



REBUS CLUB NEWS

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WELCOME

I'm told that spring is just around the corner and that means warmer weather, longer days, and new life in the garden. And more lawn mowing!

This month we have another good roundup of news from Rebus Clubs throughout New Zealand.

I hope you enjoy this issue.

-Steve O'Sullivan, Rebus Club News Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF PARAPARAUMU BEACH INC



[Left} All the members who attended our Mid-Winter lunch enjoyed it.



Our Life Members. We currently have four life members. **Robyn Janse, Carol and John Calman** and the late **Keith Dreyer** were elected as Life Members at our 2025 AGM. **Steve Hutchison** joined them as a Life Member at the 2026 AGM.

Photo: John and Steve (Back) Robyn and Carol (Front)

Stansborough Mill Visit. We were blessed with a non-windy winter's day for our trip to Stansborough Mill in Petone. Coffee first at a lovely, converted villa close by the Mill. Then our guided tour started by entering through "Narnias wardrobe" (Photo left) to see a video of the Wairarapa farm where the unique Stansborough grey wool sheep are bred. Then into the weaving area where 100-year-old, ex Petone woollen mill looms were operating. The company weave bespoke patterns and make scarves, throws and blankets etc, which are sold online and, in their shop, on-site.



The highlight of their production is their association with NZ film makers. So, we saw a copy of Gandalf's cloak (from Lord of the Rings)



and various other beautiful articles displayed around the mill. The group left with some a little lighter in pocket to enjoy a delicious lunch at a local cafe called 'Revive'.

[Left] Learning where the wool comes from to make the fabric.

-Susan Hagedorn, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OREWA

Our Guest Speaker in July was **Carmela Davis**, MNZAS, BSc, MCIAud. Carmela talked about hearing loss and healthy hearing (especially as we get older). She explored the impact hearing loss can have on communication, relationships, confidence, and overall wellbeing. Along with practical communication tips, hearing technology and ways to stay connected. There was also plenty of time for questions.

- Maureen Grigg, Bulletin Editor.



CAMBRIDGE MEN'S REBUS CLUB

Guest Speaker was **Neil Willman**, [right] stalwart of the Hamilton Zoo. Neil outlined recent and planned future developments at the Zoo.

[Below] The Club outing for July was a visit to the Port of Tauranga. Members car-pooled from the Club premises to Salisbury Wharf for the one-hour bus tour of the Port facilities.



-Nigel Salter, Bulletin Editor

"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken." — Oscar Wilde

REBUS CLUB OF FOXTON



22 members attended “Blast from the Past” at the cinema. There was a good morning tea. Various videos were shown, including one about the Turangi tunnel and power station. A good variety of videos, enjoyed by all.

-Susan Galea, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF PALMERSTON NORTH

A different format for our August club meeting. Instead of a club speaker and a guest speaker, we had extended time over the morning tea/coffee break to chat with our invited guests from the **Milson Rebus Club**, followed by a live music concert from a local band. Inviting another club to join in a meeting is an integral part of our club’s programme. The opportunity to build friendships and exchange ideas and learn from others is always welcome.

A local band, For Folk’s Sake, entertained us with traditional folk songs, bluegrass and songs from the ‘60s. The five musicians played a variety of instruments – fiddle, guitar, banjo, cajón drum, concertina, Irish bouzouki, tin whistle, spoons, ankle rattle and lagerphone. They had us clapping, tapping and singing throughout this enjoyable performance.



A group of us visited the Palmerston North City Library for a guided tour of their heritage collection and the Ian Matheson Archives (photo). The archives house Council records as well as those donated by local businesses and families. This extensive collection records the city’s development since 1878. Researchers can access council minutes, property files, photographs, maps and other local history materials both in person and online. A fascinating insight. A good lunch was enjoyed at a nearby café.

- Dean Halford, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF KHANDALLAH

Keynote speaker: Every morning as he leaves for work as City Missioner, Murray Edridge’s little grandson gives him three warnings: - “Poppa watch out for wolves, (financial predators?); dinosaurs, (inflexible movers?) and spiders, (those fast surprisers?).” Wise words from a small lad. So, it was throughout a talk filled with wisdom, laughter and warmth, Murray told us in measured terms of an organisation, now 122 years old, which began as a local church-based initiative and grew to a region-wide operation, greatly influenced by the needs of those in the Wellington region who are struggling.



