



REBUS CLUB OF KHANDALLAH

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Newsletter

REBUS MEETING: 27 October 2023, at 10 am, at the Khandallah Bowling Club

SHORT TALK: Bill Paterson

GUEST SPEAKER: Claire Bibby, President of the Glenside Progressive Association, who will talk on The Halfway House and the history of the Glenside area.

Vote of thanks: Marj Lawson

REBUS MEETING: 24 November 2023, at 10 am, at the Khandallah Bowling Club

SHORT TALK: Natasha Nahkies

GUEST SPEAKER: Navina Clemerson talking about her book: *There was a garden in Nuremberg.*

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I must start my news with the sad announcement that Heather Margaret Millar died on 2 October at the grand age of 96. Some members may have seen her notice in The Post on 9 October. A commemorative service will be held in November. Heather was the last foundation member of the predecessor of our club: the Probus Club, and a close friend of Audrey Thomson.

The elections have been held and depending on your political preference, you may be delighted or disappointed. But we won't know the final results till 3 November when the special votes have been counted. Then the negotiations will start in earnest. The new government has many difficult tasks ahead.

I usually remind you that Covid has not done with us yet, and I understand that several members got Covid at the last meeting, including me. But thanks to regular boosters and the effective antivirals, it was a doddle for me. If you did catch it, I sincerely hope it was also a doddle for you. Clearly Covid will be with us till the end of days, just like the Spanish flu of 1918 for which we get our annual injections. That flu was of the same type as Covid, so be alert and take whatever precautions you prefer. I believe that our annual flu shot will also contain an antidote for Covid.

At our September meeting, it gave me much pleasure to welcome our new member, Suzanne [Sue] Day who is looking forward to making new friends at our club. I am sure she will succeed with the help of her sponsors Marilyn Morris and Joanne Greenlees.

For next year's committee, we will be looking for a new Treasurer, a new Visits coordinator, a new Short Talks & Vote of Thanks coordinator and a new Vice President, because John Preston, Jenny Cornelius and Liz Beresford will retire and Judy Whiteside will become the president at our March AGM. So please consider stepping into some of those shoes.

Looking forward to seeing you on Friday 27 October. Enjoy reading your Newsletter.

Best wishes,
Nick

FROM THE SECRETARY

Stella would like to update our membership list, which was last sent out in July 2023.

Can you please advise her of any change to your contact details by 28 October? She plans to produce an UpToDate list every three months.

Please advise Stella on stella.thorp16@gmail.com or 021 299 4052

MEETING REMINDERS

- Please remember to wear your name-tag. And could you check – have you written contact details (in case of accident) on the reverse of your name-tag? If not, please do so.
- Masks are optional for our meeting, and yes, morning tea / coffee will be provided.
- Please, stay home if you are unwell.
- If you can, send an apology to Vice President Judy Whiteside,
Phone: 027 607 5114, or 479 5051; or email: judy.whiteside@xtra.co.nz
Judy will also welcome advance notice of any visitors to our meetings.

VISITS/EVENTS

New members please note: spouses/partners are welcome on most trips, visits and events.

The Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 13th December, at the Pines, 50 The Esplanade, Houghton Bay.

Cost: \$45 per person this year, which includes one glass of wine or juice on arrival.

Time: 12 pm, arriving from 11:30 am

Direct payment to the Rebus Club Account is preferred: 03 0525 0220364 00

Jenny will collect money at the October meeting for those who need to pay cash.

Also, please let Jenny know if transport is required.

Jenny Cornelius, Ph 479 8669 or 027 272 5659 Email: corneliusj746@gmail.com

Garden Marlborough Trip:

Not long to go now! Viv and Jenny hope to have a copy of the Itinerary at the meeting to give to those who are going. If you are not there to collect it, we will get it to you some other way.

Theatre visit

Circa Theatre

The secret lives of very old people by Rachel McAlpine, on December 14, at 7.30pm.

Circa notes for audience care: Sex, death and euthanasia are discussed but they do not occur on stage. Old-fashioned swearing.

Members interested in going to this performance are invited to give their names to Peter Clemerson at the October meeting. If you are not at the meeting but would like to register, please email: peter.clemerson1940@gmail.com If you are unable to email, phone 938 5923.

REPORTS, 29 September Meeting

GUEST SPEAKER: Kelly Fox



Kelly is one of two Managing Directors of The Traffic Fox Ltd, and administrator of the Facebook Group “Traffic Updates – Horowhenua Kapiti Wellington.”

