



**OMANU REBUS CLUB
AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER**

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Next Meeting: 10 August 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 \$9 per person.

Welcome: Co-President – Sue Rawson

Speaker:



***Morag Hughson** was born in Shetland and grew up on the island of Unst.*

She is working on a major study of all of the families on the island of Unst and is building a genealogical picture of their history.

Morag is a regular volunteer at Tauranga City Libraries.

Vote of Thanks: Graeme Wilson

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 or 0212393380** Thank you.

Deadline for Apologies: Unless there is an emergency or illness, please ring **Margaret Clark 5420548 or Adrienne Wilson 5742392 or 0211393380** before **6pm on the Monday** 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 Monday evening!* So please make sure that if you can't come to our meeting that your apology is with Margaret or Adrienne before **6pm on the Monday evening before the meeting!** Thank you.

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.**

Co-Presidents Ponderings

I am aware that genealogy attracts followers from the serious to the much more casual. I fall into the latter category. My late mother spent many an hour researching her family tree through discussion groups and 'on the ground' fossicking through the likes of parish records whilst on holiday in the UK. I have a large collection of hand written correspondence with fellow enthusiasts in NZ and overseas. She put together a hand drawn family tree which I have transferred into My Heritage, one of a number of programs available to take the slog out of an otherwise painstaking task. Gwen was particularly proud of this photo she unearthed, of British musical royalty with one of her cousins, a Viscountess no less!

The highlights for me include a direct relative 7 times removed who was a Rear Admiral Royal Navy and had a son who was a full Admiral. In turn his wife's nephew was a Vice-admiral. I had no knowledge of this prior to joining the RNZN but clearly had the call of the sea in my genes. I'm sure a number of our members have similar stories to tell. Some may not even realise it.

I look forward to hearing from our August guest speaker, Genealogist Morag Hughson. She may inspire me to put a little more effort into continuing my mother's hard work.

We are struggling to attract new members. I encourage you all to invite any friend or acquaintance to take advantage of our free guest voucher for guests and partner or friend to one of our monthly meetings. **YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU.**



Yours Aye, **Doug Guthrie**

Hi everyone.

I had a fabulous time on my trip around Europe and the UK, but I'm so pleased to be back in NZ. However bad you think things are here, they are just as bad or much worse overseas.

I'm really looking forward to hearing from our next speaker, having done a bit of family history myself in the past. As I come from Penzance, you won't be surprised to hear that my great uncle x9 was a pirate and, as he died in Jamaica, we could say we are related to a Pirate from the Caribbean. The actual truth of the matter is more prosaic as he was a privateer in Queen Anne's Royal Navy and made a fortune by capturing a French Navy ship -none of which came down to his descendants, more's the pity. But it makes a good story.

Keep well and warm. See you all on the 10th August.

Regards **Sue Rawson**

Almoner's Report:

A report will be given at the meeting.

Yours in friendship Maggie Thomson, Almoner

Maggie Thomson 5744592

Birthday Coffee Morning:

August Birthdays: *Rose Coutts, Jenni Hese, James Pilgrim and Bruce Sheldon.* We wish each one of you a very Happy Birthday and would love to see you at **Pacifica, Tara Road on Thursday 31 August at 10 am.** Everyone is welcome.

Sue Rawson 0210600896

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.

Knitters and Friends:**Mavis Davidson 5753897**

We will meet as usual on **Wednesday 2 August 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 **Margaret Houghton's home, 14 Tweed Street, Mt Maunganui on Wednesday 2 August at 1.30 pm**. For apologies please phone **Margaret on 5755256**. Looking forward to seeing you all.

Travel Group:**Fay Lauder 5725000**

This month **Jim Henry** will be holding the Travel group at **7 Keepa Close, Papamoa on Thursday 24 August at 1.30pm**. The subject will be ***The Giant's House in Akaroa***. Everyone is very welcome. Please let Jim know if you will be attending. Phone: 0221905092

RSA Film:

The RSA Movie "***Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe***" will be held on **Monday 28 August at 1.30 pm in the Gallipoli Room RSA Mt Maunganui**. A tale of family and friendship in rural Alabama. It is a remembrance of youth and one young woman's invincible spirit. Like the best of tales it connects with experiences we all share: weddings and funerals, recreation and retribution, morals, memorable meals and of course, the occasional murder.

