



**OMANU REBUS CLUB
FEBRUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER**

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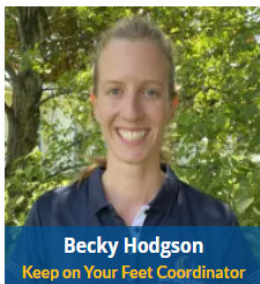
IMPORTANT NOTICE: Please use the MACVILLE ROAD entrance for parking at the RSA.

Next Meeting: 11 February 9.30 am at Gallipoli Room, Mt Maunganui RSA, 544 Maunganui Road, Mt Maunganui. (Please use the Macville Road entrance for parking) 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 **\$10 per person.**

PLEASE NOTE OUR MEETING COST HAS RISEN TO \$10 PER PERSON

Welcome: President – Sue Rawson

Speaker:



Becky Hodgson is a “Keep on Your Feet Coordinator” with Sport Bay of Plenty with over six years of experience in the fitness industry. Becky has a background in group exercise and a strong interest in supporting older adults to move with confidence and stay connected, through the “Live Stronger for Longer” initiative. Becky will share insights into why strength and balance are so important for everyday life. You’ll have the chance to try some simple movements, pick up useful tips for staying active, and hear about local opportunities to join community classes.

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 mobile 0211705933 or Adrienne Wilson 5742392 mobile 0211393380** Thank you.

Deadline for Apologies: Unless there is an emergency or illness, please ring **Margaret Clark 5420548 mobile 0211705933 or Adrienne Wilson 5742392 mobile 0211393380** before **12 noon on the Monday** preceding the monthly meeting. **Note:** If you forget to apologise we will ask you to pay the \$10 for that meeting, as the club has to pay the caterer for the number submitted on the Monday before each meeting. So please make sure that if you can’t come to our meeting that your apology is with **Adrienne or Rose** before **12 noon on the Monday before the meeting!** Thank you.

A Reminder: Please contact **Rose Coutts 5742232** mobile 02102455937(email: coutts.jim-rose@xtra.co.nz) or **Margaret Clark 5420548** mobile 0211705933 (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.

PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

Kia Ora

I hope you have all had an enjoyable Christmas holiday and that the recent storms have not impacted on you personally. Kids were swimming all day in our road on Thursday when the drains could take no more. Consequently, we were becoming a bit anxious because the huge drain that runs behind our house was extremely full and getting fuller by the minute, despite the welcome sunshine. This of course, was so very minor compared to the dreadful tragedy unfolding at the Mount and, as I write this, we are all in a state of shock and grief for all those lives lost.

I certainly enjoyed the pizza picnic and want to thank Rose for having us and for all the work she did behind the scenes to make it such a success. Thank you all for coming, it was great to catch up again.

See you all soon on the 11th Feb, I hope.

Sue

Almoner's Report:

Maggie Thomson 5744592

Any announcements will be made at the meeting.

Yours in friendship Maggie Thomson, Almoner

Birthday Coffee Morning:

Sue Rawson 0210600896

February Birthdays: *Colleen Bimler, Jill Fiske, Fay Lauder, Maggie Thomson, Lyn Simonsen and Ann Wiley:* We wish all of you a very Happy Birthday and would love to see you at **Pacifica, Tara Road on Thursday 26 February at 10 am.** Anyone is welcome, doesn't have to be your birthday month

Travel Group:

Fay Lauder 0273266392

I hope you have all enjoyed the holiday period and are ready to get back into your regular activities for the coming year.

We will start the Travel Group year by meeting at my place, **3 Reef Avenue, Papamoa at 1.30 pm on Thursday 26 February.** By then I will have found a video to show of some exciting places you would like to visit. Please let me know if you are coming, **ph: 0273266392.**

Wine and Dine Group:

Margaret Overington 5749465

Our Wine and Dine Group will be dining at, **"Salinity Restaurant, 101 Te Awanui Drive, Bridge Marina on Thursday 19 February at 6 pm.** Please come and join our lively group. There will be a list at the February meeting for you to put your name down.

FEBRUARY DIARY			
Every Monday	12.30 pm	Bowls	Club Mt Maunganui
WEDNESDAY 11	9.30 am	REBUS MEETING	Gallipoli Room, RSA Mt Maunganui
Thursday 19	6 pm	Wine & Dine Group	"Salinity Restaurant" Tauranga Marina
Friday 20 Feb 2026		Newsletter deadline	
Thursday 26	10 am	Birthday Morning Tea	Pacifica Café, Tara Road, Papamoa
Thursday 26	1.30 pm	Travel Group	3 Reef Avenue, 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 – Omanu Rebus Club 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 Gallipoli Room RSA 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.

OUTINGS

Were the weather gods smiling on Sunday 18th January for our Pizza and Pavlova Picnic? Due to start at 4 pm, at 3 pm we were still debating whether we should be inside or out. The weather gods decided to smile - the decision made. Outside! Up with my big cantilever umbrella. But the weather gods decided to sneeze! A big gust of wind, and over went the umbrella backwards. Too dangerous to put up again. So much for putting the chairs under it's shade!

But it didn't stop our 20 or so members from enjoying the warmth of the sun and the assembled company. Every now and then the weather gods frowned and sent over a fluff of cloud, giving a little shade to counter the heat. And after enjoying our pizzas and accompaniments it was time for Adrienne's magnificent pavlovas! But now the weather gods decided it was time to weep, and the threatened shower at 7 pm was enough for us to decide it was time to pack up!



My grateful thanks to our committee, and everybody else, for their help in cleaning up and putting everything away. And special thanks to Tom who made sure my errant umbrella was not going to be a danger to anyone. Also it was so nice to receive a couple of complimentary emails thanking the committee for the event! Weather gods permission or not – it was a great success!

Wednesday 4th March: **Mystery Bus Trip:** A fun day out with a difference, confidence in using our bus services (free with Bee card) and a smart phone (for photos) essential. Details on where we are heading, and the tasks involved, only given on the day of the trip! More about this at our meeting in February.