



MILLENNIUM NEWS

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THE LOCKDOWN EDITION NO 2

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Greetings Everyone

Hopefully we are finally starting to head towards the finishing line. It has been a long five weeks, and for many people much harder than it has been for us. All credit to so many people in our area who have done all that was asked of them.

Thank you to all the people in our group who have kept things going so well. There have been some who have followed up with the people in their smaller group activities and together they have kept in touch. Some people have regularly phoned other members. Well done.

Gaynor and Art Bass have been amazing at getting books out to people. They are so giving of their time and effort while organizing safely.

Thanks to Chris Jackson, Cathy Mitchell and her son Simon, and also Alison who have been working behind the scenes preparing a Millennium website. It is much appreciated.

Also, I must especially thank David Goggin who works so tirelessly behind the scenes in preparing the newsletter for us all every month and messages in between. Thanks particularly for the additional items that have made for interesting and lengthier reading while we cannot have catch up meetings. Appreciation to all those who have contributed.

Sadly, the Corona virus has come much closer to home than we would have imagined. Long time former members of our group, Bob and Bev James, contracted the virus while travelling. Bob passed away on 13th April and while Bev is recovered, she has a way to go. Our thoughts are with her. More to follow in this newsletter.

I am sure we will wait with interest for each change in limitations when we drop from Level 3 to Level 2, with eager anticipation of getting closer to normality. Maybe in the next month or so there will be possibilities of, at very least, some smaller group get togethers.

For now. Take care, stay safe.

Joan

OUR NEXT CLUB MEETING ??? – WHO KNOWS

OUR CARER

The Club's Carer is Marvin Farquhar. If you know of any member who is unwell and would like a card sent or a phone call, please contact Marvin.

This another way of keeping in contact with members during this enforced shut-in.

Telephone 04 902 2690

WALKING GROUP – PIX FROM THE PAST



Walking Group at seaward end of QEII Park on a windy day in November 2017



At the back of Battle Hill Farm, on the way to explore Transmission Gully Expressway.



John leading the group along Otaki Gorge Road. This stretch is lined with Totara trees and is known as “The Avenue of Trees”.



Chrystalls Bend. A beautiful spot the Walking Group has visited on several occasions over the years.



Back in 2011 the club went for a picnic in Kaitoke Park. This is some of the Walking Group exploring near the Weir along Waterworks Road.



Not all the walks are on the flat. Here we are in Otaki, being led by Art up Pukekaraka hill above St. Mary's Church and passing the Stations of the Cross.



This is the Group in 2014 posing in Parkwood Retirement Village.

BOB & BEV JAMES

Bob and Bev joined our Club in September 2008 and resigned in March 2019 after they had moved to Metlifecare Retirement Village in Paraparaumu. It didn't take long for them to get involved with the Club activities.

Bev, with Bob's assistance started a Card Playing Group in August 2009 and this continued until they resigned from the Club. In fact it continued informally afterwards with some of the original group, right up until a few months before their last overseas trip.

Both were keen trampers, so it was no surprise that they joined our Walking Group, and by May 2010 Bob stepped up to help Chris run the Group – which he did for 4 years until August 2014.

In July 2010 Bob and Bev started our Book and Jigsaw Puzzle swap table and continued doing so until July 2018.

Also in 2010 Bev started a Gardening Group, visiting gardens all around the Kapiti Coast and hosting visitors such as KCDC's Green Gardener, Hannah Zwartz to tell us what to do. Unfortunately the group's last outing was March 2013. All-in-all a very involved couple, so it is with great sadness that we have to record the passing of Bob from Covid-19 on 13th April. Bev also had contracted the virus, and while she has recovered her son says that she is still very frail.

MILLENNIUM CLUB WEBSITE

The suggestion for the Club to have a website was raised by the committee in the middle of 2019 although at that time it went no further. The purpose of the website was to attract new members and provide an opportunity for existing members to keep in touch with Club activities.

