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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 Meetings	General Meetings	Picnic Meetings
28 Apr	4 Jun	30 Apr
11 Jul	23 Jul	25 Jun

Dates For Your Diary

11 May	Dine-out at Headland Golf Club, Golf Links Rd, Buderim
25 Jun	Picnic Meeting @ Anne Derksen's

President's Ponderings

By the time you read this many of our members will be winging their way to Hsinchu in Taiwan for the first phase of the Taiwan and Russia journey. We wish them a very successful time meeting up with Friendship Force members from cultures very different from our own. I know that there have been problems in obtaining Russian visas but we hope all of these will have been ironed out before departure.

It is disappointing that the exchange from Lincoln Nebraska has been cancelled. They were experiencing real problems in obtaining sufficient numbers, even after putting it out to other clubs in the USA, so took the decision to cancel. FFI have been contacted to see if we can be allocated an alternative exchange and the Board is looking at other alternatives. Unfortunately this is becoming an all too common occurrence.

Tom Ledwidge and his new team, exploring how we can become more involved in various culturally diverse groups on the Sunshine Coast, is making progress and will report to the club in due course.

We were all saddened to hear of the passing of our long time former member, Joan Breitenbach. For many years she and her husband, Tom, were stalwarts of the club. She will be sadly missed by her many friends.

On a positive note, our last meeting was followed by a very successful and fun filled picnic lunch at Picnic Point in Maroochydore. Thanks go to Merrilyn Rundle for organising the day. Such events really add to the camaraderie of our club.

In friendship,

Jim Macready, President



friendship force
INTERNATIONAL

Experience different views.
Discover common ground.

FFI New Terminology

In August 2016, in an effort to validate what it thought it was observing in how the world communicates, FFI invested in global market research where language – ie, the words FFI uses to describe its mission, among other things – was tested in eight countries. In order to ensure unambiguous communication, all respondents took the survey in their native language, whether English, Russian, Chinese, Spanish or German. The feedback unequivocally supported the term “journey” when it came to describing the collective experience of travel and hosting.

So an Exchange is now called a Journey.

The term ‘Exchange Director’ has been replaced by two new abbreviations:

- An Outbound Journey (formerly Outbound Exchange) will be led by an Ambassador Coordinator (AC).
- An Inbound Exchange will be led by a Host Coordinator (HC).

Gayle Macready – previously our ‘Exchange Coordinator’ – will in future be our ‘Journeys Coordinator.’

So, like it or not, that’s the new language we need to get used to.

Editor

Next General Meeting

Sunday 4 Jun 2017, at 9.30 am

Millwell Rd Community Centre, Maroochydore

General Meetings for 2017

**4 Jun (delayed May meeting), 23 Jul, 24
Sep, 26 Nov**

Board Meetings for 2017

**28 Apr, 11 Jul, 15 Aug, 12 Sep, 17 Oct,
14 Nov**

Club Calendar

April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Notes
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Easter
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	Dine-out. Coolum Beach Hotel, 12 noon
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	Board Meeting 28 April, 2pm
30							Picnic Meeting at Marg Williams, 10:30

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Notes
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
5	8	9	10	11	12	13	Dine-out Headland Golf Club, Buderim
12	15	16	17	18	19	20	
19	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28	29	30	31				

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
Glen & Judi Gordon



Morning tea
Laurel Dixon
Jenny Donovan
Pam Ferguson

Gillian Gosney
Fay Singleton

Inbound Journeys

All Indonesia

8 to 14 October 2017

#13322 HC Jean Ledwidge



Indonesia has advised that the numbers of ambassadors will be finalised early May. They also sent sympathetic message about our cyclones and floods, saying that they had experienced landslides due to extreme weather conditions.

Jean Ledwidge

Lincoln, Nebraska, USA

5 to 12 November 2017

#13269 HC Judy Hill



Due to low numbers, the Journey from Nebraska in November has been cancelled. I believe the NSW club has made some attempt to find a replacement, but I have heard nothing further.

Thank you to all the members who were so willing to host, co-host, wine and dine, and otherwise assist with this jJourney.

Judy Hill

Reminder – If you are travelling on a FF Journey with another FF Club, please remember that your application has to be signed by our President.

Outbound Journeys

Hsinchu, Taiwan (11-18 May 2017)

#13062 AC Chris Harman



13 of our members and two from other FF clubs will start this FF Journey in Taiwan on 11 May.

Rostov-on-Don, Russia (20-27 May 2017)

#13063 AC Chris Harman



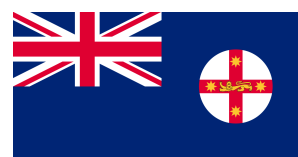
11 of our members and one from another FF Club will be travelling to Russia for this FF Journey.