While the Government’s ‘Move On’ legislation applies to people regarded as criminal or intent on creating public disorder, many of those who beg and sleep rough in public places are not seeking to be offensive or

break the law. They are simply intent on survival and the new Whakamaru centre was built to provide every help to do just that.



Short talk:- Should you have the opportunity to talk to **Pam Allan**, [left] make sure it is over a cup of coffee/tea. You will be enchanted by her life story, career, travelogue and truly witty account of it all. Indeed, much enjoyment will derive from hearing of all her adventures, starting in NZ, then Sydney, moving on to the UK, through Europe, and particularly Switzerland where she and banker husband Rob lived in Basle and later Berne. Pam described how the subtleties of languages spoken can reflect the nature of the society itself.

- Penny Harrison, Newsletter Editor.

WEST AUCKLAND MEN'S REBUS CLUB



West Auckland Men's Rebus Club held its mid-winter lunch at Bricklane Restaurant and Bar in New Lynn in Jul — and the turnout caught everyone by surprise. A headcount at our monthly meeting just five days earlier had put numbers at 13, but on the day 20 members showed up, and staff had to pull out an extra table to extend the row.

The good response probably came down to a combination of factors: the venue is close to home for most members, it's well known, and the \$20 menu

is hard to beat. Fish and chips were the popular choice, and it turned out to be a great pick — the restaurant uses dory rather than hoki or snapper, and the servings were generous, with most plates carrying two pieces of fish and some getting three.



left] The official mid-winter lunch for West Auckland Men's Rebus was held jointly with Waitakere Combined Rebus at the Parkhouse Café and Eatery in Whenuapai.



[Left] A joint coffee morning between West Auckland Men's Rebus and Waitakere Combined Rebus at Kreem Cafe on Wednesday 22nd July. Members of both clubs turned out in force.

- Vince Middeldorp, Newsletter Editor.

CAMBRIDGE REBUS CLUB



[Left] Last month Cambridge Rebus Club visited the Te Awamutu Space Centre (at Kihikihi). The heart of the space centre is the collection of artifacts and memorabilia, along with information displays about space and astronomy. There are many interactive displays, games, toys, puzzles, etc. The brave ones took a turn on the virtual reality.

Afterwards, some of us retired to Red Kitchen in Te Awamutu for a coffee.



The monthly Coffee Club is a very popular event for Cambridge Rebus Club members. Last month we had a wonderful turnout, with lots of chatter over coffee and cake.

-Steve O'Sullivan, Newsletter Editor.

TAUPO MOANA REBUS CLUB



A busy time for Taupō Moana Rebus Club members over the last two months. In July members stepped back in time to enjoy Operatunity and the unforgettable icons of the Rat Pack era. This stylish and swinging concert featured timeless hits made famous by Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Sammy Davis Jr., as well as the dazzling allure of Marilyn Monroe. Bonnie, Russ, Matt and Leanne with backing by a live band entertained us with songs bringing back memories of our youth. The singing and costumes were outstanding. If you haven't been to one of these concerts, then you are missing out.



Our August outing saw our members move into the fast lane with a fantastic morning out at the Taupō Motorsport racetrack. Members had the opportunity to experience the race circuit first hand. For many, it was their first time on a racetrack—either as a passenger and behind the wheel of their own car. There was plenty of excitement, laughter and a few thrills as everyone embraced this rare opportunity. It was wonderful to see members trying something new and enjoying the opportunity that they would not have had without Rebus. A memorable day that will be talked about for a long time to come!' At the conclusion of the visit, 21 members met at the Fine

Fettle Cafe for lunch. -Janice Laurenson, Newsletter Editor.

WAIKANA E MILLENNIUM REBUS CLUB

Our Mid-Winter Luncheon at the Plateau, Parkwood, on 21st July 2026.





[left] A chilly morning for the adventurous biker crew. Minus 2° frost and we were very pleased to arrive at the Novella Café and have a variety of hot drinks to warm us up.

- David Goggin, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS MT. HOBSON



Members of the REBUS Club of Mount Hobson were privileged to hear an outstanding presentation by **Geoff Furrkett**, who shared the remarkable story of Air Chief Marshal Sir Keith Park—a New Zealander whose leadership during the Second World War helped shape the course of history. Geoff challenged us with a thought-provoking statement: "Edmund Hillary climbed a mountain. Keith Park saved the world."

