



REBUS CLUB NEWS

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Hello again, and welcome to the last month of winter – we hope! Yes, the mornings are getting lighter which is a good sign. Our house was designed to capture the maximum sunshine – wonderful on fine days, but what a difference when there is thick cloud cover. Ageing bones prefer the warmth. Roll on Spring I say, don't you agree?

We have just come home from a few days in the Waikato, where we caught up with our newest Board Member, Steve O'Sullivan and his wife, Tamsin. It was great to see the first of the little lambs in the paddocks, the magnificent magnolias, and the drifts of daffodils – sure signs Spring is around the corner. But it is good to be home, so pour yourself a cup of something warm, and let's see what our members have been up to during August.

TAUPO MOANA REBUS CLUB



Guest Speaker: Mike Dunstall, General Manager, spoke to us about **Contact's Geothermal Future**. Most of Contact's Business is in electricity; they have 2 Hydro stations in the South Island, using Clutha River water, 4 Thermal stations in Taranaki, using gas and 5 Geothermal stations using geothermal steam. He explained the NZ Electricity market and the distribution and costs involved. Increasing the use of geothermal power is a great carbon reducing opportunity. The plan is to reduce Gas produced electricity and increase the Geothermal production. NZ is blessed with an abundance of geothermal resources. There are 5 Geothermal Stations around Taupo. Work started on the new Te Tauhara station in 2021, on the Eastern side of the mountain, will have the biggest turbine in NZ. Surface pipes will all be painted green to fit in with the countryside. All ecological and other effects studies have

been completed.

Christine Bailey, Bulletin Editor.

REBUS CLUB OREWA



New Members Inducted July: President Robert Letcher inducted four new members at our July meeting. L to R: Barbara Fromont, Yvonne Flett, Bill Coughlan, Judy Coughlan. Welcome to you all, we hope you enjoy the activities and fellowship our club has to offer.

Our Guest Speaker in July was **Leonie Knell, Manager of Maygrove Village**. Leonie told us of her journey coping with childhood epilepsy by pushing herself through sports and horse riding. She achieved a Law Degree and was also a

nurse where she learnt patience and empathy. She shared with us the lessons she learnt on the way to becoming Manager of Maygrove Village.

Maureen Grigg, Bulletin Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF FOXTON



'RED ALERT'. Members took part in our **Dress Red for our Mid Winter Christmas Dinner in July**. Here we have two of our groups of **'Happy Christmas Campers'**
Our Guest Speaker ... actor Mark Kilsby in full throttle with one of his recitations.



Dereley Barry, Newsletter Editor.

The Seven Ages of Man/Woman: spills, drills, thrills, bills, ills, pills, and wills.

REBUS CLUB OF MT HOBSON



Guest Speaker for July: Andrew Aitken. "RNZYS: Past and Present." Andrew, Vice Commodore of RNZYS, started with a video which RNZYS which described RNZYS today. It mentioned sponsors, such as Mastercard, Barfoot & Thompson and Doyle Sails, necessary to survive today. He also showed a new book that is as much a history of Auckland and NZ yachting as a history of RNZYS. RNZYS apparently started in the bar of the Thames Hotel, now the Dilworth Building. Back in 1871 closing time was 11:00 pm, so when the bar closed, the inaugural meeting continued in the street outside - under a gas light! 1871 was also the year Auckland was declared a city. Apparently in 1881 when the Treasurer found the books didn't balance he set all the archives alight! Initially called the Auckland Yacht Club, it became the New Zealand Yacht Squadron in 1901 and the Royal NZYS in 1902.

Club Speaker for July was Pat Alley, who described his experiences as a ship's doctor on **Heritage Expeditions**, 2-3 cruises a year. What is seasickness? It is a mismatch in information received by the brain from the inner ear and visual experience.

Chris de Boer, Newsletter Editor.

