

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 9th OCTOBER

Guest Speaker: Wendy Hampton B.A. LL.B. – “Estate Planning”

Club Speaker: There will be no Club Speaker this month.

Peter Odendaal passed away on 14th September after a long battle. He was a **Past President of the Probus/Rebus Club of Hibiscus Coast, Member and Founding Secretary of Rebus NZ Inc., and Founding President and Life Member of the Rebus Club of Gulf Harbour.** He was a devoted husband to the late Diane, and father to Steven and Leanne.



Peter was born in South Africa, where he was involved in the shipping business. His father was a newspaperman, so he inherited a thirst for reading, seeking out the truth, and history of world events, which made him a well-informed debater on many topics – a principled man. He was the writer, **Jane Austen's No. 1 fan.** He also loved cars, and owned two original Austin Sevens, the first of which he named **Jane.**

Peter will be remembered for starting the **Ramblers and Amblers** walking group, not just a walk, but a history lesson as well, and the highlight at the end being **“a coffee and a sticky bun”** at a local café. He addressed the Rebus Club of Gulf Harbour just a month ago as Club Speaker on the “History of South Africa”, although he became a proud kiwi about five years ago. He was a thorough gentleman, who will be sorely missed by his many friends and the Rebus family.

From the President:

It has been a bitter and sweet time since our last newsletter. It is interesting how both the weather and life can change so rapidly. As you will be aware, our friend, colleague, club member, Life Member and Founding President, Peter Odendaal died since our last meeting. We will always remember Peter as an avid member of the Ramblers and connoisseur of sticky buns. Peter was a cheerful, if not cheeky, participant in all things Rebus and will be fondly remembered.

On the other side of life's ledger, summer is coming, and we beat the Wallabies for the Bledisloe Cup. Just as a point of interest, I have been attending child-minding duties in Melbourne for the last week. By chance I landed in the middle of AFL (Oszy Rules) season. Victoria had a public holiday on the Friday before the final; children

started 2 weeks of holiday, and the world absolutely stopped turning on the Saturday for the match! Such dedication. We still won the Bledisloe cup though!

Enjoy the bittersweet moments of life. I look forward to seeing you at the October meeting, when we celebrate our club's fifth birthday with a special Morning Tea.

Ken.

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

COMMITTEE 2024/5

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LAST MEETING: Guest Speaker: Paul Graham, Volunteer – NZ SAR.

Apart from the Chief Executive and his team, who are the only paid personnel, funded by the Government, all other operatives are volunteers. In the 12 months to June 2024, 600 volunteers gave 167,962 hours, (4050 hours in Auckland), training, and searching. Volunteers use their own vehicles. In an emergency the first line of enquiry is to the Police, who will contact SAR. Paul gave three examples of typical searches.

Club Speaker, Valerai Geldenhuys, - Namibia.

Namibia is described as the "clean friendly jewel of Africa". It is 2,000 kms long and 1,000 kms wide, with 13 ethnic groups. It has a population of 2.4m, and has 3.4 m visitors annually.

FUTURE EVENTS:

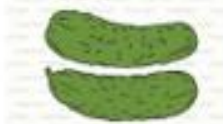
REBUS CLUB OF GULF HARBOUR, Fifth Birthday Morning Tea on Club Day, Wednesday 9th October.

TRIP ON THE 'JANE GIFFORD', 6th December at Warkworth, (with the men's club, which already has 30 starters). Cost is \$40 p.p. **Get in quickly, payment to **our** Club's bank account, **by 20 November**. Max 50 persons. Travel by free bus from Silverdale or self-drive. Bring your own lunch & drinks. Boat departs 11.30am.**

CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Wednesday 4th December, (the week *before* Club Meeting), RED BEACH SURF LIFESAVING CLUB, clipboard at October meeting. \$40 pp. subsidised by the Club, non-members \$47 pp. Payment to Club's bank account (see Page 1.) **by 20 November.**

NOTE: CARPOOLING: As most of our trips/events involve carpooling, a little food for thought. 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 up and running with preserves, baking, and plants etc. See what we have for sale! **Contributions to the Sales Table are always welcome, garden produce, plants, books etc. But if you're your items are not sold, please take them home with you.** Thanks for your support.



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.



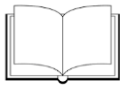
Mah Jong Group: Meets every Wednesday, 1.30 pm. Contact: Verna Harford, vernaharford@gmail.com or 0210 774 325.



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.



Book Group: Meets monthly at Whangaparaoa Library, last Tuesday of the month, 10.00 a.m. Contact: Cathie Theron, pietttheron@xtra.co.nz or 09 428 7970.

BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER



Roy Adlard, Jean Holgate, Bryan Wentworth,

Judi Lee, Kathryn Officer, Frank Townley.

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

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!

It's time to give those red socks *another* airing. Just for a bit of fun, how about wearing them next Wednesday to the Meeting, showing support for Emirates Team NZ, and until they bring the Auld Mug back to New Zealand.



OUT AND ABOUT



The Ramblers, 16th September, at Shakespear Park,



and 23rd September at Millwater.

WELFARE: Pam Naylor is our Welfare person. If you are unwell, or if you know of someone who is, or who needs a helping hand, a car ride, or any assistance, **please phone Pam:**

Ph: 021 394 966, or Verna: Ph: 0210 774 325.

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.



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GIANT PUMPKIN COMPETITION.

How it was done in the past. Our neighbouring Club, Hibiscus Men’s, has run 3 such competitions over recent years, the first in 2007. A good deal of fun has been experienced with some monster results achieved.

Members were invited to purchase two seedlings for \$5 which had been grown for them by the committee. The competition period was from October/November until April. Pumpkins were then brought to the April Club Day for judging – the heaviest being the winner with prizes for 2nd and 3rd place.

In the last competition, weighing capability exceeded available scales and placings were determined by measuring the girth! As you can see from the pics below, our member Pieter Hopkins was very successful, having to bring his entry in by truck, as was former member Neil Douglas.



Now to the 2024/5 competition for Rebus Club of Gulf Harbour members.

We appreciate that not all of you will have available space to grow a pumpkin, but if that is the case, how about persuading a family member to grow it or you?

Seedlings for this Club's first 2024/5 competition are about to poke their heads up in their individual pots ***and will be available for collection at our November Club Day, \$5.00 cash, for two plants.***

From now on, we suggest that you identify the area in your garden (or family's) and prepare the site by digging a hole and filling it with material likely to promote vigorous growth. (There's lots of info on the internet as to which is best. The seeds used are "Atlantic Giants"). Here is a useful link:

<https://www.kingsseeds.co.nz/blogs/sowing-and-growing/so-you-want-to-grow-a-giant-pumpkin?>

We will be taking names at the October Club Day and hope this will be a "fun" project for both participants and onlookers.