



**OMANU REBUS CLUB
APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER**

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Next Meeting: 13 April 9.30 am at Omanu Golf Club, 98 Matapihi Road, Mt Maunganui. Please try to arrive by 9.05 am in order to pay for morning tea, to purchase raffle tickets, if you so wish and to socialise. Meeting cost is now \$9 per person.

Welcome: Co-President – Sue Rawson

Speakers:



Joanna Oh and Skye Colonna - *Joanna* has been working as Community Programmes Specialist at Tauranga City Libraries for 3 years. She enjoys working with people to help create diverse programmes and events for our communities.

Skye Colonna is a Digital Capability Specialist at Tauranga City Libraries. She has been in her job for two years and this involves helping people of all ages and walks of life to get connected and upskilled with digital knowledge.

Vote of Thanks: Sue Rawson

Apologies: Thank you for apologies received for the last meeting.

Visitors: We appreciate you bringing visitors to the meeting. If you are bringing a visitor please would you kindly phone **Margaret Clark 5420548 or Adrienne Wilson 5742392.**
Thank you.

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE - \$20 PER PERSON – PLEASE BUT IN AN ENVELOPE WITH YOUR NAME ON IT OR PAY ONLINE INTO BANK ACCOUNT 03-1547-0010549-00

Deadline for Apologies: Unless there is an emergency or illness, please ring **Margaret Clark 5420548 or Adrienne Wilson 5742392** before **10am on the Wednesday** preceding the monthly meeting.

Note: *If you forget to apologise we will ask you to pay the \$9 for that meeting, as the club has to pay the caterer for the number submitted on Wednesday morning!* So please make sure that if you can't come to our meeting that your apology is with Margaret or Adrienne before **10am on the Wednesday morning before the meeting!**

A Reminder: Please contact **Rose Coutts 5742232 (email: coutts.jim-rose@xtra.co.nz)** or **Margaret Clark 5420548 (email: historynutmarg@hotmail.com)** for any changes to your contact details. **If you are no longer using a landline please let Rose know your mobile phone number.**

Ice Breakers: We are always on the lookout for members to give Icebreakers. If you would like to give an Icebreaker (a talk of approximately 5 minutes) please put your name on the list on the reception table.

Co-President Ponderings

Hello everyone. Thank you for the confidence you demonstrated at the recent AGM by supporting Sue Rawson and myself as co-presidents. We have a very hard act to follow but will make every effort to ensure the club has a secure and positive future. A big thank you to Heather Green, Adrienne Wilson and Rose Coutts for ensuring we enjoyed an excellent morning tea in the absence of a caterer. Unfortunately, they have declined to take on the job permanently! The March Speaker, Donna Llewellyn was really excellent and we all enjoyed hearing about her very interesting profession as one of the 22 full-time Coroners in NZ.

Our April Speakers will be Joanna Oh and Skye Colonna, Community Programmes and Digital Specialists for the Tauranga Libraries.

The Rebus NZ AGM will be held in Whanganui early May. Your club will be represented by Graeme, Adrienne Wilson, Rose and Jim Coutts and Lynn and Rick Elliott. Rick is a member of the Rebus Board and has agreed to continue in the role.

Attracting new and retaining current members is an ongoing challenge for our Club as it is for many similar community entities. Your committee will be further exploring options to address this issue. Social media is one way of reaching out to people and the club has a website but we need to find ways to steer prospective members towards it. We welcome any ideas, media/computer skills or contacts you may have that will assist to spread the word.

Meanwhile, we hope you are enjoying the delayed summer weather and we look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting at Omanu Golf Club on 13 April.

Yours Aye

Doug Guthrie

Almoner's Report:

Maggie Thomson 5744592

Several of our members have had Covid recently. We wish everyone who is unwell a speedy recovery.

Yours in friendship Maggie Thomson, Almoner

Birthday Coffee Morning:

Sue Rawson 0210600896

April Birthdays: *Linda Dunkerley, Shirley Martin, Lynn Elliott and Raewyn Sheldon.* We wish each one of you a very Happy Birthday and would love to see you at **Pacifica, Tara Road on Thursday 27 April at 10 am.** Everyone is welcome.

Knitters and Friends:

Mavis Davidson 5753897

We will meet as usual on **Wednesday 5 April at 10 am at 1 McDowell Street, Mt Maunganui.** Plenty of parking inside. You are welcome to join us even if you are not a knitter, just come and enjoy a coffee and a chat. Please phone me on **5753897** if you would like to join us.

Music Group:

Kirsten Jorgensen 5740250

The music group will meet at **Shirley Lee's home, 3 Fahey Ave, Mt Maunganui, on Wednesday 5 April at 1.30 pm.** For apologies please phone **Shirley 5753777.** Looking forward to seeing you all.

History Group:

Margaret Houghton 5755256

Margaret is sorry to say that she will no longer be able to host the History Group at her home as there is no parking outside on the street. Yellow lines everywhere! Please let Margaret know if you attend this Group and are able to host.

Travel Group:**Fay Lauder 5725000**

Our Travel Group will meet at my home, **3 Reef Avenue, Papamoa on Thursday 27th April at 1.30 pm.** This month we will explore Norway's Fjords, Mountains and Bergen, with a little bit of help through another of Rick Steves' excellent videos. All welcome. Please let me know if you are coming. ph 572 5000 or Mob 027 3266392

RSA Film:

The RSA Movie "**The Jazz Singer**" will be held on **Monday 24 April at 1.30pm in the Gallipoli Room RSA Mt Maunganui.** The film stars Neil Diamond (in his acting debut), Sir Laurence Olivier and Lucie Arnaz, and tells the story of a young singer who is torn between tradition and pursuing his dreams as a pop singer.

