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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
8 May 2018	27 May 2018	22 April 2018

Dates For Your Diary

22 April 2018	Picnic Meeting, Foote Park, Buderim
3 May 2018	Dine-out, Cartwrights Restaurant (TAFE)

President's Musings

Congratulations to Coral Usher for her role as JC in managing the journey to Melbourne. From all accounts a great time was had by all. (Coral's report is on page 6 – Ed).

As I have emphasised in previous musings, the prime role of a Friendship Force club is to host visiting international ambassadors and to participate in shared experiences. This is the fundamental mechanism for giving all members the opportunity to get to know, befriend visitors, and develop an understanding of different cultures.

Consequently, I would encourage all members to indicate their willingness to participate in hosting the inbound journeys coming to Sunshine Coast in July to September this year. This

participation can take many forms – accommodation hosting, co-hosting, dinner hosting, day hosting, activity hosting, providing transport, accompanying ambassadors in activities, etc.

Host Coordinators and their committees are planning programs which are inclusive and I would like to see as many club members as possible attending each activity and getting to know each of the visiting ambassadors.

In friendship,

Mike McFarlane
President

Board Decisions

Board Meeting 10 April 2018

- The Journey Mentor is still to include a statement about club bag costs in the Guidelines for Journey Co-ordinators
- The Journey Mentor is still to include the statement “all financial items for inbound and outbound journeys must be applied to the relevant bank account” in the Guidelines for Journey Co-ordinators
- Motion, “That the club purchase a PA system for approximately \$200 and that Tony Sayer will explore options for the purchase of additional microphones”, moved Mike McFarlane, seconded Tony Sayer, carried. Also resolved that the Secretary will be responsible for the storage and maintenance of the PA system
- That the Treasurer will write to the bank asking to withdraw \$2000 plus accrued interest from the Term Deposit account, moved Bill Laws, seconded David Allan, carried
- That the Treasurer will include outstanding financial commitments in future Financial Reports, moved Mike McFarlane, seconded Tony Sayer, carried
- The Secretary will write an email to all members asking for volunteers to host the Central Coast ambassadors
- There will be no “standard” hosting fee. Host Co-ordinators will prepare a program, cost it and negotiate an appropriate fee with the inbound Ambassador Co-ordinator
- The existing \$20 club subsidy to hosts will remain
- The Treasurer will prepare a club budget for the next financial year

John Gosney
Secretary

Next General Meeting

Sunday 27 May 2018, at 9:30 am
Mooloolaba State School, 15 Meta St.
Enter the parking area from Douglas St

Club Calendar

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, Foote Park, Buderim, 22 Apr
29	30						

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Notes
		1	2	3	4	5	Dine-out, Cartwrights Restaurant (TAFE)
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Board Meeting, 2pm
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	29	30	31			General Meeting, 9:30am

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 (May meeting)

Greeters

Glenis Ayling
John Seebeck

Morning tea

Anne Green
Iain Green
Tom Ledwidge
Jean Ledwidge



Forthcoming FF Journeys

INTERNATIONAL JOURNEYS 2018

Inbounds 2018			
August 22-29	#14148	Piracicaba, Brazil	Jenny Allan
September 10 - 17	#14297	Japanese Language Journey	Helen Treston
Outbounds 2018			
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

Inbound			
July 27 - August 3	#14339	Central Coast	Gillian Gosney

*Please support this exchange. Gillian is desperately short of hosts,
co-hosts & dinner hosts*

INTERNATIONAL JOURNEYS 2019

Inbounds 2019			
March??	#15195	Cornwall, UK	
November	#15259	Central Virginia, USA	

Outbounds 2019			
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

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General Meetings for 2017

27 May, 22 July, 23 Sep, 25 Nov

Board Meetings for 2017

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

Inbound Journeys

English Language Journey for Japanese Language Ambassadors

10 to 17 September 2018

14297 HC Helen Treston



We have 15 Ambassadors from all over Japan who have tickets booked and are looking forward to a week with Sunshine Coast members – and improving their English language skills.

I have sufficient Hosts, but need more Co-Hosts and Dinner Hosts.

The program is just about finalised and I hope everyone enjoys the week in September.

