

## **FFNZ Gathering April 2021**

### **Inward and Outward Journeys Discussion Group Notes**

- Some FF clubs feeling overloaded with inward journeys in 2020. Some club leaders unaware it is OK to say “no” to accepting a match.
- Last minute cancellations frustrating and disappointing.
- Suggested sharing with another club e.g. Wellington sharing with Wairarapa, doing 3 nights each.
- Agreed sharing journeys to reduce the number of nights in each place is a good idea.
- There needs to be a journey coordinator for each host club as well as ambassador coordinator.
- Preparation between host clubs vital. Needs good communication between them.
- All clubs need a minimum and maximum number they will host.
- Shorter hosting supported.
- Hosting programme needs to have more people-connection time built in. Free half days would help achieve this.
- Give hosts a list of suggested activities for “free” time.
- Each Journey (including domestic) requires a number: contact Kimberly
- More use made of the NZ and Club websites and refreshed regularly
- A schedule to be made available of all NZ Tours and Journeys (see below also).

### **Outward International Journeys**

- 5 nights with host club felt to be ideal.
- Tourist experience between hostings.
- Time with the people should be the focus: FF’s point of difference.
- Combined outward journeys popular.
- NZ-wide journeys supported. Need a skilled/experienced coordinator.
- Concerns expressed about “drop-outs”.
- Journey calendar for whole of NZ on the website would be useful.

### **Ideas for Themed Journeys: (from the whiteboard).**

- Holiday home swaps
- Wine & food
- Cycling
- Food & wine
- Golf – sports
- Gardens
- Theatre
- Maori
- Art & craft – Wellington Sept 2022
- Islands of the Hauraki Gulf (domestic)
- Coastal hikes
- Walkways
- Motor home/campers/caravan
- Cultural – Maori, Asian, +++
- Music – jazz
- Fishing
- Foodie – cafes & restaurants