



REBUS CLUB OF KHANDALLAH

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April 2023

Newsletter

REBUS MEETING: April 28, 2023 at 10 am, at the Khandallah Bowling Club

SHORT TALK: Stella Thorp

GUEST SPEAKER: Alastair Henshaw, who will give a brief introduction to Predator Free Wellington and Predator Free 2050; problem solving, and meeting technological and social challenges.

Vote of thanks: Peter Isherwood

REBUS MEETING: May 26, 2023, at 10 am, at the Khandallah Bowling Club

SHORT TALK: David Littlejohn

GUEST SPEAKER: Nick Lambrechtsen, speaking on "The longest floating Bailey bridge of WWII."

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thanks to Vish for decorating me with that weighty chain of office, so that I am now your President. I shall do my best to follow the very high standards that my predecessors have set for me. I am lucky to have the privilege of inheriting a very capable committee, rounded out with the new members: Stella Thorpe, secretary; Natasha Nahkies, guest speakers; and Peter Clemerson, theatre trips. A warm Welcome.

It was very pleasing that 56 members attended the AGM, and that the committee's recommendations were passed without any discussion. Our membership fee is now \$30 per annum, and the sooner you pay via direct bank transfer, the happier our treasurer John Preston will be. Thank you if you are in the over 50% of members who have already renewed their subscription.

Now I'm repeating Vish's comments in his last memo to you: the position of Vice President is still vacant. I appeal to those who have been shoulder-tapped for this position, to reconsider their initial refusal to be nominated for this position. The club cannot operate effectively without you. There are many very capable women in our club, and I hope that one of you will step forward to be nominated. A creative suggestion is that we hold a raffle of all those persons who have been approached for the vice president role, and that we draw the successful candidate from that raffle. I think that idea has merit and look forward to responses. The club should not have a leadership vacuum next year.

I have decided to attend the AGM of Rebus NZ in Whanganui on 6 May to get to know the Rebus committee a bit better. In his annual report, the chairman Graeme McIntosh worried about Rebus clubs having to close because they failed to form "fully functioning committees". We can't let that happen to our club, so that raffle may be organised...!

Thanks to our nearly complete committee, and the hard work of Heather Hutton, we can look forward to some very interesting speakers in the coming months. Looking forward to seeing you there. New members are always welcome.

Best wishes,

Nick Lambrechtsen

MEETING REMINDERS

- Masks are optional for our meeting, and yes we will be serving morning tea.
- We aim to keep the room well ventilated.
- Please remember to wear your **name tag**.
- Please, stay home if you are unwell.
- If you can, send an apology to **President Nick Lambrechtsen**,
Phone: 938 5911, or email: nick@crypt.co.nz

Nick also welcomes advance notice of any visitors to our meetings.

EVENTS

Visits/ Events

Fraser Engineering

Have you assumed that the Fire Appliances that attend emergencies are imported, as are our other vehicles? *Well, it ain't necessarily so.* Join our visit to **Fraser Engineering**, a leading manufacturer and exporter of Fire and Rescue Appliances and products, for an interesting tour.

When? **Thursday 11th May at 10:30 am.**

Where? **Fraser Engineering** is situated at 18 Peterkin St, Wingate, Lower Hutt.

Followed by lunch at Janus Bakery at approx 12:15pm. (GF & V available).

As we need to notify numbers, please register by **Wednesday 3rd May** for this visit.

There is some parking on Peterkin St, but carpooling is advisable, so please let Jenny know if you are in need of a ride or can provide seats in your car.

Michael Fowler Centre, Gordon Crooke Banner Tour

This visit is planned for **Thursday 15th of June at 10:30 am**, and our tour host will be Peter Stupples, a former Senior Art History and Theory lecturer at the Dunedin School of Art.

The tour will take one hour, and we will follow it with lunch, the venue to be advised.

We may request a small payment to go towards a thankyou gift for Peter.

Please register for this visit by **Wednesday 31st of May**.

Rebus Mid-winter Lunch

Thursday 22nd June at the Royal Wellington Golf Club

Address: 28 Golf Road, Heretaunga, Upper Hutt

Time: 12 noon.

Cost: \$45 per person. Drinks at your own expense.

Please register by Wednesday 14th June.

This was a lovely venue and meal last year, so we hope many of you are able to come this year.

There is parking at the Golf Club or on the street outside, again, car-pooling is recommended.

To register or for enquiries about any of these events, please contact Jenny at our Rebus meeting, or Phone 479 8669 or 027 272 5659 / email: corneliusj746@gmail.com

Theatre visits

Peter Clemerson is planning such a full programme of theatre visits that we're not attempting to list all of them here – but it looks very exciting. Please note that he is setting dates well in advance, and if you are interested make sure you put your name down when you come to our meetings.

