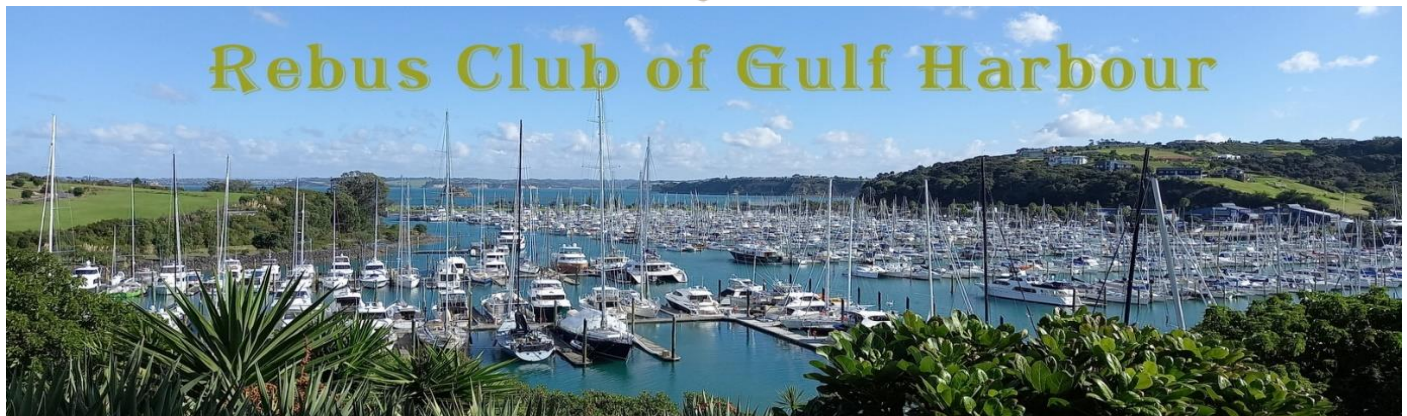


Steering a safe course



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: vernaharford@gmail.com or lphillips4501@gmail.com

MEETING Wednesday 14th FEBRUARY

Guest Speaker: Pauline Bascik - "Running a transport company"
Club Speaker: Colin Hewertson



From the President:

Writing from sun-drenched Whangamata, whilst enjoying viewing the talent of members of the Art Collective as they exhibit their work, I reflect on 2023, when this area was devastated by the closure of SH25A. Driving over this now-repaired road I was struck by the scope of repairs, not only of the vast area now accessed by the much talked about bridge, but by the scale of the total damage and repairs in other areas of this road. I was reminded of a solution I read that claimed to 'get a big bulldozer push the slip over, fill the hole with metal, job done.' if all solutions were that simple the world would or could be a happier place. Unfortunately it's not, and I'm sure many feel sadness at the escalating trauma, destruction and loss of life we see nightly on our news programmes. What is the answer?

Meanwhile here in our patch of 'paradise' we welcome 2024, and thrive on the social and mental stimulation gained from being members of the Rebus Club of Gulf Harbour.

At the Annual General Meeting to be held at the March meeting we will elect a committee who will continue to strengthen and develop the club. Please do consider the contribution you do/could make by accepting a nomination to join the committee.

Verna

\$\$ Please remember to bring small denomination money for Entry and Sales Table \$\$

and remember to turn off your mobile phone during meetings.

COMMITTEE 2023/4

President: Verna Harford 0210 774 325
Vice President: Ken Daniels 021 621 411
Secretary: Lynette Phillips 027 321 9713
Treasurer: David Kilsby 021 958 975
Membership: Verneice Kilsby 027 958 0005
Newsletter: Jean McIntosh 09 424 7115
Committee: Gill Wild 027 297 3414
Outings: Nancy Hewertson 022 083 2519
IPP: Neil Wild 027 270 1005

*Positions off Committee

***Club Speakers:** Judi Lee 029 8942 522
***Welfare:** Pam Naylor 021 394 966
***Greeter:** Sue Lewis 0272 462 460
***Website & Photography:** Graeme McIntosh 0274 739 787
***Kitchen:** Colin Cathro 09 428 0869
*** Guest Speakers:** George Tregidga 09 424 5322

LAST MEETING:



Our December meeting saw President Verna induct two new members, **Gill Raynor and Alister Fookes**. A warm welcome was extended to them both, and we look forward to their participation in future club activities.

