



REBUS CLUB NEWS

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WELCOME

Woke up this morning to a wonderful frost. Had to go out and chip the ice off the top of the animal water troughs. Once I've done my chores around our lifestyle block, I will be down to the local café for a hot chocolate or a long black.

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 HIBISCUS COAST

Another busy month on the Hibiscus Coast commencing with our local AGM at which the presidential reins passed from **Paul Robinson** to our new president, **Tim Jones**. A very big thanks to Paul for the huge amount of time and energy he's devoted to club matters over the past two years for which all are most grateful.

Our club speaker was **Mark Burt**, whose career commenced in the automotive industry as a young lad and progressed through several specialised areas within the construction area. Mark concluded his presentation with some very wise observations on what constitutes a life well lived.

Our guest speaker of the month was **Spencer Mathews**. Following his university studies, Spencer travelled extensively before joining the NZ Police where he held a number of "people focused" roles along the road to becoming a crisis negotiator. In that position, amongst other things, he dealt with instances of kidnapping, armed offending and attempted suicide. Today Spencer is a divorce and separation coach, published author and mediator.



Club membership continues to hold strong with new member, **Chris Markham** being welcomed into the fold. (see photo). Our Monday Ramblers continued to cover ground completing a Warkworth river walk, a wander through Gulf Harbour, another along the Orewa estuary and exploration of Shepherds Park in Beachhaven. Frustratingly the planned late March Golf Tournament at Northbridge Country Lodge had to be postponed due to inclement weather but will likely go ahead later in the year. Our joint Hibiscus Coast/Gulf Harbour dining group sampled the fragrant dishes of India Village Restaurant in Manly Village.

-Neville Drower, Bulletin Editor

REBUS CLUB OF PARAPARAUMU INC.

Our June meeting was slightly different. For one, it was the first meeting in a long time that we have not had any visitors or new member inductions. **Nancy McBeth** took the opportunity to give her report back on the Rebus NZ AGM and then stepped in to present Rob's talk on Iceland. (Yes, Rob is now better)

(Right) Guest speaker **Merryn Malcolm**. The only time a speaker has cut an onion in front of the meeting, and we won't forget all those teddy



bears with some of the key messages around grief and loss. It was an immensely powerful talk, as Merryn combined research and personal experiences to help us all understand more about grief and loss



Men's Book Club. Our book for June was a great read "Montana 1948" by Larry Watson, about a boy's perspective on family life where he learned that things are not always as they seem. We will search out other titles by this author.



Wine Tasting group: On Wednesday afternoon we were treated to a very informative PowerPoint presentation by **Anna Seifried**, Sales Manager of Seifried wines in Nelson. We learned all about their family run Winery from day one to present day operations. During the presentation we sampled six of their very fine wines and were privileged to be the first to sample their just released Rosé. A great afternoon was had by all. *Photo: Anna, Heidi, Chris, Hermann and Agnes Seifried.* -Susan Hagedorn Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF FOXTON

The visit to Selwyn Wishnowsky's Museum was enjoyed by the 13 members who attended. A Lot of gear to view in a collection of 30 years, with memorabilia from 30's to recent past and a few heritage cars to boot. Donations go to charity. Selwyn still works hard on his 80 acres and he says he needs another shed for his gear.

He greeted us with a quiz of old items to guess what they were. We didn't get them all. Then we were off to The Farmers Son restaurant in Feilding for lunch, which was enjoyed by most of us.

- Susan Galea, Newsletter Editor.



REBUS CLUB OREWA



Our Club Speaker in June was **Janet Larkman**. Janet talked about her holiday in Vietnam that she thoroughly enjoyed. She had lots of interesting photos that she shared with us. Thank you, Janet.

Our Guest Speaker in June was **Wendy Hampton**, an Estate Planner. (Right) Wendy's talk was very well received and popular. She talked about Estate Planning plus recent law changes pertaining to estate and inheritance laws. She has published another book called Don't Leave a Mess; Leave a Legacy which is The Why and How Guide to Completing The Estate Planner, her first book. Wendy is an author, speaker and lawyer with more than 30 years' experience in Estate Administration, Trusts, Wills, Enduring Powers of Attorney, Relationship Property, and Residential and Commercial Property Matters.

- Maureen Grigg, Bulletin editor.



CAMBRIDGE MEN'S REBUS CLUB

Guest Speaker was **Dr Chris Milne**, sports medicine specialist. From a humble start in Tokoroa, Chris has become one of NZ's most accomplished sports medicine specialists.

