REBUS CLUB NEWS

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WELCOME

Daylight saving started about a month ago. We've been using the extra evening daylight for more outdoor activities and getting stuck into the vege garden. We hope to have lots of tomatoes, silver beet and cabbages in the next few months.

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.*

WARKWORTH LADIES' REBUS CLUB



[Left] **Ros Lusk's** cameo presentation on her journey to enter an item in WOW was perfectly timed, with the 2026 event having debuted just the previous week. She gave us a fascinating insight into the history of the World of Wearable Art (WOW), which was started in Nelson in 1987. Ros and her friend's creation, entered in the Bizarre Bra category for the 2006 event, was aptly named Mammosaurus!



[Right] A great day was had by a group of members who visited the Titanic exhibition at Smith & Caughey's building in Auckland. The exhibition was about much more than the Titanic itself. It explored the Second Industrial Revolution, which spanned the late 19th and early 20th centuries, providing fascinating insight into the technology, industry and innovation that made it possible to design, build and fit out a ship as remarkable as the Titanic. *-Maryanne Dransfield, Newsletter Editor.*

REBUS WAIHEKE ISLAND



Our main speaker was **Belinda Robinson**, the eldest of New Zealand playwright Bruce Mason and his wife Diana Shaw's three children. She grew up in Kilbirnie Wellington, graduated from Victoria University with a MA(Hons) in English Literature and has had a long career in marketing communications including copywriting and more recently web content management for the University of Auckland. For her talk entitled "Telling your story: a few notes on writing a memoir", she drew on examples from her own recently published memoir "Unforgetting" to illustrate her main points. She stressed that a memoir is neither an autobiography nor a biography, it is incredibly subjective and that it must be true at least as far as one's memory is concerned.



The mini speaker this month was **Steve Robinson**, from Ananda Tours. Steve explained that Ananda means bliss in Sanskrit – a fitting title for tours on Waiheke. (The company was founded by his sister in-law Jennie MacDonald in 1999, and she is still involved.) Initially focused on art tours, wine was included in the tours when the Goldwaters, Stephen White from Stonyridge and the Hamiltons from Peninsular Estate developed the first vineyards and today, olive-oil tastings are also included. *-Rhonda Paton, Newsletter Editor.*

REBUS OF FOXTON

Last Friday our Foxton Rebus Club went to the Himitangi Cossie Club for a meal. 18 members attended and we had great evening - good food, plenty of it and a lot of laughter and chitchat! --*Susan Galea, Newsletter Editor.*

REBUS CLUB OREWA



[Left] Our Club Speakers in September were **Rose-Marie** and **Robert Letcher,** who gave us an interesting and humorous talk on their careers as actors, stage managers and set designers for many stage productions in the theatre in Auckland and also of their lives in Belmont.



Our Guest Speakers in September were from the local Community Patrol. They are a team of trained, Police-vetted volunteers who patrol the suburbs and public spaces of the mainland Hibiscus Coast, observing and reporting to NZ Police so they can respond where it matters most. The Whangaparāoa Peninsula is looked after by its own Whangaparāoa Community Patrol. The patrollers are ordinary members of the community — neighbours, retirees, parents, tradespeople — who choose to spend a few hours each month helping keep our streets, parks and shopping areas a little safer. -*Maureen Grigg, Bulletin Editor.*

REBUS CLUB OF PARAPARAUMU BEACH INC.



Our main speaker, **Sue Scutter** (Wakefields Lawyers) talked with us about many of the legal issues we need to address. While much of it covered Wills and EPA's, she also talked about some of the other areas for legal advice, including independent legal advice around moving to a retirement village.

-*Susan Hagedorn, Newsletter Editor.*

WEST AUCKLAND MEN'S REBUS CLUB



Allan Williamson shared the story of a journey that took him into one of the last great wildernesses on the planet. After a few days stop-over in San Francisco, they headed north to Anchorage for twelve days of touring through Alaska and the Yukon. "What remains is the impression of scale. Outside the few cities, Alaska is empty in a way that is hard to convey until you have driven through it for days. Facilities are sparse, distances are large, and the scenery never stops. Winter is severe; the infrastructure for visitors is built around the short summer season. Even so, the trip left us with a clear sense of the place."



Alan Verry took members on a tour of the new City Rail Link stations and routes. About 60 of us turned up. We came from the Railway Enthusiasts Society, the West Auckland Men's Rebus Club, the Waitakere Combined Rebus Club, and the Waitakere Gardens Retirement Village.