With the lockdown looming and with it the prospect of time on our hands, it was decided to get cracking and develop a website. A small sub-committee was formed and our son Simon, who has some experience with developing websites, agreed (with a little gentle persuasion from his mother) to assist in developing one. Simon lives with us and thus is in our bubble which made the process easier and we have worked together over a couple of weeks to produce one.

The website is still a work in progress and can be accessed at www.waikanaemillenniumrebus.nz (this is our domain name). Have a look . . . we think it is looking pretty good.

We invite you to log onto the site by clicking on the link above to have a browse to get familiar with its layout, content and look and feel. You might well have some comments and concerns, perhaps ideas for additional content – we would welcome your views please.

All feedback will be collated and considered. We have already had some feedback concerning the readability of some text. Rather than make changes on an ad-hoc basis, we will be adopting a 'release' strategy whereby changes will be made to the site on a regular basis.

When browsing please bear in mind that the platform we are building the site on has limitations and constraints which impinge of some things we might like to do but are not able to build in.

We will do our best to accommodate consensus feedback though hopefully, you will understand that we may not be able achieve perfection.

Cathy Mitchell

COMPUTER SUPPORT GROUP GET-TOGETHERS



Since Lockdown the Computer Group have met 3 times via Zoom. A lot of fun and frustration. Hugh Scott is the Host and the rest of the members enter at his invitation. Folk are told a time and day when we will meet and Hugh emails them just before the time with a link.

Click on the link and follow several easy instructions and voila you are linked in. Each person has a mic and camera (built-in to the computer or stand-alone). When a person is talking their face is on everyone's screen.

We are still learning the many facets of the system. You can split-screen which gives the ability to show items from your computer onto members screens. Examples: YouTube clips, videos of the Golden Oldies movies or any others, photo slideshows. You can have multiple faces on the screen and the person speaking is highlighted. There is also the ability to have a written chat with a member or all. Push the chat button and say your message and the receiver will get a indicator light. Open this and the message appears at the side of the screen. We also spent time discussing members problems and items of interest.

We have had 8-10 participants in the sessions and we had a few start-up problems and mishaps. Several folk could not connect but this was rectified by the next session. The third session went very smoothly. It was similar to our normal meetings and people spoke and discussed in an orderly manner.

David Goggin

Downsizing My Garden - Barbara Ireland

We live for and from my garden - from daily exercises bending up and down, stretching to reach that weed in hiding; harvesting fruits, nuts and veggies also exercises my mind, what to do with an abundance of pak choy !

But, in our mid seventies, there had to be a decision about the high maintenance of some of our beloved greenery. So some culling has begun. The main event was the removal of our clump of ponga. It began as a single statuette in the front “horseshoe” of garden landscaping. Standing tall and proud it was a sad day (initially) when one of our learner driver children reversed into it and halved its size. Sadness replaced with joy when I decided to start a ponga family and dug a place beside the main stem to give new rooting for the fallen top.



PONGA BEFORE

Success over the years of this coupling has resulted in a cherished setting of many offspring but what a lot of work to keep them looking their best, from the constancy of dead fronding and the need for precious watering. So the deed has now been done - ponga family gone and a new joy to treasure in all its seasons - a forest pansy or cercis canadensis. Just got to keep fit and hopefully see this beautiful tree through its changing seasons. Such Abundant Garden Joy :-)



PONGA GONE - NEW FOREST PANSY



FOREST PANSY- CERCIS



“CONVERSATIONS WITH GAYNOR”

What does a gospel singer say to clear his/her throat? I'll tell you later, read on 😊

Checking by phone to see how a couple of our Music Group's members are doing over the past weeks.

Phone call from my house to Diane Aviss and this is how it went.

What have you been up to in your bubble Diane?

Diane: Not a lot. Days seem to be all the same.

Have you been listening to any of your favourite music over the past weeks?

D. I have found that there is so much Corona Virus news on all the TV channels and some radio stations it all gets a bit much. I switched to the Concert Program and I am enjoying listening to the music on the radio.