Chris gave a most enlightening talk on his role in international sport, including Olympic and Commonwealth Games and as the one-time medical officer for the Waikato Chiefs. He also shared his views on the ongoing battle to keep sports drug-free and the impact trans men are having on women's sports



The Club outing for June was the Mid-Year luncheon, which was held in the picturesque setting of the Olde Creamery, Ohaupo.

Forty members and guests enjoyed the occasion and a welcoming glass of mulled wine. The occasion was marked by the awarding of Life Membership of the Club to Past President **Neil Bridgland**. Neil has been a member of the Club since May 2017 and has been a long-standing member of the Management Committee.

Photo: Neil Bridgland (right) receiving his award.

- Nigel Salter, Bulletin Editor.

REBUS WAIHEKE ISLAND

Our mini speaker today was **Dr Dianne Elliott**, a specialist in diseases of the retina. She established diagnostic clinics for inherited retinal diseases and also the charitable organisation Macular Degeneration New Zealand in order to raise awareness of macular degeneration and to advocate for access to treatments in New Zealand. In 2019, Dianne was awarded the NZ Order of Merit for services to ophthalmology. In her presentation, Dianne stressed the importance of early detection of this disease, commenting that it is the leading cause of vision loss in the over 50's, with 1 in 7 over 50 and 1 in 4 over 80 being affected.



Our main speaker this month was **Professor Olaf Diegel**, Professor in Auckland University's Faculty of Engineering and Design, Mechanical and Mechatronics Engineering where he heads the Creative Design and Additive Manufacturing Lab. Olaf believes that 3D printing is coming of age. It has now become a rapid 'manufacturing' technology that will have a great deal of influence on how we live in the future. By allowing us to think differently about the products we design, it opens up a whole new range of opportunities for creativity and sustainability.

As an educator and practitioner of additive manufacturing, a technology which Olaf feels is fantastic for innovation, 3D printing allows designers and inventors to instantly test ideas and develop prototypes. In his consulting practice he developed a wide

range of products for companies around the world. Over the past 30 years, he has developed more than 150 commercialised new products and received numerous product development awards. In 2012, Olaf started manufacturing a range of 3D-printed guitars along with other musical instruments – drum kits, keyboards and microphones. He brought in an example of a 3D printed guitar to show us, along with several samples of 3D printed items which have a wide range of practical uses.

Olaf also talked about how 3D printing is used to create custom prosthetics, using scans of the residual limb to create perfectly fitting sockets. He gave an example of a kayaker who benefited from a custom-made prosthetic with a better wrist joint and he explained how the use of 3D printing can create comfortable casts and splints, which can be tailored to individual needs. Olaf described the use of 3D printing for housing as being similar to layering concrete like icing on a cake. The process involves printing only the walls, with traditional methods still used for insulation, electrics, and windows. Despite proving the performance of their concrete, the biggest challenge facing companies is not the technology but the regulatory barriers and building standards, which are outdated and more complex than the printing process itself. Olaf concluded his presentation by touching on ethical concerns that 3D printing raises around applications like food printing, bio-organs for the human body, medications and weapon production to name a few, but in his opinion, it truly is amazing technology that is only limited by your imagination. - Rhonda Paton, Newsletter Editor.



RIVERSIDE REBUS CLUB OF HAMILTON



Our Riverside Rebus Club mid-winter luncheon at the Workingmen's Club last month was well attended, with everyone enjoying the food and the fellowship.



[Right] Tramping Group. Here's a photo from our most enjoyable day on the Mistletoe Nature Walk and the Lake Okareka Walkway. The weather was perfect too. Our thanks to you Pam, also to those who drove us there and safely home again.



-Steve O'Sullivan, Bulletin Editor.

"The same rain that hurts the ice cream seller helps the umbrella seller"

HOKOWHITU REBUS CLUB INC.



[Left} Recent Club visit to Parliament.

Congratulations to **Dianna Souness** who has been granted life membership. [Right]



[Below} Photos from our Mid-Winter Christmas Lunch.

-Shona Jorgensen, Newsletter Editor.



