



# REBUS CLUB NEWS

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Welcome to Rebus Club News, the first edition for 2021 and a Happy New Year to you all. Hopefully, this year will be a little kinder to us than the last one, but who knows – and we still need to be very careful – this dreadful virus is not going away any time soon!

Santa gave me a new computer for Christmas – much faster than the old one, thank goodness – but it does have a few little idiosyncrasies – so I sincerely hope that in transferring your newsletters to the new gadget, none have fallen between the cracks. I hate to miss your news.

Now we are into the new year, it is time to start thinking about the Annual General Meeting in Taupo in May. We have our fingers crossed that there will be no lastminute hiccups this year, and I look forward to meeting many of you there. It is your chance to have your say.

## OMANU REBUS CLUB

### Christmas function at Daniel's in the Park



The Raffle gift basket was won by Liz Emtage.

### January

BBQ 17th January 2021 at the Hillier Centre, Gloucester Road, Mt Maunganui at 4.30 pm.

*Rose Coutts, Secretary.*



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## REBUS CLUB OF FOXTON

Congratulations, Rod Haines. “**ATTITUDE**”, is a weekly series by TVNZ. that shares inspirational stories. The Trustees of the Attitude Awards have honoured Rod by inducting him into the ‘**Attitude Hall of Fame**’. Quote: “*Rod, you have exceeded expectations throughout your life; you are an exemplar for others to follow.*” Rod and Leonie will be flown to Auckland with accommodation included and attend the black-tie gala 2020 Attitude Awards on December 2nd. They are accompanied by their two sons. Born without arms, Rod has led an extraordinary life. He has built and sailed boats, been a lawyer, court judge, chairman of the Nelson Area Health Board, Nelson City Councillor, manager of Ngawhatu Hospital and written a book.... with his feet of course.

*Dereley Barry, Newsletter Editor.*

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## REBUS WAIHEKE ISLAND

A most enjoyable Christmas Party was held at the Palm Beach Hall with 61 attending. Fantastic music was provided firstly by Roger and Janneke. They were then joined by Gillian playing the recorder and Anita singing. We then had Willi on the clarinet, Gillian on the violin, Janneke on the clarinet, Anne on the piano and Roger on the guitar playing a medley from The Seekers. We are so lucky to have so much talent in the club.

*Claire Stainton, President.*



## TAURANGA CENTRAL LADIES' REBUS CLUB

Our Christmas Lunch was held on 15 December. The Accord Duo provided seasonal music. There were several raffles, and we gave a donation to the Waipuna Hospice. *Margaret Douglas, Newsletter Editor.*

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## REBUS CLUB OF DEVONPORT INC.



After the last lockdown our Committee, by way of a large subsidy from Club funds, organised a delightful lunch at **Platters**, a local restaurant.

The photo is of one of the tables at this lunch, which included the choice of Platters' trademark sea food chowder, one of the best I have ever had!

This lunch was again a way of compensating for the cancelled meetings to some extent.  
*Charles Digby, President.*

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## REBUS CLUB OF MT HOBSON

Christmas was celebrated with a festive luncheon at the Remuera Golf Club on 15<sup>th</sup> December. The food was delicious and enjoyed by the many members, wives, partners and guests who attended. Special Guest was Graeme McIntosh, Chairman of Rebus NZ Inc. who presented a Certificate of Attainment to President, Don Bunting, marking 35 years of the club's existence.

*Photo: Don Bunting, President.*



## TAUPO MOANA REBUS CLUB

On 2nd December 74 members gathered at Taupo Yacht Club, great chatter as folks met up, all dressed for the season with a few Christmas hats and decorations to add to the atmosphere of the day.



### Meeting: January 26th

10 Minute Speaker; Tina Tapa

Main Speakers; Sandra and Barry Payne, "Around the world in a small plane."

**Dates to look forward to:** January 28th 2021-Picnic at Kinloch Domain.

February 11th 2021- Bowls, we enjoyed it so much last year!!

March 2021- Bus Trip to Waimangu.

*Christine Bailey, Bulletin Editor.*

**Kindness is the only investment that never fails!**

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## WEST AUCKLAND MEN'S REBUS CLUB

Those of us who went to see the **New Zealand Warbirds** display on 6 December were treated to the sight of ex-military and classic aircraft flying past at close range; some performing aerobatics and others involved in precision formation flying. The first aircraft that flew past were the oldest. Given the dangerous nature of flying back in the days when they were built, I was surprised that anyone would now want to take the risk of flying in one. Keep an eye on the **Warbirds Association** website (<https://nzwarbirds.org.nz/>). They run a few display days every year and Ardmore Airport is not as far away as you might think.



*Vince Middeldorp, Secretary.*

## REBUS CLUB OF PALMERSTON NORTH



**Our December 2020 meeting** was held in hatted splendour. Everyone was asked to wear a headdress and the result was a wonderful display from the inventive to the formal. Members got into it – great fun! We also enjoyed a quiz that threw good brainteasers at us – no team got full marks!