Helen Treston

Central Coast

27 July to 3 August, 2018

#14339 HC Gillian Gosney



Planning is well under way and the program will be finalised at a meeting of the journey committee later this month.

The major concern now is hosting, with only two hosts signed up so far. Please contact Journey Co-ordinator Gillian Gosney if you are able to participate in this journey as host, co-host or dinner host. Thank you.

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



There has been some correspondence with Piracicaba but no confirmation at this stage of the numbers that may be coming.

However, as this journey would begin three weeks after the Central Coast leave and ten days before the Japanese Language group begin – and with our membership numbers reduced – if this journey is confirmed I would seek support from members not involved in the other journeys to help with hosting, co-hosting and dinner hosting these Brazilian ambassadors.

Jenny Allan

Outbound Journeys

Quebec and North Bay, Canada

11 to 27 June, 2018

#14108 HC Jim Macready



16 ambassadors are busy 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 have been sorted out.

I have distributed a copy of the hosting list for Quebec to our ambassadors.

Jim Macready

Other Activities

Social Events



Hi everybody,

The picnic meeting this month (22nd April) is at Foote Park, which comes off Park Lane, Buderim. It is a morning tea. 10am. BYO everything: drinks, morning tea, and extra chairs. We usually put our bikkies out to share but just pack for yourself if you prefer.

There is some shelter, but not a lot of seating.

Merrilyn

Dine-outs



The May Dine Out is on Thursday 3rd May 2018 at Cartwrights Restaurant (TAFE), 34 Lady Musgrave Drive, Mountain Creek at 11:45 am. Please ring Pam to confirm your attendance.

Pam Ferguson

Report on Journey to No. #14338 to Melbourne

From the 19th to 26th March 2018, ten Ambassadors from the FF Sunshine Coast Club Queensland Australia, were hosted by FF Melbourne Club

Ambassadors arrived at their hosts homes at different times on the first day, some having had a variety of pre-journey activities and meeting plans were individually arranged with hosts.

The first event was a welcoming evening dinner at the home of Melbourne FF members. The following days included a comprehensive guided walking tour of city highlights, city river cruise, museum, art galleries, day excursions to Mornington Peninsula and the Yarra Valley, historic homes, gardens and wineries.

For the leisure days, Melbourne Club provided a wide selection of optional activities to suit all tastes.

Hospitality included dinners at members' homes, picnics, and extensive excursions in members' cars. The provision of funded public transport cards for use in the city was simple and functional.

The diversity of planned activities gave ambassadors a broad snapshot of what Melbourne has to offer, and some ambassadors expressed interest in returning to expand on their experiences.

No issues of concern were raised by ambassadors and, in spite of the Host Coordinator being initially absent due to unforeseen circumstances, host club members seamlessly filled the gap. The ambassadors' evaluations have given top approval rating to all aspects of the journey.

The Program Host fee was AUD\$ 185 per ambassador. AUD\$15 per ambassador was returned as a planned activity was not implemented.

Coral Usher

Ambassador Coordinator

Travel Tips



With security increasing at airports, it is increasingly important to be prepared to get through the queues as quickly as possible.

•Step one: pack the items you will need to get out quickly such as your laptop, tablet, bag of liquids in an easy to grab spot at the top of your carry-on bag. This one may seem obvious, yet every airport security line seems to have some travellers who scramble to find their laptops or bag of liquids as they approach the x-ray machine.

- Step two: know the liquids rule for international flights. Liquids, aerosols and gels you intend to carry on with you must be in containers of 100ml or less and these containers must be in a single zip-lock bag. Gel includes toothpaste. You also need to understand what items you are not allowed to carry with you, including scissors, tweezers, pocket knives, etc.
- Step three: empty your pockets of keys, spare change, etc, into a tray. Try not to wear boots, a belt or metal jewellery as they will nearly always set off the alarm and you will need to take them off.

A detailed list of forbidden items, plus information on how and what you can pack in your carry-on bags for international and domestic flights, can be found at travelsecure.infrastructure.gov.au

Thanks to FF Kempsey

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

Publicity

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

Robyn McFarlane

Next Sunseeker

Please put "Sunseeker" in the subject line and email contributions to Tony Sayer by Thursday 10 May.

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

Editor

Some pics from the Melbourne Journey

