

*Steering a safe course*



*through our retirement years.*



***Affiliated to Rebus NZ Incorporated***

***Established 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019, Rebus Club No: 19106***

***Bank a/c details for direct credits: 12-3084-0029743-00***

***Meetings: 9.30 am, second Wednesday each month, except January,  
at Gulf Harbour Yacht Club, Laurie Southwick Parade, Gulf Harbour.***

**Apologies to Secretary:** [rebusgulpharboursecretary@gmail.com](mailto:rebusgulpharboursecretary@gmail.com) OR 027 321 9713

**MEETING: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026.**

**Club Speaker: Trevor Carpenter.**

**Guest Speaker: Andi Burrell, Building Remedial Specialist**

**From the President:**

Pam and I have just come back from a two-month holiday visiting family and exploring the South Island. I look forward to serving as the club's President for the remainder of the club year. A big thank you to Jean and the committee for stepping in to handle my responsibilities during my absence, and to all those who have put up their hand for the various roles on and off the committee.

Pam and I joined the club after meeting some members at a membership drive at Whangaparaoa Mall last year. We have enjoyed the regular meetings, special interest groups, and the club activities we've taken part in. My goal for the year is to build on the efforts of past presidents and committees, and to enhance our members' enjoyment by enabling them to meet like-minded people and to enjoy their post-working years through shared-interest activities. To help the committee with this, please share your ideas with any of the committee members. In particular, please give trip and outing suggestions to Verna Harford or Gwyneth Manning. We look forward to hearing from you.

The AGM of Rebus NZ Inc. will be held in Manly this month, and several of our club members will be attending. We will let you know how it went in the next newsletter.

I look forward to my first meeting as President next week.

*Rob.*

**\$\$ Please remember: small money for \$5 Entry and Sales Table \$\$,  
and turn off your phone during the meeting.**

**\$5 Entry Fee covers: Venue Hire \$2, Door Prizes \$1, Morning Tea \$2.**

## COMMITTEE 2026/7

**President:** Rob Lorden 0274 715 030  
**V.P:** Gwyneth Manning 027 257 7640  
**Secretary:** Lynette Phillips 027 321 9713  
**Treasurer:** Hugh Pattison 0221089976  
**Membership:** Gill Raynor 022 139 7406  
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**Committee:** Gill Wild 027 297 3414  
Ken Daniels 021 621 411  
Helen Carter 021 504 925  
Susan Carpenter 021 270 8244  
**Trips/Outings:** Verna Harford 0210 774 325  
and Gwyneth Manning 027 257 7640  
**IPP:** Jean McIntosh 09 424 7115

### \*Positions off Committee

**\*Club Speakers:** Graeme McIntosh 0274 739 787  
**\*Welfare:** Pam Warner 021 146 5753  
**\*Greeter:** Trish Davis 021 0233 5796  
**\*Website, Publicity & Photography:** Graeme McIntosh 0274 739 787  
**\* Sales Table:** Sarah Bretherton 029 200 4162  
**\* Kitchen:** Dave & Raewyn Dewe 021 053 3093  
**\*Guest Speakers:** Vacant.



**LAST MEETING:** Club Speaker was Hugh Pattison, who had us salivating as he described his passion for salmon fishing in the South Island. Some of his favourite spots were Mesopotamia, the Waimakariri Gorge, the Ashburton River, and the Rakaia River. Hugh's largest sea-run salmon weighed over 31 pounds.

**Guest Speaker, Spencer Matthews** joined the NZ Police in the 1990s. Crisis Management, which started in this country following the Munich Olympic Games massacre, appealed to Spencer. Negotiation with an offender can result in better outcomes and much less paperwork for officers. Negotiators try to look for a winning solution to the problem for both sides. He stressed the importance of 'doing your homework' before acting and know what you are dealing with. Since retirement, he has written a book giving advice to partners in divorce proceedings, making full use of his negotiating skills, often resulting in better outcomes for each party.

