



***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 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026.**

**Guest Speaker: Neil Davies, - "Tiri".**

**From the President:**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Rebus Club of Gulf Harbour, will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> March, prior to the March monthly meeting. Your Committee has been busy working behind the scenes lobbying members to help fill committee positions, as well as those off-committee. If you would like to put your name forward, or nominate someone else, it is not too late. Nominations are accepted up to the commencement of the AGM. Treasurer, Alister Fookes, is stepping down from the role at the AGM and I thank him for his work controlling our funds in an exemplary manner. There have been two resignations for off-committee positions: Kathryn Officer will be stepping down as Guest Speakers Convenor, and Colin Cathro has relinquished his position in charge of the kitchen, providing morning teas. Both of these members have served the Club with diligence and distinction, and we are sorry to be losing their services through health issues. This means that we will be looking to fill both positions, to enable our club to run smoothly and efficiently. If you feel you could assist with either position, please speak to me, or one of the Committee Members. Full assistance will be given to ensure a seamless transition.

In February I was delighted to induct two new members, Susan and Trevor Carpenter. We welcome you, and hope you will take advantage of all our Club has to offer. Members, please make yourselves known to Susan and Trevor as they settle in to Rebus Club life.

During the month, former member Sybil McMullen passed away. Our condolences have been sent to her family.

*Jean.*

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

## COMMITTEE 2025/6

**President:** Jean McIntosh 09 424 7115  
**Vice President:** Rob Lorden 0274 715 030  
**Secretary:** Lynette Phillips 027 321 9713  
**Treasurer:** Alister Fookes 020 485 0778  
**Membership:** Gill Raynor 022 139 7406  
**Newsletter:** Jean McIntosh 09 424 7115  
**Committee:** Gill Wild 027 297 3414  
**Trips/Outings:** Verna Harford 0210 774 325  
and Gwyneth Manning 027 257 7640  
**IPP:** Ken Daniels 021 621 411

**\*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  
**\*Guest Speakers:** Kathryn Officer 021 575 191  
**\*Kitchen:** Colin Cathro 09 428 0869

### LAST MEETING: Club Speaker in February:



Helen Carter grew up in South Auckland, the daughter to immigrant Dutch parents. She did not speak English for the first few years of her life. Later, she trained as a Primary School Teacher, then took off with a friend on the big OE for a European holiday. She met a friend, Jeff, who persuaded her to join him in Papua New Guinea, where they married. She eventually spent eight years as a teacher in a private school, where the students were from New Zealand, Australia and the UK. Activities they enjoyed were Harriers and motor rallying. Helen and her family spent 10 years in PNG. When they returned to New Zealand she continued her teaching as an “English as a second language” teacher.

**Guest Speaker, Ian Walker,** is a survivor, having suffered two serious spinal injuries, the second of which could have been deadly. His address was all about how we handle adversity. He said we all have reserves inside us to overcome adversity. “Do not let what you cannot do stop you from doing what you can”. The whole theme of Ian’s address was – accept reality – set goals - apply effort and attitude – and be motivated. He has completed more than six marathons using a hand-cycle. He says, “Life is 10% what happens to you, and 90% how you react to it”. This was a very hard-hitting, genuine account from an incredible man whose fortitude has stunned his medical professionals.



**The Club Membership stands at 69, the Bank Balance at the end of February was \$5,489.**

### **FUTURE EVENTS:**

**“What’s On”:** Inaugural “Afternoon Tea” social get-together, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2-4 pm, Jeannie Pattison’s home, 101 Pinecrest Drive, Gulf Harbour. *Clipboard on Club Day.*

**“Trip”:** Brick Bay Sculpture Trail, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April, Entry \$15 for Seniors, carpool. *Clipboard on Club Day.*

**Dine Out Group:** Our next evening will be at the India Village Restaurant in Manly Village at 6.00pm on Wednesday 8th April.

**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. **Partners and spouses welcome.**

**SALES TABLE:** The Sales Table will be open at the March 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:** Meet every Monday morning. **Contact: Garth Dutton,** [garth269@gmail.com](mailto:garth269@gmail.com) or **020 400 60844.**



**CBD Explorers:** Meet 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: Kathryn Officer,** [kofficer@extra.co.nz](mailto:kofficer@extra.co.nz) or **Ph. 021 575 191.**



**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> Tuesday of the month, RSA, 5.00 pm, **Contact: Verna & Gwyneth, as above.**

### **BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH**



**Lynette Phillips, Helen Carter, Jean McIntosh,**

**Peter Brignall, Rob Lorden, Pieter Hopkins.**

**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 Kathryn Officer, until we have a new Speakers Convenor, who will then make contact, and all the arrangements necessary. Ph. 021 575 191.

**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

**Membership Drive:** Verna Harford arranged for the Club to stage a repeat display, advertising the activities our club enjoys, assisted by Jean McIntosh, Gill Raynor, Alister Fookes, Hugh Pattison, Graeme McIntosh, and Gwyneth Manning at Coast Plaza on 24<sup>th</sup> February. Some contact details were received and will be followed up.



### **The Ramblers:**

**Left: The Eves Bush Ramble, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, followed by Coffee at The Sands.**

**Right: 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

**Waiwera Ramble, the highlight seeing a herd of cows being fed a whole box of old bananas! Yummy.**



**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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