



# MILLENNIUM NEWS

Waikanae Millennium Rebus Club

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## YOUR CLUB COMMITTEE 2024-2025

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**Life Members:** Rob Graham, Beryl Graham, Chris Lehen, David Goggin, Hugh Scott, Alison Viskovic.

## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Hi Everyone

What a mix of weather we have experienced in the last few weeks. Everything from storm force winds and torrential rain to gorgeous autumn days, which although crisp at first, they have been warm and fine. I hope that you have been able to take advantage of these pleasant times to get out and enjoy the beach, cafes, and various trails in our district. To all the mothers in the club, I trust that you all had a great day on Sunday and were able to spend some time with your family.

Our May meeting was very well attended considering the cold snap that day, but with the heaters on high and the amount of socialising among members it was worth the effort. A big welcome to our newest member Ian. There are also several other prospective members that will be joining us soon, so please make them all feel welcome so they will want to participate fully by joining some of the many groups and activities the club has to offer. Hillary was a most interesting ten-minute speaker and I am sure she could have entertained us with her experiences of Newton Hall for another 20 minutes. Another time Hillary.

A big thank you to our new afternoon Tea Team as it works hard in the background to provide the much-appreciated refreshments at the meetings.

Our main speaker Lawrence Kirby the deputy mayor of KCDC, was also well received with plenty of information about the Council's plans and many questions he was asked, shows the level of interest from the members.

It is pleasing to see the enthusiasm of four new committee members as they settle into their respective positions. Robert is keeping our finances healthy, while Charlie has organised a lunch at Vista Club at Paraparaumu Beach on the 20<sup>th</sup> May, so it will be yet another great social time together.

Maggie has been busy planning the trip to Old St Pauls and the National Library in June, which should be a very interesting outing. Best wishes to Maggie for a speedy recovery following her recent accident.

Our speaker coordinator, Don has also been active getting interesting speakers for our monthly meeting, but would love to hear from you, of any suggestions for future speakers.

Liz, Barrie and myself recently attended the Rebus NZ AGM, where we heard some excellent suggestions on how to increase membership. There is more about this elsewhere in this newsletter.

*David*



## **TIDY-UPPERS – JUNE – CHERYL ALLERBY and COBIE BICKERTON**

**This is NOT an onerous task – vacuuming the floor only. No moving chairs or tables – just vacuuming.**

**PLEASE NOTE - If you are unable to do your turn, please find a replacement to stand in for you and advise David Goggin, Phone 022 6202 236 or the President of your replacement.**

## Next Meeting

**TUESDAY 3rd JUNE at 2pm**

**Waikanae Community Centre, Utauta Street**

***Guest Speakers: A Debate Between Kapiti and Paraparaumu Colleges***

***Cameo Speaker: Maggie Copland***

## WAIKANA E MILLENNIUM REBUS CLUB

Notice is given that a **Special General Meeting** will be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025

Commencing at 2pm.

At the Waikanae Community Hall, Utauta Street, Waikanae

### AGENDA:

TO APPROVE THE CLUB'S NEW CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Copies will be emailed nearer the date for the meeting

## APOLOGIES

**Please Telephone Cathy Mitchell 04 479 2993 or 027 206 7831**

## PLEASE REMEMBER

**# To wear your Name Tag # Tick your name on the Attendance Sheet**

**# Collect your Lucky Number # Support the Raffle**

## MAY MEETING

**Attendance:** Present; 78 Apologies: 14 Silent: 13 Visitors: 5

**Raffle Winner:** Alison Viskovic **Lucky Number:** Shirley Goggin

## OUR ALMONER/CARER

Our Club's Almoner/Carer is **Judith Binning**. Phone **021 168 1574**, email [judywilliams6@hotmail.com](mailto:judywilliams6@hotmail.com)

If you know of a club member who is not well, has had a bereavement, or may need transport to a meeting, please let Judith know. Also contact her if you know someone has a milestone birthday or anniversary coming up. Then Judith can make contact or send an appropriate card from the club.

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

*If your address, email, etc has changed please inform Cathy Mitchell 04 479 2993 or 027 206 7831*

## **FOUND**

The Spence Christmas Letter for 2023 was found inside a Kate Atkinson book of Short Stories on the Book Table at the last meeting. Nobody at that meeting claimed the letter.

However, it has since been claimed because of the notice in this Newsletter.

It pays to advertise.

*My sister has a lifesaving tool in her car designed to cut through a seat belt if she gets trapped. She keeps it in the boot.*

*# # #*

*My friends and I went out to buy beer and noticed that the cartons were discounted 10%.*

*Since it was a big party, we bought two cartons.*

*The cashier multiplied two times 10% and gave us a 20% discount.*

*They Walk Among Us! .....*

# INTEREST GROUPS

## WALKING GROUP

Conveners: Rosemary Wells Ph: 293 7421 and Jennifer Komar Ph 027 726 4671

Meets 9.45am every Wednesday for coffee (wet or fine) followed at 10.30 for a one-hour or 30-minute walk.

If you require transport, contact either Rosemary or Jennifer before Wednesday.

- 21 May Ambience for Airport Walkway from Tahiri Road (516)
- 28 May Riverstone for Waerenga Road (104)
- 04 June Harrisons for Peka Peka Beach Road to Tasman Views (308)
- 11 June Olive Grove for Three Reserves Central Waikanae (415)
- 18 June Long Beach for Flaxmere Lookout (431)
- 25 June Riverstone for Arcus Road (202)



## BOOK GROUP

Convenor: Anne Wall. Phone 293 5000. Meets 2nd Monday of the month.

