



MILLENNIUM NEWS

Waikanae Millennium Rebus Club

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YOUR CLUB COMMITTEE 2025-2026

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Outings	Maggie Copland	027 479 1487			

Life Members: Chris Lehen, David Goggin, Hugh Scott, Alison Viskovic.

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

How many times recently, have we asked the question, "has summer finally arrived," only to have our hopes dashed again as temperatures drop and the wind blows. However, I have it on good authority that summer will begin next Wednesday, which is our annual club BBQ day, so bring your hats, sun lotion, chairs, and enjoy the good food, games, water sports, and fellowship. Our chefs have been practicing their skills and promise that not one sausage will be burnt.

Our first meeting of this year was very well attended, with two excellent speakers. Diana Roberts, wetted our appetite with her subject of my life with food, before Hilary (along with co pilot John) took us through the fascinating history, and adventures of female aviators, from the early courageous pioneers to modern times, including her own experiences as a pilot.

In the coming months, we have some interesting events planned. The BBQ on the 18th has been mentioned earlier, and Maggie and her team have worked hard to make this a great success. On the 19th March, Charlie is organising lunch at the Mediterranean Food Trattoria by Coastlands, so put this in your diaries for yet another fun time. Maggie is again busy planning a bus trip to Wellington in April, which no one should miss and let us have a full bus for this outing. Details for both activities are in this Newsletter.



To encourage new members, David Goggin has made some very professional posters and pamphlets which will be distributed in various places in and around Waikanae. Thank you, David.

I am sorry to mention subscriptions, but at present less than half of members have paid. Please make life easier for our Treasurer, Robert, and finalise these outstanding payments. If you are unsure if you have paid, then feel free to contact Robert for clarification.

We have recently held the last Committee meeting for the 2025/26 year, and I would like to acknowledge the contributions of those new members who were at first reluctant to join, but then the enthusiasm they added to the existing experienced committee was incredible. I also would like to thank Shirley, who is stepping down from the committee, but will still be acting as co-ordinator for the annual College debate, her sound advice was always appreciated. The Club need a new Archivist, as John Roberts has stepped down from this position after many years.

Our March meeting will be the AGM, so let us support the incoming committee which still needs a Vice President. Think seriously about helping the club as we move forward. Our current secretary, Ann, is taking over the reins, and will be a very capable President.

David

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE

The Subscription for 2026 is \$35

You can pay at the meeting or pay online to ANZ bank number **06 0592 0051708.00**, Waikanae Millennium Rebus Club. Please ensure you enter your name, and 2026 sub in message or reference fields.

Next Meeting
TUESDAY 3rd FEBRUARY at 2pm
Waikanae Community Centre, Utauta Street
Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers and Committee for 2026/2027
AGM Papers will be sent later in the month.
Guest Speaker: Penny Gaylor
Kapiti Representative – Greater Wellington Regional Council

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

FEBRUARY MEETING

Attendance: Present: 84 Apologies: 13 Silent: 12 Visitors: 4

TIDY-UPPERS – MARCH – LYNDA and CHRIS JACKSON

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.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

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

NEW MEMBERS

At the February meeting **Chris Thornley** and **Robert Kyle** were inducted. Their contact information is recorded in the introduction on your email. Please make them welcome.

RESIGNATIONS

Muriel Imber and **Neville Hurd** have resigned. We thank them for their participation.

Chris and **Brenda Lehen** have tendered their resignations. Brenda was the Convenor of the Card Making group and member of the Walking group. Also attended Dineouts regularly. This is a Life Member of the Club and has become a non-active member. He has been President, Secretary, Convenor of the Walking group for many years, member of the Computer, Golf and Cycling groups and Dineouts. He printed the colourful receipts for Outings and Dineouts. Thank you Chris and Brenda for your dedication to the Club in admin and activities.

HELP

MISSING COPY OF JACINDA'S MEMOIR

Last year Alison Viskovic's copy was lent to a member of an interest group and then passed on several times to other people, with her agreement, but then it somehow disappeared - maybe it got onto the club book table and another reader has borrowed it from there? She would now like it back, to lend to another friend - it should have Alison's name in the front.

Why do we press the remote harder when we know the batteries are getting weak?