THAMES BONANZA CLUB

Our **Guest Speaker** last month was **Shana Allan, from the Thames Library**. She was an effervescent speaker who surprised us with the range of activities that take place in the library, and the services they provide. Other than the normal library functions these include DVD film presentations, book clubs, reading facilities for homeless people, and computer and online assistance. I did not realise how many older people have problems dealing with Government Departments which expect everyone to be able to complete forms online.

Gary Meek, Newsletter Editor.

RED BEACH LADIES' REBUS CLUB

NEW MEMBERS: Glenda Toon, Pam Bradley and Glenis Cashin were introduced by Lorraine Sanders and Bobbie Wakenell, and given their lovely flower posies, Rebus club badges and induction certificates. Welcome aboard ladies!



RECENT OUTINGS A group of club ladies thoroughly enjoyed a sold-out last night performance of **Centrestage's** production of **HELLO DOLLY**. We also had our annual **MID-WINTER LUNCH** which took place at **Hello Manly on 27 July**. Those who attended expressed interest in meeting more frequently for casual lunch catchups in and around local restaurants and cafes. It could be an option if there is enough interest from members.

Bobbie Wakenell, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS WAIHEKE ISLAND

Mini-Speaker: Margaret Rotondo spoke about her visit to the **Chatham Islands**. The Chathams consist of 25 islands and is 45 minutes ahead of NZ time. The group stayed in the warm and comfortable Waitangi Hotel, and the first evening each guest was served a whole crayfish for dinner, followed by paua and fresh fish on subsequent evenings. The Chathams has a rocky coastline, majestic cliffs, basalt formation, lovely beaches, prolific bird life especially weka, seals and giant kelp. The plants are shiny and clean, the kawakawa plant does not have the holes in the leaves that it has in New Zealand as it doesn't have the insect which cause that on the mainland. Each landholder has both a sea and agricultural boundary as both are required for survival. Margaret showed us pictures of rock carvings on the western side and beautiful tree carvings by the Moriori. Right: A very succesful **Midwinter Lunch held at Vino Vino**.



Tania Sweet, Newsletter Editor.

**If you are sweating at the petrol pump, feeling sick when you have to pay,
you must have CAROWNER virus!!!!**

WEST AUCKLAND MEN'S REBUS CLUB



When July's scheduled speaker needed to be replaced, **Phil Sai-Louie** was able to step into the speaker's slot at virtually a moment's notice. The expectation was that Phil would give one of his regular talks, such as surnames of the British Isles. However he chose not to do that and instead organised a quiz. Phil explained how the quiz would be conducted. Fears of catching Omicron and a wet winter's day resulted in only sixteen members attending the meeting, who were divided into four groups who competed against each other. All the quiz questions were multi-choice. The group with

the most correct answers was promised a "fantastic prize" - a blue and yellow box of crunchie bars. The winners were Ian Smith, Peter Cox, Vince Middeldorp and Andrew Narayan (obscured).



Vince Middeldorp, Secretary.

TAURANGA CENTRAL LADIES' REBUS CLUB



Left: Life Members Gloria Mouatt and Delia French cutting the Birthday cakes in June.

At our July meeting we listened to two entertaining speakers, **Dan Allen-Gordon and Ayla Dellaway**, both from the **Graeme Dingle Foundation**. Dan's involvement with the Foundation has spread over 20 years. Although the Foundation does get some financial support from the Government it is not consistent, nor enough. Therefore, it is envisaged a container will be present on a table for members to donate money during the September, October and

November meetings to fundraise for this cause. Photo right: Jill King, Dan Allen-Gordon, Lyn Hartley, Ayla Delaware Sharon Frost. *Margaret Douglas, Newsletter Editor.*



REBUS CLUB OF MANAWATU

At the September meeting we will belatedly celebrate our birthday: morning tea and a special presentation from a well-known Palmerston North Resident and former President of our club.