NB: Peter will be taking names for the first two plays at our Rebus meeting this Friday, 28 April.

If you are not at the meeting but would like to register, please email Peter:

peter.clemerson1940@gmail.com If you are unable to email, phone 938 5923.

10th - 20th May. Stagecraft (Amateur at Gryphon Theatre, 22 Ghuznee St)

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen, adapted for the stage and directed by Joy Hellyer and Amy Whiterod.

Proposed attendance: **Thursday 18th May**. To participate – put your name down on 28th April.

31st May – 10th June. Wellington Repertory Company (Amateur at Gryphon Theatre, 22 Ghuznee St)

Jeeves and Wooster in Perfect Nonsense is a delightfully funny play, written by David and Robert Goodale based on P. G. Wodehouse's 1938 novel *The Code of the Woosters*.

Proposed attendance: **Friday 9th June**. To participate – put your name down on 28th April.

24 June – 22 July. Circa (Professional theatre at 1 Taranaki St, Te Aro)

Prima Facie by Suzie Miller. A defence barrister finds herself the accused.

Proposed attendance: **Thursday 20th July**. To participate – put your name down on 26th May

REPORTS

MARCH 31ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Outgoing President Vish Sarma presented his Annual Report, with warm acknowledgement of all those who contribute to the success of our friendly Khandallah Rebus Club: by participating on the committee, on specified roles outside the committee, on organising and in participating in interest groups. You can check out Vish's full report on our website, under 'Newsletters'.

New President Nick Lambrechtson has already noted the new members on our committee, the slight increase in our subscription fee, and the big gap where we should be naming a Vice President. Plus an innovative idea on how to fill that gap. . .

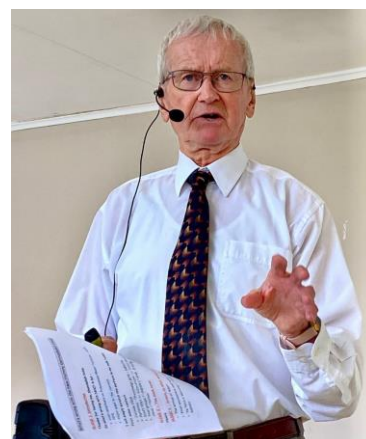
We all particularly enjoyed our morning tea/coffee break, with delicious Easter hotcross buns kindly donated by Mike Walshe, Manager, Khandallah New World to accompany the lively conversation.

GUEST SPEAKER Roger Childs

Historian Roger Childs spoke on "What is wrong with the new history curriculum?" In his view – a lot.

Roger stressed the importance of educational development, and how crucial it is that curricula are balanced and honest. He is concerned that the new history curriculum fails in this regard. For instance there is no mention of warfare until the New Zealand wars in the 1840s and 1860s; no mention of the Musket Wars, or that Polynesians were a warrior society.

He also considers that there is now an overemphasis on Polynesian and Maori history, and questioned, as have others, whether the new NZ history curriculum is indoctrination.



The new curriculum was introduced by then Prime Minister Jacinda Adern in 2018, in response to interactions with students who were appalled that they knew so little about our own wars, while

knowing so much more about Gallipoli. The intention was that school children should know the history of their own country.

In 2021 submissions were sought on the new curriculum, and there were many serious, detailed responses. The Royal Society of NZ Expert Panel sent in a 25 page submission: three pages commend the new curriculum and over 20 pages criticised it. Historians who had advocated for “warts and all” coverage of NZ history were very disappointed.

Maori culture is unique to NZ, and important. But it seems that the new curriculum emphasizes the best of this and leaves out any negative information. Myths have been created and perpetuated, while much information is missing or ignored, such as Pre-Polynesian history, and natural and man-made hazards. European explorers are absent. Roger pointed out that omissions range from the puzzling to the worrying. He stressed that as historian Michael King and others have stated, history should be accurate, balanced and comprehensive and that judgements should be backed up by evidence.

Jillian Carpenter delivered the vote of thanks.

FOR THE RECORD

Attendance figures for our March 31 AGM: we welcomed 56 members and four visitors, and received 26 apologies.

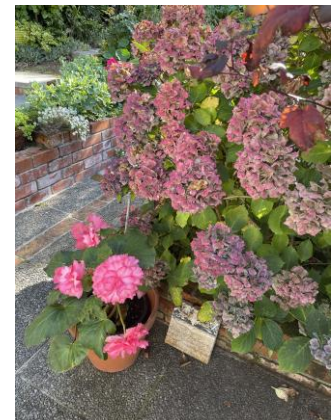
NB: If you have not done so already, **please pay your \$30.00 per person subscription to Khandallah Rebus Club Account 03 0525 0220364 00**, with Sub as the Code, and your name in Reference.