**The Club Membership stands at 67, the Bank Balance at the end of April was \$6,802. Subscriptions for the 2026/7 year are due by 31<sup>st</sup> May, or your membership will lapse.**

### FUTURE EVENTS:

**"What's On": Ten Pin Bowling, 2.00 pm, 26<sup>th</sup> May, Clipboard on Club Day.**

**Dine Out Group: Late June, date TBA, "Due Amici", Manly.**

**Mid-Winter Lunch: 8<sup>th</sup> July, "Main Sail", Following July Club Day. Details TBA.**

**NOTE: CARPPOOLING:** As most of our trips/events involve carpooling, if someone is kind enough to offer you a ride, you might like to offer a contribution towards petrol etc. **Partners and spouses welcome.**

**SALES TABLE:** The Sales Table will be open at the May meeting. Donations of **baking, plants, nicknacks, books, garden produce, anything you think somebody else might buy would be most welcome.** But please, **if your donations are not sold** we ask you to take them home again. **Sarah Bretherton, 029 200 4162, is reponsible for the Sales Table, assisted by Verneice Kilsby. Please phone her if you have any enquiries.**

## INTEREST GROUPS:



**The Ramblers Group:** Meets every Monday morning. **Contact:** Garth Dutton, [garth269@gmail.com](mailto:garth269@gmail.com) or 020 400 60844.



**CBD Explorers:** Meets monthly. **Contact:** Judi Lee, [Leeja@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Leeja@xtra.co.nz) or 029 8942 522.



**Dine-Out Group:** Meets monthly. **Contact:** George Tregidga, [gandc@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gandc@xtra.co.nz) or 424 5322.



**Mah Jong Group:** Meets every Wednesday, 1.30 pm. **Contact:** Christine Handley, [didteen@gmail.com](mailto:didteen@gmail.com) or 021 681 513,



**500 Cards Evening:** Meets monthly. **Contact:** Pam Warner, [pambiggs2003@yahoo.com.au](mailto:pambiggs2003@yahoo.com.au) or 021 146 5753.



**Discussion Group:** Meets monthly, the day after Club Day, 10.00 am. **Contact:** Ken Daniels, [kendaniels007@gmail.com](mailto:kendaniels007@gmail.com) or 021 621 411.



**What's On:** Social events. **Contact:** Gwyneth Manning, [gwynethmanning@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gwynethmanning@hotmail.co.uk) or 021 257 7640, or Verna Harford, [vernaharford@gmail.com](mailto:vernaharford@gmail.com) or 0210 774 325.



**Quiz Night:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, RSA, 5.00 pm, **Contact:** Verna & Gwyneth, as above.

## **BIRTHDAYS IN MAY**



Pauline Dowling, Jeannie Pattison, Verna Harford, Leonie Law,  
Gwyneth Manning, Alan Thornley, Alister Fookes.  
Happy Birthday, we hope you all celebrate in style.

**MEMBERSHIP:** If any of your personal details change during the year, please notify Graeme McIntosh 0274 739 787, who will update the database. **Remember,** you can refer prospective members to the Club's website, [www.rebus-gulpharbour.nz](http://www.rebus-gulpharbour.nz)  
**Visitors may attend two meetings before deciding whether to apply for membership.**

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** If you know someone who would be an interesting Guest Speaker, please give the details to the President or a Committee Member. We are looking for somebody who will take on the job and make all the arrangements.

**MEMBERS ARE ASKED NOT TO MAKE A COMMITMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CLUB, PLEASE!**

**WELFARE:** Pam Warner is our Welfare Officer. If you know of a member who is unwell,  
phone: Pam: 021 146 5753, or Verna: Ph: 0210 774 325.  
Pam has the list of emergency drivers.

## OUT AND ABOUT



The Ramblers, Shakespear Ramble, 20<sup>th</sup> April. Great shot!

On 16<sup>th</sup> April, CBD Explorers Group had lunch at the Maritime Museum before boarding the Scow "Ted Ashby" for a one-hour trip on the harbour. A great day.



**NAME BADGES:** Please remember to wear your name badge to all Club meetings, all trips, and events. We suggest you write the name and phone number of your "next of kin" (NOK) on the back of the name badge – just in case of an unexpected event etc.

### **IMPORTANT: PARKING:**

The Yacht Club advises that if the carpark is full, members who still drive, **but who have difficulty walking**, may park their car on the grass next to the drop-off area, or nose-to-tail in front of the Club's garage.

[We now have a sign for "Reserved for Speaker Parking."](#)



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