



West Auckland Men's Rebus Club

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Newsletter

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The next meeting will be at 10:00 am Friday 14 April at the New Lynn Friendship Hall, 3063 Great North Road, New Lynn

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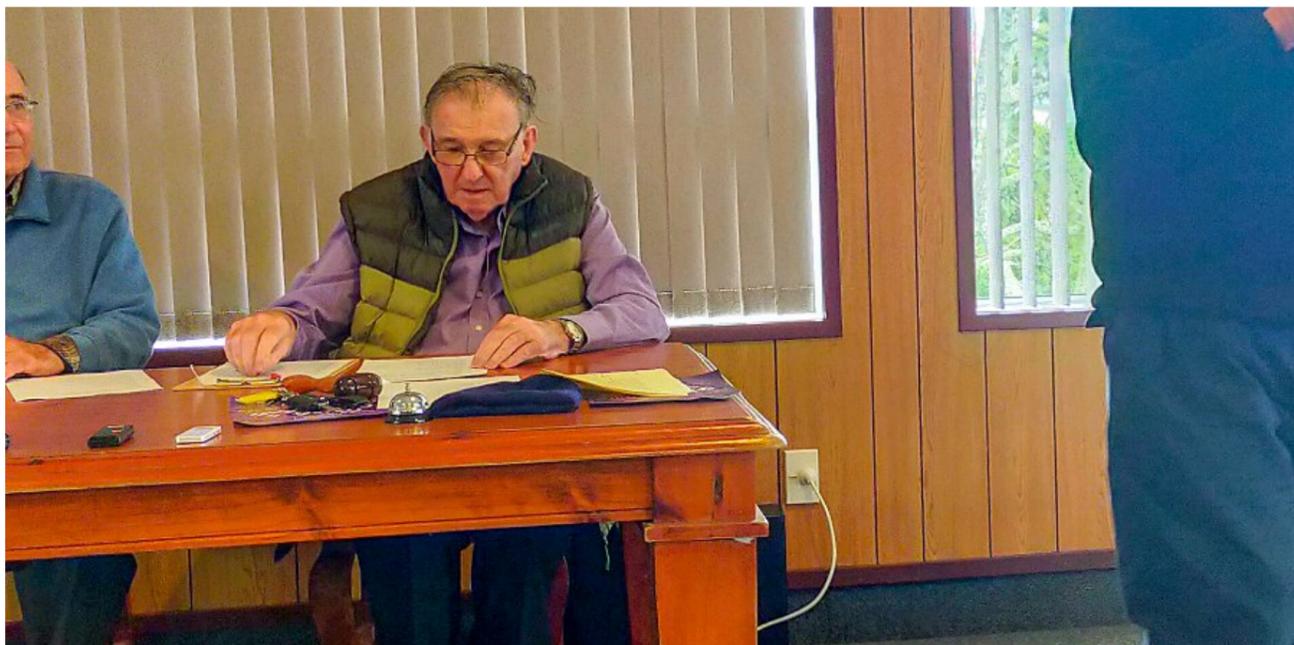
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CLUB BUSINESS



Members listening to Neil Castle's talk on prospecting for gold in the South Island

PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE
President's Report April 2023
Bill Mutch



Bill Mutch chairing the meeting in October 2022

Summer has been and gone, we had very few outdoor meals on our deck at home this year. I have been very busy doing funerals, helping while others have holidays, so two weeks of heavy planning and lots of paperwork.

At our last meeting, I had a phone call at 10 am from Vince who asked me where I was, and my answer was, "Oh I am still in bed." I arrived just as Neil was starting his presentation, about panning for gold.

What an interesting talk Neil really had earned the right to talk on the subject and made it very interesting.

He spoke about a little west coast town called Ross of which I know really well, as in my railway times I worked there for 13 weeks helping out. The steam locomotive was an A class number 424 built in 1909 and steamed for 60 years.

On my first time at Ross, I said I will go open the engine shed doors. I was quickly told, "No, this engine stays outside as the driver said I keep my boat in the engine shed". The people of Ross were really friendly with many parties and I got invited out to dinner often, but now all these people have passed on with not much left of this gold town.

We are so lucky to have members like Neil at 93 years of age who can still make the topic alive.

Remember to pay your subs and big thanks for those that have already done so. The fee is still only \$25 and you can add a small donation if you wish. Bringing a guest is always welcome.

It was nice to see Mellowpuffs for morning tea. Trevor must have got a good deal.