Born in Thames in 1892, Keith Park was the third of five sons of Scottish geologist James Park. When the First World War began, he enlisted in the New Zealand Artillery and landed with the ANZAC forces at Gallipoli in 1915. After displaying exceptional courage and leadership, he transferred to the

British Army and later, following serious injuries on the Western Front, joined the Royal Flying Corps. Despite damaged legs that made riding a horse difficult, Park became an outstanding fighter pilot, earning the Military Cross and Bar, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the French Croix de Guerre for his bravery.

Following the First World War, Park remained with the Royal Air Force. During the 1930s he worked closely with Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Dowding to develop Britain's revolutionary air defence system. By integrating radar stations, the Royal Observer Corps, intelligence centres and fighter squadrons into a single command network, they created what became known as the Dowding System. This innovative system proved decisive when Britain faced its greatest threat in 1940, the Battle of Britain

In April 1940, Park was appointed commander of No. 11 Group, responsible for defending south-east England and London. His command bore the brunt of the Battle of Britain, as German aircraft attempted to destroy the RAF before launching an invasion. Geoff explained that Park's leadership combined tactical brilliance with calm decision-making under immense pressure. Rather than committing all his aircraft at once, he carefully managed his limited fighter squadrons, ensuring they were always available where they were needed most.

Park also maintained close contact with the men and women serving on the front line. He regularly flew to operational airfields to speak with pilots, ground crews, armourers, nurses and support staff, gaining first-hand knowledge of morale, aircraft serviceability and operational readiness.

His practical leadership earned enormous respect from those under his command, many of whom simply referred to him as "Skipper."

Geoff described how, in 2019, he became involved in a project to honour Sir Keith Park's legacy. Working with a dedicated team of volunteers, historians and supporters, the group established a permanent memorial in Thames featuring a full-size replica Hurricane fighter aircraft alongside a bronze statue of Sir Keith Park.

-Pat Alley, Newsletter Editor.

RIVERSIDE REBUS CLUB OF HAMILTON

A good cross section of our club members enjoyed fun and games at the Sky City 10-Pin bowling last month. Lots of laughs - I don't know why I always come last but at least I didn't end up at the bottom of the lane with my fingers still stuck in the ball.



Some of our members took the game seriously and showed us how it was supposed to be played with some very impressive scores.

You have to gear up with slick soled shoes to help you slide properly on your approach (which makes it twice as difficult to stay upright). You must bowl the ball before stepping over the foul line otherwise it's called foul. The bowling balls weigh between 6-14lbs. Felt more like 20lbs to me. A runway is your stepping area to help you gain momentum before releasing the ball.

After finishing I was told I could have used the gutter rails so that every single ball didn't end up in the gutter. Great fun, and then we enjoyed the camaraderie at lunch across the road at Sisterfields Café.

(Report by Dorothy Oldfield)

-Steve O'Sullivan, Bulletin Editor.

WARKWORTH LADIES' REBUS CLUB

We were privileged to have a team of ladies from The Warkworth Community Stroke Survivor Group speak to us recently. They discussed the many medical and personal tragedies they have endured over recent years. What they all had in common was suffering from strokes and two have had breast cancer. Referring to themselves as the "Never Give Up Group", they spoke with honesty, humour and optimism about the obstacles they have overcome. Their resilience, determination and unwavering support for one another were truly inspiring.

Our cameo speaker, **Joy Zaloum**, (photo right) captivated us with the story of her remarkable pottery journey, which began in 1973 and, some 53 years later, is still going strong. She brought along a selection of her beautiful and imaginative creations for us to admire.



[Left] The baking group gathered for a demonstration of how to make the iconic Southern Cheese Rolls. Having studied and lived in Dunedin for three years, our host Ros became well acquainted with this much-loved South Island specialty and shared both her knowledge and enthusiasm for the dish.



Members discussed the many variations of Southern Cheese Rolls. The group all brought along savoury afternoon tea items including savoury cheesecake tarts and gougères.

A lovely group of 37 attended our coffee group at the Hope Centre café. The Hope Centre here in Warkworth encompasses a church, the local foodbank and



many community facilities. Rebus members were asked to bring along donations of non-perishable items for the food bank which now distribute 50 parcels a week to local families.

-Maryanne Dransfield, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF WANGANUI



Our August guest speaker was **Murray Milne**, an international chef. Murray a Hawkes Bay born boy, who found his passion was cooking, advancing through his chosen profession through hard work, and great people on the way.