CAMBRIDGE REBUS CLUB



Last week, members of Cambridge Rebus were given a tour of Cambridge Stud Heritage Centre. Our guide was Jason. He explained the interactive displays, photographs, the many trophies and memorabilia that tell the story of Sir Patrick Hogan and Sir Tristram's contribution to the racing industry. Afterwards, we were given a quick guided tour of the stables, and Jason also explained how horses were sent by air to Australia, Hong Kong and Europe. To finish the morning, we drove around the corner to Mixture Eatery at Tamahere for a late brunch. *-Steve O'Sullivan, Newsletter Editor.*



REBUS CLUB OF MT. HOBSON



New Zealand's aviation heritage. The weather was beautiful, making it a pleasure to wander through the hangars and displays at a relaxed pace. Following the tour, everyone continued the camaraderie over lunch at Windross Farm Golf Club,

Club speaker, **Peter Rowe**, spoke on "Stoic self-help". Peter presented an engaging introduction to Stoicism; the ancient philosophy first developed in Athens by Xeno of Citium and later championed by the Romans including Seneca and Marcus Aurelius. The Romans emphasized the attainment of tranquillity of mind: a state marked by the absence of negative emotions such as grief, anger, fear and anxiety, and the presence of positive emotions. Key concepts are recognizing that we don't react to events, we react to our judgments of them, and the judgments are up to us; and not worrying about things beyond our control.

Visiting Speaker, **Prof Charles McGhee** ONZM spoke on Advances in Ophthalmic Surgery. He is a Consultant Ophthalmic surgeon with more than 30 years of experience. He specialises in corneal diseases including keratoconus and corneal dystrophies. He has performed more than 1000 corneal transplants and has pioneered many surgical techniques including corneal stem cell transplants and minimally invasive surgery for iris tumours. He has a longstanding subspecialty interest in cataract surgery, the management of complex cataracts and reconstruction of the anterior segment of the eye following trauma.

Around 30,000 cataract operations are performed in New Zealand each year, while cataracts remain one of the leading causes of blindness worldwide. The audience was captivated by the remarkable history of cataract surgery, which dates back more than 5,000 years. *[Right] Prof. McGhee catches up with **David Kirk-Jones**, one of his many former REBUS patients present. -Pat Alley, Newsletter Editor.*



"Better the chill blast of winter than the hot breath of a pursuing elephant" - Anonymous

WAIKANA E MILLENNIUM REBUS CLUB

The speakers at the last meeting were pretty much perfect I thought. **Hugh Scott** talked about his life teaching in Zimbabwe during the days of extraordinary upheaval for that country. Then **Mike Styles** spoke about dyslexia. As a left-handed person who has been the butt of many very unfunny jokes over the years his emphasis on that and dyslexia simply being differences, not disabilities, really resonated with me. He was very interesting. (Ann Harkness, President)

Our Club has a Book group, Cycling group, Computer Support group, Music group, Discussion group, Garden group, and Movie and Coffee group. We also have a Book and DVD Library. At each meeting tables laden with books, jigsaws and DVDs are available for members to borrow.

-David Goggin, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF UPPER HUTT

Our Guest Speaker was **Janice Sanders** from Upper Hutt Women Helping Others (UHWHO). She explained how the organisation flowed from a group of women involved in So-roptimists Upper Hutt but are now an adjunct of the Women's Centre.

They raise funds by supplying morning teas to a Probus club and an annual film evening. The money they raise goes to providing an award of \$500 to a young female at each of Upper Hutt and Heretaunga Colleges. They also support the young mothers unit at Heretaunga College.

One of the now deceased members of the group was the driving force behind Price Milburn books which are widely used in primary education. An interesting speaker and a worthwhile cause.

[Below] Mid-Year function at The Rustic Kitchen.

- Alex Attewell, Newsletter Editor.



REBUS CLUB OF PALMERSTON NORTH



Our June trip was a visit to the Biggin Hill (RNZAF Ohakea) display of WWII iconic aircraft, including an operational replica (photo) of the Spitfire flown by NZ fighter ace Alan Deere who was Wing Commander at Biggin Hill airfield, South London, during the Battle of Britain. Brendon Deere, Al's nephew, is in charge of this spectacular aircraft collection.

We went on to Marton for a good lunch at Three High Street Café,

followed by an interesting visit to Steven's shoe factory. An excellent joint outing by coach, supported by

members of six Rebus and Probus clubs in Palmerston North and Foxton. Many thanks to Alan and Yvonne Parkes from our club who organised the trip.

