



REBUS CLUB NEWS

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Welcome to the November edition of Rebus Club News – the last for this year – a month from today will be Christmas Day – can you believe it? Many clubs have already held their end of year function, sharing good food and goodwill with friends to mark the festive season. The next edition will be at the end of January 2023, when we will all be looking forward to the Rebus NZ Inc. AGM, 6th May, in Wanganui. There is lots to see and do in Wanganui. Details will be sent out in January, so the Christmas break will be a good time to start making plans. The AGM is a wonderful opportunity to meet folk from other parts of the country, compare notes and swap ideas. We really are a friendly bunch.



REBUS CLUB OREWA



President Robert Letcher inducted 4 new members at our October meeting. Please welcome: L-R: **Katherine Ellis, Susan Hoy, Lori Hope, Norman Biss.**

The **Maygrove Village** residents put on a talented fashion show called “**From Trash to Treasure**”, wonderfully created garments

from various articles and materials. Renate Morrison introduced the models. Two of our members, Lorraine O'Connor and Diane Fifield designed and made several costumes. **Christmas Luncheon** is on Tuesday, 13 December 2022, **Wainui Golf Club**, Windmill Lane, Wainui.



Maureen Grigg, Bulletin Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF RIVERSIDE HAMILTON

A Girls' Weekend Away: on Tuesday 27th September 2022, we began our Girls' Weekend away, with a quick morning tea stop in Otorohanga. By 2 o'clock we'd reached our destination, New Plymouth, and The Waterfront Millennium Hotel, our base for the weekend. After checking in, we spent an hour shopping, then had an early dinner – Mexican - the homemade Guacamole was delicious. The next day was spent exploring wonderful gardens. At **Pukeiti Park**, we admired some wonderful blooms, and strolled through the Rhododendron walk. At **Pukekura Park** we enjoyed lunch at the café, sitting outside by the lake, then hired \$5.00 conducted tour in a golf cart, which drove us around to many gardens. Our final garden was **Tupare**, and after a full day of gardens it was time for dinner at an Italian Restaurant - fabulous food and nice wine. The next morning after breakfast, more shopping, before we hit the road home, stopping at a café in **Mokau** which served delicious old fashioned cheese cakes, very similar to the ones in the Edmonds Cookbook. Great memories, and a wonderful end to our two-day getaway. Anon.



Steve O'Sullivan, Bulletin Editor.

OMANU REBUS CLUB



The **Wine and Dine Group** enjoyed a great night out at **Taste Asian Fusion** in Mt Maunganui in October. Come and join us this month.

Christmas Lunch: Sunday 27 November at 11.30 am. We have booked the restaurant at Papamoa Beach Village, 4 Golden Sands Drive, Papamoa, for a Buffet Lunch and cash bar.

Adrienne Wilson, Newsletter Editor.

If you are ever looking for something you will find it in the last place you look.

AVONDALE LADIES' REBUS CLUB

Editor's note: This is our newest Rebus Club – welcome ladies to Rebus Club News, with a catch up of what has been happening since they joined us.

August Speaker, Trent Lash spoke about heart surgery. There is support and help for people after heart surgery, by an organisation called “**Heart Beats**”. 33% of our population have problems with their heart.

September Speaker, Yvonne Meister painted a vivid picture for us of her guided tour through Central America where she visited Guatemala, Costa Rica, El Salvador, and Nicaragua. The Mayan artwork on their pottery and temples is truly remarkable. Yvonne had competition from the fireman's protest that was taking place outside the venue. Despite being interrupted by loud blasts of support from car horns, she battled on through it all seemingly undeterred.

A High Tea fit for a Queen was presented; our members certainly know how to provide a feast. Thank you, Carroll and Linda, for setting it up so nicely. **Jim Spearey**, our entertainer, gave another great performance, with songs that we all knew and could sing along with.

Barbara Douglas, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF GULF HARBOUR

The October trip was to **Hamilton Gardens** which proved to be popular as 22 members boarded a hire bus partly subsidized by the club. Hamilton put on a sunny day for us to fully enjoy the wander through these beautiful fascinating gardens interspersed by refreshments at the café.

