



OMANU REBUS CLUB AUGUST 2020 NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: **12 August 9.30 am** at Club Mt Maunganui, 45 Kawaka St, 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.

Welcome: **President** - Jim Henry

Speaker: **Viv Jones:** *Founder of the Macular Degeneration Foundation who is going to talk about her journey with this condition and how she has dealt with it.*

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 Johanne Henry 5749910.**
Thank you.

Thankyou to everyone who paid their subs since the last meeting.

Deadline for Apologies: Unless there is an emergency or illness, please ring **Margaret Clark 5420548 or Johanne Henry 5749910 before 6 pm** on the **Monday** preceding the monthly meeting. **Note:** If you forget to apologise we will ask you to pay the \$7 for that meeting, as the club has to pay for the number submitted on Tuesday morning! So please make sure that if you can't come to our meeting that your apology is with Margaret or Johanne before 6pm on the Monday night 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.

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.

President's Corner

It was great to see 60 members and visitors return to our July meeting and what a great time we all had.

The laughing yoga turned out to be so funny and enjoyable with us all actively taking part. The university challenge was excellent and it added a little bit of competition to getting us all involved in a team game. A big thank you to Adrienne for providing the cake for our morning break. It was good to get around our members and visitors and hear some stories of what they did during the lockdown. At the end of the meeting it was great to see our members leaving the club with beaming smiles and talking about the fun they just had, thanks Graeme, great speaker and very enjoyable experience.

With the change of our meeting format the feedback from members has been very positive. Unfortunately, we again had issues with the setup for the video playback along with the microphone volume. Over the past 9 months it has been an ongoing problem trying to sort out Club Mount's electronic system. To enable our meetings to run smoothly we need an electronic system that we can count on to be setup correctly.

Over the past 6 months our committee has been looking at relocating to a new venue for our monthly meetings. This has been brought about with the demographic changes to the area where our members live. As the majority of our members now live east of Bayfair and with the new road and accesses being established at Bayfair, the committee felt it is the right time to move. It has also been noted by members to our committee that getting to Club Mount has been at times very difficult with slow traffic movement.

I am pleased to advise that we have decided to hold our meetings at the Omanu Golf Club as from September this year. We have tested their audio-video system and have had no problems in linking our laptops to their screen.

I am sure that all our members who are planning to come to our midwinter lunch at the Omanu Golf Club will appreciate what the new venue has to offer. There is parking, and a lift or stairs to get to the restaurant upstairs, as well as a lovely outlook and deck to appreciate the view. So far the reaction from members who are already familiar with the golf club has been very positive.

Thought for the day:

Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant!

Jim Henry

Almoner's Report:

Maggie Thomson 5744592

Shirley Martin 5743224

Welcome back to the Almoners report, what with Covid 19, myself being unwell with Bronchitis, a bereavement in the family and school holidays I am sorry I haven't been available for a report. For this I am sorry, but I'm back now and wish everyone good health for the rest of the year. Some of our members haven't fared so well and we wish them a speedy recovery, so I will tell you what I know and if I have missed anyone out please forgive me:

Ron Stent has had his gallbladder out, but needed to return for complications but is on the mend now.

Veronica Pattenden has been troubled with a sore back.

Derek & Audrey Wills - Derek has been back in hospital and Audrey has had a fall.

Athalie Davey has been unwell for a number of weeks and recently underwent heart valve surgery. She is now home but still weak and requiring help from her daughter and a cousin who will be available till she is stronger.

Margaret Overington has had both cataracts done so watch out, she doesn't miss a thing now!!!!!!

Margaret Houghton required a hip replacement after an accident but is becoming more mobile and has even been weeding her garden!!!!!!

During lockdown our foundation member Dawn Simpson died. Our sympathy to Roy Fisher, her very good friend, whom she shared the last number of years with. He looked after her on outings and at our meetings with respect and kindness.

Dawn had the very first meeting at her house that discussed the formation of our Probus/Rebus club over 20 years ago and we give thanks for the people who got together and made us a friendly and worthwhile club, which Craig and I joined some 15years ago. We all still enjoy that same friendship and fun to this day.

Dawn lived with her daughter until fairly recently when she moved into a care facility. Farewell Dawn, your work is done.

Barbara Greatbatch also died and was another of our foundation members who enjoyed an active life in the membership of our club until she also recently went into a care facility. Another great member who always was interested in all aspects of club life.

Both of these wonderful women were over 90.

Yours in friendship Maggie Thomson, Almoner

Birthday Coffee Morning:

Caroline Willoughby 5759392

August Birthdays: *Rose Coutts; Jenni Hesse; Margaret Lewis; Dale McLeod; Arthur Richardson.*

We wish each one of you a very Happy Birthday and would love to see you at **Pacifica, Tara Road on Thursday 27th August, at 10am.** Everybody welcome.

Knitters and Friends:

Mavis Davidson 5753897

Our next meeting for the group will be at **1 McDowell Street at 10 am on Wednesday 5th August.** As we have plenty of parking and it is central for most, all our meetings will be held here in future. Please phone me on 5753897 if you are unable to come, or would like to join us.

