



REBUS CLUB NEWS

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WELCOME

We are now officially more than halfway through the year – summer is coming soon. Although with the wet weather some have been having over the last few days, it must seem a long way off.

We had a massive downpour yesterday and all the paddocks were waterlogged. But today there is a hint of sunshine. My wife wants to ride her horse as soon as it dries up a little.

This month we have a good roundup of news from Rebus Clubs throughout New Zealand. Many clubs have had or are about to have their mid-winter luncheons. A time to get a nice hot roast meal with lashings of gravy, fine fellowship and good company.

I hope you enjoy this issue.

-Steve O'Sullivan, Rebus Club News Editor.

"The two most important days of your life are the day you are born and the day you discover why."

REBUS CLUB OREWA

Guest Speaker in May was Club Member **Norman Biss**, who spoke on how World War II impacted his career. Aged 8 years Norman went to boarding school in the UK as the bombs were falling on the schools in the cities. He remembers barrage balloons to deter German aircraft. Mickey Mouse style gas masks for children. He also showed us a photo of a Morrison shelter which was



a cage you would get into in your home to protect from falling debris during a bombing. His father was in the Royal Electrical Mechanical Engineers in Portsmouth and oversaw the US trucks getting ready for D Day in 1944. Later in 1948 he went back normal school.

His family decided to emigrate in NZ after all the upheaval of war. This was where the move due to the war made an impact on his career choice. He arrived in NZ when he was 10 years old and his family settled in Rothesay Bay, and he attended Browns Bay Primary School. Here he was taught cursive writing after only using pencil and print style writing at his UK school. His writing style flourished and got him interested in the artistic style of writing. He was good at art and in 1952 won an A1 Star for sketch of the week at school. He did well at Technical Drawing and Art which furnished him with the skills for signwriting. He later started his own business in his dad's garage called Norman Biss Signs. Progress started to take over and computerised vinyl cutting machines came along. He was President of the NZ Sign & Display Association in 1987. Norman enjoyed 15 years of signage work all over NZ. Thank you Norman for an interesting presentation. *-Maureen Grigg, Bulletin Editor.*



REBUS CLUB OF KHANDALLAH

In May the Book Group 2 began with tea or coffee with delicious feijoa cake and cheddar cheese flaky puff pastries with Parmesan cheese. **Jillian** enjoyed an exciting trip to Egypt and Sicily.



She and her husband were in a group of eight, escorted at all times by four policemen armed with pistols and rifles. When Jillian needed help up a steep hill, one policeman helped her, while another armed policeman made up the escort quota. They had no problems and the areas they were in were not crowded. They climbed up inside a pyramid tunnel which was rather closed in and smelly. But outside they also saw brightly coloured wall frescos and columns in temples thousands of years old. In Cairo they visited GEM, the new “Grand Egyptian Museum” with more astonishing items just as old. There was a gold statue of Rameses with a middle finger two feet long. Later they visited Sicily which they enjoyed very much. We all felt a bit envious. We did talk about the books we had read. (Ros Lambrechtsen)

This month the Garden Group has decided on an indoor activity as April’s visit to Anam Cara in Ōtaki had to be cancelled at the last minute due to the weather.

This month we are enjoying a movie at Lighthouse Petone about the Hamilton Gardens. Converted from the city rubbish dump into awesome themed “rooms” this Council-led project has become a tourist attraction for the city. The gardens are apparently still being added to, and we are toying with the idea of a possible trip to enjoy them in person early next year. (Viv Forrest) -*Ros Lambrechtsen, Newsletter Editor.*

REBUS CLUB OF PARAPARAUMU BEACH INC



This month our solitaires group met at Mitre 10 in the garden centre. Cheryl, the very clever lady in the garden centre, came and talked to us about new plants and products and then she answered all our questions about problems in the garden. A very enjoyable morning, then we went inside for lunch.



The walking group was able to walk on both of our walking days this month. The first walk was south along the Raumati Beach and circling back through the houses via Matthew’s Park to Waterfront Cafe where we had our drinks. A good turnout of walkers enjoyed the slightly cool day and nice walk.



