



# Sunseeker



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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 Meetings	General Meetings	Picnic Meetings
6 February 2018	28 January 2018	25 February 2018

### Dates For Your Diary

28 January 2018	Australia Day Lunch (& Gen Meeting) – Mapleton Men's Shed
25 February 2018	Picnic Meeting, Golden Beach Tavern

### President's Musings

We have hit the year running with our first Board Meeting and productive discussions on Club activities for 2018.

Our current membership is now fifty members with twenty members having resigned or not renewed from 2017. It is important that we turn our attention to our core business. Indeed the core business of all Friendship Force clubs is FUN through engaging with ambassadors from other cultures, countries, and states both through being hosted and hosting – really getting to know people as people – not just showing or being shown around; and not just being over fed and watered – rather being understood and appreciated.

Friendship Force clubs are the base for the hosting of all journeys. I suggest we enhance our focus on engaging with ambassadors through emphasising 'hosting' in all its various forms: Home hosting, Co-Hosting, Dinner Hosting, Day Hosting, Picnic Hosting, Afternoon Tea Hosting, Fun Activity/Games Hosting, etc.

Some members may not be able to Home Host but may be able to lead other hosting activities, and this is to be encouraged; perhaps additional hosting opportunities be built into future Incoming Journey programs.

Of course, we attract new members by word of mouth – discussing the fun we have being hosted when we travel and the joy we experience when getting to know visiting ambassadors. Let's make 2018 The Year of More Fun! This way we will also be attractive to new members.

In friendship,

***Mike McFarlane***  
***President***

### **Meet your Board for 2018**

#### **Executive**

**President:** Mike McFarlane

**Vice-President:** David Allan

**Secretary:** John Gosney

**Treasurer:** Bill Laws

**Journey Mentor:** Gayle Macready

#### **Other Office Holders**

**Social Activities:** Merrilyn Rundle

**Membership:** Carol Harman & Judi Gordon

**Publicity:** Robyn McFarlane

**Sunseeker Editor:** Tony Sayer

**Morning Tea:** Jenny Allan

**Raffles:** Coral Usher

**Microphone monitor:** John Rundle

**Dine-outs and Merchandise:** Pam Ferguson

**Flags and Banners:** Glen Gordon

**Website and Data Base:** Mike McFarlane



*Mapleton Men's Shed with new roofing on the workshop and barracks*

#### **Next General Meeting**

**Sunday 28 January 2018, at 10.00 am**

**Mapleton Men's Shed, Cnr Delicia & Mapleton Forest Rds, Mapleton  
(Delicia Rd runs north from Obi Obi Road, in the heart of Mapleton)**

# Club Calendar

## January 2018

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	20	Board Meeting, 2pm
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28	29	30	31				Australia Day lunch, Mapleton Men's Shed

## February 2018

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

### 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

Brenton & Maggie Ross



#### Morning tea

Jan Bell

Jenny Donovan

Glen & Judi Gordon

## Forthcoming FF Journeys

### INTERNATIONAL JOURNEYS 2017

<b>Inbounds 2017</b>			
Completed			
<b>Outbounds 2017</b>			
Completed			

### INTERNATIONAL JOURNEYS 2018

<b>Inbounds 2018</b>			
May 8 -14	#14057-3	Winnipeg Canada.	Cancelled
August	#14148	Piracicaba, Brazil	
September 10 - 17	#14297	Japanese Language Journey	Helen Treston
Late October - early November	#14037	Tarapoto, Peru	Jenny Allan
<b>Outbounds 2018</b>			
June 11 - 18	#14108	Quebec, Canada	Jim Macready
June 20 - 27	#14108	North Bay, Canada	Jim Macready

### DOMESTIC JOURNEYS 2018

<b>Outbound</b>			
March 19 - 26	#14338	Melbourne	Coral/Ron Usher
<b>Inbound</b>			
July 27 - August 3	#14339	Central Coast	

### INTERNATIONAL JOURNEYS 2019

We have requested mutual Journeys to Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Austin, Texas.

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**We are looking for Journey Co-ordinators** for the inbound Journey from Brazil, as well as the inbound Domestic Journey from Central Coast. If you have an interest in being involved in the planning of either of these Journeys would you please speak to either Gayle or Jim Macready.