Guest Speaker at the October meeting was 91-year-old **Polish born/Ukrainian domiciled Marco Witoszka** who gave us “An alternative view of the Russian/Ukrainian war” as well as a brief outline of his interesting life as a heart valve surgeon in England and USA.

The Dine Out Group saw about 30 eager diners enjoy curries at the Indian restaurant in Manly.

CBD Explorers Group visited Weta Workshops **Unleashed**. 10 brave Rebus members entered the ‘house of horrors’ guided by a very informative and talented Weta employee. The extraordinary work performed by the Workshops is definitely recommended, but not for young children!



Our Club was treated to a visit by 2 Labradoodles brought in by the **Guest Speaker, Nicky Gumbrel** at the November meeting. Her subject was **Therapy Dogs** run by **St John**. The dogs are carefully selected for obedience, gentleness and calmness, and Rest Home residents love their visits.

Pamela Warner, Secretary

REBUS CLUB OF MILSON INC.

The **Speaker** at our October Meeting was **Hamish Ruawai, Principal** of Palmerston North Intermediate Normal School. Photo right: Hamish with some of our Club's former pupils who attended Palmerston North Intermediate Normal School.



A MORNING IN THE COUNTRY, Visit to the Callesens, Karere Rd. We began with a scrumptious morning tea at Jo Williamson's home before going to the Callesens, where we were given a short history of the area and saw the lagoon and a Waka. Then on to the Grainery where we viewed the seeds, popcorn, and quinoa being processed. Finally, the vintage cars, some still being restored.



Margaret Broderick, Newsletter Editor.

“You must take the small potato with the big potato.” Irish saying.

‘I can calculate the motion of heavenly bodies but not the madness of people.’ Isaac Newton

PETONE REBUS CLUB



David Wratt QSO, is a Climate Scientist who specializes in meteorology and the science and impact of climate change. He has had many roles in NIWA, including years as Chief Climate Scientist and advisory roles for the NZ Govt.

The glaciers are retreating, it is 1% warmer, there is more carbon dioxide in the air, our ocean is more acidic, snow cover is decreased, arctic ice is decreasing, the heat in the ocean has increased and the sea level has gone up 20cm. There are climate extremes in every region across the globe. The causes are burning fossil fuels which make the carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere go up. The greenhouse effect lets the sunshine into the earth's atmosphere, but it gets trapped. Human influence on the climate system is now an established fact. Extremes have affected agriculture, forestry, and fisheries. We need to stop burning coal and switch away from diesel and fossil gas; plant more trees and improve farming practices; and limit warming to 1.5%.

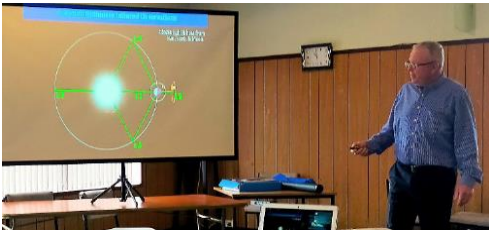
Sharyn Bowen.

REBUS WAIHEKE ISLAND

The **Main Speaker was Mikaere October**, Principal of Waiheke High School. Mikaere has had a long teaching career and was a competitive rugby league player. The school has 400 students which is a huge advantage as there are small classes and everyone knows everyone. A strong school makes a strong community. His vision is to support and foster the holistic well-being of the students in academia, sport, and cultural activities. It is important to cater for everyone, have high standards and celebrate success. The school's aim is to create good young people. Waiheke High School consistently achieves above the national and decile average for NCEA. Mikaere advised that the NZ curriculum is being changed and from 2024 NCEA will not look like it does now, it will be for the better, preparing students for jobs that don't exist yet. It is important to learn how to learn and to engage every student finding their strengths; specialised subjects can be taught on line. Mikaere advised that despite bad press, the youth of today from his experience show resilience, fortitude, and courage, and he has faith in his students.

Tania Sweet, Newsletter Editor.