Kelly was born and raised in Otaki, and lived the first 18 years of her life on State Highway 1, where she witnessed many accidents over the years. Kelly saw the need for consolidated traffic information for the regions, especially when the roads were so busy around Christmas time and other holidays.

One small idea for a temporary Facebook page has now turned into a business and full-time job for her – driven by her passion to help the community.

After Kelly left college she trained in radio, because she was always being told she talked too much. Armed with her diploma in radio broadcasting, she then worked in radio advertising and various other radio positions for 16 years. She learnt how to network, and to get brief fact-based information out quickly.

Over this time, she built a network of contacts around the district, which helped with her new venture on Facebook where she has gained a huge following because of her regular and reliable road updates.

The day after Kelly’s talk at REBUS there was a large slip on Onslow Road, necessitating a road closure – and this was immediately reported on Kelly’s Traffic Updates Facebook page.

Kelly opened her Facebook page on 28 December 2018, and 200 people joined on the first day.

A week later there were 1,000 people and today there are nearly 94,000 members – “of whom 24,000 are very active and vocal” Kelly said. But she stressed that she is just a citizen. “If people give me the information, I’ll work out what you need to know.” Her knowledge of local territory and local people is her big advantage – and she’s actively using it for traffic updates from 5am to 7pm every day, via her cell phone.

The connections work for more than just traffic: Kelly has reunited a lot of people with their lost or stolen cars, with lost cats, lost dogs; and also helped to find missing persons.

Photo: Kelly Fox in her distinctive car, kindly provided by Kapiti Kia.

FOR THE RECORD

Attendance figures for our 29 September meeting: we welcomed 76 members, and three visitors. We received apologies from 20 members, and noted 11 members were silent.

SHORT TALK given by Helen Kennard

Helen was born in 1956 in Burwood Hospital, a small full-term baby weighing just under 5 lb. Baby Helen and her mother spent three weeks at the Karitane Hospital.

Home was in Burwood, then a new and rapidly growing suburb (on the outskirts of Christchurch) with houses being built on sandy ground. But life for Helen's family was turned upside down one Queen's Birthday weekend, by her 39 year old mother's death from coronary heart disease. Helen was 5 years old, her brother Phil 11 and sister Margaret 9. After a few months Helen was taken into an aunt's home in Hector, near Granity – north of Westport on the West Coast. Her brother and sister remained with their father in Christchurch, over 200 miles away.



It was three years before Helen returned to her family in Christchurch, and restarted her life with Brownies, Guides, hockey, netball, Avonside Girls' High School; and then Canterbury University and a BCom in accountancy.

After one year working in the Department of Trade & Industry in Christchurch, Helen moved to Wellington, working in many different areas of T&I, usually for two year terms – but on old archaic policies all later abolished in the 1980's. She moved from Price Control to Industries and Import Licensing, to the Pacific Islands Industrial Development Scheme, then to Export Promotion. When T&I was dismembered in 1988, she joined the NZ Trade Development Board – Tradenz. She was in the finance team, and in Auckland for five years when Tradenz moved its head office there. She returned to Wellington when NZ Trade and Enterprise was formed, to its head office. Helen was the only person in the finance office to survive both moves – most of her colleagues were less mobile as they had partners and children to consider.

Helen retired in April 2021 having been made redundant a few months before her 65th birthday. A new CFO from mid 2019 had swept the Finance team clean – bringing in overdue automation, disestablishing most jobs and creating new different jobs requiring different people to fill them. Helen was retained for a period to help with the transition from the old to the new structure.

Helen's hobbies are reading, craft work and genealogy. She is very involved in volunteer work – successively a member of Rotaract, then Jaycees, and Lions since 1997. Helen is on her second stint as treasurer of the Lions Club of Johnsonville, and also co-ordinates the roster for the Lion's BBQ outside Countdown on Johnsonville Road.

Helen's substantial voluntary activities were recognised this year. Just a few days before she spoke to us, Helen was honoured with a 2023 North Wellington Volunteer Service Award.

AN UPDATE ON CHARITIES LAW

Sue Barker, guest speaker at our August meeting (see our September newsletter), has alerted us to the Charities Amendment Act 2023, which came into force on 5 October. With the support of some generous philanthropic funding, her office – Sue Barker Charities Law – has been able to produce a booklet for charities on what they need to know about the changes. The booklet can be found at:

<https://www.seedthechange.nz/charities-reform>

There are some hard copies available free of charge, for those who need some.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

It was with great pleasure that President Nick Lambrechtsen inducted new member Suzanne Day (Sue) at our September meeting.