Vince has done a lot of work on closing our old BNZ account and it should be all sorted. We will talk about this at our next meeting.

Today, Saturday 25 March 2023, a 108-year-old steam locomotive(Ww644) was hauling a special passenger train from Glenbrook to Hamilton. It has been many years since this steam loco has been on the main line. A lot of work goes into making this all happen.

Had a past homestay student from Vietnam come for a visit and he said I am returning your front door key that I forgot to give you 13 years ago..so the message here all good things happen in the end. (Well-travelled key). Next week we are getting a visit from another ex Student from Vietnam who was with us 14 years ago. We currently have 2 from China and 2 from Japan all here for English schools.

The Japanese are 16 years old and stay only for 20 days. So I am kept busy, which is good with no time to think about my Parkinsons.

Later this year, I will do my presentation on "Auckland's Street Kids" a subject that I am passionate about.

Cheers Bill Mutch

CLAUDIA'S CORNER

We live in a time where intelligent people are being silenced so that stupid people will not be offended.

We are being told to try to lower our use of power so we do not overload the grid. But at the same time, we are told to trade in our fuel-type cars and buy electric!!!



MEETING REPORT

March 2023

Vince Middeldorp

Immediate-Past President Bill Fairs began the meeting by saying, "Bill (Mutch) will be a bit late this morning so you'll have to put up with me. I declare the meeting open and welcome everybody. Visitors, we have a visitor Gareth Yearsley. Hello Gareth, welcome to the club and hope you enjoy yourself."



Bill Fairs (blue shirt and glasses) stepped in to run the March meeting because Bill Mutch was running late.

Apologies were recorded for Charles Nichols, Lyndsay Parris and Alan Babich. There were no matters arising from the February meeting.

Secretary Vince Middeldorp said he had three items of correspondence. There was a very complimentary email from Jillian Eadie at Brainfit World. It said, "I must say this is the most professional club newsletter that has been shared with me." We received a request from Elin Noyer who is the Community Strength and Balance trainer at Harbour Sport. She would like to come and deliver a talk on preventing falls. That has been forwarded to Noel Rose. The third item is from Rebus NZ. Graham McIntosh, wants to step down and no one wants to take over his role."

Bill Fairs moved to the treasurer's report and said, "Charles is an apology today. In our cheque account, we have \$760.62, in the cash box we've got \$160 and the term deposit is \$1,221.17."

Ian Smith was asked if he had anything to report on trips and coffee mornings. Ian replied, "It's all in the newsletter. Vince told a great story in the newsletter about our trip to Waiheke. I had quite a few laughs reading that. It was really well written and an enjoyable account of our day. We're going to go somewhere for a coffee morning. Vince is in control of that at the moment, so I'll hand over to him."

Vince said, "Okay, Ian has forgotten about the ice cream factory trip. There's two spaces left; \$25 for the bus and \$10 payable at Tip Top to go through the factory. Because we don't have to be there until 12:30, we're going to Mission Bay first and have a coffee somewhere."

"The coffee morning that's happening is at Selwyn Village in Point Chevalier. Sales Consultant Kathy Fitchett rang and asked if she could come here and talk to us. I said to her, what about if you put on a coffee morning and then show any of us who are interested around the place? She liked the idea and wants to know how many people would turn up."

On a show of hands, nine people indicated they would be interested in going to Selwyn Village.

Bill turned to the welfare report and said, "We don't have anybody (doing welfare) but we all look after each other, and care about each other, so that's what matters."

There was no general business.

Noel Rose said the speaker for next month would be Raymond (Barrett) and he would talk about everything Raymond.

The next meeting date was set down for 14th April.

AGM REPORT 2023

Vince Middeldorp

Attendance: Stephen David recorded 18 members and 1 visitor.

Apologies: Apologies were received for Charles Nicholls, Lyndsay Parris and Alan Babich.

Obituaries: Harold Farnsworth.

Minutes from last AGM: Minutes of the AGM held 13 May 2022 will be signed as true and correct by Bill Mutch.

Matters arising from the minutes: Vince Middeldorp commented on the 2022 Rebus NZ financial accounts.

Financial Report: Charles Nicholls presented the 2022 financial report at the February meeting. Income \$1,120.54; expenditure \$1,176.03; loss \$55.49.

Trevor Pollard / Bill Fairs

Trips report: Ian Smith said, “We don't have a big turnout on our trips. Five or six from this group go on them. I'll carry on.”