Parkwood has beautiful gardens and walks. Are you able to go walking for exercise?

D. Well yes, however, I have had some issues and I now find doing Tai Chi is a better exercise for me.

How do you handle getting your groceries?

D. I go online and place an order from New World and have it delivered to my home.

Are you able to be in contact with your family?

D. Yes, my family in Nelson. They have given me a recipe for making bread with beer. You don't need flour.

Diane and I covered a lot of other subjects and I loved my chat with her. After our discussion on baking bread we have decided that better to drink the beer than to make the bread. Maybe we could make it a shandy at my house Diane I'll have the 7up ready.

Phone call to another of our music group friends Pam Barnes.

How are you doing in your bubble Pam?

Pam: I'm enjoying my bubble.

My bubble is the equestrian centre off Nimmo Rd. I am able to go for walks and it's amazing there are birds all over the place, quite noisy and the little ones have been following me and dive bombing as I walk along.

Are they Tui's?

P. I can't see them but I think they might be little wax eyes. There is a lot of them.

What else do you do on your walk?

P. We have 5 horses on the property. They did have 7 but they have been moved because that is too many to feed while this crisis is on.

Goodness me Pam I hope you are not still feeding them carrots. Remember a few years ago one bit your finger. (might not have heard my question. I think I know the answer)

P. I have my cat that lives with me in my cottage and that is a great comfort

Are you able to leave the centre?

P. Twice a week I have to go to the medical centre. One day for blood tests and another treatment for my ankle which was injured recently. I don't mind the trip out and I am very lucky to have the people living at the centre that are able to drive me. They do my grocery shopping for me and I am very grateful for the help I am getting.

You are writing your second book Pam. Have you been able to finish it?

P. No, I lost about 18 pages of my book and I was devastated, however, the other day I found those pages and that was a great relief.

I really enjoyed your first book "Eye of the Elephant" and now I am looking forward to reading your new book. Could you hurry up and finish it please? These weeks are dragging.. OK I'm nagging!

P. My Grandson has designed the cover for me but now I have decided to change the title.

PAM!!!!

There you have it!

Tune for the month of May "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles" Popular American song published in 1919. Tune into U tube and you can hear it played on the piano by the great composer George Gershwin although he did not compose the piece. It has been recorded by many artists. Doris Day, Vera Lyn etc. "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles" is the Anthem of the English Premier League Club, West Ham. Bet you didn't know that, well neither did I until I checked U tube.

On that note - Until next time, stay well, stay happy and stay in your bubble

Gaynor

PS Whoops! I almost forgot. What does a gospel singer say to clear his/her throat? Answer: A HYMN
No jokes from Art this time he likes this one.



LIVING IN LOCKDOWN

2019: Stay away from negative people. 2020: Stay away from positive people.

The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house, and their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!

You think it's bad now? In 20 years our country will be run by people home-schooled by day drinkers...

This virus has done what no woman had been able to do...cancel all sports, shut down all bars, and keep men at home!!!

Do not call the police on suspicious people in your neighbourhood!

Those are your neighbours without makeup and hair extensions!

Since we can't eat out, now's the perfect time to eat better, get fit and stay healthy. We're quarantined! Who are we trying to impress? We have snacks, we have sweatpants – I say we use them!

Day 22 at home and the dog is looking at me like, "See? This is why I chew the furniture!"

Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands???

I never thought the comment “I wouldn’t touch him/her with a 6 foot pole” would become a national policy, but here we are!

Me: Alexa what's the weather this weekend?

Alexa: It doesn't matter – you're not going anywhere.

I swear my fridge just said “what the hell do you want now?”

When this is over...what meeting do I attend first...Weight Watchers or AA?

Quarantine has turned us into dogs. We roam the house all day looking for food. We are told “no” if we get too close to strangers and we get really excited about car rides.

