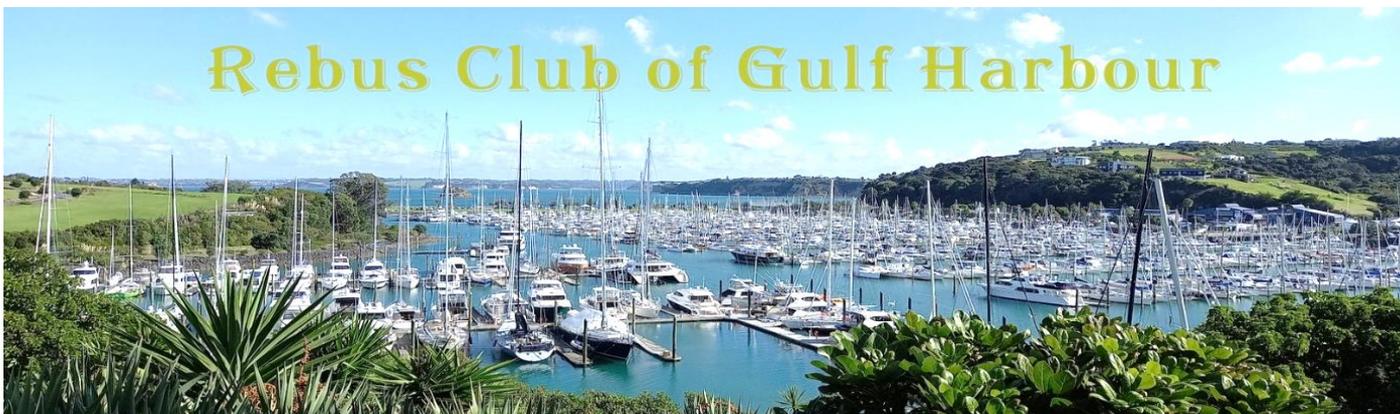


Steering a safe course



through our retirement years.



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: rebusgulpharboursecretary@gmail.com OR 027 321 9713

MEETING Wednesday 11th FEBRUARY 2026.

Club Speaker: Helen Carter.

Guest Speaker: Ian Walker, ex NZ Police.

From the President:

Welcome to 2026, what a strange summer we are having, and as I start this, the first newsletter of the new year, it is hosing down, very warm and muggy. How times have changed.

What an enjoyable time we had at the re-scheduled BBQ at Te Haruhi Bay last Wednesday. Once again a postponement was necessary due to strong winds and heavy rain. Perhaps we should try for a winter BBQ? Any takers? Not everyone who paid turned up on the day, but around 50 of us, including a group of friends from the Red Beach Ladies' Rebus Club, had a great time with plenty of delicious food. Many thanks to Gill and Neil Wild for arranging the event, with assistance from Garth Dutton, Alan Thornley and Graeme McIntosh on cooking duties, and assistance from Committee Members and other volunteers. We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful venue right on our doorstep.

Next month's meeting, March, includes the Annual General Meeting of the Rebus Club of Gulf Harbour. The Notice of Annual General Meeting, nomination forms, Annual Accounts, and President's Report will be sent out to members next week. No clubs run by themselves, and ours is no exception. The more you put into your club, the more you will get out of it. Please consider what you can do to be part of The Team.

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	*Positions off Committee		
Vice President:	Rob Lorden	0274 715 030	*Club Speakers:	Graeme McIntosh	0274 739 787
Secretary:	Lynette Phillips	027 321 9713	*Welfare:	Pam Warner	021 146 5753
Treasurer:	Alister Fookes	020 485 0778	*Greeter:	Trish Davis	021 0233 5796
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Committee:	Gill Wild	027 297 3414	* Sales Table:	Sarah Bretherton	029 200 4162
Trips/Outings:	Verna Harford	0210 774 325	* Guest Speakers:	Kathryn Officer	021 575 191
	and Gwyneth Manning	027 257 7640	* Kitchen:	Colin Cathro	09 428 0869
IPP:	Ken Daniels	021 621 411			

LAST MEETING: There was no **Club Speaker in December.**

Guest Speaker: Guy Slocum, former Cold War fighter pilot entertained us again with unbelievable stories of his RAF days, this time concentrating on **Ejections and Emergencies.** Guy experienced four occasions, the first was caused by the aircraft catching fire mid-flight. The design for the first ejection seats used guns for propulsion, the first gun fired under the ejection seat of the aircraft. The pilot is ejected between 100 ft and 300ft above the aircraft. Extensive training was necessary, not so much for the ejection, but the rescue and retrieval of the pilot. It was preferable for the landing to be in the sea, but if on enemy territory, escape and evasion was paramount. The training for this was intense, and almost as frightening as the real thing. Imagine landing in snow-covered terrain, or the jungle (Where they learned to eat bugs and beetles which are highly nourishing), or landing in the desert where they were given instruction on how to find water. Above all trainees were taught not to give away any information about their mission by learning to use the phrase "I'm sorry, I cannot answer that question".

The Club Membership stands at 68, the Bank Balance at the end of December was \$5,430.

FUTURE EVENTS:

"What's On": Quiz Night, RSA, 12th February.

"Elvis Presley" Tribute, RSA, 14th February, \$15.

"What's On": Bowls, 3rd March, 2 pm. Manly Bowling Club.

Couldrey House, "Summer Serenade", 20th February, 5.30 pm. \$35.

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 February 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.



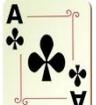
CBD Explorers: Meet monthly. Contact: Judi Lee, Leeja@xtra.co.nz or 029 8942 522.



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.

BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY



Pam Warner, Kay Stark, Sheila Boshier, Rita Wilkes,
Sue Lorimer, Sue Lewis, Lyne Elliott, Nancy Hewertson,
Colin Cathro.

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

Christmas Lunch, 2025, at Red Beach Surf Lifesaving Club.



Annual BBQ, Te Haruhi Bay, 28th January, 2026.



50 members, partners and friends gathered at Te Haruhi Bay for the Annual BBQ on 28th January. The weather was kind to us, and a great time was had by all.



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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