Bill Fairs / Peter Cox

President's report from Bill Mutch:

It's been a tough year trying to juggle everything to keep the club going. However, we did it.

The COVID rules took our toll on the membership and as a result, our money has reduced. However, the club is not here to make a big profit just to break even.

The gold coin for morning tea has been a lifesaver.

We have had some excellent guest speakers and also some outstanding own club speakers.

Vince, the secretary, has done an amazing job. Also, Charles took over from Justin and has made everything easy to follow. Noel Rose is really good at introducing our speakers. It has been disappointed that no one has picked up the role of welfare officer.

Our goal this year is to increase our membership.

Trips and coffee mornings are still getting good support despite our lower membership.

My Parkinsons has increased, but I try not to let it ruin my life. So I'm prepared to be the president for another year. It's a role I enjoy; helping others and keeping the club going.

Officers for 2023:

President: Bill Mutch

Past president: Bill Fairs

Vice president: Noel Rose

Treasurer: Charles Nicholls

Secretary: Vince Middeldorp

Outings: Ian Smith.

Newsletter: Vince Middeldorp.

Membership: we haven't got anybody.

Speakers: Noel Rose

Webmaster: Vince Middeldorp

Attendance: Stephen David

Morning tea: Trevor Pollard and Alan Babich

Accounts reviewer: Vince Middeldorp

Photographer: John Mihaljevic

Setting of the annual membership fee: Bill Fairs asked, “Anybody got anything to say about the \$25 fee?” Vince Middeldorp said, “In 2019, New Lynn Men’s Probus Club members were paying \$35 and West Auckland Men’s Rebus Club members were paying \$40. We are paying considerably less now than when we had two clubs.”

Winding up Probus Club of New Lynn: We will hold an SGM at the New Lynn Library, date to be advised.

Closing of the AGM

Bill Fairs said, “Okay, that's the AGM over and done with. Morning tea, Trevor.”

CLUB SPEAKER NEIL CASTLE

PROSPECTING FOR GOLD IN THE SOUTH ISLAND

Whisper AI (artificial intelligence) transcription



Neil Castle brought his shovel, sluice box and gold pan along to the meeting and also some gold in two vials which he passed around. A vial is being held up in the right-hand picture.

My wife and I, after I retired, bought ourselves a camper van and went down to the South Island. My wife's sister lived in the northern part of the South Island (Nelson) and the other one was down at Te Anau. So, at that stage, we thought we'll be like other people, get a gold pan, tour around and look for gold.

We were at her sister's place at Nelson one day and went south with our first stop at Murchison. We go into the pub for lunch and were asked, "What are you doing down here, on holiday?" "Oh, we're just going around, and looking for colors," which is a term for gold. Sitting down there by himself was this chap, and he had an army rucksack. He opened it up, and he took out this jar. In it, there could have been ten ounces of gold. His name was Atherton Blackadder, and he was related to the Blackadder football crowd. He had a farm going up towards Springs Junction, at a place called the Victoria Reserve. His property was beautiful bush country, and it was where he was getting the gold from. It ran into DOC (Department of Conservation) land, which was just rubbishy stuff. He reckoned that on the DOC land, there was enough gold to knock off the national debt. Apparently, he comes into town now and then, cashes up some gold and buys his supplies.

Allan Birchfield, I think his name is, has got an enormous gold recovery operation down at Ross. The wife, myself and a couple of my mates, got an invitation from this chap who was married to Birchfield's sister to go down and look over the claim and all the work going on. It was huge, absolutely unbelievable. You could look down this great big pit, and actually see the tunnels from the old-time miners. He was digging the whole thing out and had these enormous trucks carting stuff away from there. He was having trouble because some of the old miner's picks that had been left down in the tunnels would actually puncture the truck tyres and they were about \$700 a tyre.



Greymouth gold miner Allan Birchfield is described in media reports as an unabashed critic of rules from Wellington, bureaucrats, greenies, and climate-change activists.

They'll all string you along those blokes down there. We are Jafas, as far as they are concerned. The wife was in the pub at Reefton once, and we hadn't any accommodation organized. There were lots of hotels in Reefton, and she said to one bloke, "Where's the accommodation around here?" He says, "Oh, there's a good place down in the Great Valley. Go down to the hotel. You'll be good." They laughed like buggery when the wife and I hopped in the vehicle because that was about 20 miles away.