Sunday Lunch: Last Sunday of the month: Venue: Little Savanna, Princess St., on Sunday August 28th. It's a welcoming place with a big selection of food.

Hang in there, Spring really is coming.

Margie Comrie.



WAIKANA E MILLENNIUM REBUS CLUB INC.

The theme of recent club activities has been "local". A small group went on the July outing to the Kapiti Chocolate Factory in Raumati where we learnt about the making of the chocolates (with sampling). There has been a chocolate factory on this site for nearly 30 years and the current owners took over a few years ago purchasing Kako Chocolates in Auckland in 2020 and moving their operations to the site as well. They make promotional chocolates for companies and sell online. They offer a subscription for a monthly delivery of a chocolate box - perfect for chocoholics!

Following on with our local theme, our August speakers were Jane Manthel and Tony Hartevelt from the Mirek Smisek Arts Trust who outlined the plan for an exciting project centred around the hand-built beehive kilns at Te Horo. Mirek Smisek, an internationally renowned potter plans to create a hub for potters to work and display their wares as well as creating bushwalks and events. The Trust envisages "The Kilns at Te Horo" will become a visitor destination and new attraction on the Kapiti Coast.

David Goggin, Newsletter Editor.

SOUTH WAIRARAPA REBUS CLUB

The **Guest Speaker** at our July meeting was **Jills Angus Burney** who, as an adoptee and a barrister, introduced us to the current review of the law surrounding adoption in New Zealand.

Jills was born in June 1960, four days into her birth parents' honeymoon. Adoption transferred the legal responsibility for, and legal parentage, from her Angus birth family to the Burney adoptive family. The law treated her as if she were born to the Burney family. Until 1985, the law totally restricted all access to her birth information. The information

then available allowed her, in January 1995, to be reunited with her Angus birth father and her younger sister. Sadly, her brother and her birth mother had died respectively in 1991 and 1992.

Jills said, "The Act is now out of step with contemporary norms and best practice regarding the care of children. Open adoption, where contact is encouraged between birth and adoptive whanau, is now the norm but the law does not yet provide a framework for this."

The topics covered by the recent public consultation, closed on 8 August, examined the big questions like the purpose of adoption, who can be adopted and who may adopt. "Who can access adoption information under the law," said Jills, "is of great interest to me, as the State still refuses to fully release our birth files." *David Woodhams, Editor.*

REBUS CLUB OF MILSON INC.

The **Speaker** at our July Meeting (L) was **Kevin Palfreyman from Fonterra**. What an amazing talk, and so informative.



A wonderful bus trip on 20 July - Morning tea in Paraparaumu, over the new Motorway, Transmission Gully, around the Wellington Bays and Lunch. *Margaret Broderick, Secretary.*

REBUS CLUB OF UPPER HUTT INC.

The **Guest Speaker** was **Les Molloy**. Les's talk mainly illustrated a trek he led around **Nanga Parbat** in 1997. Nanga Parbat (8126m) is the world's 9th highest mountain and has a notorious reputation because of its difficulty and high death toll of climbers.



The spectacular Karakoram Mountains of Pakistan are the most rapidly-rising mountain range on Earth and contain several 8000m+ peaks, including K2 the world's second highest mountain. *Alex Attewell, Editor.*

REBUS CLUB OF PALMERSTON NORTH

At our August club meeting we were entertained by two interesting talks. **Club Speaker, Val Morrison** gave us a summary of her life story growing up in Palmerston North and working in the banking industry. Marching team competitions have been a successful part of her leisure time.

Guest Speaker, Christina Hemmingsen told us about the work of the **MASH Trust**, formed in 1989 as the Manawatu Accommodation & Shelter Trust, now also providing other services such as counselling, home support, and disability and mental health services. MASH is a non-government organisation and registered charity operating throughout the lower North Island.

Palmerston North's power station was built in 1924 as the city's main supply throughout the 1920s and 1930s. It continued to be used to cut peak demand until the 1990s. It is now a heritage site managed by the Electric Power Station Trust. On a recent club visit, Alan tried his hand at starting a generator (photo).