WEST AUCKLAND MEN'S REBUS CLUB



When Noel Rose rang and said **Dr Chris Benton**, a retired GP from Whangaparaoa, would be speaking at the October meeting about the **James Webb Space Telescope**, I was blown-away. Noel had once again secured a first-rate speaker with a subject that was going to interest everyone. The James Webb Space Telescope was launched from French Guiana on Christmas Day in 2021, during the next month travelled to its position in space and then unfolded itself. It is a huge structure with a five-layer sunshade the size of a tennis court (20 m x 14 m) and a primary mirror made of 18 gold covered beryllium segments. The size of the primary mirror is 6.5m in diameter. The position in space where the James West Space Telescope is located is called the Sun Earth-Moon L2 Lagrange point. It is 1.5 million kms away from Earth and is one of five gravitationally stable points in the Sun and Earth-Moon system. A minimal amount of fuel is required to keep objects at the gravitationally stable points. The fuel in the James West Space Telescope thrusters is hydrazine. The first five images from the James West Space Telescope were released on 13 July 2022. They are photos of the Southern Ring planetary nebula; the Carina Nebula; Stephans Quintet galaxy group; WASP 96-b exoplanet; and the SMACS 0723 galaxy cluster. Three are in our home galaxy, the Milky Way, and two are outside the Milky Way. Solar power is used to produce electricity for the spacecraft.

Vince Middeldorp, Secretary.

RED BEACH LADIES' REBUS CLUB



Our members certainly got into the Christmas spirit last month with lessons on how to make beautiful red and green flowers to decorate their homes during the festive season, with help from our own talented **Lorraine Sanders**. Some of these blooms will decorate the tables at our **Christmas Luncheon on 29 November at Red Beach Surf Life Saving Club**. Last month I had the pleasure of inducting two new members – **Frances Till and Barbara Robinson** - and presented both with their name badge and Induction Certificate. Welcome ladies! We trust you will enjoy the fun and friendship our club is known for.

Bobbie Wakenell, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF MANAWATU

The club **Christmas Lunch** will be on Wednesday, 30th November at 11.30 for 12.00 o'clock kick-off at the **Raceway**.

SUNDAY LUNCH: On Sunday November 27 at **Saigon Restaurant**, Terrace End at 12 noon. All friends welcome.

Some Walking Group members show you're never too old to play.



Margie Comrie, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF MT HOBSON



Guest Speaker for October – John Steele. Topic: “Appointment with Dr Arthur Purchas”

John had never heard about Dr Purchas when he was asked by a friend to write his biography. He was also encouraged by others including a historian at Otago who said Purchas was “arguably the most deserving of a full-scale biography but yet to receive one”. He was born in 1821 to an architect-engineer father and a mother from a French aristocratic family very involved in social justice. So, a pioneer of NZ abdominal surgery; architect of at least 7 of the Selwyn churches; awarded NZ's very first patent; designed the first Mangere Bridge; discovered 2 new species of animal named after him; founded Choral and Arts Societies, the Auckland Institute/Museum, one of the fathers of the Auckland water system and probably our first public health expert – this is only half of it. His point of difference is that he was an expert in so many things. He is written about separately and glowingly in our surveying and engineering history, medical and church history, horticultural, geological, and musical worlds. But it was never all joined together.

Chris de Boer, Newsletter Editor.

WAIKANAE MILLENNIUM REBUS CLUB INC.

At our November meeting **David Funnell** gave us an interesting look at **Bulgaria** which is a country I am sure many of you, like me, didn't know very much about. And **Christine Osborn's** look at Christmas customs and decorations from her homeland was an interesting way to get our minds geared towards the festive season.

Our **Christmas Function** will be held on Tuesday 6th December at **Cedarwood Lounge**, with catering by Ian and his team at **Relish Café**. The meal they provided last year was excellent and so hopefully will be just as good this year.

David Goggin, Newsletter Editor.

I finally realised it! People are prisoners of their phones. That's why they are called cell phones!

REBUS CLUB OF KHANDALLAH

More than 40 club members enjoyed this coach tour to New Plymouth gardens from the 26th to 29th September, organised by Heather Nelson.