Some of the best gold that I got was from a place called the Howard Valley. Gold was discovered there in 1915, so it was a late discovery and they sent people to go mining there during the depression. All the single men, they were in one valley, married men and their families were in the other valley, so there wasn't any trouble at all.



Neil fossicking for gold in a stream with his shovel, two buckets and home made sluice box. Neil is standing over his sluice box. One of Neil's mates is using the other sluice box and buckets.

I went up to the Howard Valley and met a chap who invited me into his house and we got liquored up on his home brew. He was working in a particular area there and said to me, "I won't be here tomorrow. Don't touch my area here at all, but you can go anywhere else." So I went there, and the gravel was clean as a whistle and I'm dumping this stuff in the sluice box and I didn't believe my eyes. The clear water was shooting through and you could actually see the gold wriggling its way down and sitting at the bottom of the pan. It was absolutely magic. When I was walking back to my camper van, I felt as though I was twelve foot tall.

There were people further up the creek and this lady whose husband and friends are working about a hundred metres further up the creek says, "Are you getting anything at all?" I say, "Look at this." Worst thing you could say, next thing when I came back, they had cleared my possie right out.

Finding gold is just a form of relaxation. You're out there with mother nature in the bush. If there's any Wētā around, they'll find you. They'll know that you're there, and they'll come down and pinch your lunch if you're not careful.

Graeme Hobbs is a chap from Nelson Creek. His company is called My Own Mining Limited, and he has spent all of his life in gold and with gold. When he was a schoolboy, he used to go out with his granddad, fossicking around looking for gold, and he ended up marrying one of the local girls from Nelson Creek. They had a big block of land and there was gold on it.

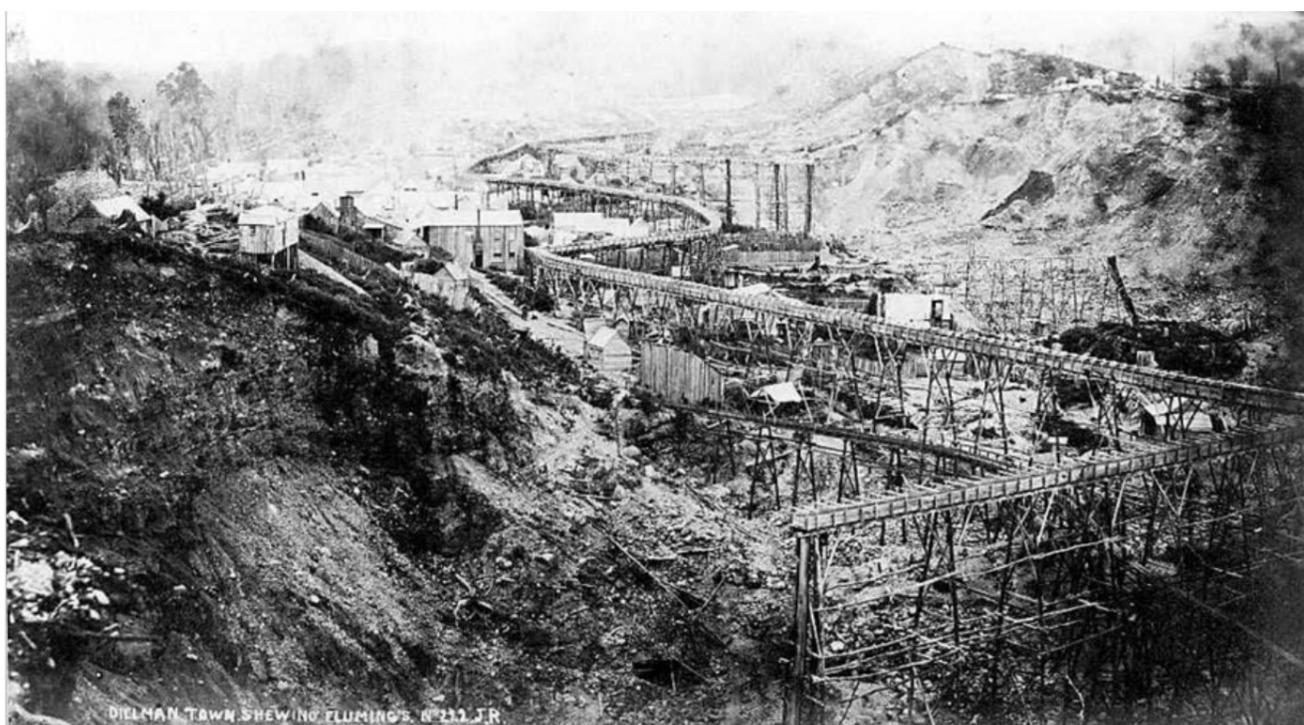
Graeme was doing some work for an overseas mining company. They couldn't come out here and do the testing they wanted to be done, so he did it on their behalf on the West Coast. At this stage now, he and his wife are building a very big house on their property, trying to do the whole lot by themselves. Unfortunately he got Covid, and he's not in very good shape at all.