Why are you "in" a movie but "on" TV?

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.

- 18 Feb Long Beach for Tutere Street and Beach Walk and Barbecue (401)
- 25 Feb Long Beach for Peka Peka Beach Walk (304)
- 04 March 180 Degrees for Green Spaces of Kena Kena (518)
- 11 March Harrisons for Beach Settlement (205)
- 18 March Vintage Village for Matthews Park (601)
- 25 March Long Beach for Coastal Walkway to Peka



BOOK GROUP

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

The Group is meeting on **Monday 9th March at 2pm**
at the home of **Diane Aviss**



CYCLING GROUP

Convenor: Walter Brock. Phone 04 904 0747

Meets every Monday morning at 9am.

If you are interested in joining this group ring Walter.



COMPUTER SUPPORT GROUP

Convenor: David Goggin, Telephone 022 620 2236

Meets 2nd Thursday of the month.

The next meeting is on **Thursday 12th March at 10am**
at the home of **Sue Hodgson**



WRITING FOR FUN GROUP

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

Next meeting **Tuesday 10th March at 2pm** will be at
the home of **TBA**

We have room for one more member - if you are interested phone Alison, 021 159 4945, to learn what we do.

MUSIC GROUP

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

Next Meeting **Wednesday 18th February at 2pm**
at the home of **Gaynor Bass**



DISCUSSION GROUP

Convenor Rosemary Wells. Phone 293 7421. Meets 4th Friday each month

The group will meet on **Friday 27th February at 10am**
at the home of **Sue Hodgson**

GARDEN GROUP

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

If you want to know more contact Kirsty.



OUR ALMONER/CARER

Our Club's Almoner/Carer is **Judith Binning**. Phone **021 168 1574**, email 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.

I used to work in technical support for a 24/7 call centre. One day I got a call from an individual who asked what hours the call centre was open. I told him, "The number you dialled is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week." He responded, "Is that Eastern or Pacific time?" *They Walk Among Us!*



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.



BAR - BE - CUE PICNIC

WEDNESDAY 18th FEBRUARY 12 noon - WAIKANAЕ ESTUARY

End of Tutere Street Entrance. First Picnic Area on the Left

Hamburgers, Sausages and Bread

Bring own Drinks, Plates, Cutlery, Chairs, Hats, Sunblock. Will be some shade provided.

FINGERS CROSSED THE DAY WILL BE FINE

Contact is Maggie Copland 027 479 1487

MARCH LUNCHEON

MEDITERRANEAN FOODS TRATTORIA AND DELI

Coastlands Parade, Coastlands.

THURSDAY 19th MARCH – 12pm

There is excellent parking and access to the venue

Classic Neapolitan Pizza Menu - Pay on the day

There will be a notice at our March meeting for you to enter your name for this Dineout

Any enquires Charlie Metcalfe. 0211655362



PARLIAMENTARY COLLECTIONS TOUR

(includes Historical Collections and Art}

AND CABLE CAR MUSEUM

TUESDAY 21ST OF APRIL 2026

9am - Get on board your transport from the Waikanae Railway Station

10am (approx) - Organised Tour of Parliament (60 minutes)

11.30pm - Visit the Cable Car Museum and have lunch together at the Cable Top Eatery

1.00pm - Visit to Wellington Museum if required.

3pm - expected time of return to Waikanae

COST - TRANSPORT \$15.00 - payable to the Treasurer by Monday the 13th of April

Lunch - pay for your own.