Dean Halford, Newsletter Editor.

What counts can't always be counted; what can be counted doesn't always count. Albert Einstein.

REBUS CLUB OF GULF HARBOUR

The outing planned to the **Kaipara Sculpture Gardens** sadly had to be cancelled due to a wet front that lasted 4 days. However, the second part of that outing went ahead with 20 members enjoying lunch in the dry warmth of the **Wade Hotel in Silverdale**. Brief breaks in the weather enabled the Ramblers group to visit both the Shakespear and Wenderholm Regional Parks.

Our **Guest Speaker** for August was well known entertainer and comedian, **Colin Parris**. He was hilarious, causing tears of laughter – so good for our souls. Photo: some of the many characters played by Colin.

Pamela Warner, Secretary.



WAITAKERE COMBINED REBUS CLUB

It was a very small gathering this month, due to the cold, wet weather we have been having.

But the members who did brave the rain, were well entertained. Speaker, James Duncan told us about the trams in Auckland and the history behind them. He also showed us slides of early Auckland, and some of the members added memories of their younger days.

Phyllis Greenland, Secretary.

REBUS CLUB OF FEILDING



Our **Speaker** in August was **Marian Dean** from **Age Concern**, who offer 4 lines of support: community support, elder abuse, health promotion, and the Social Connection programme. They offer help with government departments and have caring callers who phone people daily. Their aim is to improve wellbeing and social connection.

Life without a car. Walk more (health benefit), bike, bus (get a BEE/HOP card), buy a mobility scooter (grants through Lotteries) or have a carpool of friends. Some service clubs have a shuttle service. Driving Miss Daisy & Sunshine are a private door to door taxi service who provide extra help. Mobility cards can be used anywhere in NZ. *Lyn Jensen, Newsletter Editor.*

WOMEN'S REBUS CLUB OF WAIKANAĒ



Cameo Speaker: In August, **Bev Chappell** shared stories about her life, mostly with her twin sister, Allison. We were fascinated with your talk Bev and hope to hear more at a later date.

Speaker for August: Owing to circumstances beyond her control, our **Speaker** was not able to be with us. Fortunately, one of our committee, **Joy McLeod** had had the foresight to arrange a quiz – just in case! We arranged ourselves into groups of around 5 or 6 and enjoyed pitting our wits with a little quiz, borrowed from The Chase! It was very much enjoyed by all, thank you Joy you saved the day - it was inspirational!!! Make sure you have a pen, pencil, or marker in your handbag for subsequent meetings – just in case!!!

Mary Paddock, Newsletter Editor.

CAMBRIDGE MEN'S REBUS CLUB

Member **David Lewis** provided an interesting and often hilarious account of his early upbringing, especially when his widowed mother ran a diary in Blockhouse Bay Road. He then focussed on key episodes of his Post Office employment history. After nursing his wife in 2017, he decided to retire and co-purchased with his daughter and son-in-law a site in Cambridge, close to where he originally had first lived.

Guest Speaker was **Gabby Byrne**, **General Manager of Cambridge Community House** a registered charity, promoting personal, family and community wellbeing in Cambridge. This support can include counselling, supporting whānau, assisting with family harm incidents, budget advice and other community services. They also assist in providing school uniforms, helping people apply for jobs, and where necessary, speaking to other organisations on individual's behalf.



Nigel Salter, Newsletter Editor.

If you don't have a big smile to give - a very, very small one will do. Helen Exley

PUKENAMU REBUS CLUB

Last month we had three Guest Speakers: **GLEN from Fire and Emergency NZ** advised us if there is a fire in your house just GET OUT – don't stop for anything!! e.g. Don't attempt to turn off the power (the firemen will do that). To prepare: 1. Decide on your 1st means of escape. 2. Decide on your 2nd means of escape. 3. Decide on your meeting place. You must be able to escape quickly – don't have security latches on **all** windows (double glazing cannot be broken, it's like safety glass).