Graeme Hobb's floating gold recovery plant uses a rotating trommel screen. Fine material passes through the screen and falls on the sluice underneath. Oversized material exits at the end of the drum.

Graeme has a pond on the property. He has a pontoon floating on the pond and the recovery plant sits on top of that. The whole shooting box whirls away. He drops the stuff onto it, which goes through the sluice boxes. All the water just runs back down to the pond. They have got to do the figures properly to know that they are making enough money to be able to put all the stuff back. He has an old mangy dog who sits in the cab with him.

The old timers couldn't make out why there was so much gold around in the South Island. What was happening was that over thousands of years, the Pacific plate was moving upwards, and glaciers and flood waters were grinding it down. A lot of that stuff ended up forming the Canterbury planes and joining Port Chalmers, which was an island, to the mainland. Billions of tons of stuff were pushed along and in the process gold kept sinking down, and concentrating on what the gold miners call the bottom. The miners always wanted to get right down to the bottom because that's where the great gold was.



Flumes are raised channels that have water flowing through them. The flume shown here brought water from miles away to work the claims at Dillmanstown, near Kumara.

The miners had to have water to wash all the gravel away and when there wasn't enough out of the creeks, companies were set up to bring the water needed from ten kilometers away and even further. They had these big wooden flumes sitting up on top of trestles and they'd bring water right down to where the miners were working. The people selling the water were the first to make the dough. No water and you can't get gold out.

The gold that we go for is what they call flood gold. It's not very big stuff at all, and it comes out of the side of the banks, even up at the gorge. How did the gold get up there? The water, when it's flooded, it'll throw it up onto the bank. We spent about four days in one particular area, and we got quite a bit of gold out of it, and we would have been 25 metres away from the water.

If there's a deep water hole on one side of a stream, as the water comes down, it tends to roll over, and it throws the gravel up on the other side, and that's a good place to look for the gold.

Where the water comes to a bit of a corner, that's another good place to find gold, because, just as it comes around the corner, the water slows down, hits some of the rocks, and drops the gold. The gold will settle down on the downstream side of the rocks and sometimes trail down for a couple of metres before it peters out.

On a flat sort of patch, any stones on the sides the size of a golf ball, that's the sort of stuff that'll slow down the flow of the water, and that'll trail the gold down there.

Another good place is to pick up any grass growing up amongst the gravel, up by the bush line, wriggle that, and then you bang it with the water, and you'll get gold out.

Any moss on the tree trunks, on the rocks, use a little trowel, scrape it all up, and just wriggle it around with your fingers, and you'll be surprised by the amount of gravel that comes out of that moss. Any punga logs you happen to see, they are absolutely magic. They pick up the gold like nobody's business.



Neil's gold pan with a vial containing some of the gold he has recovered. When he passed it around, Neil asked members not to take the top off the vial.

The use of the gold pan is with both hands, and it's quite a tricky sort of motion. It's around and backwards and forwards at the same time. The idea is to keep moving the material all the time, and the gold, it'll find its way down towards the bottom. I'm very quick at doing this and I'll just keep throwing all the excess stuff over the side until there's half a cup full of stuff left. I'll then give this a swivel, and I can see if there's gold in there. That's as much as I'll do at that stage. What I'll then do is tip all that stuff in the collection and that goes home with me. I clean it out properly during the wintertime. It keeps me out of mischief.



Neil standing in a clear flowing South Island stream with two sluice boxes and two plastic buckets.

Now here, I have my original sluice box, and what I had in the bottom, years ago, was just a piece of old coal sack. And that was just glued down with mat mastic on the bottom and worked like a dream. After I'd been using it, for about two or three hours, I'd stand the box up inside a gold dish, and throw water at it, and gravel and gold would come out. Some of the gold would stay behind in the mat, and I used to find it in there.



Neil's original sluice box. The material being sluiced is put onto the black miner's moss mat. Water flows in over the black miner's moss and then down over the riffles. Gold is trapped in the black matt and in the green material under the riffles.