Our second walk was on a beautiful day along the Nikau Village ridge. This is one of our more challenging walks which our smaller group of brave walkers were up for. Well done walkers!

-*Susan Hagedorn and Janis Howarth, Newsletter Editors.*

CAMBRIDGE REBUS CLUB



There were pickles, grapes, celery, champagne ham, roast beef, two types of bread, lashings of butter and relishes, a selection of cheeses, cherry tomatoes, complimented by a range of mini cakes to finish. The 2026 Cambridge Rebus Ploughman's lunch was well attended, with nearly half the membership in attendance. All the catering was done by the committee. – *Steve O'Sullivan, Newsletter Editor.*

REBUS WAIHEKE ISLAND



Our mini speaker was **Reverend Ian Nicholson** speaking about his time in Qatar, an independent Emirate off the East coast of Saudi Arabia, in the Persian Gulf. In 2014, Ian and his wife Carol moved from Waiheke to Qatar for 6 years. Their first impression on arrival was of a flat dry expanse, totally different to NZ. At first glance, there seemed to be vague parallels to life in NZ: lovely beaches, some farming, racing (albeit robots on camels) and birds – lots of birds (albeit pampered falcons). However, Qatar is the 3rd wealthiest country with a very different culture – their wealth originally from natural pearls and now, oil and gas. To be a Christian in

Qatar is not unusual as around 80% of the people living there are migrants predominantly employed in service and labour, so there is a real ecumenical melting pot. To accommodate this religious diversity, Qatar allowed the construction of a “religious complex” for all religions other than Islam. Funds were raised by Christian Communities worldwide to build this facility. There are 28 worship places within the building, and some 70,000 people can come to worship in a 24-hour period – prebooked services on Fridays and Saturdays only. No crosses or stained-glass windows are permitted to be visible from the outside, and no Qataris are allowed inside. As well as conducting the Anglican services, Ian had a staff of about 20 to manage, youth groups to facilitate and prison ministry where spiritual and practical assistance was given to inmates. Although Qatar has a no-alcohol policy, communion wine was permitted within the complex.



Our main speaker this month was **Dr. Carol Nicholson** (wife of Rev. Ian Nicholson) speaking about her time in Nepal. Kunde hospital is in Kunde village at an altitude of 3,840 meters in the Mt. Everest region and was built in 1966 by Sir Edmund Hillary at the request of the Sherpa Community. In addition to providing medical services to the locals, this hospital helps the people who have moved to the area for work and to the seasonal workers and some trekkers. It was to this hospital that Carol, Ian and two of their three young sons moved from Waiheke in the early 2000's. Their oldest child was in boarding school but came to stay during the

holidays. There were many challenges to face these intrepid kiwis in Kunde – miserable misty monsoon seasons, freezing cold winters, primitive living and working conditions, poor nutrition and always the potential for altitude sickness as they had to walk almost everywhere which could be exhausting. The family acclimatized over time and adjusted to conditions there. The children were educated via NZ

correspondence school systems, but turnaround times for marking and feedback were lengthy (2-3 months) and not always the best for learning. As sole medical officer at the hospital at that time, Carol had 3 staff members who were invaluable assistants with nursing, administration and meticulous record keeping, x-rays, and translation. There were always medical students from other countries as well to assist her on a rotating basis. There was just 1 room for inpatients when Carol first arrived, but later 2 more rooms were added. The waiting room was outside, and the toilet was a long drop with leaves for composting in a small separate building. Drugs and medical supplies were delivered every 6 months by yaks from Kathmandu. Some food supplies were also delivered that way, with some staple vegetables, fruit and buffalo meat able to be bought at markets set up near the village by Tibetan traders. The main issues Carol saw with Kunde and other villages in which she provided clinical services were poverty, illiteracy, having to walk long distances in all weathers and shortages of medical supplies. Although older Nepalese were often illiterate, they were fierce about educating their children, and often sent them to Kathmandu for schooling, where they had to fend for themselves, living difficult and sometimes inadequately supervised lives, often resulting in a loss of culture. -Rhonda Paton, Newsletter Editor.