The Group is meeting on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm**

at the home of **Diane Aviss**



## CYCLING GROUP

Convenor: David Funnell. Phone 021 260 6811

**Meets every Monday morning at 9am.**

If you are interested in joining this group ring David.



## COMPUTER SUPPORT GROUP

Convenor: David Goggin, Telephone 022 620 2236

Meets 2nd Thursday of the month.

The next meeting is on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 10am**

at the home of **David Goggin**



## WRITING FOR FUN GROUP

Convenor Alison Viskovic. Phone 021 159 4945. Meets on 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Next meeting **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm** will be at

the home of **TBA**

*We have a vacancy for one person if a newer member would like to join.*



## MUSIC GROUP

Convenor Diane Aviss. Phone 293 7434. Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Next Meeting **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 2pm**

at the home of **Barrie Truman and Liz Thevenard**



## DISCUSSION GROUP

Convenor Rosemary Wells. Phone 293 7421. Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Friday each month

The group will meet on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 10am**

at the home of **Hilary Cunningham**



## GARDEN GROUP

Convenor Kirsty Provan, Phone 021 0264 7486, Meets 4th Thursday morning each month.

***If you want to know more contact Kirsty.***



## BOOK AND DVD LIBRARY

At each meeting tables laden with books, jigsaws and DVD's are available for members to borrow. There is no checkout list to sign, it's just help yourself and no time limit for keeping the books and puzzles.

It is requested that you make your selections before the meeting starts or during afternoon tea - not after the meeting as they are then very busy packing up.

***Anyone wanting a book between meetings ring: John Harkness 021 481 85 or Ann Harkness 027 430 3534***

***Whoever said "Out of sight out of mind" never had a spider disappear in the bedroom.***

***# # #***

***If I agree with you then we are both wrong***





## OUTINGS AND DINEOUTS

*Please wear your Name Tag to all Activities*

*Please remember to put your name on the Intention Sheet before you pay for the Activity.*

*You can pay at the club meeting before an Activity or Online.*



## MAY LUNCHEON

### SUNSET GRILL – CLUB VISTA

32 Marine Parade, Paraparaumu Beach

**TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MAY at 12 noon**

There are vegetarian and gluten free meals available

Lift available to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor

Pay on the day at the Dineout

*Charlie Metcalfe is the contact for this dineout. Phone 021 165 5362*



## JUNE OUTING

### NATIONAL LIBRARY AND OLD ST PAULS CATHEDRAL

**THURSDAY 5TH JUNE**

Alternative Date 19<sup>th</sup> June

Leave Waikanae on **9am Train** - Walk from Railway Station to the Library – Brief intro to the facilities by staff member - Historic Landscape Photo Expo and other Expos - Reading room.

*Lunch at Home Café (to be booked).*

Historic Old St Pauls is one of the finest native timber Churches in the world – Lunchtime concert - Talk about Church and history of area.

Return home by train before 3pm.

Costs: Train Gold Card. Lunch own cost. St Pauls \$5 Koha to be collected on the day.

*Contact is Maggie Copland 027 479 1487*



## ONLINE PAYMENTS FOR ACTIVITIES/SUBS

Pay Online to ANZ Bank No **06-0592-0051708-00** Waikanae Millennium Rebus Club.  
Please ensure you enter your name and Sub or the Activity in message or reference fields.

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Above is the link for our website. We encourage you to click on the link and have a browse at the very professional production produced by our web sub-committee. We suggest you get familiar with its layout, content, looks and feel. You might well have some comments and perhaps ideas for additional content. We will always welcome your views. The site will be updated continually and we suggest you visit on a regular basis.

A very important purpose of the website is to attract new members and if talking to any interested folk please advise them to look at the website.



# INDUCTION OF IAN METCALFE



We welcomed Ian (centre) into membership at our May meeting. He was proposed by his brother Charlie Metcalfe (left) and inducted by President David Funnell (right).

## A BRIEF REPORT OF REBUS NZ Inc AGM

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2025 at 1.30 pm Palmerston North Leisure Centre.

The Waikanae Millennium Rebus Club was represented by David Funnell, Liz Thevenard and Barrie Truman. Garth Dutton Chairman guided the meeting and overviewed the clubs' activities and the health of the organisation. There were 23 clubs represented out of the 46 registered. Garth has made a point of visiting a number of clubs particularly in Auckland and he reported they were in a good state with small increases in membership. He and the committee are reviewing how Rebus can retain members and there will be a paper put out this year with suggestions and opportunity to have input.

There are several committee members leaving after many years. The administrator Graeme McIntosh after 9 years, Secretary Sue Eckworth who had worked with distinction, and Jean McIntosh Rebus NZ Club Newsletter editor who has continued in this role for 7 years and has written 90 editions. Rebus is insured with Lumley and covers all the Rebus Clubs. Rebus NZ said good bye to three clubs and the main reasons given were, an aging membership, inability to fill committee positions and the growth of retirement villages alternatives for social activities. There has been a significance influence on membership in the past 6 years from Covid but there appears to be new growth and Rebus NZ has turned a corner. Next year the meeting will be held in Whangaraoa by Paul Robinson. The Whangaraoa Club has 70 members and they are keen to host the clubs for the AGM.

More details are available from David Funnell or Liz Thevenard.

**Your mom thought you were riding your bike around the block for 8 hours. But in that time you went 5 miles away, explored an abandoned house, jumped over some garage roofs, attempted a ouija board, built a den in the woods and made your own fire.**





# BIKERS OUT AND ABOUT THE KAPITI COAST



At Reds Cafe in Otaki



The new Otaki Bridge clip on



Happy Chappies in a private room at Truffles Café in Kapiti Road, Paraparaumu



*When French people swear, do they say "Excuse my English"?*