Wine and Dine Group:**Margaret Overington 5749465**

Our Wine and Dine Group will heat up our taste buds whilst dining at **Great Spice Restaurant, 9/4 Golden Sands Drive, Papamoa on Thursday 20 April at 6pm..** If you are interested in joining a very lively group please put your name down on the list at the April meeting.

Golf Croquet:

This group meets every Tuesday at 1 pm at Club Mt Maunganui. If you are interested in joining this group please phone **Margaret Burton** on 5755125 or 0210456865.

APRIL DIARY

Every Monday	1 pm	Bowls	Club Mt Maunganui
Every Tuesday	1 pm	Golf Croquet	Club Mt Maunganui
Wednesday 5	10 am	Knitters and Friends	1 McDowell Street, Mt Maunganui
Wednesday 5	1.30 pm	Music	3 Fahey Ave, Mt Maunganui
Tuesday 4	9.30 am	History	TBA
Thursday 13	9.30 am	REBUS MEETING	Omanu Golf Club, 98 Matapihi Road
Wednesday 19	10 am	McLaren Falls Outing	The Blended Eatery, Sandhurst Drive
Thursday 20	6 pm	Wine and Dine	Great Spice Restaurant, Golden Sands Dr.
Thursday 20		Newsletter deadline	
Monday 24	1.30 pm	RSA Film	RSA Mt Maunganui, Gallipoli Room
Thursday 27	10 am	Birthday Morning Tea	Pacifica Café, Tara Road, Papamoa
Thursday 27	1.30 pm	Travel Group	3 Reef Ave, Papamoa

Please refer to group details for further information

ANYTHING YOU WISH TO HAVE IN THE NEWSLETTERS PLEASE SEND TO ADRIENNE WILSON AT: graemewilson254@gmail.com or phone 5742392. Thank you for being so prompt with your newsletter items. Please note: The deadline for newsletter entries is the **20th of each month.**

NB: Payments for club outings and subs can be made direct to the Club's bank account –

03-1547-0010549-00. Please put your name and the outing in the reference and particulars fields

Don't forget to buy a raffle ticket as you enter the Golf Club at our monthly meetings. \$2 a ticket or 3 for \$5. Thank you. This month we will have an extra draw for you to win a lovely Easter basket.

Rebus Inc. Club News: We would like to draw members' attention to the Rebus Inc. Club News which can be accessed on the website. www.rebus.nz. There is very interesting reading about the activities of the other Rebus Clubs throughout New Zealand.

OMANU REBUS CLUB OUTINGS

Whilst we haven't had great numbers attend our outings, we have had three small, but very successful gatherings with those participating enjoying the company and doing something a little different.

We finally got away for our **Lunch at the Lakes** without the harbour cruise! Really, if Tauranga want to make a success of a ferry service then they have to do better with their PR than this – no signage, changing schedules and little to help people patronise the service. Nevertheless, we enjoyed an extended bus ride, coffee in town and a trip to The Crossing, changing busses in Greerton. Whilst we were waiting (just a short time) we commented on the proliferation of charity shops and agreed we could make an outing just to take time to explore them all! At The Crossing we enjoyed some retail relaxation and a bite to eat before heading home on the CT bus direct to Bayfair. Thanks to our Bee cards, free travel!



Hamilton Gardens: Just a couple of days ago, eight of us thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Hamilton to visit the gardens. With the cost of a mini-bus being prohibitive, we travelled in two cars, so thank you Graeme and Jeni for being our drivers. At the gardens three of us departed for the Waikato Museum to view the Wildlife Photographer of the Year Exhibition. It was excellent – a New Zealand photographer won one of the section awards and all the photos were exceptional, some very confronting and many concerned with the environment.

If any of you are going to be in Hamilton before the exhibition closes towards the end of April, I can thoroughly recommend taking an hour or so to enjoy a world class exhibition. Those of us who went to the Museum returned to the Gardens (thank you Graeme) for lunch and a wander round some of the amazing displays there. It is constantly changing both with the seasons and in design and we all thoroughly enjoyed our day out. With the cool wind it wasn't too hot to explore the gardens in the sun!

Detour Theatre: And the cap the month off, nine of us chuckled and laughed our way through a performance at Detour Theatre – *The Hardcase Hotel* – billed as being like "Fawlty Towers" written by Agatha Christie, and they weren't far wrong. I think we are all up for the next sequel performance: *The Hardcase Hotel 2* which Detour have scheduled for later in the year.

April Autumn Colours: McLaren Falls Wednesday 19th April 10 am: With both Easter and Anzac Day bisecting April we were originally not planning any outing for this month. HOWEVER, with the autumn colours likely to be at their best in April, a self-drive outing to McLaren Falls is now on the agenda. We'll meet at the Blended Eatery Café, corner Gloucester Road and Sandhurst Drive (in the new block of shops) at 10 am and if the weather is doubtful (or downright wet) we'll have a coffee and decide on whether or not to schedule a different date.

May Rebus AGM, Wanganui Friday May 5th – Sunday May 7th: A chance to have a weekend away, with attendance at the Rebus AGM not compulsory! Wanganui is a lovely city to visit and the local Rebus Club is offering bus trips on Sunday as well as a Saturday night evening dinner.

May Mystery Bus Trip Wednesday 24th May: Depending on the availability and affordability of a mini-bus, this could be either a mini-bus, or public bus with Bee card, or self-drive. However we travel it's a case of **watch this space!**