A SIGN OF THE TIMES – ALISON'S CALENDAR



APRIL 2020						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2 was for	3 was for Beach	4	5
6 P. was for	7 was for K.C. M...	8	9	10	11	12 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS
13 was for	14 was for K.C. M...	15 was for K.C. M...	16	17 was for K.C. M...	18	19 EASTER SUNDAY
20 was for K.C. M...	21 was for K.C. M...	22	23 was for K.C. M...	24 was for K.C. M...	25	26 was for K.C. M...
27	28	29 was for K.C. M...	30			

I'm just going to Nannas ... haven't seen her for over 2 months... what's your problem... 🤔



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The poem that Don Noble sent us and was printed in the last Newsletter was written by the very popular Pam Ayres.

A GALLERY OF TEDDY BEARS



Alison Viskovic is very clever– she presents both front and back views



Dave Thomson's "Biggles"



In addition to my three bears I also have three beers. The first beer was too cold, the second beer was too warm, but the third one was just right! – John Barnett



David Goggin's Farmers Bears were very popular in the 90's





ALAN FARQUHAR TALKS TO STRANGERS

ISOLATION — YOU HAVE TO LAUGH

It feels like a long time since I was able to go and choose my own things at the supermarket. In the initial phase of lockdown, I had to stay up until midnight to get onto the system to organise a delivery for a week away. Now things are easier although I still need to know what I will need 6 days hence.

It's a sign of how things have progressed for me that the highlight of my day is the 1pm update on tv1 and the actual delivery of groceries! I got so excited last week when I looked at making a list on the countdown website and just like 'trademe' with an auction 'closing soon', I saw a time was closing soon and clicked on it only to realise that I ordered for two days running! I had only meant to put up my list!

Like others I find that I can cope with most things, but I must say that my hair is in need of some care and protection. I have had a go at my fringe which hasn't helped the look but at least I can now see. By the time I leave incarceration, I may have a ponytail and a fringe in a bow.

There are positives – I can wear the same things more than once and nobody can see how untidy my house is. However, I would like to get back to some form of normal and our groups.

Rosemary Wells

**A HOME SCHOOLING
MOM POSTED THAT
HER KID CALLED HER
ON THE PHONE FROM
HIS ROOM AND TOLD
HER HE MISSED THE
BUS AND WON'T BE
IN TODAY.**

KitchenFunWithMy3Sons.com

GOLDEN OLDIES MOVIEMAKERS



The group have finished their latest movie which we hope to show in the future. Can't promise when. The title of the movie is "One Night in the Kapiti Museum" Herewith are some pix from the film.

Alan Farquhar has a script ready for filming and hopefully we can start production in Alert 2

We continue to welcome folk who wished to join us in acting, writing a script, costuming, makeup and assisting during filming. It is not intended the group meet on a regular monthly basis but only when a script is available. - David Goggin





Entries are now open for the 2021 Calendar competition. Here are the guidelines:

- Photos to be submitted in **jpeg** format to admin@rebus.nz
- Aspect Ratio 16:9 (not 4:3 as cropping to achieve 16:9 can eliminate photo from selection). See your Camera settings.
- Format to be Landscape **NOT** Portrait. (Horizontal width greater than height)
- They need to be reasonably high resolution for good reproduction.
- Photo subject to be an eye-catching scene found **only** in your Club's district.
- The photographer to be either a member - or member's spouse.
- Date photo taken to be between 15th Sept 2019 and 15th Sept 2020.
- Entries closing date is 15th Sept 2020 – **but feel free to send them in earlier please.**
- Judging will be by the Rebus Board with any member who may have entered a photo, not participating in the selection.
- In addition to the 12 photos selected, 12 highly commended miniatures will be published on the rear page.
- Member's Photos may be submitted directly to Rebus, but if a competition is being run by a Club internally, a maximum of 5 entries will be accepted from the Club after local judging.

It is anticipated that the price per Calendar will remain at \$10 with orders being sought later in the year.

Apart from their use in our homes, many members bought additional copies for family and overseas posting. (10 in one case).

So, if you have a flair for photography, please get out there and capture that priceless image - **and think about how many copies of the Calendar you will order.**