We visited **Pukekura Park**, including **Brooklands Park/Zoo** and **The Gables Garden** and historic hospital (now an art centre) built in the 1840s; we drove up **Mount Moturoa** and glimpsed Paritutu rock from the Lookout; admired the

Rhododendrons at **Pukeiti Park**; relaxed at **Tupare** historic home and gardens; saw **Mt Taranaki** through viewshafts and discovered a busy team of gardeners almost hidden within the luxuriant **Hollard Gardens in Kaponga**. And on the way to Pukeiti Gardens, as the bus wound around the side of the mountain, through this very verdant landscape, I noted a sign by the entrance to one of the small farms: **'FOXGLOVE. Trespassers will be composted'** *Sharon Major, Editor.*

REBUS CLUB OF PALMERSTON NORTH

The two speakers at our November meeting were both members of our Club. **Neil Andrews** spoke about his Manawatu dairy farming career near Tokomaru. He helped build a 180-cow herring bone milking shed on his farm. Later, Neil and two other farmers merged their units, milking 1000 cows. **Alan Martin** talked about shipwrecks in NZ, one of those being the brig *Fanny A Garrigues*, owned by Alan's ancestors, which was wrecked in 1863 on a reef near the mouth of the Orongorongo River in Palliser Bay. Since the 1790s there have been close to 2,500 shipwrecks in NZ.

Last month, members from other Rebus and Probus Clubs in the region joined our members in a bus trip to **Napier and Havelock North**. We had two enjoyable days learning and sampling: Chocolate (Silky Oaks), wine (Mission Estate), olives (Telegraph Hill), dinner (Napier RSA), local history (Museum Theatre Gallery and the Faraday Museum), art & craft (Birdwood's Gallery). We recently visited **Kinsale Garden** near Palmerston North. The owners' interesting chat over a delicious morning tea set the tone for a relaxing walk through a colourful expanse of trees, flowers, and well-kept lawns. *Dean Halford, Newsletter Editor.*



HASTINGS REBUS CLUB



Our Guest Speaker for November was **Linda Bainbridge** from the **Hawkes Bay Knowledge Bank** which is a community operation managed by the **HB Digital Archives Trust** on behalf of the people of HB. With the help of volunteers, the trust is creating a digital encyclopaedia of the provinces, people, places, education, cultural, sporting, industrial and commercial achievements linking those of yesterday with those of today. It was interesting that so many of our clubs' members have their life stories recorded on stored material with the Knowledge Bank. The information is worth keeping for the benefit of generations to come. Next year our group intends visiting **Stoneycroft House** to see all the work volunteers do with modern technology to digitally capture and preserve this valuable community resource. Our members are now looking forward to the Christmas Luncheon at the end of this month. *Leon Davidson, President.*

SOUTH WAIRARAPA REBUS CLUB



Members attending our October meeting heard a fascinating address from **Joe Howells**, one of the principals of **Green Jersey Cycle Tours**, based in **Martinborough**, the largest Cycle Hire company in New Zealand. The bulk of their hire market is Martinborough Wine Tourism. Pre-Covid, **Green Jersey** had organised tours to the south of France with on-the-ground support, reciprocated by GJ in NZ, from a similar cycling organisation in France. Green Jersey are now taking bookings for their cycle tours in France for 2023 and are hoping for reciprocal business.

The main Green Jersey French tour is 16 days riding from the **Atlantic Ocean** to the **Mediterranean**, a distance of 750 km, taken at 50 to 75 km per day. All meals and accommodation are booked ahead, luggage transfer and bicycle hire are included in the cost. Often the route follows canal paths, canals from Bordeaux to Toulouse to Agde. France is a very cycle-friendly country with many kilometres of cycle trails. Joe showed us views of tracks, in a wide range of environments, with different surfaces from asphalt to shingle tracks, most being dedicated to both cyclists and walkers. *David Woodhams, Newsletter Editor.*

"When the well is dry, we know the worth of water." Benjamin Franklin

WAIKANAE COMBINED REBUS CLUB

The October meeting was cancelled because our venue was having its roof repaired after storm damage. Now the sun is beginning to shine things are looking up and our November meeting had the best turnout for many months, where the work of the Department of Corrections and the Parole Board service was the feature of our meeting. A **Senior Manager of the Parole Service** covered the challenges of operating the prison system in Aotearoa. She covered the logistics and location of prisons and the systems in place. The main strategies are to help prisoners so they won't reoffend – and therefore help society in general by building a support system; trying to stop bullying of criminal's families; stressing how dangerous gang membership and drugs can be. The Q&A session was the most extensive we have seen for many years.