We had a near-record attendance for a winter meeting on 7 July, with several visitors who added to the buoyant proceedings. Our Club Speaker, **Pauline Bell**, gave a very interesting talk about her ancestors' services in the armed forces: her great-great-grandfather served in County Mayo, Ireland, and in the Royal New Zealand Fencibles; her great-grandfather in the NZ Land Wars; her father in WWII; and Pauline herself in the NZ Army.

Julie McDonald, representing Age Concern Palmerston North and Districts, spoke about the services they provide. Their vision statement is: Older people live valued lives. Services are grouped under the headings: Health Promotion, Social Connection, Community Support, Elder Abuse Response. A very informative talk.

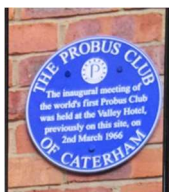
Following the meeting, we enjoyed our Midwinter Lunch at Chinatown Restaurant.

-Dean Halford, Newsletter Editor.

WARKWORTH MEN'S REBUS CLUB

Kelvin Davis has evaded death on at least four occasions, and these experiences have profoundly shaped his life. Spending thirteen years in the Royal New Zealand Navy as a medic, Vietnam Vet and later as a navy diver, the education and knowledge he gained opened his mind to opportunities in later years. After the Navy he became a commercial diver, working in extreme conditions. His natural curiosity and habit of asking the right questions of others placed him on a successful career path.

Kelvin was an inspirational speaker with a very interesting tale to tell. He lives in Auckland and any club that would like to hear his story, or anyone wanting to buy his book can contact him on the following email. Email: krdavisonline@gmail.com



We also had a guest, **John Tricker**, from the UK, who shared an historic photo of a Blue Plaque on the side of a building where the very first Probus meeting was held. Rebus has its origins in Probus

- Stephen Becket, President WWMRC.

MT ALBERT LADIES' REBUS CLUB



Who would have thought that a talk entitled *New Zealanders and 140 Years of Electric Power* could generate so much interest and discussion! **Randall McMullan's** talk last month on his forthcoming book, *The Electric*, was a fascinating account.

It was driven by striking images of New Zealand people and projects across the decades. Randall is an author with many published books on environmental science, construction, IT applications and family history, together with a touch of fiction.

His talk was a lively concoction of all these areas. We could all identify with the story and were reminded about our historic beginnings, early consumer appliance mania, the great hydro dams and the vanished 'Think Big' projects. Randall is happy for me to offer his contact details: mcmullan@pianobeach.com



[Left] Twenty-six of our members from the lunch club recently enjoyed a meal at Hillsborough Heights Village.

Our president, **Judith Goldie** has recently started a regular Rummikub group. This has attracted a growing number of players. -*Anne McKenzie, Newsletter Editor.*

WARKWORTH LADIES' REBUS CLUB



Wow - what an asset Senior Constable **Katie Hawkins** is for our community. We are fortunate to have someone of her calibre helping to keep our community safe. Katie shared her personal journey and explained what inspired her to join the police force. Although she first wanted to become a police officer at 18, she was encouraged to gain some life experience first. She travelled overseas, returned to New Zealand, and joined the police force at the age of 25.

"I wanted a job that would keep me fit and active, and I love working with people. I wanted to help those who genuinely need it," she said.

Now, some 25 years later, Katie remains passionate about her work. During her career she has served in a variety of roles across Auckland but says that working in Warkworth has been the highlight.

The Baking Group treated members to a special morning tea at our recent meeting, in place of the traditional mid-year lunch. Faced with such an impressive spread, many found it difficult to decide what to try first.

The selection of 226 pieces of food included bacon and egg slice, chicken sandwiches, fruit mince tarts made with homemade sweet short pastry, lime curd tarts, freshly baked scones served with generous lashings of homemade raspberry jam and cream, along with cheese and biscuits. Our gluten-free (GF) members were equally well catered for, enjoying a delicious selection of both savoury and sweet treats.

[Photo Right] Three members of the baking group from left: **Karen Courtis**, **Raewyn Leeves** and **Alison Richardson** with the fabulous morning tea.



Recycling is important, and we can all do our part. Several ladies at our Rebus kindly collect items for recycling, including washed chip packets, wine bottle tops, and good-quality used bras at our meetings.

To show what happens to all the collected chip packets, Pam Chapman brought along a foiled survival blanket that is made by the *Chip Packet Project*.