I ended up getting rid of the piece of sacking, and I put in a little miner's moss. It looks like a doormat, and it's very good for catching the gold, but you can't see the jolly stuff, because it's hidden in the mat.

I've got a crafty thing here. It's an extension I made, in case there wasn't enough water flowing around. That picks up more water for the sluice, because it's essential to have a decent flow of water.



Neil's extension creates a wide mouth to increase water flowing through the sluice. It is like the one seen on the sluice in this photo.

This big bucket, I fill it with water, put the gravel in it, wriggle it around, chuck the excess stuff away, and keep doing that until I've got about half a bucket full of stuff. That's what I call classified. The trouble is, it sets like concrete almost. You've got to dig it out with a shovel, and put it into another bucket, and carry it to the sluice box.

The top of my sluice box is painted black. That's a great idea because you'll actually see the gold, bang, straight away. It's a great feeling. It really is.

RECENT EVENTS

TRIP TO TIP TOP ICE CREAM FACTORY

Vince Middeldorp

Because there is not much to see from the enclosed viewing galleries, the Tip Top factory tour only takes one hour. To spin things out, the bus for this trip went to a place I never knew existed and which was well worth seeing. It is the lookout platform at Achilles Point.



The viewing platform jutting out high on Archilles Point.

This boardwalk platform is on a headland at the eastern side of St Heliers Bay and provides expansive views of the Waitemata Harbour. From there, views of Rangitoto and Brown's Island are breath-taking, Devonport and Auckland City can be seen in the distance and far away faint outlines of Great Barrier Island and the Coromandel can just be made out.



Looking out over Auckland on a perfect autumn day.

Next stop was at Mission Bay for coffee. Members scattered to the various coffee shops, and I ended up at the Coffee Club after having a menu thrust into my hand when walking past it by someone who looked like he owned the place. I wasn't intending to buy any food, only a flat-white coffee, but there was an item on the menu called curly fries that I tried. They were superb with lots of paprika spice to give them some zing.

I was slightly disappointed that I did not use the Gold Card in my wallet to get a 10% discount at the Coffee Club. This is not the first time I've made that mistake.



The flight of steps from the carpark to the ice cream factory.

The number of stairs to climb from where the bus parks to the factory entrance doors is shown as 68 on Tip Top's website. It is indeed a steep climb and probably kept some of our members away.

At the beginning of the tour, we were told that we could not take photos because they might show the manufacturing process to competitors. Most of what could be seen was just a confusing array of tanks and pipes, all made of bright stainless steel. I doubt attempts at industrial espionage from the viewing windows would yield anything useful.

The tour guide provided some interesting information. Those 2 litre tubs of what look like Ice Cream at Countdown and are labeled "Dairy Desert," are ice cream with less than 10% milk solids. Only four ingredients go into ice cream: milk, cream, sugar and glucose. The most popular ice cream flavor is Creamy Vanilla, followed by French Vanilla. The tour guide said it showed New Zealander's had a bland taste.

Workers in the factory wear plastic safety helmets, which are either yellow or white. Those who have worked in the factory for less than three months wear a yellow helmet. After three months, they qualify for a white helmet. When told this, I noticed the ratio of yellow to white helmets was about 50:50 which suggested high levels of staff turnover.

The tour guide said that the factory had been working two 12-hour shifts and that had recently been changed to three 8-hour shifts. However, the hours of work didn't look like the only thing causing high staff turnover.

There was one poor fellow sitting on a stool, drumming two fingers on the lid of each blue tub of Tip Top ice cream as it rolled past him on the conveyor belt. His job was to check that the lids were on properly. It would have to be one of the most boring jobs in the world.

Another worker had the job of pulling the lids off tubs of Kapiti ice cream and pouring the contents into black polythene lined rubbish bins. These were rejects with the ice cream destined for a pig farm. There was actually nothing wrong with the ice cream: it was being discarded because the tubs were not the correct weight.

The contraption which knocked the Kapiti tubs off the moving production line looked like a length of 4 x 2 and was about as long as a human arm. It was whacking so many tubs off the line someone should have gone and adjusted the filling machine. Watching all that delicious high end ice cream going to waste was a distressing sight.



The cost of the tour is \$10 payable by eftpos – cash not accepted.

The tour guide said the factory produced around two hundred different lines of ice cream and frozen treats. Tip Top was constantly deleting product lines that were not selling well. The tour guide said, “If you don’t eat it, we delete it.”