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

Our Wine and Dine Group will be dining at **Osteria, 91 Maunganui Rd, Mt Maunganui on Thursday 17 August at 6pm..** If you are interested in joining a very social and lively group please put your name down on the list at the August meeting.

AUGUST DIARY

Every Monday	1 pm	Bowls	Club Mt Maunganui
Every Tuesday	1 pm	Golf Croquet	Club Mt Maunganui
Wednesday 2	10 am	Knitters and Friends	1 McDowell Street, Mt Maunganui
Wednesday 2	1.30 pm	Music	14 Tweed Street, Mt Maunganui
Thursday 10	9.30 am	REBUS MEETING	Omanu Golf Club, 98 Matapihi Road
Wednesday 16	9.15 am	Port of Tauranga Tour	Club Mount – 45 Kawaka St, Mt Maunganui
Thursday 17	6 pm	Wine and Dine	Osteria, 91 Maunganui Rd, Mt Maunganui
Sunday 20		Newsletter deadline	
Thursday 24	1.30 pm	Travel Group	7 Keepa Close, Papamoa
Monday 28	1.30 pm	RSA Film	RSA Mt Maunganui, Gallipoli Room
Thursday 31	10 am	Birthday Morning Tea	Pacifica Café, Tara Road, 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**.

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.

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

Our mid-winter lunch was thoroughly enjoyed by all our members that were able to come. Our numbers were down due to unexpected sickness but there was also a case of four members not showing up. Please be aware that when you receive a reminder about an outing that makes it clear your name is on the list, we are expecting you to honour that commitment. The venue at Club Mount was spacious, the food was delicious, and as the only guests, we were able to talk easily without competing with other diners.

August Wednesday 16 August Port of Tauranga Tour: We have extended the opportunity to join us in the tour of the Port of Tauranga not only to the Papamoa Garden Circle, but also to members of Beachside U3A, and we are pleased that we have had a good response to our invitation. This has meant that we have been able to book a larger (and more comfortable) bus and bring the price down to \$20 per person. We think this is excellent value for an opportunity that is not readily available to the general public. There is still room for more people, so if you wish to add your name to our list, or invite friends or neighbours, please let me know. You must have photo ID (e.g. drivers' licence or passport) and not have mobility issues (this is a safety requirement from the Port authorities in case of urgent evacuation from the bus).

Detour Theatre Friday 15 September or Wednesday 20 September: You will be asked to choose which date you prefer as our usual night, Thursday, is either the date of our main September meeting (Thursday 14th) or the date of our Wine and Dine night (Thursday 21st).

“Murdered to Death” by Peter Gordon: A hilarious murder-mystery spoof with an assembled cast of characters guaranteed to delight: Bunting the butler, an English Colonel with the prerequisite stiff upper lip, a shady French art dealer and his moll, bumbling local inspectors and a well meaning local sleuth who seems to attract murder - they're all here, and all caught up in the side-splitting antics which follow the mysterious death at a country manor house. But will the murderer be unmasked before everyone else has met their doom, or will audiences die laughing first?

Wednesday 25 October Keep this date free for a bus and/or walk outing

Sunday 26 November Christmas Lunch: 12 noon Papamoa Beach Village: We have booked to return to last year's venue as it was such a popular choice - again at a venue where the noise factor is minimal and with excellent food, and friendly service. Undoubtedly a favourite with all the committee and we think, with all our members!

Thursday 30 November We had had an early indication that we can expect an invitation from the Papamoa Garden Circle to join them on a full day bus trip to the Waihi/Waikino area. These are always well organised and give us the opportunity to visit some gardens and areas that we would normally miss out on. Keep this date free too!

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.