-*Vince Middeldorp, Newsletter Editor.*

REBUS CLUB OF GULF HARBOUR



[Left] October is our birthday month, and this year we celebrated seven years since we became a Rebus Affiliate. We think we are the only Rebus Club that has been started from scratch – not having renamed ourselves from something else. The Committee put on a special morning tea, and the birthday cake was made by member **Karen Clout**. Forty-six members enjoyed the special occasion.

Club Speaker was **Gill Wild** who took us with her as she relived a recent holiday she and husband Neil enjoyed in Greece and Türkiye.



Guest Speaker, **Bruce Tong** – Principal of Wentworth College. Bruce trained as a primary teacher, then spent a number of years as Deputy Principal at Westlake Boys High School. He was appointed Principal of Wentworth College at Gulf Harbour before the school was built. October 2002 to February 2003 was a frantic four months; engaging staff, organising uniforms, selecting furniture etc. – opening in February 2003 with 10 teachers and 35 pupils.

- Jean McIntosh, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF PALMERSTON NORTH

Club Speaker for the October meeting was **Sue Eckworth**, former President, Secretary and committee member of our club and former Secretary of the Rebus NZ Board. A very interesting talk. Sue drew lots of nostalgia as she spoke of her memories of growing up in Wellington and Bideford. Those were the days!

Our guest speaker was **Rick Bolger**, a trainer and Deputy Chairperson of the Citizens Advice Bureau, Palmerston North. CAB provides free, confidential, independent information and advice on a very broad range of matters to anyone. Last year CAB volunteers answered 130,000 enquiries.



[Left] A visit to the Coach House Museum in Feilding was much enjoyed by a group of us (see photo). The display of mainly agricultural and transport equipment is magnificent – a wonderful collection of historical items

- Dean Halford, Newsletter Editor.

CAMBRIDGE MEN'S REBUS CLUB



The Club outing for September was a visit to the magnificent BNZ Waikato Regional Theatre in Hamilton, where we were hosted by staff. The tour included viewing the awesome auditorium, the on-stage facilities as well as a tour of the amazing back-stage facilities utilised by visiting performers.



[Right] **Simon Wickham**, CEO of New Zealand Rowing was guest speaker at the September meeting. Simon, who has enjoyed a successful career in both business and sports administration gave an insight into the processes and steps to be followed if budding rowers have ambitions to progress from school-based rowing activities (such as the Madi) through to the elite level, representing New Zealand on the international stage. *- Nigel Salter, Bulletin Editor.*

CAMBRIDGE REBUS CLUB



Our guest speaker was **Nina Parker** who Is the lead gardener at The Micro Farm, a bio-diverse market garden in rural Te Awamutu, that grows medicinal herbs and teas, microgreens, fruit, and annual crops. The farm is sited at Hearthstone, an off-grid multi-business location that includes a shop that sells Waikato based organics. *-Steve O'Sullivan, Newsletter Editor.*

REBUS CLUB OF RIVERSIDE HAMILTON



A large group of Rebus Club members, and a few children, went on a tour of the Velodrome, at Cambridge last month.

Our guide, Kyle, showed us all the training facilities and we even saw the NZ cycling team training. A bite to eat and coffee at the Bikery Café afterwards. (Photo: Sue Oldfield)



[Left] Last month's Sunday Lunch Group at The Lily Pad Café.

-Steve O'Sullivan, Bulletin Editor.

WAIKANAE MILLENNIUM REBUS CLUB



[Left] LUNCHEON AT THE VISTA 30 members partook of excellent food when they met at The Vista Club Sunset Grill on Thursday 24th September. Members were impressed with the unique system of service and blown away by the view of Kapiti Island. Conviviality was the name of the day.

[Below] Our **cycling group** moves all around Kapiti. From the very comfortable seats in the Café at Metlifecare, Kapiti Village (right) in Paraparaumu, to the open air picnic benches at Blackhood Baker Café (far right) in Te Horo.





- David Goggin, Newsletter Editor.

SOUTH WAIRARAPA REBUS CLUB



New Zealand is almost 12,000 kilometres away from the 66-million-year-old Chicxulub crater. When an asteroid, about 12 km wide, struck the Yucatán Peninsula, near Mexico at an estimated speed of 20 km/s (72,000 km/h), it caused a magnitude 11-12 earthquake and generated an initial wave up to 4.5 km high, which quickly settled into massive outward-propagating ring waves. The energy propagated southwest across the Pacific, directly toward the Zealandia landmass that would later become New Zealand.

Our guest speaker, **Prof Chris Hollis,** had already been studying the geology of the Wairarapa, especially the area around Tora, when he became associated with a landmark global modelling study, led by the University of Michigan, that mapped out how the waves reached New Zealand and what damage was caused. *- David Woodhams, Newsletter Editor.*

REBUS CLUB OF WANGANUI



[Left] Our October Meeting Luncheon was held at St Johns Club with about 23 attending.