Clive Palmer, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF DEVONPORT INC.

For **Keith Woolley**, (second from left), the full-time Manager at the **Miranda Shorebird Centre** on the Firth of Thames, a fledging curiosity in birds very quickly led to strong interest in ornithology. As a result, he became “born again”- as a birdwatcher. He has since hosted thousands of people at the Centre and given hundreds of talks about shorebird migration. He has fostered an intense knowledge of the shorebird migration flyaway and visited key sites in Australia, Alaska, China, and Korea – all the while having a front seat in N.Z. as the Godwit story unfolded. He has published several beautifully illustrated books on the Godwits revealing the story and knowledge of one of the world's most



amazing migrations. The **Shorebird Centre at Miranda** opened in 1990. It is owned and operated by the **Pukorokoro Miranda Naturalists' Trust, founded in 1975**, a Community Facility. Open to the public seven days a week, it is a centre for information, education, and research on shorebirds. Along the road from the Centre, you can find the accessible boardwalks out to three bird hides.

David Thomson, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF HAMILTON



A group of 14 members enjoyed a night at the **Cambridge Harness Races** in November. This was a new experience for many of us and we had fun sharing ideas for winners, (or losers). We had a great view of the course and often crowded at the windows to encourage our chosen horses to the finish line. The dinner menu was well received and voted value for money. It was deemed a fun night that many of us would like to repeat.

Kaye Wallis, Bulletin Editor.

Left: The happy punters at the Harness races in Cambridge.

CAMBRIDGE MEN'S REBUS CLUB

At the Club meeting on 16 November 2022, with 64 members and one visitor present, new member **Bruce Turner** (introduced by Warwick Roger) was inducted.

Guest Speakers were Kevin Monks and Greg Liddy, who gave an account of developments at **Cambridge Resthaven** and the upcoming 50th anniversary of the complex.

Members enjoyed an interesting visit to the **Waitakaruru Arboretum** (right) (commonly known as the Sculpture Park) on 26 October. The Social Committee certainly provides members with a wide range of interesting activities in our region.

Nigel Salter.



Procrastination is a good thing.

You have nothing to do today, but always have something to do tomorrow.

TAUPO MOANA REBUS CLUB



Melbourne Cup

November 1st, “**CUP**” day always causes a lot of excitement, glamour, betting, and that's not all, even the Aussies have the day off. However, Taupo Moana Rebus have their own special day with members arriving with their fancy hats and bow ties and beautiful smiles. What better place to enjoy the atmosphere than at the '**Jolly Good Fellows**' on a beautiful spring day.

Christine Bailey, Editor.

PUKENAMU REBUS CLUB



Club Speaker and Founder Member, Mary Harrison, gave an entertaining and informative talk on the beginnings of our club in 1998, almost 25 years ago. Remember when waterbeds were all the rage? We were amused to hear that our lectern was built from a waterbed frame that was to be thrown away.

Whanganui Collegiate School – 22 members and six from the Wairere Rebus Club went on a fascinating tour when **Richard Bourne and Francis Gibbons** led us through the museum/archives, Big School, and the Chapel. The headmaster also met us and explained his education philosophy. And for \$15 we had a lovely lunch in the school dining room, which was noticeably noisier when the students arrived. pic Jan Hall.



Helen Goldfinch, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF UPPER HUTT INC.



The **Guest Speaker was Gerald Carter** from the **St Joseph's Scout Group**, assisted by **Benjamin Park**, a Venturer Scout from the group. Gerald was a youth member of the St Joseph's Scout Group for 10 years and a warranted adult leader for the past 45 years. He has attended **Jamborees** all over the world, been involved 13 Hutt Valley **Gang Shows**, and attended 15 Walsh Memorial Scout Flying Schools. Gerald has received numerous awards and has an incredible Scouting CV. As a result, largely due to his enthusiasm and

drive, the St Joseph's Scout Group is one of the most successful in NZ. Over the past 10 years **72 St Joseph's Venturers** have gained their Queens Scout Award, the largest number of any unit in NZ, and many have also gained their **Gold Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award**.

