## **LET'S TALK SOCIAL**

The Friendship Force club of Perth is not just about travel and journeys to other clubs we do

Share a Meal Social Outings Evening Entertainment

Our members are just like you...
Couples and Single Men and
Women
Enjoying
life



We are waiting to welcome you....

# Who are we?

The Friendship Force of Perth (Inc)
Established in 2001
And one of 20 clubs in Australia
We are members of Friendship Force
International with 360 clubs in over 60
communities.

Club meetings are held monthly (every third Saturday morning) At the Belmont Centenary Park Community Centre Cnr Daly and Barker Sts, Belmont

# TO DISCOVER MORE VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.friendshipforceperth.net

### Facebook:

https://facebook.com/FriendshipForce ofPerth

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#### FRIENDSHIP FORCE INTERNATIONAL

**Experience Different Views** 

**Discover Common Ground** 

CREATING INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIPS





#### THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE IN AUSTRALIA

The Friendship Force in Australia consists of 20 clubs forming the Australian Council. The council meets annually. Each club is autonomous, operating within the guidelines as set down by Friendship Force International (FFI) incorporated under Australian law and working in friendly cooperation with each other.

All "journeys" are coordinated by FFI. Presidents and Vice Presidents of all Australian clubs form the Australian Council of Friendship Force and meet at the Biennial Conference to consider matters of importance to Friendship Force in general and Australian clubs in particular.

Each club is run by a popularly elected executive board of management. General meetings are held regularly with social activities between meetings.



# "JOURNEYS"

Most clubs in Australia participate in at least one outbound and two inbound journeys per year. Each year clubs all over the world nominate clubs they would like to visit and the clubs they would like to host. These requests are sent to and collated by FFI in Atlanta. Visiting groups, usually about 20 people from the "ambassador" club travel to, and stay, as guests, in the homes of members of the hosts club usually for one week.

By so doing, ideas and experiences are shared, cultural horizons are widened, trust and mutual respect is developed and truly memorable times are enjoyed. A "journey" is a sharing experience for hosts and ambassadors.

## WHAT IS THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE?

The Friendship Force is an International non-political, non-sectarian, and non-profit organisation.

The sole aim of the Frienship Force is to foster peace and understanding throughout the world by means of personal contacts and shared experiences achieved through a programme of home hosting.

The Friendship Force was founded in the USA by Wayne Smith in 1977 under the auspices of President Jimmy Carter and is coordinated from the international headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. There are more than 360 clubs in 60 countries throughtout the world.

The Friendship Force is not a travel club although the core activity is travelling in groups, to stay with like minded people in other countries – A CULTURAL JOURNEY.

The first priority is to develop friendships and through this to generate understanding across cultural boundaries. Consequently the emphasis is placed on

**FACES NOT PLACES** 

#### **WON NIOL**

The Friendship Force gives you the opportunity to make lasting friendships with people from all countries in which the Friendship Force is involved. If these principles appeal to you and you are interested in meeting and sharing experiences with people from different cultures, creeds and races who may speak a different language then:

THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE IS FOR YOU.....



#### A REAL LIVING EXPERIENCE

You can enjoy unique travel experiences focused on friendships. Host interesting people from around the world. Participate in community activities which promote lasting friendships.

#### THE AMBASSADOR CLUB

The ambassador club appoints an Ambassador Coordinator whose task it is to arrange the visit, invite club members to join in the journey programme, liaise with the host club's Host Coordinator and make travel arrangements. Briefings (workshops) are arranged to learn about the host clubs to be visited, their country and customs and to ensure ambassadors understand and are prepared to uphold the principles of the Friendship Force.

## THE HOSTING CLUB

The host club provides ambassadors accommodation with its members and arranges a programme that usually includes a welcome and farewell event.

Day trips are included and for the remaider of the stay the hosts may show their ambassador guests the local points of interest.

However, most importantly, ambassadors are welcomed into the everyday living and sharing of the hosts lifestyle.

The host does not receive any remuneration.

The hosting club receives a per capita sum from the ambassadors to offset the costs of hosting the incoming ambassadors.

Lifetime friendships are formed