WEST AUCKLAND MEN'S REBUS CLUB



[Left] Who said hardware shopping and a good coffee don't mix? Rebus Club members make themselves very much at home at Columbus Coffee, Mitre 10 New Lynn. The morning itself was a great success. The venue was well received — and perhaps that owed something to a further stroke of luck. We were seated at a long bench table rather than scattered across small individual tables. We had the best seats in the house.



[Above] Members of West Auckland Men's and Waitakere Combined Rebus Clubs enjoy a joint coffee morning at Sierra Café, Henderson — brought together by the man in the orange jacket, Ian Smith, who has a foot in both camps!

-Vince Middeldorp, Newsletter Editor.

CAMBRIDGE MEN'S REBUS CLUB

Guest Speaker was **Craig Rodger** from the Home of Cycling at the Velodrome. Craig spoke to the construction of the velodrome and supplemented his talk with a time-lapse video recording of the actual construction. He explained the uniqueness of the velodrome - noting that there are only 22 comparable facilities world-wide. Craig brought his own track cycle, and various high-tech components that are designed and manufactured in NZ and incorporated in



the national team cycles. One example was an aerodynamic rear wheel costing around \$20,000 on its own. Graig has offered to host the Club on a tour of the velodrome facilities.



[Left] The visit to the Karapiro Hydro Station on 27th May was attended by 20 members. Our host, Kiel, provided a briefing on the history of the dam construction and explained the extended process for the recently completed upgrade to the generating capacity of the dam. The generators can now deliver output of around 120 megawatts.

- Nigel Salter, Bulletin Editor.

WAIKANAE MILLENNIUM REBUS CLUB



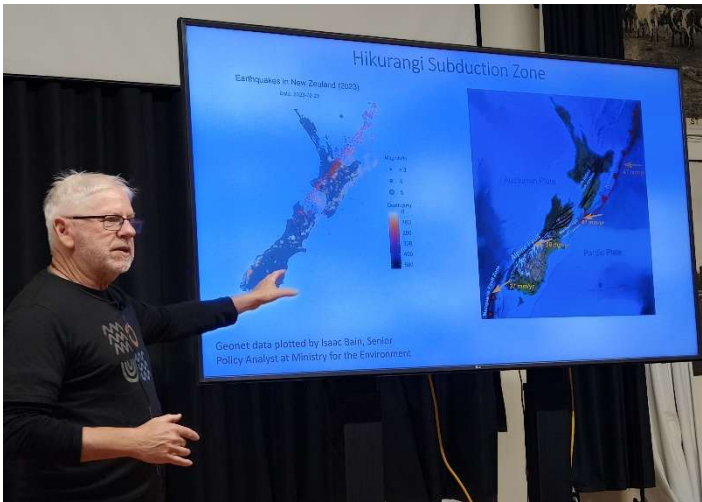
[Above] MINIGOLF: 18 enthusiastic, competent and incompetent (blame the course) minigolfers had a great day of fun, agony and sledging. Par was 43 and scores ranged from 44 to 99. **Sally Mathieson** (centre) was the winner with 44 and six folk won prizes for holes in one. Before the tournament members met at Ambience for coffee.



[Left] LUNCH AT THE BOUNDARY: May Dineout was at The Boundary Restaurant and Tap in Raumati Beach. We had 30 people attend and we were well looked after by the staff serving an excellent menu, and a large selection of drinks from the bar.

- David Goggin, Newsletter Editor.