KEITH is a Rural Community Constable and a Protection Officer. He said to call 111 if it is happening now or 105 if it happened yesterday. Be aware! Hide everything that is outside and locked if possible – increasingly, trailers are being stolen from properties. Scams – Rebus members are from a generation who just automatically trust people. Never let a stranger into your house – there are a lot of opportunists out there. Never agree/pay money to anyone who knocks on your door offering to fix something.

DEBBIE from Neighbourhood Support explained how being part of a group gives a secure feeling that you are not alone in your area, as neighbours keep watch for any suspicious behaviour. The organisation sends out regular newsletters and, from time to time, warnings from the police. *Helen Goldfinch, Newsletter Editor.*

Editor's note: This is a much-abridged account of Helen's contribution, but I felt a gentle reminder would not go amiss.

KOWHAI REBUS CLUB OF BETHLEHEM



Please welcome to our Club - Flo Goodrick, President Hoppy, Sheila Buckle and Ruth & Bob Ellis.

The smiles all round seem to indicate these new members have joined the right club! Ed.

Lisa Sutherland, Newsletter Editor.

Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened.

REBUS CLUB OF WANGANUI

City Bus Tour, Tuesday 23rd August 2022. The Mystery City Tour in the **Vintage Double Decker London Bus**. Members and friends had a delightful day. The tour was followed by lunch at "**Carolines Boatshed**".



The Double-Decker,



Cycle & walk bridge,



Castlecliffe Playground



Happy diners **Carolines**.

Paerau Taylor, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF KHANDALLAH



We had two meetings in July, due to the June meeting falling on Matariki.

Guest speaker at the beginning of the month was **Jon Duffy, Chief Executive of Consumer NZ**. which was established in 1959. It is an independent, non-profit organisation dedicated to getting New Zealanders a fairer deal. When it began the main focus was on the Consumer magazine, but Jon also talked about other ways Consumer NZ is ensuring people are getting a fair deal. He mentioned how some manufacturers are making it difficult to repair household appliances, by restricting access to the working parts, and Consumers NZ's endeavours to make all appliances repairable.



In late July the **Speaker** was **Juliane Tandy, Manager of Citizens Advice Bureau, Karori and Wellington Central**. Juliane told how the CAB is available to all people living in New Zealand, and not just citizens. They provide free, confidential independent information and advice, and help people know and understand their rights and responsibilities. They help people find community services they need, offer a budgeting service, and work for positive social change. As well as helping people face to face (no appointment is necessary) and by phone, they can be contacted online using live chat or by sending a message through their website.

Heather Nelson.

REBUS CLUB OF HAMILTON

A small group from Rebus travelled to Auckland on **TeHuia** recently. Everyone had plans to join with family and friends for the day, but it was great to have travelling companions to and from Auckland.



DINING OUT DAIKOKU

We had a great experience dining at a Japanese restaurant.

Watching our chef cooking at the table, and seeing the flames flare up - a bit of theatre appreciated by all. The food was delicious, and our members enjoyed an ethnic meal.

Kaye Wallis, Bulletin Editor.

FITZHERBERT REBUS CLUB INC.

Last month: Twenty-five years of fun and fellowship was celebrated by Club members, Past Presidents, Foundation members, the Secretary of Rebus NZ and friends. A pictorial screen show of past events was put together by President Allain Scott, (a very fit younger looking bunch). Allain filled us in on the history of our Club from its formation as a Probus Club, and Richard explained the transition to Rebus. I think this brought back many lovely memories for our older members. Some of the Foundation Members and Past Presidents spoke of their time leading the Club. A certificate of attaining 25 years was presented by Sue Eckworth, Rebus NZ Secretary, and a lovely morning tea was shared by all. The Club is in good heart and looking forward to the next 25 years.