Chris Harman

Southern Sydney, NSW

6 to 13 September 2017

#13502 AC Margaret Hill



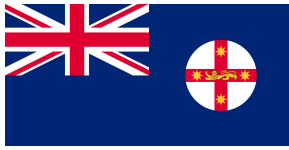
Southern Sydney have a limit of 17 ambassadors. Those who have applied to come with us will need to get their Ambassador Applications, plus \$100 deposit, to me by 30 April. Please contact me if you are interested and wish to go on a waiting list.

Margaret Hill

Kempsey, NSW

20 to 25 July 2017

#13503 HC Anne Green



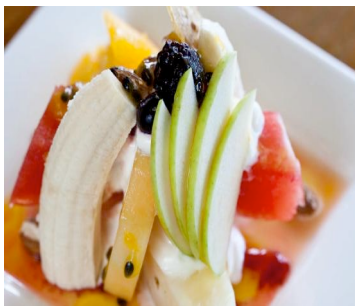
Our program for the Kempsey Club's Inbound Journey to the Sunshine Coast in July is being fine tuned. 12 Ambassadors from Kempsey will be arriving on 20th July.

Thank you to all of you who have already offered to be hosts and co-hosts, and to host group dinners. I appreciate your generosity greatly. We still need 1 cohost and 1 offer of dinner host. The main aim of this Exchange is to offer our hospitality to fellow Friendship Force members and show them the beauty of the Sunshine Coast. If you think you are able to assist in any way please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Anne Green



Dine-outs



The May Dine-out is Thursday, 11th May, at Headland Golf Club, Golf Links Rd, Buderim, at 12 noon. Please call Pam to confirm your attendance.

Pam Ferguson

Other Activities

Social Events



Our picnic meeting this month (April 30th) is at Marg William's house. It will be a soup, sandwiches and cake day, and we will play some board games. It's a 10:30am start, but Marg has said folk can stay on and make a day of it if they wish. A few folk have offered to make soup, and if everyone brings either some sandwiches or cake there will be plenty of fuel for our minds and bodies. Also, throw a folding chair in to your boot as there will probably be a crowd of us.

It would be nice to get an idea of how many folk will be there so that Margaret can organise the room. **Let me know by email.** Exact numbers are not vital so don't stress if you have a change of plan.

Some folk might just want to have a cuppa and go, and that is fine.

Don't forget that there is no General Meeting in May due to the hall being unavailable. On 28 May, a small group of us are going to the Petula Clark concert at the Caloundra Events Centre – followed by a drink at the Gordons'.

The next General Meeting is the following Sunday – 4th June – and after the meeting we will do lunch at the Sands Tavern. They are going to set us up outside if the weather is fine, so bring a cardigan in case it is cool.

Given that the General Meeting is early in June, we should still have a picnic meeting at the end of the month. Anne Derksen has invited us to have soup and crusty bread at her place on Sunday 25th, 11am. I will send out a separate notice about this also, to get an idea of numbers, but mark it in your diary.

Merrilyn

May birthdays



Pat Richardson	5 May
Heather Haythorpe	10 May
Ray Troyahn	21 May
Pat Blakeman	22 May

Have you changed your postal 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.

Editor

Trip to Lightning Ridge

I am organising a trip to Lightning Ridge, via St George, for our Garden Club, using Filippou Tours from Stanthorpe. We have used this company before, and they are great.

The trip departs Monday 7th August and returns Thursday 10th August.

Day 1. Depart 7am. Morning tea at Gatton, lunch at Toowoomba, overnight at St George.

Day 2. Arrive at Lightning Ridge for two nights. Tours in afternoon.

Day 3. A day of touring.

Day 4. Depart after breakfast to Collarenebri for morning tea, Moree for lunch, then via Goondiwindi to the Sunshine Coast.

Total cost of this trip is \$765.00 pp twin share. Single \$925 pp. This includes accommodation, all meals (breakfast, morning tea, lunch & dinner) and touring.

There are currently six vacancies, and the cut-off date for bookings is 23rd June. \$200 deposit is required on booking, and the balance two weeks prior to departure.

For more information, please contact Pam

Pam Ferguson



**Our fame has spread: to the DFO
at Melbourne's Southbank**

Next Sunseeker

Please put "Sunseeker" in the subject line and email contributions to Tony Sayer by Friday 19 May.

If you neglect to include "Sunseeker" in the subject line, your email may get overlooked in my busy email Inbox.

Editor



March Meeting pictorial

(L to R) Brenton & Maggie Ross;
Glenis Ayling & John Seebeck

President Jim welcomes four new members to Friendship Force



The Hsinchu/Rostov-on-Don Ambassadors were farewelled



Sparklers after the meeting, at Picnic Point BBQ

[This photo also appeared in Sunshine Coast local community newspapers recently]