SOUTH WAIRARAPA REBUS CLUB



At our May meeting, introduced us to the geology of northern Wairarapa, highlighting a creative 'paint by numbers' approach he developed to make geological mapping easier for students and amateurs to understand. The Wairarapa region is on the boundary of the overriding Australian and the subducting Pacific tectonic plates. It is characterised by the 150–200-million-year-old Remutaka and Tararua greywacke ranges in the west, uplifted sedimentary coastal basins in the valley, and hill country to the east that is made of younger marine rocks. Supplementing the maps were Chris's descriptions and field photographs. One, of the Wairarapa fault, was particularly

graphic. During the 1855 earthquake, some of the affected land was raised by four to six metres and moved sideways by about 17 metres. This is the largest measured single-event dislocation recorded anywhere on the planet.
- David J Woodhams, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF PALMERSTON NORTH



[Photo] We welcomed five new members to our club at the June meeting: **Paul and Annette Gregg, Barbara Jones, Kath Nevatt and Jan Thomas** joined us from the Manawatu Rebus Club which had wound up. They were warmly welcomed by President who presented them with their name badge, Rebus pin or brooch, and a copy of the club's history book.

Margaret Tennant, Research Professor of History at Massey University, was our Guest Speaker. She gave a PowerPoint presentation on Palmerston North and the railway, a social history. Until 1964, the railway ran through the city centre. Although it gave the city a 'grubby' appearance, the period could be called the Romance of the Rail: 'Dirt, noise, smell, excitement, danger, bringing people together.' Palmerston North, as an important hub on the Main Trunk Line, has been shaped by the railway economically, industrially and socially. An absorbing talk that brought back many memories and enlightened us with new information.



[Photo] The era of steam was also the theme of a visit by a group of us to the Tokomaru Steam Engine Museum, which is nowadays seldom open to the public. This was a rare opportunity to see several types of engines and a locomotive used in bygone days in NZ to power many industries. Thanks to our IPP **Marilyn Laing** (in photo) for organising this trip down memory lane.

- Dean Halford, Newsletter Editor.

WARKWORTH MEN'S REBUS CLUB



For our June meeting we had an unusual guest speaker. **Judge Johan Slabbert**, (pictured) a retired South African judge of the apartheid era. The Judge gave an extremely interesting talk comparing NZ and SA law and spiced his talk with many anecdotes, both amusing and harrowing. He also recounted the time he got into trouble for criticising the apartheid government, and his dealings with Nelson Mandela, when Mandela was President. He told of the transformation that Mandela was able to bring to the country after apartheid, and lamented that the President only served for one term.

Our club speaker, longtime member and retired committee stalwart, **Bob Dye** gave an insightful talk about fencing – the athletic sport. Bob used to be a national coach in the UK.

It is having such unusual and interesting speakers that adds vigour to a club. We had over 65 in attendance!

-Stephen Becket, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF MT. HOBSON



Club Speaker, **Roger Wilkinson**, spoke on the “The Seven Stans” An unforgettable journey through Central Asia and beyond. Club members were treated to a fascinating presentation by Roger, who shared stories and photographs from an adventurous overland journey through “The Seven Stans” —a remarkable expedition across Central Asia, China, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Roger and his wife travelled predominantly by car through some of the world’s most remote and intriguing regions, beginning in Turkmenistan and ending in Afghanistan. Along the way they experienced extraordinary landscapes, colourful cultures, unusual border crossings and more than a few challenging roads.

Roger concluded by reflecting on the incredible diversity of landscapes, cultures and experiences encountered during the trip. From marble cities and desert roads to towering mountains and ancient Silk Road settlements, “The Seven Stans” proved to be a truly unforgettable adventure. Members thoroughly enjoyed Roger’s entertaining storytelling, humour and stunning photographs, which brought this extraordinary journey vividly to life.



Guest speaker, **James Duncan**, grew up in Auckland during the 1960s and 1970s when Auckland was served by a large and extensive electric trolley bus system. These vehicles fascinated him as a child and thus began a passion for electric street transport. At age 15 he joined the Tramway Division at MOTAT and has now been an active volunteer member of the tramway for 48 years. Most of his working life was spent in retail, but in 2011 he was asked to take on managing the operation of the new tramway down in Wynyard Quarter. Today, together with this role, and a full-time position at MOTAT looking after the infrastructure for the MOTAT Tramway, he says he is now like a pig in mud!

