



# 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
13 March 2018	25 March 2018	22 April 2018

### Dates For Your Diary

15 March 2018	Dine-out Sandbar Café, Caloundra
22 April 2018	TBA

### President's Musings

The National Friendship Force Conference held in Hobart was a success. Approximately 150 attendees gathered at the Wrest Point Casino for a most enjoyable time.

The Theme of the conference was *Innovative Programs*, with a message to all clubs to think about ways of rejuvenating Friendship Force, given that its model for encouraging people to interact with each other is unique, is tried and, indeed, successful.

To steal a confronting comment made in another context –

*It's not that past members of Friendship Force aren't keen to host and travel in the numbers they once did. It's because those members are now dead or physically incapable.*

Our challenge is to excite the next generation – the 50-65year old retirees. Oddly, it seems a while since I was 50! Mentally I see myself much younger. (Check out the excellent ‘Bumble Bee’ presentation from the conference on the FFA website.

<https://friendshipforce-aussie.org/ffa-national-conference> .)

At the March meeting I shall be giving a presentation on initiatives to support rejuvenation of our club, to enhance its attractiveness to the retiring population. These initiatives will also assist international clubs that we would like to host as well as those to which we want to travel.

These ideas are supported by suggestions from the conference and, hopefully, we can draw on the vast experience of our club members to implement a practical strategy.

In friendship,

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

## **Board Decisions**

### **Board Meeting 13th March 2018**

- That the President take the necessary action to have the club bag design protected by copyright.
- That the President write a letter to Laurel Dixon expressing the Board’s congratulations to Laurel and her committee on the development of the club bag concept and its final design.
- That 100 club bags be ordered at a cost of \$874 including GST.
- That the costs for inbound journey ambassadors include a \$10.00 charge for a club bag.
- That club bags be made available to members at \$10.00 per bag.
- That the Journey Mentor include a statement about club bag costs in the Guidelines for Journey Coordinators.
- That the Journey Mentor include the statement “all financial items for inbound and outbound journeys must be applied to the relevant bank account” in the Guidelines for Journey Coordinators.
- That members be encouraged to wear the club uniform (teal or white shirts and blouses) to meetings which are followed by lunches.
- That the President ask the Principal of Mooloolaba State school if the club banner could be hung on the school fence on meeting days.
- That Judi Gordon hold discussions with Tony Barry regarding a suitable PA system for inside and outside use and report to the next Board meeting.
- That a Journey Development Committee – Chair, David Allan – be formed to develop a series of themed journeys aimed at attracting early retirees to join, and international clubs to visit.

### **Next General Meeting**

**Sunday 25 March 2018, at 9:30 am**  
**Mooloolaba State School, 15 Meta St.**  
**Enter the parking area from Douglas St**

### **New Morning Tea Time**

With the venue change, there will also be a trial change of time for morning tea from mid-meeting to pre-meeting at 9.30am, which may allow the meeting to progress more quickly and the members rostered on morning tea duty to attend the full meeting.

Also there are fewer cups available at the school venue so you may like to bring your favourite cup to keep with you when the meeting starts at 10am. Don't be late or you will miss out on a cuppa and a hot cross bun!

This is a big change to the regular meeting routine so feedback will be very important and welcome.

*Jenny Allan*

### **Publicity**

If you belong to an organisation whose members may be suitable for a presentation about Friendship Force, please contact Rob McFarlane.

*Robyn McFarlane*

### **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



**David**

**Mike**

**John**

**Bill**

**Gayle**

### **General Meetings for 2017**

**25 Mar, 27 May, 22 July, 23 Sep, 25 Nov**

### **Board Meetings for 2017**

**10 Apr, 8 May, 12 Jun, 10 Jul,  
14 Aug, 11 Sep, 9 Oct, 13 Nov**

# Club Calendar

## March 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	Board Meeting, 2pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Dine-out, Rivershore Resort, 15 Mar
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	General Meeting, Mooloolaba State School

## April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Notes
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Board Meeting, 2pm
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Dine-out, Sandbar Café, 19 Apr
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	Picnic Meeting, TBA, 22 Apr
29	30						

### Greeters and Morning Tea Helpers

*Please note that, to allow sufficient set up time, you will need to be at the school 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

(March meeting)

#### Greeters

Tom Breitenbach  
Anne Derksen

#### Morning tea

Judy Hill  
Jack Kruizinga  
Jackie Lollback  
Pat Richardson



## Forthcoming FF Journeys

### INTERNATIONAL JOURNEYS 2018

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

### DOMESTIC JOURNEYS 2018

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

### INTERNATIONAL JOURNEYS 2019

<b>Inbounds 2018</b>			
March??	#15195	Cornwall, UK	
November	#15259	Central Virginia, USA	

### DOMESTIC JOURNEYS 2019

<b>Outbounds 2019</b>			
May	#15080-1	Austin, Texas	
May	#15080-2	New Mexico, USA	

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The next Northern Districts meeting is in Cairns on the weekend of 18/19 August.

