot summer back home, though today it hit 38 degrees before a thunderstorm came in. Catering has been up to Friendship Force high standards. Albany itself is an interesting city, with lots to see and do.

Cheers Tony

Other Activities

Social Events



See Social Committee report on page 2.

Editor

April birthdays



Happy Birthday to:

Dine Outs



The next Dine Out is Thursday 14th April
12noon @ Green Zebra Restaurant Grand
Parade, Double Bay, Kawana Is.

Conditions - 1 bill per table cash only,

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*

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Please put "Sunseeker" in the subject line and
email contributions to Tony Sayer
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2016

Editor