New ice cream lines were being produced in the onsite research lab. There was no one working in the lab when we walked past. One of the lab’s most notable achievements was coating ice cream on sticks with three layers: chocolate, caramel and chocolate. It was such a remarkable achievement the process was patented. I asked if any other ice cream factory in the world was paying royalties on the process to Tip Top. It was something the tour guide said she would have to ask the legal department about because she didn’t know.

At the end of the tour, we were invited to help ourselves to one of the ice creams in a freezer before watching a short movie on the history of Tip Top. A fellow visitor who toured with us but was not from our Rebus group advised me to pick the Memphis Meltdown. His BMI was in the obese range and I figured he must have consumed a good few ice creams to get like that and therefore knew what he was talking about.



Eating ice cream prior to the movie being shown at Tip Top.

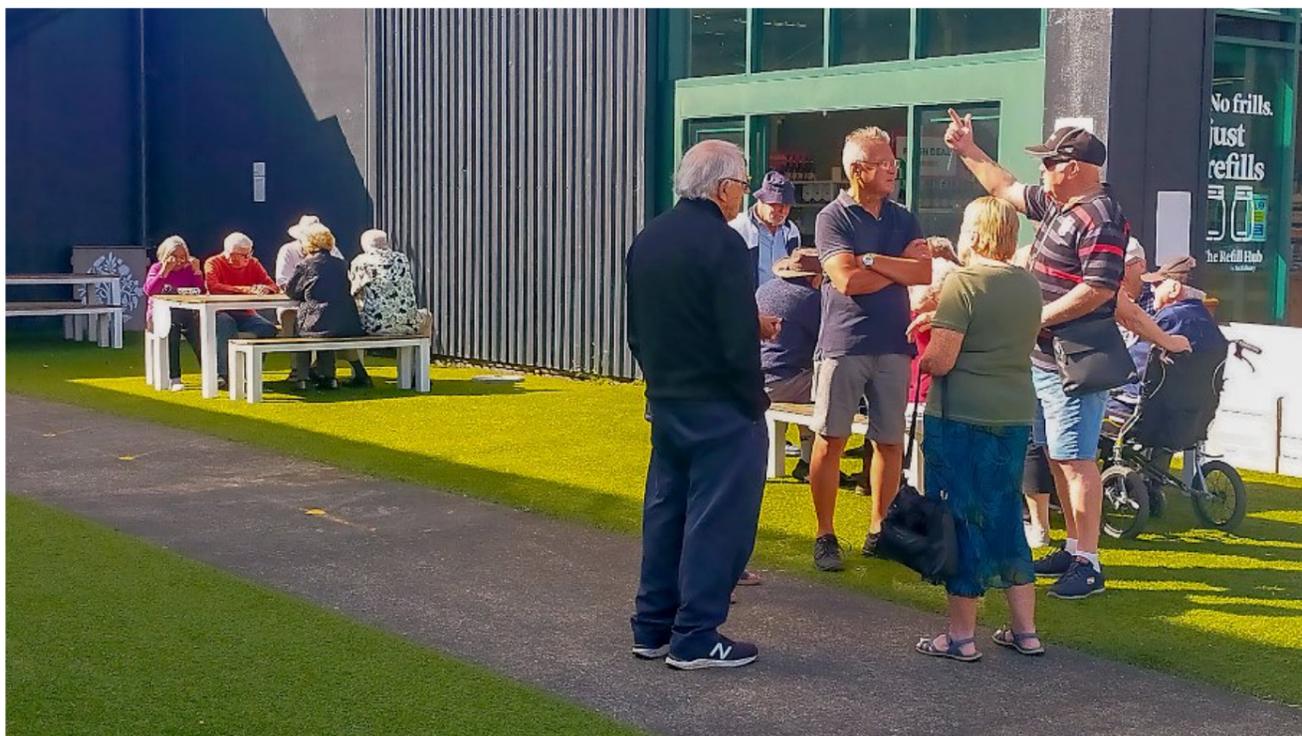
I hit the jackpot with the Memphis Meltdown. It was the triple dipped patented product that the tour guide had talked about. Countdown sells them at \$4.50 each. They are very nice, but won’t be on my shopping list anytime soon. I’m one of those making Creamy Vanilla the top selling ice cream (2-litres \$5.50 when on special).

COFFEE MORNING AT HUCKLEBERRY CAFÉ.

