



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 8th APRIL 2026.

Club Speaker: Hugh Pattison.

Guest Speaker: Spencer Matthews, Retired Crisis Negotiator, NZ Police.

From the Past President:

Our new **President, Rob Lorden**, is still enjoying a well-earned holiday, before he takes up his new role in May. Following last month's Annual General Meeting, we have three new Committee Members, Helen Carter, Susan Carpenter and Hugh Pattison – welcome to you all. Former Committee Members, Lynette Phillips and Alister Fookes will both be stepping down when they have successfully completed the hand-over to their successors, and we thank you both for your work on behalf of our Club. And Gwyneth Manning has taken on further responsibility as the Club's Vice President in preparation for the 2027 year, thank you, Gwyneth. Contact details for your new Committee are on Page 2 of this Newsletter.

As mentioned at last month's meeting, this is a reminder we are still seeking a **Guest Speakers Convenor** (this month's Guest Speaker is the last remaining name on Kathryn's list). Even if you are not prepared to take on the job, suggestions of Guest Speakers can be forwarded to the Committee. We also need a person to take charge of the **Morning Tea/Kitchen** position – this is now becoming urgent. Please speak to a Committee Member if you can help. Also following the AGM, annual subscriptions remain the same this year - \$30 per member - **and are now due**. A Pro Forma Invoice is attached to this Newsletter - thank you to those who have already paid.

I am looking forward to being with you all again on Club Day – like to wear something Easterly? Bonnet? Fluffy Ears? Up to you. *Jean.*

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

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
Newsletter: Jean McIntosh 09 424 7115
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:**
***Guest Speakers:**



LAST MEETING: Following the election of Officers and Committee at our 11th March AGM, we welcomed **Neil Davies as our Guest Speaker. His subject was Tiritiri Matangi Island and the Shakespear Open Sanctuary.** Tiritiri Matangi means "buffeted by the wind" for obvious reasons. Neil was a teacher at Glenfield College, when in 1984 a group of his senior students undertook the first planting on Tiri. The island had been farmed until the 1970s and between 1984 and 1994, 283,000 trees were planted. 60% of the island now has forest cover. Tiri has no mammalian pests. The Shakespear Open Sanctuary includes the Regional Park and Defence area. Volunteers planted 11,000 trees in 2025. The Okoromai Wetlands were restored and planted with drainage help from Fulton Hogan. Five species of birds have translocated from Tiri to Shakespear. Chelsea Sugar Company funds the nectar bird feeding stations. Neil is also a keen photographer and his address was illustrated with many outstanding wildlife photos and videos which were very much appreciated by our members. We knew Tiri is special but had no idea just how special it really is.



The Club Membership stands at 69, the Bank Balance at the end of March was \$6,181.

FUTURE EVENTS:

"What's On": "Trip": Brick Bay Sculpture Trail, CANCELLED.

HOYTS CINEMA, 30th April, Documentary – "The Time Travellers Guide to Hamilton Gardens."

Quiz Night, RSA, 9th April.

Dine Out Group: India Village Restaurant in Manly Village at 6.00pm on Wednesday 8th April.

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 April 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 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.**



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

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



BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

Karen Clout, Jeanne Nicholls, Gwyneth Manning,
Colin Hewertson, Keith Handley.
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-gulfarbour.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 a Committee Member 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



Top Left: Quiz Night, 9th February, at the RSA.
Left: Introduction to Bowls at Manly.
Above: "Elvis" performs at Centrestage, for our group.



CBD Explorers visited the Sharks at Auckland Museum, 19th March.

Below Left: The Ramblers, Fisherman's Rock Ramble, 30th March, and

Right: Orewa Estuary Ramble, 16th March.



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."



REBUS CLUB OF GULF HARBOUR



Renewal of Membership

Subscriptions are now due

For year – 2026/27

Membership Fees - \$30 per member

Payment Options –

1) Bank Transfer – ASB Bank 12 3084 0029743 00

Please put your Name & “Subs” as reference

(This is the most preferred option)

2) Cash at Club Day (in an envelope with your name)

(Only if you are unable to pay by Bank Transfer)

For those who have already made payment, kindly ignore this reminder.