The Christmas Function was held at the Upper Hutt Club on 24 November.



Alex Attewell, Newsletter Editor.

WOMEN'S REBUS CLUB OF WAIKANAЕ Speaker for November: Rebecca Rolls

didn't set out to be an entrepreneur, but that is exactly what she has become with her business, **Thoroughbread Foods**. She talked about her happy childhood life on a farm with a free lifestyle. In her marriage she lived without electricity for some time and began making bread on a coal range, and using skills she had learnt in a herbal course. When her seven-year-old son wanted a \$2000 computer, she began to sell fudge and bread at markets. One thing led to another; a demand for wholemeal caused her to buy a grinder, and sore arms from kneading led to the purchase of a mixer. Now, after years of hard work, she employs ten people, and resulting from requests, produces and sells gluten/wheat/dairy and soy-free breads.

Our Christmas Lunch this year will be held on 8th December at ANZIL which is a restaurant situated in Lindale Village, Paraparaumu.

Mary Paddock, Newsletter Editor.



COMBINED REBUS CLUB OF PARAPARAUMU BEACH INC.



Last month's trip was to the **Wildbase Bird Recovery Unit and the Palmerston North Hospital's Museum**. The Recovery Centre is an extension of the Wildbase hospital at Massey University and helps wild birds recover after treatment at the hospital. There are several 'permanent' residents who cannot be returned to the wild, but normally, once recovered, birds are returned to the same area they came from. After

lunch at the Elm Café, we hustled to the **Hospital Museum**. Whilst small, it is incredibly interesting. All enjoyed our visit there but viewing some of the equipment on display sent the odd shudder through. Things like the surgeon's case of tools including saws, treadle operated dentist's drill to name a few.



Steve Hutchison, Presidential Scribe.

REBUS CUB OF WANGANUI



REBUS Christmas Dinner, Sunday 27th November, 2022. "Ad Astra Hostel", Anzac Parade.



Paerau Taylor, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF HIBISCUS COAST

On Thursday 10th November 37 of us attended our bowling event at **Manly Bowling Club**. Following a short practice session, thirty-two bowlers competed in eight teams while the BBQ lunch of steak and sausages was cooked by **Paul Robinson and Kim Hanna**. Thanks to Manly Bowling Club for coaching and organising the bowling. This proved to be a very popular event which we hope to repeat next year.



40th Anniversary Dinner

On the evening of Thursday November 24th 68 members and guests enjoyed our **40th Anniversary and end-of-year Dinner** at The Upstairs Bar in the **Gulf Harbour Country Club**. On behalf of Rebus NZ, Chairman, Graeme McIntosh presented **President Garth** with a framed **Certificate of Attainment** acknowledging the 40 years' service the Club had provided to active retirees on the Hibiscus Coast. In his address, Graeme outlined the pivotal role which the Club had played in the transition from Australian control to self-determination as a Rebus affiliate. This 40th Anniversary is the first to be reached by any Rebus Club across the country. Present were the current President, past presidents, and life members.

Phil Martell, Bulletin Editor.

And that's a wrap for 2022, the next edition will be in January 2023. In the meantime, I wish you all a very happy Festive Season, however, and with whom you choose to celebrate. Things are certainly revving up in our family: a granddaughter just qualified as a doctor; a wedding on 1st December; birthdays on 19th and 30th December; not to mention Christmas festivities. At least I have made the pudding and cake!

Please be very careful when socialising – Covid numbers are creeping up again and seem to be getting a "bit closer to home." Nobody minds if you wear a mask – better safe than sorry. And to those who are unwell or unhappy, may the New Year bring you good health and strength to enjoy what life may bring us in 2023.



Jean

Editor - Rebus Club News.



Thank you to Dean Halford of Palmerston North for this contribution.