Music Group:

Kirsten Jorgensen 5740250

The music group will meet on **Wednesday 5th August, at 1.30 pm, at Margaret Houghton's home, 14 Tweed St.** For apologies, please phone Margaret, ph. 5755256. Looking forward to seeing you there.

History Group:

Ted Davidson 5753897

Historic comparison between the days of "The Rocket" when a man had to walk ahead with a red flag to the new "Crossrail" under London (which is all computerised) is mind boggling and the way Te Rauparaha used the settlers to gain access to guns and equipment for his people is a great story. Where do we go from here?

The next meeting is at our home at **1 McDowell Street on Tuesday 4th of August at 9.30 am.** Use the grass driveway next to the Motel exit. Just drive in. All interested in history are welcome. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Travel Group:

Fay Lauder 5725000

The next meeting for the Travel Group will be on **Thursday 13th August at 1.30 pm at the home of Jim Henry, 7 Keepa Close Papamoa.** Jim will be talking about his and Pauline's trip to Croatia. A very beautiful part of the world. Please let Jim know if you are coming (ph 0221 905 092) See you there. (Email: flauder@kinect.co.nz)

Computer Capers:

Margaret Beckwith 5758975

At last we can have a computer meeting. It will be at my home as usual **18 Kahira Cres. Papamoa at 1.30 pm on Thursday 6th August.** By now you must have lots of questions for Paul so come prepared.

RSA Film:**Margaret Beckwith 5758975**

On **Monday 31st August at 1.30 pm** in the Gallipoli Room at the Mount RSA there is a film show. If you want to know what they are showing it will be on the notice board at the main entrance of the club. You can have lunch in the Café beforehand as they serve from 12 noon.

Walking Group**Fern Twidle 5752857**

Our next walk will be on **Wednesday 19th August**. Meet on the boardwalk opposite Dixie Browns, on Marine Parade at **10 am**. **This is a social walk**. We cater for those who simply enjoy a chat, some like a leisurely stroll along the boardwalk and some enjoy a longer walk along the boardwalk on Marine Parade, cross over and head for the Harbour side and walk that boardwalk before ending up at Dixie Browns. A walk around the Mount is also an option. The highlight is the camaraderie and chatter, together with a drink at Dixie Browns. If the weather is inclement on the day we simply meet for coffee and chat at Dixie Browns.

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

This month we will meet at **Restaurant 88 (Chinese Restaurant), 801 Cameron Road on Thursday 20 August at 6 pm**. All are welcome. Please put your name on the list available at the July meeting. (Email: margaret.overington@gmail.com).

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.

AUGUST DIARY			
Every Monday	1 pm	Bowls	Club Mount
Every Tuesday	1 pm	Golf Croquet	Club Mount
Tuesday 4	9.30 am	History	1 McDowell Street, Mt Maunganui
Wednesday 5	10 am	Knitters and Friends	1 McDowell Street, Mt Maunganui
Wednesday 5	1.30 pm	Music	4 Tweed Street, Mt Maunganui
Wednesday 12	9.30 am	REBUS MEETING	Club Mount, Kawaka St
Thursday 13	1.30 pm	Travel Group	7 Keepa Close, Papamoa
Wednesday 19	10 am	Walking Group	Opposite Dixie Browns, Mt Maunganui
Thursday 20		Newsletter deadline	
Thursday 20	6 pm	Wine and Dine Group	Restaurant 88, 801 Cameron Road
Monday 24	1.30 pm	Movie	RSA Gallipoli Room
Wednesday 26	10.15 am	Lunch at the Lakes	Bayfair Bus Terminus
Thursday 27	10 am	Birthday Morning Tea	Pacifica Café, Tara Rd, Papamoa

Please refer to group details for further information

OMANU REBUS CLUB OUTINGS

August: Lunch at the Lakes: Wednesday 26th August. Although it is still winter, and hard to plan any outings that are weather dependent, we are hoping that the weather will be kind enough for you to join us on a ride to the Lakes, courtesy of our gold cards on the bus, with time to have a look around and lunch. We plan to leave the terminus at Farm Street, Bayfair, around 10.30 am and to return back to Bayfair by 3.30 pm. Please put your name on the list if you are interested in joining us.

PLEASE NOTE: From the 27th July this year everyone who wants to travel on the buses will need a BeeCard. You can go online to wwwBeeCard.co.nz to get information and register for a card. It will be mailed to you. If you do this before 27th July the card itself is free, otherwise it will cost \$5 for the card. Once registered you need to load your Gold Card onto it as well as a minimum of \$5. You can also obtain a card from the bus drivers and then register it online.

September: Tirau Trip: Wednesday 23rd September, \$45.00 per person. Please put your name down on the list if you are interested in joining us. Numbers for the bus are limited and filling up fast. We will be leaving here at 9.30 am, with a garden visit and morning tea in Tirau. After morning tea we will make a short visit to the Te Waihou Walkway, and weather permitting, take a walk to the Blue Spring. Lunch in Tirau to follow, with some time to have a look around the quirky township. We will have a coffee stop on the way home either at the OK Hot Springs Hotel or the Kaimai Café, before arriving back in the Mount by about 4.30 pm.