James commented on how common, in earlier times, trams were in New Zealand towns and cities. Wellington and Christchurch had a robust tram service. Dunedin was famous for its cable car. This was propelled by a constantly moving cable to which the driver would grip, enabling them

to move. Therefore, he was “The Gripman”. It was the same arrangement as the famous San Francisco cable cars. Wanganui, New Plymouth and Gisborne also had trams. - *Pat Alley, Newsletter Editor.*

HOKOWHITU REBUS CLUB INC.



We had an interesting talk by guest speaker **Lyal Brenton**, the Palmerston North Town Cryer. – he certainly does Palmy proud. Lyal's been involved with a lot of community services: Junior Rotary, Jaycee's, Rotary Senior and is also a JP.

What about that uniform! Lyal's choice of green with army band gold and white stockings and an interesting little gem about the feather in his Hills hat.

- *Jen Trow, Newsletter Editor.*

WARKWORTH LADIES' REBUS CLUB



Wendy Hampton, a retired lawyer, speaker and author, shared her extensive knowledge and experience in estate administration, wills, family trusts, enduring powers of attorney, gifting, relationship property and many other important legal matters at our recent meeting. Her informative presentation was based on her book “Don't Leave a Mess: Leave a Legacy – The Why and How Guide to Completing The Estate Planner.” Wendy guided us through the various chapters and explained how to complete her companion publication, The Estate Planner.



A group of Rebus members attended the Pink Ribbon Fundraiser lunch in support of Breast Cancer. Our group made a big contribution to the success of the function, which raised \$4,200. Among several items hotly contested in the auction was a 'Rotunda High Tea' for 6, valued at \$300 donated by our Rebus member **Karen Courtis**. A lucky group of Rebus ladies won that auction and have this lovely event to look forward to.

A group of our ladies also recently attended a most interesting “staying safe refresher driving course” which involved an update/ reminder of the road rules, the importance of indicating and being aware of blind spots when driving, using the mirrors both internal and wing mirrors before turning or changing lanes or turning left and right. One thing of note is if you have needed glasses for your license and subsequently had a cataract procedure and no longer need to wear glasses, you need to have this changed on your driver's

license. You must visit a licensing agent (such as VTNZ, AA, or VINZ) with an updated Eyesight or Medical Certificate from a registered optometrist or health practitioner to get the condition officially removed from your licence. If you don't and are pulled up, you will be issued with an infringement fine of \$400.

-Marianne Dransfield, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF WANGANUI



[Left] Our 2026/27 Committee, in committee.

[Below] Our 2nd June After Meeting Lunch at the Red Lion saw around 23 of us attend. They put on a lovely meal at a reasonable price.



Our Wednesday 17th June outing, and we visited retired engineer **Graham Hall** at his workshop in Kings Avenue today to view his collection of mechanical models he has made over the years in his home workshop. It was a lovely visit by about twelve members, and we were very impressed by the fine detail

put into all the working models. It's amazing when you think of the dedication and knowledge it must take to produce such astounding miniature detail in a home workshop. *-Kelvin Adam, Newsletter Editor.*



REBUS CLUB OF UPPER HUTT

The Guest Speaker was **Peri Zee**, Upper Hutt Mayor. Peri was born in the Wairarapa, she moved to Upper Hutt when she was just a few weeks old and has grown up in the city ever since. She attended St Joseph's School and Maidstone Intermediate, building strong ties to the community over the years. At the meeting she discovered both a former primary teacher (**Ann Peebles**) and a college teacher (**Sue Schultz**) were present.



[Photo] {President **Margaret Simmons** with **Peri Zee**.

At just 33, Peri brings both deep local connections and a strong professional background to the role of Mayor. She holds a Bachelor of Business Studies and a Postgraduate Diploma in Planning, Land Use Planning and Management/Development from Massey University. She has spent much of her career advising local government, iwi and social enterprises across Aotearoa on strategic planning, project management and government relations.

-Alex Attewell, Newsletter Editor.

PAPANUI REBUS CLUB

Our Club Speaker was **Paul Leftly** (pictured right) who had us all laughing with his interesting tales of a Grandad – all the things we had and the different meanings of words back in the day!

