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through our retirement years.

Rebus Club of Gulf Harbour



Affiliated to Rebus NZ Incorporated

Established 25th September 2019, Rebus Club No: 19106

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***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 OR 027 321 9713

MEETING Wednesday 10th DECEMBER 2025.

There will be no Club Speaker this month.

Guest Speaker: Guy Slocum – more RAF stories from the Cold War.

From the President:

Isn't it amazing – once the calendar turns over to 1st December everything changes. Summer has arrived and most of us are in panic mode, preparing for Christmas celebrations, and juggling festive functions. Every year I promise myself to be more organised next year!!

We will be ending 2025 with a flourish - a return visit from our **Guest Speaker, Guy Slocum**, who entertained us in September with his first-hand stories of life as a fighter pilot during the Cold War. To give him extra time, there will be no Club Speaker this month. This also means we will be able to conclude the meeting in good time so that members can make their way to our **Christmas Lunch** at **Red Beach Surf Lifesaving Club** by 12.30 pm. Suggestion: perhaps you might like to add to the frivolities of the occasion by **wearing a festive accessory** – bow tie, fascinator, hat, decoration of some sort – just for fun.



Please support the **Sales Table**, either by donating goods or buying what they have for sale. Proceeds go towards club funds. Verneice has accumulated a number of books which the previous owners have left behind, so she will be selling them off at bargain prices. If you have been kind enough to bring items which did not sell, please remember to take them home again as we have no storage. See you next Wednesday.

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
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Committee: Gill Wild 027 297 3414
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 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
*** Guest Speakers:** Kathryn Officer 021 575 191
*** Kitchen:** Colin Cathro 09 428 0869

LAST MEETING: Club Speaker, Karen Clout gained her nursing qualifications in England. She is a registered Nurse and Midwife, holds an Advanced Diploma in Nursing, and a Masters in Project Management. For two years 1999/2000 she was a nurse on a cruise ship, 14-day sailings from Sydney to Vanuatu, New Caledonia, and Fiji. There were two doctors and five nurses on board. She then had a nursing position in Port Augusta, Australia, caring for mostly Aboriginal patients. In 2001 she came back to NZ as project managing nurse for the redevelopment of Waitakere Hospital. Karen is now a core midwife at Auckland Hospital, nursing some of the more difficult cases – drug use and diabetes are an increasing problem.



Guest Speakers: Trish and Claire, O Mahurangi Penlink Development update. The project is a 7km, two-lane highway with six bridges. It will be a toll road, \$1 or \$2 depending on the time of day. Of the 1.3 million cu. m. of earthworks, 1.0 million have already been moved. Fulton Hogan and NZTA work together as part of an alliance. A flyover showed the new road construction and dirty water ponds. The Weiti Bridge is 535 m long, is 45 m above the river, and is New Zealand's first "extradosed" bridge. There are 4 piers, each of which has two piles which are 3 m in diameter, and 45 m deep. Auckland Transport/Council are responsible for providing the Whangaparaoa Bus Station. The opening is scheduled for 2028.



The Club Membership stands at 67, the Bank Balance at the end of November was \$7,647, but this includes \$2,300 of prepayments for the Christmas Lunch.

FUTURE EVENTS:

DINE OUT GROUP: The next combined club dinner is at "NEXT" Bar and Eatery, Pinecrest Drive, Gulf Harbour. Date to be advised. (Wed. 28/1/26 or 4/2/26)

"What's On": Last Quiz Night, RSA, 5.00 pm 18th December.

"What's On": The rained-out Bowls has been deferred to February, date TBA.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH, Red Beach Surf Lifesaving Club, Wed. 10th December, after meeting.

ANNUAL BBQ, Te Haruhi Bay, Shakespear Park, Wed. 21 January 2026, \$10.00 pp. Clipboard at Club Day, payment by 14th January 2026.

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 December 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 reponsibe 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 or 020 400 60844.



CBD Explorers: Meet 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:** Kathryn Officer, kofficer@extra.co.nz or Ph. 021 575 191.



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.

BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER



**Trish Davis, Jennifer Robertson, Jan Albon,
Bill Anderson, Ken Daniels, Frederick Elley, Graeme McIntosh.**

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
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, 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



The Ramblers, 24th November, Granny's Beach, near Long Bay. (Love the Christmas Tree!)



Happy diners, filling in time, waiting for the delicious food at Maison Thai, Manly, Combined Dine-Out Group, Tuesday 11th November. Another great evening of fun, food & friendship organised by George T. Thank you, George.

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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