(L) President Allain with Foundation Members Diana & Ian Steffert, Edith Rose-Collis, Deidre Deakin, Merle McCulloch, Betty Leggett.



(R) Past Presidents

Robin Fabian, Merle McCulloch, Glenne Sheppard, Suzanne Tamblyn, Rangi Royal, Renetta Dennis, and current President Allain Scott.

Karen Carter, Secretary.

REBUS CLUB CAMBRIDGE

A Chat with Davide Pini. 78-year-old Davide was born in England, but his parents originated from Breia, in Italy. Dave met Val while 10 pin bowling. Their son married a New Zealand girl, and in 1969 they decided to move to Cambridge, New Zealand, and have been here ever since. Dave worked for British Airways but retired to make the move to NZ. They have 2 grandchildren. Dave took me to his "man shed". His hobbies include remote control (RC) boats, planes, and photography. He currently owns "only" five cameras! Dave likes a challenge and is working on a 49inch wooden RC model of the "Dauntless" a commuter boat once owned by the Rockefellers in New York (see photo above) due for completion later this year. Dave has been a Rebus member for 18 months and is on the Committee in charge of the sound system and the data projector.



Steve O'Sullivan, Newsletter Editor.

COMBINED REBUS CLUB OF PARAPARAUMU BEACH INC.



10-minute speaker Karl Fasching spoke to us about his many years of membership of a Raumatī group providing the elderly (and the not so old) with the opportunity of healthy exercise in the style of Tai Chi. In particular, it has given Karl the ability to improve his balance as the years pass by.

Roger & Joan Pitchforth then spoke to us about **Malta** and its history, going back hundreds of years when various factions fought over its ownership. Not for the first time in history, many of the struggles could be traced back to religion, although much value was always placed on the island's strategic position to the south of Sicily and not far from the continent of Africa. It guards passage from the Mediterranean Sea through to eastern European countries and the Middle East beyond.



Steve Hutchison, Presidential Scribe.

REBUS CLUB OF RIVERSIDE HAMILTON



Last meeting: Gerald Bailey gave us an entertaining talk on his time as an international tour guide for **Calder and Lawson** travel.

Virginia Graham spoke about the concept of the **Hamilton Gardens**, their growth, and future projects.

Photo from July, when the **Tramping Group** had a day in **Waihi**, where they had a guided walk around the battery site and Cyanide Towers on

Union Hill, while learning about the mining practices to extract gold from the quartz. In the afternoon there was a visit to the **Waihi Museum** to absorb some more mining history.

Steve O'Sullivan, Bulletin Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF HIBISCUS COAST

Our **August Guest Speaker** was **Dr Chris Benton** – a member of the Hibiscus Coast Astronomical Society. Chris's superb presentation was about the newly launched **James**



Webb Space Telescope. His slide show revealed many of the newly received images already transmitted back to earth and in much greater detail and clarity than with earlier telescopes. His enthusiasm for his subject was clear as he described the captivating insights that it will

provide for astronomers and scientists in coming years. Our members were in awe as we attempted to fathom the meaning of billions of Light Years. Pres. Garth Dutton presented a Certificate of Appreciation.



Phil Martell, Bulletin Editor.

And that is all I have for you this month. We all seem to be coping with the virus in our own way, and our Clubs are continuing with varying degrees of caution. If you had asked me eighteen months ago to predict how the organisation would fare, I probably would not have been so optimistic. So, well done everyone, and thank you for being so diligent and looking after one another.

Thank you for your contributions to Rebus Club News, it is your input that makes it read worthy. However, please note: from experience, I have learned that with all the best intentions in the world, planned speakers/outings/and other events can, and often are, cancelled for a multitude of reasons, and therefore my policy is not to include future speakers/events etc., but details of what has already occurred. Till next month, stay safe and start planning your summer garden.



Jean - Editor, Rebus Club News.