[Photo] President **Lorraine Nelson** (left) holding the survival blanket made out of Chip packets with **Pam Chapman**

-*Maryanne Dransfield, Newsletter Editor*

REBUS CLUB OF WANGANUI



President Jim and Bev recently spent several weeks touring England and Ireland with their hosts Liz and Tony Frith who have recently returned to their home in England. They spent the day in Liverpool and are pictured here posing outside the Beatles museum.



-Kelvin Adam, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF GULF HARBOUR

Club Speaker was **Dave Dewe** who told us about his upbringing in Feilding. He attended Feilding High School, renowned for its sports, and rugby. Dave had always liked running but specialised in long-jump. He held the record, with a jump of 24'9" which stood for 50 years, just short of the NZ record set in 1968. Dave trialled for the Munich Olympic Games in 1972 but did not qualify. In 1975, following the NZ Games, Dave moved to Auckland, but injury put paid to his athletic career. So, he took up golf, and has played on over 20 NZ golf courses, and has 4 holes-in-one to his name.



Guest Speaker was **Esther Anderson**, from the Community Readiness and Recovery department of FENZ. Her address was "Home Safe Home." There are more volunteer-manned Fire Stations than professional ones. People over 65 make up over 50% of fires. Esther said we should test our smoke alarms monthly and vacuum them regularly. We have less than 3 minutes to escape from a house fire, of which there are 17% more in winter. "A metre from a heater" is a very simple hint to help prevent fires. Do not overload multi-boards. Do not leave mobile phones on charge overnight. Prepare an escape plan and stay out of the house. Call 111 for ANY emergency.

Following the July Club Meeting, 40 members adjourned to nearby Mainsail Restaurant for our Mid-Year Luncheon. Pre-ordered mains and desserts ensured that service was excellent, as was the food quality. A very enjoyable event.

-Jean McIntosh, Newsletter Editor.



REBUS HIBISCUS COAST

It was an active month in terms of events. All enjoyed a combined Rebus/Friendship Club 10 pin bowling competition followed by a few fortifying beverages over lunch. A strong contingent braved the traffic to attend this year's fascinating (as always) Mystery Creek Field Day. Most recently, 15 members undertook a revealing guided tour of Foodstuff's impressive 7.7-hectare Auckland Distribution Centre which boasts the largest warehouse ever built in New Zealand.



Happily, Hibiscus Coast Rebus membership numbers continued to rise. A membership drive was held at the end of June at the Whangaparaoa Plaza which generated real interest. At our July meeting we were delighted to welcome three new members; **Gilbert Peterson, John Morley and John Duncan.**

We had two excellent speakers at our monthly meeting. Our club speaker was **Jim Towler** who commenced his career in the NZ Navy, is a dedicated family man and whose passion continues to be international and domestic travel. Guest Speaker was **Gary Fleet**, (photo) a well-known and respected international football referee who provided intriguing insights into the world of refereeing.



Over the past month our Ramblers and Amblers have explored Wenderholm Park, Shakespear Reserve at the end of Whangaparaoa Peninsular, the Te Atatu Peninsular and, most recently, beautiful Eaves Bush at the northern end of Orewa Beach. Such gruelling treks of course required restorative visits to local cafes at their conclusion.

[Photo] – Ramblers beneath a ‘widow maker’ in Eves Bush.

- Neville Drower, Bulletin Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF FEILDING



Saem Millward returned to entertain us once again. He attends University in Auckland, studying to be a lawyer. He is no longer studying voice but still keeps training his singing and is busking regularly. He had his 20th birthday earlier in July. He entertained us with a range of Christmassy songs by artists Michael Buble, Elvis, Nat King Cole and Frank Sinatra and were well received. He finished by singing “My Way” which was superb. Thank you Saem, it was great to have you visit again. Go well with your studies.



Marguerite was our Bio in July. She was born in Picton but moved up to Feilding to look after her grandchildren, while their parents worked. Marguerite is a talented dressmaker, from drawing patterns through to the finished article. She has many other hand-crafting skills including embroidery, beadwork, knitting and crochet. A very interesting life story

At the July meeting we had a catered finger food lunch which was delicious.

- Lyn Jensen, Newsletter Editor.

PAPANUI REBUS CLUB

Our Club Speaker was **Alan Marshall** (photo right) who shared with us the intricacies of shoring buildings after the earthquakes so that goods could be removed.

Our speaker this month was **Melanie Fraser** from Aspire Canterbury. This is a non-profit organisation based in the Braintree building in Langdons Rd, which sells all kinds of aids for older people and those with disabilities.