He found work in many countries, Australia, Britain, Europe, and America, and interesting locations eg super yachts. He spent many years in America, then decided to return home to NZ as his working life wound down. Fortunately, deciding to retire in Wanganui.

Thirty-Eight members met at the Wanganui East Club for our annual mid-winter luncheon this year where we had a two-course meal. First up was a roast with all the trimmings followed by a dessert of Xmas pudding and pavlova. Another great get-together for members. *-Kelvin Adam, Newsletter Editor.*

WARKWORTH MEN'S REBUS CLUB

Warkworth Men's Rebus Club had a local adventurer regale us with his stories at our August meeting. **John Gluckman**, a retired Matakana dairy farmer told us of his recent visit to the North Pole. This is something that a few of us might think was sufficiently adventurous as a one-off. John has been to both North and South Pole, the latter involved 8 days of cross-country skiing to get there. As well as that he has climbed extensively, reaching the summit of the highest mountains on each of the seven continents, including Mt Everest and Mt McKinley! Not only that but he is the only person on record to have done a marathon as well as climbing these highest peaks in each of those continents – and that includes Antarctica! John has survived two bouts of cancer, prostate and bladder, and a mere three and a half months after his prostate removal he reached the summit of the highest peak on Baffin Island, in Canada! He has taken part in numerous Masters' Games, both running and skiing. He is an accomplished skier having, amongst other things, traversed Greenland on skis! All this and more from a man who lives in our neighbourhood! John's stories were truly remarkable, and he has written a book about his exploits. Any local clubs interested in having John talk to them please contact Stephen for his details.



[Photo] John Gluckman at the North Pole last September.

This past month we also held our mid-winter lunch which was well attended by members and their wives and finished with a humorous Pam Ayres' poem read by one of our senior members **John Clark** who is 92.

The Club has recently opened a dedicated Facebook Page and also contacted about 20 Community groups' FB Pages in the surrounding areas. We also had an article published in the local paper about the club. This brought 9 potential new members to our meeting where John Gluckman spoke. It is a combination of raising awareness of the club and having interesting speakers that will keep our club alive and interesting

-Stephen Becket, Club President and Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF GULF HARBOUR

The August meeting was a lively affair at the Gulf Harbour Yacht Club, with 52 of 72 members attending.



Pictured is Guest Speaker, **Andy Grey**, of Hopper Developments, whose detailed presentation brought us up to date with the development of Hobbs Bay Estate, and proposed Marina, right on our doorstep.

Hobbs Bay Estate covers 13 acres, divided into 88 lots, each occupying a quarter-acre. The proposed Marina will include 350 berths and associated support industries.

Club Speaker was **Jennifer Robertson** who enthralled us all with a “history come to life” story about her ancestors, starting with her Great Grandfather, Antonio Matias de Vargas, 1824-1887. He was born in the Azores Islands in the Atlantic Ocean, belonging to Portugal. He was a cooper (barrel maker) by trade, a product much in demand in those days. One day an American barque whaling ship arrived on their shores. Antonio thought whaling would be more exciting and lucrative than coopering, so signed up to collect blubber for trade. Whale oil was used for making candles, polish and lamp oil. On one journey the ship was wrecked during a storm. The crew survived and came ashore in the Firth of Thames. Antonio had had enough of whaling, and saw the value in the native Kauri trees, to use as ship spars. His new timber business included the building of St. Patrick’s Cathedral, and the Bishop’s Palace in St. Mary’s Bay. He then bought a large acreage on the Tawharanui Peninsula. The family name changed to Martin. Jennifer’s parents, Antonio and Nancy, had 15 children, ranging in age from 1 to 24.



The Dine-Out Group met at The Archer, Stanmore Bay on Wednesday 19th August. Sixteen hungry members enjoyed a variety of delicious dishes (and beverages) and shared an evening of camaraderie and storytelling. Thank you, George.

-Jean McIntosh, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF UPPER HUTT



The Guest Speaker was **Wayne Guppy** former Mayor of Up-per Hutt. He reflected on his time as Mayor, his philosophy on the role, what he had tried to achieve, working with members of government, and the likelihood there will be some form of amalgamation. He came across as genuinely caring about Upper Hutt.

Left: Wayne was thanked by Alex Davidson.



Our latest trip was to The Learning Connexion in Taita followed by lunch at the Royal Wellington Golf Club.

-Alex Attewell, Newsletter Editor.