### **Christmas Lunch 2020.**

The venue for our highlight lunch on 8 December was Wharerata, Massey University. The food was delicious, and the music provided by our own maestro Milton Pedley was much enjoyed. One of Palmerston North's significant historical buildings, Wharerata was built in 1901 for retired farmer Arthur Edward Russell and his wife Ethel. Designed by Charles Natusch, the house is built of native timbers. After its owners' deaths, it became part of Massey University. It is now a magnificent function centre set in beautiful grounds.



*Dean Halford, President.*

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## SOUTH WAIRARAPA REBUS CLUB

Barry and Perry are organising an exciting visit to **Cape Palliser on 29 January** for our first trip in the New Year. A 29-seat bus will leave from the South Wairarapa Workingmen's Club car park at 9:30, picking up Featherston and Martinborough members. The return journey will stop at the Lake Ferry pub about 1:00 pm for lunch. Ngawi is a small fishing village with boats launched from the shore using an assortment of old bulldozers. Live crayfish exports were pioneered from here and seaweed is harvested to produce laboratory quality agar. Kupe's Sails, Te Ra e Kupe, are a spectacular rock formation adjacent to the road. At the end of the road stands the Cape Palliser Lighthouse. West of the Cape itself there is a thriving colony of seals. This is a day not to be missed.



*'Te Ra e Kupe' Cape Palliser. William Mein Smith c 1849*

*David Woodhams, Newsletter Editor.*

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## REBUS CLUB OF UPPER HUTT INC.

**Speaker for JANUARY:** Chris Carson – GCSB (Government Communications Service Bureau). Chris joined the Bureau in November 1989 and remained through to 2013. He made it clear at the start of his talk that he would not be spilling any secrets as he is still bound by the official secrets act. Who is the GCSB? It is the Intelligence and security agency whose principal objectives are the protection of (a) New Zealand national security, (b) International relations and wellbeing of New Zealand and (c) the Economic well-being of New Zealand. How does GCSB do this? By collecting, providing and co-operating with Signals Intelligence (SIGINT). Information is gathered by intercepting radio communications at Tangimoana Station (opened in 1982) near Palmerston North and Waihopai Station (opened in 1989) near Blenheim. This was an interesting talk from a Club member who had a lengthy career with THE BUREAU. Chris was thanked by John Harrison. *John Hanning, Bulletin Editor.*



**WAIKANAE MILLENNIUM REBUS CLUB INC.**



**ON THE ROAD TO "CINDERELLA" PANTOMIME**  
Pantomime at Circa - November 2020



**WE WENT TO THE DOGS**  
Trentham Police Dog Training School, December 2020



**CHRISTMAS PARTY AND DINNER**  
Parkwood Plateau – Wednesday 8 December 2020



*David Goggin, Newsletter Editor.*

**COMBINED REBUS CLUB OF PARAPARAUMU BEACH INC.**

This month our 10-minute club speaker is **Ian Calder** who will take us through the most recent White Paper on Retirement Villages. An interesting topic for those living in a retirement village and those thinking about making the move.

Our main speaker is **Keith Riach** who is a dancing aficionado of some note. He will be recounting to us the joy and fun times he has experienced from the dance stage and promises to be a bright and entertaining address.

**No better way to wrap up the year!** Our Christmas lunch was every



bit as good as in recent years, with a good turnout of members. Our experiences at the Bowling Club these past few years have taken away the angst the



organisers had been feeling in some previous years. We were able to subsidise the lunch this year by \$5.00 per head, which was a good thing given the challenging year behind us.

*Steve Hutchison, President.*

## WOMEN'S REBUS CLUB OF WAIKANAE

Our Christmas lunch in December was held at the Plateau Centre in Parklands. We had a similar menu as the previous year which was delicious. With a free glass of wine or fruit juice when we entered, a beautifully decorated room and our friends to chat with, we all enjoyed a great time. The committee assembled 20 lovely prizes for the lucky number winners.



**Ballentyne's Fashion Parade:** Our annual fashion parade will take place at our March meeting directly after the

AGM. Each model will select four sets of garments to show off to the rest of the club members on our Club day.



*Mary Paddock, Newsletter Editor.*

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## KOWHAI REBUS CLUB OF BETHLEHEM



**2021 FUNCTIONS:** Monday 22nd February - Bus Trip to Tree Church and Gardens, Ohaupo.

A 1½ hour talk and tour of the Tree Church and gardens. Well worth reading the reviews of this fabulous venue – here's a link to their website: <https://www.treechurch.co.nz/>

Cost is \$50pp. Morning tea and lunch at own cost.

While he was visiting, my father asked for the password to our Wi-Fi. "It's taped under the modem," I told him. After three failed attempts to log on, he asked, "Am I spelling this right? T-A-P-E-D-U-N-D-E-R-T-H-E-M-O-D-E-M?"