Vince Middeldorp

John Mihaljevic was the first club member to arrive and found the doors to the café closed. He went into the Huckleberry organic grocery shop and was told the café would not open until 10:30. The reason given was staff shortages.

It was a beautiful autumn day and there is outdoor seating at the café, so everyone waited in the sunshine. Shortly before 10:30, the doors were opened. There was only one staff member, and she was run off her feet making coffee, cappuccinos and tea for the twenty people from the West Auckland and Waitakere Rebus.



Waiting around in the sunshine for Huckleberry Cafe to open.

We have been to Huckleberry on a number of occasions. It was always a popular café with what looked like regular patrons, sitting at the tables talking to friends and reading the newspaper. There were three or four staff working, all being kept reasonably busy. That was not the case this time. Something had obviously happened.

The Huckleberry New Lynn Facebook page says, “Our on-site café is closed indefinitely.” However, the sign pasted on the window says, “Open from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm.”

Google reviews tell the story. There is a review from three weeks ago saying, “The general consensus even amongst the Huckleberry store staff is that new café owners have turned the café to custard.” Another Google review, this one from five months ago, says, “Very disappointed; has changed hands. No blackboard options and over-priced cabinet food. Warm coffee, not hot.”



We have the place to ourselves. Notice that nothing has been brought round yet.

I paid for a large flat white and was served a regular sized one. I said nothing because the girl behind the counter had single-handedly run the whole café: taking all the orders, operating the eftpos terminal and making the coffees. She deserved praise for a job well done; not complaints from me.

OTHER

ANOTHER DAY IN TEST CRICKET HISTORY

Charles Nicholls

For only the fourth time in test history, a team following on wins a game.

It is only the second time in test history that a team has won by one run. The other was in 1993 - West Indies versus Australia. There have been nearly 2,500 tests!

Could this ever be beaten for excitement and drama? Definitely!

1st test against Sri Lanka

Day 4 ends. Black Caps 28 for 1, needing 285 to win.

Day 5 is wet and cold. Went to Christchurch Art Gallery expecting it to be the end of the test. Rain clears and one long session to come. I go to the Hagley Oval in Riccarton.

Let me take you to the final over.

Thanks to Williamson and Mitchell, we need 8 runs. The light is fading rapidly. It is 7.20 pm.

Ball 1. Williamson facing. Scores a single. Slips over at non strikers end. 7 to win

Ball 2. Henry scores a single. 6 to win.

Ball 3. Williamson scores 1. Henry is run out going for two but sacrificing Henry keeps Williamson on strike. 5 to win. Wagner with a bulging disc and torn hamstring comes to non strikers' end.

Ball 4. Williamson elegant square drive to boundary. 1 to get.

Ball 5. High bouncer. Could have been called wide, but wasn't. Stadium lights come on.

Ball 6. Good enough bouncer. Wagner runs and dives at keeper's end and keeper misses throw. Bowler throws stumps down at Williamson's end. They go upstairs and video umpire shows Williamson is in by 5 cms.

Test won by 1 run or 5 cms: VICTORY to New Zealand.

It's only the second time in Test Cricket history that a team has won on the last ball. The other was England v South Africa 1948.



The winning run for New Zealand was scored with a dramatic final-ball bye

COFFEE MORNING AT SELWYN VILLAGE



Kathy Fitchett from Selwyn Village has offered to host a coffee morning for our members at the retirement village café in Point Chevalier. That means for us we don't have to pay for our coffee and muffins, and for Kathy, she gets to show those interested the amenities and new apartments for sale at the village.

Some of the parking area will be coned off for our cars, but parking is limited. We have been asked to car-pool where possible.

The date for this coffee morning has now been confirmed: Wednesday 26 April at 10:00 am.

The number 650 bus, Glen Innes to Pt Chevalier, goes into Selwyn Village. It is the end and beginning of the route. You can catch it at the bus stop by the Hammer Hardware in the Pt Chevalier shops. There is a 650 bus arriving at and departing from Selwyn Village every 30 minutes during the day.

MEETINGS

Our meetings are held on the second Friday of the month at the New Lynn Friendship Hall 3063 Great North Road. May meeting is **Friday 12 May 2023**.

OUR SUPPORTERS ARE WHAU LOCAL BOARD AND REBUS NZ



If anyone has any views, opinions, information, requests or questions they want to share with members, please do not hesitate to send them to vince@rebuswestauckland.nz. Remember, it is YOUR Newsletter: feel free to contribute to it as you will.