PAPANUI REBUS CLUB

The Bealey Quarter provided a welcome warm restaurant on a cold day. with the varied \$19.00 lunch menu proving to be a hit with the 31 people who attended. Well done to Nigel for finding all these great places for us to go.



Our Guest Speaker this month was **Lynne O'Keefe** (right) who is Chairperson of the committee formed to rebuild the community pool in Edgware/St Albans. Lynne gave us a wonderful history of the pool which started with a committee formed in 1930 to raise money for the new pool, with the opening in Feb 1934. The pool was a large part of the community for 70 years and finally closed in 2006 and was demolished. In 2010 a group got together and decided to work towards rebuilding the pool. In 2017 resource consent was gained for two pools as part of the same complex and work finally began in 2025. After a few setbacks it is hoped the new pool will be open for the 2026/27 season. -*Linda Barnes, Newsletter Editor.*



REBUS CLUB OF FEILDING



David Lanham, Palmerston North Airport CEO along with Bayley (marketing) were the guest speakers at the August meeting. They imparted information on the new development at PN Airport Domestic terminal. Stage 1 construction will be complete January 2027, and Stage 2 should be complete in November 2027. There are 22 local sub-contractors. Housed in the new development will be a Freightways warehouse, LifeFlight helicopter and Palmerston North Hospital helicopters. In talks to have a retail area including a supermarket. Airport impact on regional GDP in 2025 was \$150 million supporting 2,700 regional jobs. Thanks David and Bayley for an interesting talk.



Trip to Biggin Hill, Ohakea on 19th August. 25 members travelled by car to the museum. **Brendon Deere** was a great host at the museum. He gave an interesting talk in plain language. Brendon restored a Spitfire which is housed at the museum. Lunch at La Bull Café, Bulls followed. Thanks to Rod for organising.

- *Lyn Jensen, Newsletter Editor.*

REBUS CLUB OF HAMILTON



Mainly Men's Group. We continue to get together at St. Andrew's Golf Club and share informed or uninformed views on anything and/or everything. The scones, coffee and company are all first class.

We also have a Dining Out Group, Scrabble Group, Movie Group, Walking Group, Craft Group, Floral Group, and Mah Jong Group.

- Karen Devoy, *Bulletin Editor.*

SOUTH WAIRARAPA REBUS CLUB



The club had a very pleasant early Matariki lunch at the Carterton Club. The meal matched our expectation based on past experience—roasts of beef and chicken with abundant vegetables followed by personal plates, each with three individual different dessert items, all of them delicious. Having over-catered, the Club boxed up a number of individual roast meals and offered them for sale to us at \$10 per box. Many took up the offer and enjoyed not having to cook later!

Our guest speaker in July was **Mike Scott**, who graduated MAgSc with a Diploma in Banking from Massey University and is now retired from careers with the Development Finance Corporation, National Bank, ANZ, and finally Rabobank. Mike talked about his life, his love of classical music and his sailing skills based on his early family experience sailing on Lake Taupo, exploring the 'quiet kinship' he perceives between classical music and sailing. Both activities involve movement and rhythm together with a sense of unbounded space, of distant horizons actual and figurative. Music provides Mike with the emotional equivalent of the physical sensation of sailing across open water. Both activities rely on sensitivity and timing. And both offer something rare: a sense of being carried by forces larger than oneself—wind, water, harmony, momentum. Mike illustrated these ideas with video excerpts from some of his favourite composers, including Wagner, Puccini, Mozart and Verdi, finishing with the fourth movement of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony.

- David Woodhams, *Newsletter Editor.*

WOMEN'S REBUS CLUB OF WAIKANAE

August Meeting: As Greater Wellington Community Liaison, **Nick Swan**, presented an interesting overview of the history and development of the Wellington Free Ambulance service, now into its 99th year. Founded in 1927, the then mayor (Sir) Charles Norwood "believed in a city where emergencies needn't cost lives or money". The service is unique in being the only free ambulance in NZ, with a catchment area extending to



Pekapeka and since 2012 including Wairarapa. Led by Lady Norwood, public fundraising together with private donation began in 1929 and is still needed to maintain the vehicle fleet. In 2026, the fundraising target is \$9,500,000, hence the annual Onesie Day! 80% of the service operating costs are state funded. Today's key services include a Clinical Communications Centre receiving 111 calls, patient transfer services, Emergency Ambulance and Event Medical Services. For example, last year 55,690 emergencies were attended, the fleet covering more than 1,000km a week, enough annual kilometres for 6 trips to the moon!