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.

Garden Group: This month the Garden Group outing was enjoyed by a group of about 20 members on a wonderfully sunny and windless day at Pat Lakeman's garden in Rothsay Road in Ngaio. Pat welcomed us with a few words of introduction then wandered around with us in the various areas of her interesting garden. Although only about 1/8 of an acre it was made up of a number paths leading us to many hidden gems including garden art, mosaic paths, a small deck sited amongst the bush and a mass of interesting plants, with potted cuttings available for purchase. Pat then provided tea and coffee for us all on her sunny terrace, supplemented by lovely afternoon tea cakes and biscuits contributed by some of our members.

Viv Forrest



Garden Club members enjoying the autumn sunshine at their April meeting.

Warblers Singing Group: Although a few Warblers were unable to attend due to school holiday commitments, 12 of us managed to produce some pleasant sounds. We introduced a new song: *As Time Goes By* and concluded (as usual) with a very tasty afternoon tea. Our next meeting is planned for Tuesday 9th May.

Ken Nelson

ROMEO Men Lunching: Seven Romeos met at *The Old Bailey* for our monthly luncheon and in a small alcove surrounded by "learned legal books" managed to produce some intelligent (I hope) discussion on the current issues of the day. Our next luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday 10th May.

Ken Nelson

Lunch Group: The lunch group is having lunch at *La Cloche* on the Old Hutt Road on Wednesday 26 April. This venue is well-known for its delicious French sweeties and pastries. Our group last went here in November 2020. Most of us will use public transport to travel to this venue. The group tries to make it easy for everyone to get to our lunch venues, and we try to avoid having to find parking as that can make it difficult for some of our lunchers.

If you would like to join our group please give me a call or an email and I can add you to our mailing list. The group meets about every second month normally on the last Wednesday of the month.

Raey Butterworth.

Dinner Group 3: In March our group returned to *Damascus*, where we had dined when it was located in the Berhampore Bowling Club. The food was delicious then and it still is delicious at their new restaurant in Tory Street.

On April 19 we dined at *Cashmere Lounge* – see the photo, which doesn't quite manage to show everyone who was there. It was good to welcome back Judith Dunlop. Jenny wrote that it was a very nice dinner and she wished she'd had room for dessert. Nick reported that it was a very enjoyable evening and the menu was jolly good, but the best thing was that we were served by Gary. He is such a professional. (Gary from *Taste* restaurant now works at *Cashmere Lounge*.)

Rosemary Ralston



Walking Group: On April 5th we had our **Gold Card Walk**. As we haven't used the train lately most of us took the train from Johnsonville to the city and caught the No 24 bus from the Railway Station around the Bays to Greta Point. We walked back north around NIWA and then down alongside the harbour and the large housing area and came out opposite the *Greta Point Cafe*. The Cafe had set



up a table for us outside on the lawn where we had an enjoyable lunch in the sun and out of the breeze. The more energetic of us then walked across to the Patent Slip and read the interesting history, then continued down past the Lyall Bay Yacht Club and caught the bus back to Khandallah.

Our **Wednesday weekly walks** have continued and we have been blessed with fine sunny days. However as there was rain on April 12th we found refuge and coffee at *The Bread & Butter Cafe* [previously Taste].

The walking group was set up some years ago by Raey Butterworth and membership has ebbed and flowed over that time. Those of us who are not quite so mobile now take a shorter route at a slower pace but we always meet up for coffee in Khandallah. This social aspect is just as enjoyable as the walk itself and we have some very interesting discussions. On the first Wednesday of each month, weather permitting, we have a Gold Card walk using trains and buses to go further afield.

If you would like to join us please phone Bill or Bernie and we will place you on our mailing list.
Bill Goldstone and Bernie Brown

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

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| 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) | Maggie Jenns | 477 0099 |
| Dinner Group 2: | Beverley Telfar | 479 2165 |
| Dinner Group 3: | Rosemary Ralston | 479 6500 |
| | Jenny Middlemass | 479-2638 |
| Office Holders | | |
| President | Nick Lambrechtsen | 938 5911 |
| Vice President | | |
| Secretary | Stella Thorp | 021 299 4052 |
| Treasurer | John Preston | 479 2924 |
| Past President | Vish Sarma | 973 5527 or 022 1593421 |
| Speakers | Natasha Nakhies | 027 240 4402 |
| Visits | Jenny Cornelius | 479 8669 |
| Theatre | Peter Clemerson | 938 5928 |
| Morning Tea | Emma McCallum | 479 4439 |
| | Angela Hill | 479 5580 |
| Short Talks | Liz Beresford | 022 598 7176 |
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| Web & Communication | Heather Nelson (Outside committee) | 939 9166 |