Maggie Copland is the contact 027 479 1487

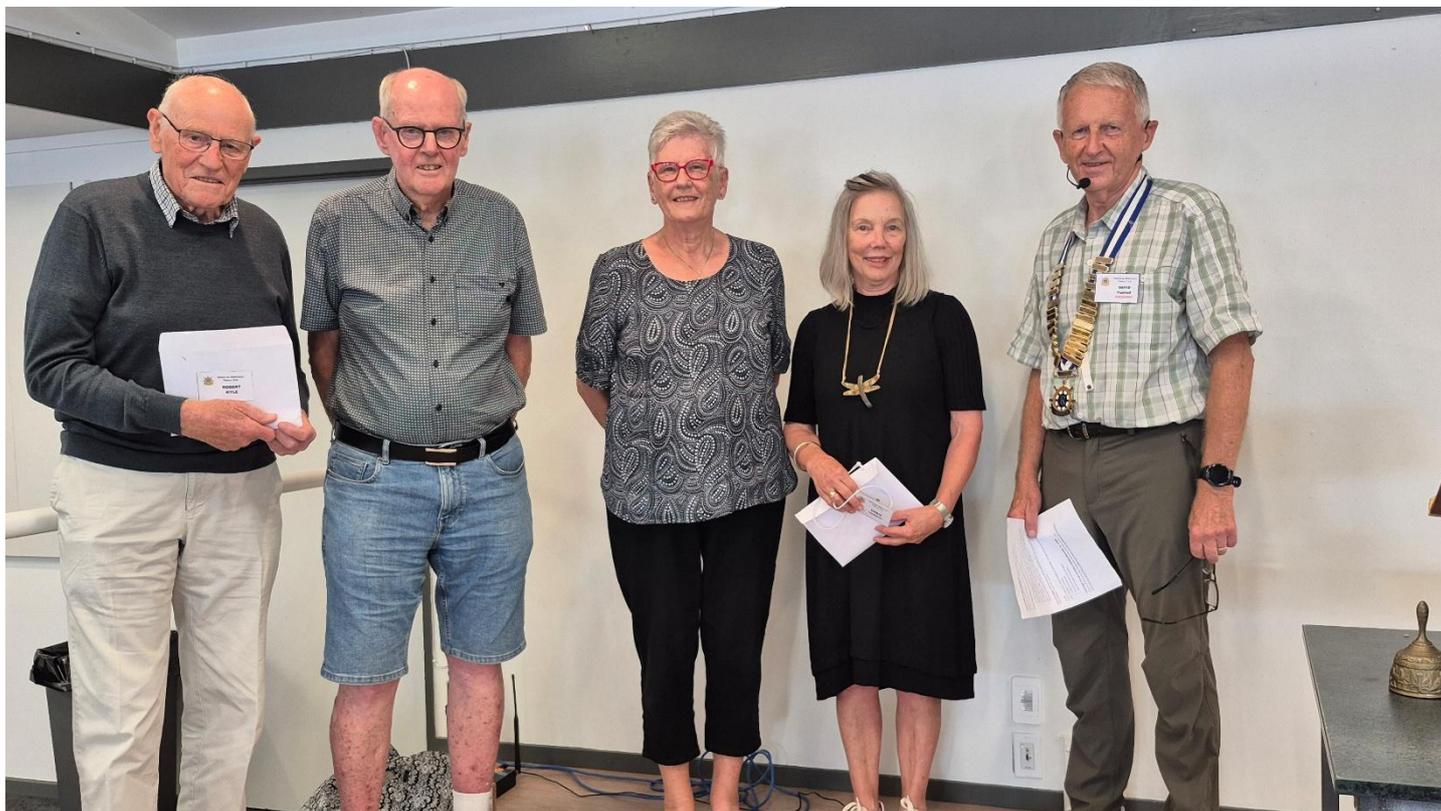


ONLINE PAYMENTS FOR ACTIVITIES/SUBS

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.

TWO NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED



At our February meeting President David Funnell inducted Robert Kyle and Chris Thornley. From left: Robert, his proposer Bill Stormer, Cathy Mitchell who proposed Chris and President David.

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

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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.



A warning to all of you, be careful about drink driving the Police are out there in their numbers checking on people. Last night I was out for a few drinks. One thing led to another. I had a couple of cocktails and then went onto whiskey. Not a good idea. Knowing I was over the limit, I decided to leave my car where it was and took a bus home. Sure enough, I passed a Police patrol where they were pulling over drivers and performing breathalyser tests. Because I was in a bus, they just waved it past. I arrived home safely and without incident, which was a real surprise as I've never driven a bus before, and I am not even sure where I got it from.

BIKERS ENJOY MORNING TEA SESSIONS

Top and middle photos -
End of year morning tea in the garden
at Cathy and Bill Mitchell's home.

Bottom photo -
Start of year morning tea at the
Novella Cafe