***Gayle Macready, Journey Mentor***

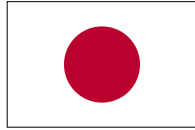
**URGENT** - Please contact Gayle if you would be prepared to be involved in organising the Domestic Inbound Journey from Central Coast in July, 2018.

You won't have to do all the work yourself. There are lots of experienced members who can help.

## Inbound Journeys

### English Language Journey for Japanese Language Ambassadors

10 to 17 September 2018  
# 14297 HC Helen Treston



North Moreton Host Coordinator, Allan Roff ,  
and I are keeping in touch with the Ambassador  
Coordinator in Hiroshima. recruiting.

We haven't heard from Hiroshima club this  
month, so presume that they are still recruiting.

*Helen Treston*

### Tarapoto, Peru

Late October, 2018  
#14037 HC Jenny Allan



I have not yet received any contact from this  
club to confirm their numbers and dates. The  
Tamworth Club are expecting possibly eight  
ambassadors but it has not received any  
confirmation at this time.

*Jenny Allan*

### February birthdays



*Happy Birthday to:*  
Bernie & Helen Treston  
Anne Green and Jim Macready

## Outbound Journeys

### Melbourne

19 to 26 March, 2018  
#14338 HC Coral Usher



We have 12 ambassadors going to Melbourne.  
There is space for two more, but you would  
need to notify me ASAP before the January  
General Meeting. I have been in regular  
contact with the Melbourne Host Coordinator  
who is finalising host/ambassador matching,  
and the program of events that will include a  
guided walking tour through the city, and trips  
to the Yarra Valley and Mornington Peninsula.

As all hosts live a long way from the airport,  
the HC has suggested that, if several arrive  
around similar times, they get a maxi taxi  
together to a point nearest to their hosts. Or, for  
departure, hosts can transport to Skybus in the  
city (\$20 one way to Airport).

Please complete the Health & Safety Form and  
return by email or at the January Meeting.

*Coral Usher*

### Quebec and North Bay, Canada

11 to 27 June, 2018  
#14108 HC Jim Macready



I have asked both clubs if they can take more  
than 14 ambassadors, and, while not yet  
confirmed, I am confident that they will accept  
16.

There will be a Journey meeting next Tuesday  
afternoon at which we can discuss our plans.

*Jim Macready*

## Other Activities

### Social Events



Christmas has come and gone and our Christmas luncheon was an enjoyable time of fellowship and fun. Now we turn our attention to the January meeting which will be at the Mapleton Men's Shed, at the corner of Delicia Road and Mapleton Forest Road, Mapleton. 10am start for morning tea, then lunch after the formalities of the general meeting. **Wear something with an Australian theme and bring your picnic gear including chairs and tables.** Food and tea and coffee are provided but **bring your own cold drinks.** Most people have paid their \$5 but I will collect the remainder on the day. There will be an Australia Day quiz so make sure you know all your Aussie facts and fiction.

I will have forms with me for the Mystic Mountain tour in May to the Australian Celtic Festival at Glen Innes, which includes Opera in the Vineyard at Stanthorpe. I know it is a way off, but we need to give an expression of interest, as the tour fills quickly.

The Picnic Meeting in February is at the Golden Beach Tavern in Bowman Road, Caloundra (opposite Aldi). Yes, we know it's the same location as the February Dine-out, but the very popular \$7.50 seniors lunch is hard to beat, and it's close to the Events Centre.

Afterward, those of us who have booked, will go to see *Chorus Line* at the Caloundra Events Centre. Should be a good show. There may still be seats available.

**Merrilyn**



### Dine-outs



The first Dine-out for 2018 is on Thursday 8th February at Golden Beach Tavern, 32 Bowman Rd, Caloundra (opposite Aldi), at 11.45 am. Please ring Pam to confirm your attendance.

**Pam Ferguson**

***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.***

### 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.

**Editor**

### Next Sunseeker

Please put "Sunseeker" in the subject line and email contributions to Tony Sayer by Friday 16 Feb.

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

**Editor**