Changes in vehicle design and replacement HQ buildings, together with out of area assistance given – such as Napier earthquake in 1931, Christchurch in 2011 – and locally the collaborative challenges of the Wahine disaster in 1968, Covid-19, and Saturday nights in Courtenay Place. Nick gave a brief demonstration of an

AED and displayed paramedic designed First Aid packs available for purchase online. - *Mary Paddock, Newsletter Editor.*

PUKENAMU REBUS CLUB INC



Club Speaker **Tony McColl** spoke about his passion for making and flying miniature model aircraft - flying is probably in his blood as his grandfather and father were in the air-force. He started with those tea-boxes with sliding lids, but when he met Marie, everything changed and he discovered radio-controlled models. He thinks his enthusiasm was probably ahead of his ability?? Now we have to sit exams and a flight test. Tony has enjoyed playing with models and has met many friends. Thanks to Marie for putting up with it all.



DINING OUT – 25 members attended our August lunch at Elms Restaurant.

Christine commented that, "Our lunch today was enjoyable and there was lots of chatter." These informal lunches are a marvellous way to get to know each other.

-*Helen Goldfinch, Newsletter Editor.*

FROM REBUS NZ.

Rebus NZ are looking for contributions of photographs for the new Rebus website and social media platforms which are under construction. Note that any photos submitted could appear on the website, Facebook and Instagram and should contain social scenes of typical Rebus activities.

Send to: rebuschairman@gmail.com

REBUS CLUB OF HIBISCUS COAST



Our guest speaker this month, **John Morley**, captivated us with a rundown of the bed bug eradication business.

John introduced his firm Pro-Tek Systems and his companion, a bed bug detecting beagle called Polly. It appears that bed bugs are very good travellers able to be transported in clothing, luggage, and just about anything else they can hitch a ride on. In NZ they first appeared in the late 1990s in Tongariro DoC huts from where they migrated to hostels, motels, hotels, schools, and private dwellings.

Establishing the Pro-Tek business was difficult for several reasons. Firstly, bed bugs are not a topic people want to talk about...an infestation in a home, let alone an accommodation business isn't something an owner would want to broadcast!

The second reason is the difficulty around detection. Bed bugs are extremely small, they are mobile and can be well hidden in nooks and crannies. In the past there was only one way to find them, a methodical, time-consuming physical search. This takes approximately 30 minutes in a typical hotel room and is not always totally successful. John's answer to the problem has been the enlistment of beagles to sniff bed bugs out. Beagles have noses 10,000 times more sensitive than human noses, can inspect a room in just 5 minutes and have a 96% detection success rate, far higher than any other detection method.

To obtain a bed bug detecting beagle John had to travel to Australia where he purchased his first dog for \$20,000 (including importation fees), learned how to work and care for the dog and how to train future dogs. Pro-Tek is currently the only pest eradication company in New Zealand using beagle-detection

Pro-Tek does not use chemicals, rather they achieve superior eradication results using 100°C+ steam, generated by a machine roughly the size of a vacuum cleaner. Steam at this temperature kills all bed bugs, regardless of stage of life cycle and leaves no toxic residues or unpleasant smells meaning rooms can be used immediately following treatment. Detecting the presence of bed bugs and then steam treating an infected room takes about 3 hours and costs approximately \$450.00. - *Neville Drower, Bulletin Editor.*

A Little Joke to End With. Thanks to WOMEN'S REBUS CLUB OF WAIKANAE.

Three sons left home, went out on their own and did well. Getting together for Christmas, they discussed the gifts they were able to give their elderly mother. The first said, "I built a big house for our Mother."

The second said, "I sent her a Mercedes."

The third son smiled and said, "I've got you both beaten. You remember how Mum enjoyed reading the Bible? You know she can't see very well so I sent her a remarkable parrot that recites the entire Bible. It took elders in the church 12 years to teach him. He's one of a kind. Mum just has to name the chapter and verse, and the parrot recites it."

Soon after, Mum sent out her letters of thanks:

"Dear Milton, the house you built is too big, I only live in one room but I have to keep the rest of the house clean."

"Dear Gerald, I am too old to travel, I stay at home most of the time, so I rarely use the Mercedes."

"Dearest Donald," she wrote to her third son. "You have the good sense to know what your Mother likes. The chicken was Dee-licious."

Thanks to everyone for all this month's contributions. Steve, Editor, REBUS CLUB NEWS