Our speakers this month were **Marilyn Vickery** and **Josie Eccersall** from the Nurse Maude organisation. Marilyn is Manager of Retails and Volunteers, and Josie looks after the retail shops and the Health and Mobility Shop in Gasson St. Marilyn spoke about the services Nurse Maude provides such as the In-Home Nursing, Care Homes, the Hospice, Speciality Clinics, 2nd hand shops (which raise money for the Hospice) and a supply department. The new Hospice is opening this month, and the old hospice is being turned into an office building which is needed as they expand across to the West Coast, Marlborough and Wellington. Josie brought along some aids that are stocked in the Health and Mobility shop for us to have a look at. They stock a wide range of items from wheelchairs, shower stools etc which are available for sale or hire as well as items for around the home to make every day living much easier.



22 people attended lunch at the Schnitz & Co this month where a good range of \$14.90 meals were available. The meals seemed to be enjoyed by all, and of course there was the usual good chatter. *-Linda Barnes, Newsletter Editor.*



RIVERSIDE REBUS CLUB OF HAMILTON



The tramping group had a great trip to Waihi last week, exploring the gold mining area. Thanks to Dianne for an enjoyable day.





[Photo] The Walking Group having coffee after one of the walks last month.

-Steve O'Sullivan,
Bulletin Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF FEILDING



[Left] Our speaker in April was **Andrew Boustridge** an Electrician in Feilding. Andrew talked about how important it was to keep your appliances and heat pumps maintained for better energy efficiency. He said that piped and bottled gas will eventually be phased out in NZ. Andrew's alternative to gas hot water was a "Heat Pump hot water system".

In May our speaker was **Pip Chrystall** [pictured right] from The Egg Project. They started by delivering their surplus free-range eggs to schools, so they could earn money on sales. In the year 2000 they had 300 customers in over 3 groups. When COVID struck, they lost 60% of their revenue, so Pip delivered to all her customers. They also help out their neighbours by delivering other produce such as lemons, asparagus, pumpkins and yoghurt. She was awarded Supreme Champion at the Feilding Business awards. A very interesting speaker.



Members enjoyed lunch at the Argyle Hotel in Hunterville, with an interesting mosaic garden

-Lyn Jensen, Newsletter Editor

PUKENAMU REBUS CLUB INC.

19 members descended on the Springvale Cafe and Gardens for our monthly lunch, where we sat on big squashy cushions around two long tables.

The place was buzzing – with their big off-road parking area a major drawcard for both gardeners and diners.





Club Speaker **Don Adams** hated school and at 18 years old was a leading hand in the freezing works. Then he drove trucks and managed service stations, while teaching himself English. With his wife Maree he bought the Riverside Inn and decided to run canoe trips on the Whanganui River. One of his trips was memorable - seven nuns who kept falling out and losing their paddles. Don nicknamed them "The Magnificent Seven".

They sold the Inn and canoe trips, organised a trip to Cross Hills Gardens and started Take it Easy Tours, finally selling the business to Jason and Jim. "I still miss it, I miss the business...That's the way we started and the way we finished," said Don, "We had a great life".



Guest Speaker **Peter Belliss** - three times world bowls champion. Peter was Wanganui born and bred, and as the family lived beside the Aramoho Bowling Club he started playing when he was five years old. It's a genteel game, but he became more serious after an achilles problem from playing rugby. Peter always had aspirations to be world champion, he turned professional in 1982 and played full-time for seven years. He practises the power of visualisation but, like all things, being a professional has its ups and downs. "I've always been a believer in trying a number of things and finding out what's best for you," said Peter. The Whanganui East Bowling Club has a reasonable number of members, but the rest are struggling. He also said, "You have to have pathways for people to aspire to." -*Helen Goldfinch, Newsletter Editor.*

WOMEN'S REBUS CLUB OF WAIKANAE



35th Birthday Celebrations: At our June meeting we had a special morning tea to celebrate our club's 35th Birthday. As well as our usual coffee or tea, we had savouries, biscuits, slices and a special birthday cake made for us by Wendy. Our long serving member **Barbara O'Neill** cut the cake for us. We all enjoyed the day.