Pieter Hopkins was our Club Speaker, and gave us Part 1 of his interesting and entertaining life story, many of us identifying with his account of rural childhood life. We look forward to Part 2.



There was no Guest Speaker as the meeting was slightly shortened in readiness for members to attend the Christmas Lunch.

FUTURE EVENTS:

BUS TRIP TO MATAKOHE KAURI MUSEUM, 21ST MARCH

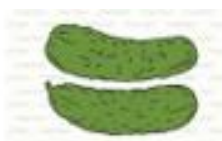
Bus leaves Manly Bridge Club 9.00am. Return departs 2.30pm. Entry to Museum \$17.50 pay at the door. Bus cost \$25.00, please pay direct into Club bank account, **12-3084-0029743-00**. Lunch, take your own, or buy from museum café. This trip is filling fast!

TRIP TO KAIPARA SCULPTURE GARDENS, Thursday 2nd May, weather permitting. Carpooling.

TRIP TO MOORES ICECREAM FACTORY, Thursday June 20th. Carpooling.

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: Meets every Monday morning. Contact: Garth Dutton, 020 400 60844 or garth269@gmail.com



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.

BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY



Pam Warner, January,

Sue Lewis, Avi Modlin, Sue Lorimer, Lynette Elliott,

Nancy Hewertson, Richard Ames, Peter Odendaal, Colin Cathro.

Happy Birthday to you all, we hope you celebrate in style.

OUT AND ABOUT



The Ramblers continue their weekly exercise fix, and are attracting new followers. Left: 15th January at Couldrey House, Wenderholm, and Right: 29th January they inspected the sorry state of the now abandoned Gulf Harbour Golf Course.

Christmas Lunch at The Archer



17th January, BBQ at Shakespear Park



These are the chefs who cooked for us, Graeme McIntosh and Peter Brignall on fish, Garth Dutton and Neil Wild (Organiser) on sausages, and Keith Handley on chicken. Neil and Gill Wild organised the food, and fed us all very well, thank you. The rest of us lounged in the sun and enjoyed a wonderful day.



They even turned on perfect weather for the event.

Dine-out Group at Picador Restaurant, 30th January



Thirty-six members from both clubs enjoyed a delicious meal at Picador Restaurant, Stanmore Bay. This number was probably a record for the Dine-out Group, and thanks to George Tregidga for organising another very successful event.

REBUS CLUB OF GULF HARBOUR – AGM – WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH 2024

The success of our Club depends on help from you, the members. Your Club requires:

AGM

A Vice President for 2024/5,

AGM

A Speakers' Convenor,

Committee Members.

Please consider what you can do for your Club, and speak to us at the Feb. Club Day.

GUEST SPEAKERS: If you know someone who would be an interesting Guest Speaker, please give the details to George Tregidga, Speakers Convenor, who will then make contact, and all the arrangements necessary. Members are asked not to make a commitment on behalf of the club.

WELFARE

Our New Welfare Person is Pam Naylor. 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 let Pam know if the Club can help in any way.**

Contact Pam Ph: 021 394 966.

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

Please add these New Members to your Membership list:

[Gill Raynor, fookesraynor@gmail.com, 021 397 406](mailto:Gill.Raynor@fookesraynor@gmail.com)

[Alister Fookes, fookesraynor@gmail.com, 021 397 406](mailto:Alister.Fookes@fookesraynor@gmail.com)

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.