Sue started life on the West Coast in Buller, before her family moved to Nelson, where she attended Nelson College for Girls, then started an apprenticeship in hairdressing. Soon after Sue married her husband Bill, they were sent by the CBA Bank to Auckland. Sue continued to work as a hairdresser in Pakuranga, and then on the North Shore. Four years later they moved to Wellington. Their children, three boys, were born and grew up in Johnsonville.



Sue and her husband bought a salon in Tawa, which she ran for 12 years, and after retiring from hairdressing, she continued to work in the Box Hill ladies fashion shop.

Now Sue has finally retired she decided to join Rebus in the hope of catching up with old friends and making new ones. Sue's hobbies include quilting, sewing/dressmaking for herself and her grandchildren, camping, history and family research.

OCTOBER VISIT

A group from Rebus had a very informative visit to the Wellington Regional Emergency Office in Thorndon.

The building where the office is situated looks as though it has been there for many years, but in fact is a modern building, purpose-built to withstand severe earthquakes and other disasters.

After a discussion on personal preparedness, we were given an overview of the comprehensive systems that come into action in the event of a civil emergency, a system that is used in a number of countries.

Jenny Cornelius

GROUP ACTIVITIES:

Please contact the group co-ordinator if you would like to join one of our groups. A timetable of when all the groups meet is on the Website (under Interest Groups). It also shows photos of various group activities.

Lunch Group: The Rebus lunch group are going to Smith the Grocer in the Old Bank Arcade for lunch on Wednesday 25 October. This will be our last lunch group outing for the year, with the club's Christmas lunch booked for December at The Pines.

Raey Butterworth.

Garden Group: In late September at Carolyn Campbell's garden in Tawa we actually managed to have a garden viewing on a Monday without any rain, although the temperatures were definitely winterish. However the magnificent garden certainly made up for the cold, as did the morning tea supplied by Carolyn's husband complete



with scones with jam and cream. Carolyn's extensive plantings of tulips were just beginning to show themselves and the other areas of her garden were equally spectacular.



Our October outing was also a real treat... We visited Frank Boffa's garden in Waikanae, following a superb lunch at Relish Cafe. His house and garden began to evolve 20 years ago from farmland with a bush backdrop. He landscaped extensive areas of open water and our photos render the awesome reflections on the water perfectly. A fun day out and the weather provided a perfect spring day for our outing.

Viv Forrest

Walking Group: Our Gold Card Walk on 4th October took us on a train trip from Wellington to Paraparaumu where we visited Coastlands. After a walk around the shops, where a few couldn't resist doing some shopping, we had lunch in the Food Court. Many of us had not visited Coastlands for some years and were surprised at how big it is. The train ride was interesting looking down on the old SH1 along the Paekakariki stretch of the coast and out to Mana. The coast is quite picturesque along there. The weekly walks have continued, and if wet the walk has been dispensed with and we have spent an enjoyable hour or so in the Bread and Butter Cafe.



Bernie Brown

ROMEOS: The Romeos met on Wednesday 11th Oct at the 1841 Bar and Restaurant in Johnsonville, for their monthly luncheon.

Ken Nelson

Dinner Group 1: A small group of our members went out to Petone on Thursday, 5th October to have a delicious dinner at Buddha Stix on Jackson Street. Once again we all enjoyed the friendly company and wonderful food. A great evening was had by all.

Judith Littlejohn



Photo: Dinner Group 1

Dinner Group 3: This month, Dinner Group 3 dined locally at Namaste, the newly opened Indian restaurant in the Khandallah Village. The menu is extensive so catered for all tastes. The garlic roti is delicious.

Jenny Middlemass

Warblers Singing Group: Ten Warblers met on Tuesday 17th October for their monthly sing. It was good to have Merrilyn back and fit enough to play for us. Our focus is now shifting to practising some Christmas music.

Ken Nelson

Interest and Activity Groups and Co-ordinators (NV = no vacancies)

Book Group 1:	Geraldine George	479 0004
Book Group 2:	Ros Paterson	479 3131
Craft Group:	Penny Harrison	479 9302
Garden Group:	Viv Forrest	021 069 0397
Warblers Singing Group:	Ken Nelson	939 9166
ROMEO Men Lunching:	Ken Nelson	939 9166
Lunch Group:	Raey Butterworth	461 6673
Walking Group:	Bernie Brown (Local)	479-2804
	Bill Goldstone (Gold Card)	478 2288
Dinner Group 1: (NV)	Judith Littlejohn	0273613338
Dinner Group 2:	Beverley Telfar	479 2165
Dinner Group 3:	Jenny Middlemass	479-2638

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