*Lisa Sutherland, Newsletter Editor.*

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## PUKENAMU REBUS CLUB INC. – WANGANUI

**The December Mystery Trip:** *President Don Adams* and Terry Fleming organised a full and interesting day as we drove around Wanganui in a modern 50-seater bus. **First stop** was the new coastguard headquarters with their rescue vessel, where Jonathon Seagers explained the operation. **We drove along** Castlecliff's "Golden Mile", visited Des Kendrick



and his remarkable woodworking creations and spread out in town for café lunches. **We called** into Canaan Honey to meet Martin who is a self-confessed "people person". He has a small busy beehive behind glass so that he can easily explain just how the hives "work". The trip was extended by an hour to include a drive out to Upokongaro for coffee and ice-cream before some of us walked across the new cycle bridge.

*Text Editor/Pics Lindsay Stockbridge.*

**"If summer had one defining scent, it'd definitely be the smell of barbecue."** — Katie Lee

## REBUS CLUB OF GULF HARBOUR

Christmas Lunch was celebrated at Gulf Harbour Yacht Club on 16<sup>th</sup> December – good food, great company, and a little



bit of amusement in the form of a Baby Photo Competition.

Members had been asked to submit a photo of themselves from toddler up to 10



years and there was much hilarity and speculation trying to put names to faces.

More food, and this time in the form of a social get together and BBQ, held at Te Haruhi Bay in Shakespear Regional



Park on 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Graeme and Bill were kept busy cooking crumbed fish and herbed chicken, with Garth and John in charge of the



sausages. Jean and Judi organised salads. A most enjoyable opportunity for a chew and a chat.

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## REBUS CLUB OF HIBISCUS COAST

The Rebus Hibiscus Coast Christmas luncheon was held on 8<sup>th</sup> December at the Whangaparaoa Golf Club. An excellent day was enjoyed by all who attended. The group was entertained by Sir Graham Lowe who gave an inspiring talk on his involvement with the Lowie Foundation and its success in prisons with numeracy and literacy skills. His talk was interspersed with humorous anecdotes of his life in Rugby League.

*Garth Dutton, Bulletin Editor.*



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## REBUS CLUB OF WANGANUI



**REBUS PICNIC**, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021. We had a great day at Bason Reserve. The weather looked threatening but we went ahead and had a wonderful day - minimum sprinkle here and there. We played a couple of games which were fun, "KLOP" being one of them, supervised by Tony Clark and his lovely wife. Great to have Jan Bloomendal join us, and we look forward to



catching up with you all at the next meeting. *Paerau Taylor, Newsletter Editor.*

*Editor's note: I am intrigued about the game of Klop. Could some kind soul please enlighten me, and maybe explain the rules? It should suit me – not too energetic by the look of it! Replies to [rebusclubnews@gmail.com](mailto:rebusclubnews@gmail.com) please.*

## FITZHERBERT REBUS CLUB INC.

December and January Club Days were social events. Christmas was celebrated in December with an enjoyable meal. January's event was a relaxing picnic under the trees at the Esplanade.

**CHEQUES** are to become a thing of the past: By June this year banks will no longer accept cheques. Come along to our February Club Day to hear information and advice on how to manage without a chequebook! Bring your friends as well.

*Bev Wallace, Secretary.*

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## REBUS CLUB OF KHANDALLAH

There was a good turn-out of members at the January meeting. Members were pleased to catch up with each other after the holidays, as many had not seen each other since our most successful Christmas party in early December.



showing the enjoyment and interest from members.

The speaker was **Bob Maysmor** who is the author of nearly twenty books and an award-winning travel writer/ photographer. It was a pleasure to meet Bob and his wife Alison who have travelled extensively to many remote locations. Bob gave us a wonderful presentation highlighted by photos of their amazing travels in Yemen. He and Alison were fortunate to go to some of the places which may not be able to be visited today. Many questions were asked at the conclusion of his talk,

*Heather Nelson.*

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And that concludes the first edition of Club News for 2021. Whilst Club News is sent to Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Bulletin/Newsletter Editors, it is intended that clubs will circulate it to their members.

Most clubs hold their **Annual General Meeting** in March and preparation will be well under way to try and find members to take office or serve on committee. It is with great respect to JFK that I adapt his famous words:

**“Ask not what your country/(club) can do for you – ask what you can do for your country/(club.)”**

If you are a newish member of your club, or if you have not served on committee before, why not put your hand up and give it a go? Nobody will pressure you into doing something that is uncomfortable for you; and the more you put into something, the more you will get out of it.

In my time I have been a **Treasurer**; (that was the funny story of the year – I didn't even know how to balance my chequebook, but my husband helped me to get started, then I was fine). I have been a **President**; there is no perfect script for this job – just be yourself and you will get by alright, maybe with a little help from your predecessor. I currently have **this** job for Rebus NZ Inc, and am also **Newsletter Editor** for my club, as well as running the **Sales Table**. Does **your** club have a Sales Table, or a Book Exchange, or a dedicated photographer to record important club events for your newsletter/bulletin and **Club News** – if not - perhaps you could fill the gap? **But being on committee is the first step – go on – give it a go!! Let me know how you get on.** Best wishes to you all,



*Jean - Editor,  
Rebus Club News*