[Right] Club speaker **Nola Clark** spoke of ancestry and how important it is to record our memories for future generations, and the help there is out there to do so. Write stuff down for your family so they can have an idea of what you got up to in your lifetime.



-Kelvin Adam, Newsletter Editor.

TAUPO MOANA REBUS CLUB



Taupo Moana Rebus' November outing was to the Tongariro National Trout Centre. Our members explored the freshwater aquarium, working hatchery and underwater viewing chamber and ambled along the nature walk. Everyone agreed it was a lovely way to spend a day. Definitely recommend to anyone passing through Turangi.

-Janice Laurenson, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF HIBISCUS COAST



[Left] Earlier in the month a number of us visited One Tree Hill's Stardome Planetarium and Observatory which put on a private presentation and accompanying video projection across their huge, domed ceiling-screen. Very impressive and absolutely worth a visit if you're in the neighbourhood.



[Right] Our guest speaker was well known sailor **Murray Thom** who, in partnership with Russell Coutts, has revived and turned Manly Sailing Club into a world class training and small boats competition venue



We had a record turnout at the last combined dinner for the year. 40 of us gathered at Manly's Maison Thai restaurant which once again provided great food in a convivial atmosphere enjoyed by all

- Neville Drower, Bulletin Editor.

PUKENAMU REBUS CLUB INC



BIRTHDAY LUNCH - We had a wonderful turnout - 68 members arrived for our 28th birthday lunch at the Laird Park Bowling Club.

[Left] Our birthday cake was cut by **Pam Duncan**, a future member.



[Right] Past Presidents. **Mike Greggains, Mary Harrison, Kathleen O'Sullivan, Allan Raisin, Leon Carter, Maree & Don Adams, Tony McColl, Barbara Young.**



OUTING - We were invited to a club meeting of the Milson Rebus Club in Palmerston North and 14 members piled into cars for the one-hour drive. The club speaker kept us laughing when she told us about motel-sitting in Samoa – particularly their many run-ins with the resident chooks. After a delicious home-made morning tea, we came away with new ideas to suggest to our club. We then joined Milson members at the Hokowhitu Golf Club for lunch in their big dining room. - *Helen Goldfinch, Newsletter Editor.*

REBUS CLUB OF UPPER HUTT



[Photo] Life member: **David Keenan** was awarded a Life Membership certificate recognising his long involvement with the club.



The Guest Speaker was **Chris Dugdale** (right) who spoke about her life and the Dugdale Family Trust. A fascinating and dynamic personality who describes herself as having a passion for people, property, projects, and making a difference in the lives of others. - *Alex Attewell, Newsletter Editor.*

WOMEN'S REBUS CLUB OF WAIKANAE



October Meeting – **Emiliia and Ewen McDonald** and **Glenys Evans**: Our three speakers treated us to an excellent presentation of information, entertainment and inspiration. Emiliia and Glenys are both members of the Can Survive Dragon Boat team and Ewen, Emiliia 's husband, is their coach. The purpose of the team is to promote health and fitness through dragon boating, and prove that there can be a positive outcome after cancer diagnosis

- Mary Paddock, Newsletter Editor.

PAPANUI REBUS CLUB

Our Club Speaker was **Joy Schroeder** who shared with us her time on Lord Howe Island, a UNESCO World Heritage site off the coast of NSW. She shared some interesting facts about the island and the wildlife and highly recommended visiting it. Best time to go is Mar – May and Sep – Nov.

Our guest speaker was **Glenda Martin** from Volunteering Canterbury, which was started in 1988 by Lady Judith Hay. She gave us some insight into how many unpaid hours are given to volunteering, which in Canterbury alone, if given a dollar value, would amount to around $21,300,000, based on minimum wage.





26 members enjoyed the lunch at Merrin St Brewery & Bar, an old favourite. Always great service and well-priced, delicious Gold Card meals.

-Linda Barnes, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF HAMILTON



Titanic Exhibition: Last week a group of 13 members travelled by Te Huia train to Auckland (via the new City Loop) to see the Titanic Exhibition. The exhibition was uncanny, with displays of real and imagined experiences and a lot of history relating to the building of this 'sinkable' ship on its maiden voyage.

-Karen Devoy, Newsletter Editor.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all the Clubs who contributed to this month's **Rebus Club News.**

A reminder that contributions should be sent to rebusclubnews@gmail.com and prior to the 25th of each month.

Have a safe and warm week.

Steve O'Sullivan,

Editor, REBUS CLUB NEWS