She brought along a wide range of goods to show us and quite a few even bought things. You can purchase items in the shop or online and they also have goods for hire. They have over 750 items in the shop and among them one very interesting one – “a bottom wiper”!

They also administer the Total Mobility Card for those who are unable to drive anymore for various reasons.

Good hint Melanie shared – Check the bottom of your walking stick regularly to make sure it still has a good grip. Replacements are available.



34 people attended lunch at The Papanui Club this month. A little different, had to set up our own tables, get our own water, but meals were reasonably price and great, and they did clean up after us.

- Linda Barnes, Newsletter Editor.



WOMEN'S CLUB OF WAIKANAE

At the July meeting, **Candice Wilson**, Kapiti L'Arche Community Coordinator, supported by Sarah and Noeline, gave a very insightful presentation about L'Arche, which is a worldwide organisation of 140 communities, two of which are in New Zealand. L'Arche, meaning The Ark, and was started in France as a place of refuge.

As a non-profit organisation L'Arche provides housing and support to adults with intellectual disabilities. Core Members live together with caregivers and volunteers as friends. There are currently 12 Core Members (residents) in Kapiti. Candice shared that it was integral they lived together and learnt from each other in a happy two-way process. Friendships are really encouraged, and shared meals, movies, coffee outings etc are the norm. Caregivers / volunteers come from all over the world and bring fresh eyes and energy to the homes. Community involvement is encouraged, and Core Members often share with them, e.g. homegrown vegetables are given away to people in need. They get joy from giving back to charity.

- Mary Paddock, Newsletter Editor.



REBUS CLUB OF HAMILTON



Some of our members enjoying our Midwinter Christmas lunch at the Hamilton Workingmen's Club and the first outing for our new teardrop flag.

[Right] A beautiful Waikato day for some of our walkers.



We learnt a great deal about Emergency Management and Civil Defence at our last meeting with the interactive presentation from **Ratu Ratu** that had us all challenging our memories of recent history. No doubt everyone went home with good intentions of preparing a 'Go Bag' and making real plans for family readiness in case of an emergency.

"The Mahjong group made me feel really welcome at their meeting at Netherville. This is a large chatty gathering, in a warm, sunny environment - the game looks challenging but also fun. The Craft group were also very welcoming and are able to turn their hands to a variety of projects including knitting, crochet, sewing as well as skills in baking and gardening". (Kath Kenrick)

- Karen Devoy, Newsletter Editor.

WEST AUCKLAND MEN'S REBUS CLUB

OUR MID-YEAR BUS TRIP TO PUHOI: Our first stop was the Puhoi Museum, where **Jenny Schollum** gave an excellent talk on the history of the settlement.



[Above] Jenny Schollum, Co-ordinator of the Puhoi Heritage Museum, dressed in traditional Bohemian costume, addresses members of the Waitakere Combined and West Auckland Men's Rebus Clubs, with the museum's religious artefacts and historic ship-passenger displays forming a fitting backdrop.

After the talk, we walked across to the historic Church of St Peter and St Paul, which opened in August 1881 and remains in regular use today. From there, the bus dropped us at the Puhoi General Store, where some decided to have lunch, while the rest of the group ate at the Puhoi Pub.

Our guest speaker was **Rob Harley**: storyteller, author, and self-confessed "nosy guy," sharing "Life's Most Amazing People."

"A few years ago, I started compiling a list of the 50 people who had impressed me the most during my lifetime. I found that 38 of them were women. I concluded, with a bit of research to back it up, that women have a different quality of bravery — derived in part from what they do that men simply don't: conceive, carry, bear and raise children. The cost that takes, particularly if you end up with a partner who makes life miserable, is immense.

So, I wrote *The Courage of Women* — eleven of the most impressive stories I've found about brave women I've encountered. Part of the profits from that book go to an organisation called Shakti, which actually

started in West Auckland. They support refugee and migrant women who are beaten, thrown out of their homes, threatened. These are remarkable women helping other remarkable women, and this book should come with a box of tissues, because you will cry reading it.

Then I wrote *Relentless* — People That Wouldn't Quit. I go after some of the most amazing people I've met who simply made a decision that the world has problems and they're not prepared to sit by and do nothing."



Rob Harley's sixth Harley Davidson, a Fat Boy — which his wife has declared will be his last.

-Vince Middeldorp, Newsletter Editor.

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