June Meeting: Fraud and Scams - **Matt Hull**, ASB Community Banker, gave an interesting and informative presentation. He began with news headlines like "Kiwis losing 2million a week to cyber criminals", going on to give wise advice and hints to help us stay safe using our telephones and other devices. Such as avoid speaking your name when answering calls; note any pauses before the caller responds to your pickup; be cautious and wary of so-called business callers. Hang up if unsure and call the organisation yourself. Remember that Banks will never ask you for your PIN, bank account number, or password on calling. Contact your bank immediately if you are concerned about any caller purporting to be from your bank or requesting urgent action involving disclosure of your banking details. Scammers are increasingly sophisticated, very persuasive and convincing. Avoid giving away personal details and do not send away money no matter how sad the tale even if a relative or friend is said to be in dire trouble and help is urgently needed. - *Mary Paddock, Newsletter Editor.*

"Some people drink coffee to wake up. I wake up to drink coffee" - Anon

REBUS CLUB OF HAMILTON

As we shiver through these winter months, it is really heartening to join with the Walking group on the weekly jaunts round the streets of Hamilton. Ten of us ventured along the river path beside the golf course on Thursday and were warmed by the comradeship and the woolly hats and scarves.

Our Floral group continue to produce innovative displays. There were so many beautiful arrangements from the floral group last month that I have included some more photos below.



-Karen Devoy,
Bulletin Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF GULF HARBOUR



At the June meeting, President Rob inducted three new members: **Ann Fosberry, Vincent Keene, and Jessyka Stuart**. President Rob welcomed them and encouraged them to participate in the Club's activities.

Our Club has been growing steadily since its inception in 2019, and membership has risen from 27 foundation members to 71. Prospective members, when viewing our website, find the following testimonials from members very helpful.

<https://www.rebus-gulpharbour.nz/what-our-members-say>

Jean McIntosh was Club Speaker in June. She has a good memory, and told members about her family background, growing up during World War 2, and her earliest recollections of air raid warnings, food shortages and rationing of petrol and luxury goods like cosmetics. Her story was interspersed with little anecdotes about her brother cancelling all the ration books, the joy of being offered freshly laid eggs for afternoon tea, her longing to be Britannia in the school Coronation Pageant, and a recurring dream about a plane crash which she still experiences.



Guest Speaker, **Duncan Millar**: Duncan updated members on developments concerning the former Gulf Harbour Country Club. He outlined how the current owner failed to fulfil commitments to maintain the property, resulting in its closure.

In response, the Gulf Harbour Community Trust was formed in 2024, and with support from local volunteers and businesses, has begun restoring the golf course greens. A second trust has also been established aiming to secure the future of the site, and exploring options for a new community facility, including an up-market retirement village. The Trust welcomes community involvement. Duncan and his team, working closely with Auckland Council, were thanked for their dedication and efforts towards achieving a positive outcome for this important community asset.

-Jean McIntosh, Newsletter Editor.

TAUPO MOANA REBUS CLUB



In June, our members ventured into the unknown with an outing to the Escape Rooms. We are assured everyone had a great time with many laughs. This outing involved using all our skills. Everyone escaped and made it out safely. Thank goodness.

-Janice Laurensen, Newsletter Editor.

WAITAKERE COMBINED REBUS CLUB



For the month of June our Club, along with other invited members, set off in wet weather to Puhoi north of Auckland. Our visit was to the Puhoi Museum where we were given an interesting talk on the settlers of this area. These people travelled from Bohemia, and we learnt of the struggles they overcame to make the land liveable for their families. Following our time looking around the museum, we made our way to the local Puhoi pub for an enjoyable lunch. This pub has been there since 1879.

-Phyl Greenland, Newsletter Editor.



THANK YOU

Thank you to all the Clubs that contributed to the Rebus Club News this month. Please remember, the cutoff date for each month is the 25th.

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Rebus Club News.
