

Steering a safe course



through our retirement years.

Rebus Club of Gulf Harbour



Affiliated to Rebus NZ Incorporated

Established 25th 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: rebusghsecretary@gmail.com 021 504 925

MEETING: Wednesday 9th SEPTEMBER 2026.

Club Speaker: Gwyneth Manning.

Guest Speaker: Karen Little – Harbour Hospice.

From the President:

I hope this newsletter finds you in great spirits as we enjoy the warmer spring days. It's great to see so many people taking part in the many club events.

Our Gulf Harbour Rebus Club is a friendly group for young-at-heart retirees who enjoy good company, interesting outings, and the occasional adventure that doesn't require battling the motorway. It's all about connection, conversation, and keeping life lively. Think of it as a way to make sure no one's retirement feels too quiet.

If you're wondering whether any members share your interests, or if you're thinking about attending an upcoming event outside our usual club activities and would welcome some friendly company, please don't hesitate to chat with me. I'd be happy to showcase your interests in our **"Anyone Interested In"** slot before the mid-meeting break, so other members with similar interests can connect with you over morning tea.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our meeting on 9th September. Stay safe out there.

Rob.

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

\$5 Entry Fee covers: Contribution to Venue Hire, Door Prizes, and Morning Tea.

COMMITTEE 2026/7

President: Rob Lorden 0274 715 030
V.P.: Gwyneth Manning 027 257 7640
Secretary: Helen Carter 021 504 925
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Committee: Gill Wild 027 297 3414
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 Susan Carpenter 021 270 8244
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 and Gwyneth Manning 027 257 7640
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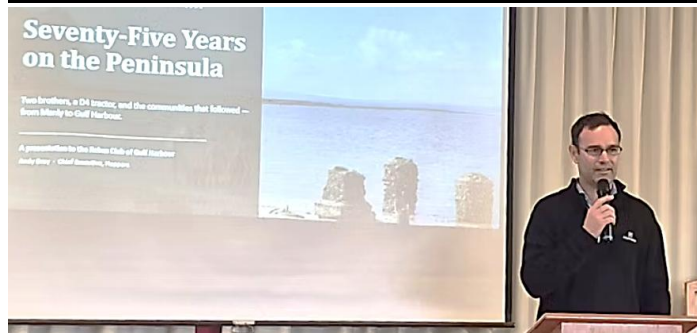
*Positions off Committee

***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 Jennifer Robertson enthralled us all with a “history come to life” story about her ancestors, starting with her Great Grandfather, **Antonio Matias de Vargas, 1824-1887**. He was born in the Azores Islands in the Atlantic Ocean, belonging to Portugal. He was a cooper (barrel maker) by trade, a product much in demand in those days. One day an American barque whaling ship arrived on their shores. Antonio thought whaling would be more exciting and lucrative than coopering, so signed up to collect blubber for trade. Whale oil was used for making candles, polish and lamp oil. On one journey the ship was wrecked during a storm. The crew survived, and came ashore in the Firth of Thames. Antonio had had enough of whaling, and saw the value in the native Kauri trees, to use as ships’ spars. His new timber business included the building of St. Patrick’s Cathedral, and the Bishop’s Palace in St. Mary’s Bay. He then bought a large acreage on the Tawharanui Peninsula. The family name changed to Martin. Jennifer’s parents, Antonio and Nancy, had 15 children, ranging from 1 to 24.



Guest Speaker, Andy Grey, Hopper Developments (75 years on the Peninsula)



Ken and Edith Hopper arrived in NZ from Yorkshire in 1917 and came to Whangaparaoa in 1927. In 1950, Edith hammered in the first survey peg for 64 sections at Manly Beach. 1967 saw the start of Pauanui Ocean Beach Resort; 1993 the Waterways; 2001 Whitianga; 2004 Marsden Cove Canals; 2017 Kumeu Country Club; 2026 Hobbs Bay Estate, Gulf Harbour. Hobbs Bay Estate covers 13 acres, divided into 88 lots, each occupying a quarter-acre. All

homes will be finished using earthy colours to fit in with the landscape. The beach will be available to the public. The Marina will include 350 berths and associated support industries.



President Rob inducted two new members at the August Meeting – **Pamela Kayitano and Murray Brown**. Welcome to our Club, and we look forward to getting to know you both at our many Club activities.

**The Club Membership stands at 74,
 the Bank Balance at the end of August was \$7732.**

FUTURE EVENTS:

"What's On": 17th September, Ten Pin Bowling, Coast Plaza, 2.00 pm.

Dine Out Group:

Quiz Night: 24th September and 8th October, RSA, 5.00 pm, phone Gwyneth.

Darts: Every Tuesday, 2.00 pm, RSA, phone Trevor Carpenter. **NEW.**

Rebus Club of Gulf Harbour 7th Birthday Special Morning Tea, provided by the Committee

"Operatunity" – Let's Twist Again, Centrestage, 2.00 pm, 4th November, clipboard on Club Day.

Christmas Lunch: Wednesday 9th December, following the Meeting. Red Beach Surf Lifesaving Club. Buffet Lunch, clipboard at October & November meetings - DIARY NOW. \$40 for members, \$50 for guests.

NOTE: CARPOOLING: 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.

SALES TABLE: The Sales Table will be open at the September 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 or 020 400 60844.



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



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



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



500 Cards Evening: Meets monthly. **Contact:** Pam Warner, 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 or 021 621 411.



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



Quiz Night: Monthly, RSA, 5.00 pm, **Contact:** Verna & Gwyneth, as above.



BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

Monica Steele, Verneice Kilsby, Susan Carpenter,
Trevor Carpenter, Garth Dutton, Dave Dewe, John Lee.
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 and view testimonials from happy club members.

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 Convenor's 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
posing for
compulsory
photo stop at
Westhaven
Marina, 24th
August.**

The CBD Explorers looking very replete after Lunch at Somm Restaurant, to celebrate Restaurant Month.



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.”