*Gayle Macready, Journey Mentor*

## Inbound Journeys

### English Language Journey for Japanese Language Ambassadors

10 to 17 September 2018  
# 14297 HC Helen Treston



I have had confirmation from Hiroshima that the target of 15 Ambassadors has almost been reached. Allan Roff and his Assistant have met up with me and my Assistant, Anne Green, in Brisbane and we discussed complementary language and sightseeing projects for the journey which will be in North Moreton from 3-10 September and with us on the Sunshine Coast from 10-17 September.

*Helen Treston*

### Central Coast

27 July to 3 August, 2018  
#14339 HC Gillian Gosney



Our Committee has held its first meeting and assembled a draft program. I have been in contact with the Ambassador Co-ordinator from Central Coast – at this stage she has 14 ambassadors who are keen to come and visit our club. We have begun the process of recruiting hosts, cohosts and dinner hosts.

I will be overseas from 9 March to 3 April, but Journey Committee members Anne Green and Maggie Ross will be at the March General Meeting collecting names, or you can contact them on 5478 6531 (Anne) or 5455 3440 (Maggie), or email me.

*Gillian Gosney*

**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.**

### Piracicaba, Brazil

22-29 August, 2018  
#14148 HC Jenny Allan



From 10 to 15 ambassadors are expected to visit the Sunshine Coast before travelling to Kempsey. A committee will be formed when further information is provided and the journey confirmed.

*Jenny Allan*

## Outbound Journeys

### Melbourne

19 to 26 March, 2018  
#14338 HC Coral Usher



Eleven SC members are going to Melbourne from 19th to 26th March.

By the time you read this newsletter, they will be enjoying themselves down south.

*Coral Usher*

### Quebec and North Bay, Canada

11 to 27 June, 2018  
#14108 HC Jim Macready



Sixteen ambassadors are merrily making travel arrangements. Planning is well in hand by our host co-ordinators and we are all looking forward to a great journey. Problems experienced by our host clubs in finding sufficient hosts seem to have been sorted out.

*Jim Macready*

## Other Activities

### Social Events



Hi everybody,

We are going to the Pub Mooloolaba after the general meeting on 25th March. It is at 23 Venning Street, Mooloolaba. It is not far from the school where we will have our meeting.

We haven't been there before to my knowledge so I hope it is up to scratch. I wanted to find somewhere close to the new venue so that we aren't driving all around the country-side after the meeting. We still have to find the school.

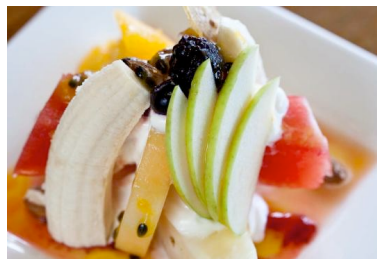
The Picnic Meeting in April is Sunday 22nd. At this stage we still haven't settled on a venue. My efforts to find somewhere with an ANZAC theme have been unfruitful so far but I hope to have it locked by the time of the general meeting this month.

We had a good roll up of members and visitors at the Golden Beach Tavern for the last Picnic Meeting in February. Despite appallingly steamy weather and a venue with some issues, a lot of us came out and enjoyed each other's company. Some of us went on to see "Chorus Line" afterwards, which was a fabulous show.

I'm sure it will be mentioned elsewhere in this edition, but we need to take our own coffee mugs to the general meeting at the school. Don't forget. See you there,

*Merrilyn*

### Dine-outs



The next Dine-out is on Thursday 19th April at 12pm at Sandbar Café, Cnr The Esplanade & Minchinton St, Bullock Beach, Caloundra. 5491 0800. Please ring Pam to confirm your attendance.

*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.

*Editor*

### April birthdays



*Happy Birthday to:*

Glenys Marsh

### Next Sunseeker

Please put "Sunseeker" in the subject line and email contributions to Tony Sayer by Friday 20 Apr.

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

*Editor*