



REBUS CLUB NEWS

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Welcome to the final edition of Rebus Club News for 2021, and four weeks from now it will be Christmas – can you believe it? My only preparation so far has been to make the Christmas cake and the pudding. We have been in a state of limbo for so long, and now, suddenly, it is all systems GO. Tomorrow I get my hair cut – hallelujah – I have never looked so shaggy. I am however concerned about a surge in Covid 19 cases with our new so-called ‘freedom’ and will continue to be extremely cautious. I would hate for my departure from this world to be as a result of another person’s violation of the rules. Whilst on the subject of Covid 19, many clubs have had to forego meetings and activities to comply with government requirements, and though we may have to learn to live with it in the future, we can only hope that 2022 will be an improvement on this year. As one who was born in the northern hemisphere, I hope you will forgive my quirky sense of humour with the upside-down Christmas tree. So, let’s get down to business, and catch up with news from clubs around the country.



REBUS CLUB OREWA



Friday Friendly Walkers

For the month of November a few hardy souls have been on the walks, keeping strictly to our double bubble program. But we are keeping positive. Every Friday is a different route.

Maureen Grigg, Bulletin Editor.

**All of us can choose to spend our days in fear and dread,
but all of us can choose to plan for better days ahead.**

TAUPO MOANA REBUS CLUB



Ian Triscott spoke about the project Pakeke Lions have with **Waipahihi School** making wooden rat traps. This started in July with 6 keen boys. The men and boys interact well as they work together. It has many off shoots socially and educationally, especially as the boys are all under 11 or 70++!!!



“**The Landing**” was the destination for 45 Taupo Moana Rebus members on their November “out and about” venture. The facility, which is the developing dream of Taupo local, Jamie Keehan, will eventually be an area which will be able to keep families occupied for as long as they choose, an excellent place for them to visit when weather might not be suitable for outdoor activities. 27 rebus members put up their hands for a game of 10 pin bowling during our visit. The visit concluded with finger food lunch provided by “Drop Zone” staff. *K. Devane, and Christine Bailey, Bulletin Editor.*

REBUS CLUB OF FOXTON

New member **Gayle Heine** was inducted into Rebus Club of Foxton at our October Meeting by Dave Hardman. Welcome to Rebus.

Dereley Barry, Newsletter Editor.

Families are like fudge. Mostly sweet with a few nuts. Les Dawson.



Common sense is like deodorant – the people who need it most never use it.

HASTINGS REBUS CLUB

After 31 years at the helm of the Hawkes Bay Thoroughbred Racehorse Owners' Association **Tony Lyndon** retired as President at the 2020 AGM on 15th November. He joined the Association in 1962 and was on the Committee soon after. He has been the Hawke's Bay Owners' Assn Delegate to the NZTROF Board for many years. Racing is Tony's passion, and he is a member of the HB Jockey Club. He also served on the HB District Committee, tasked with approving Trainers' Licenses. At the Racing Owner/Breeder Awards in 2014, Tony was awarded the Horlicks Salver for outstanding contribution to racing in Hawkes Bay. Originally from Hastings, Tony did a stint as apprentice jockey in Auckland, becoming foreman when he got too heavy. He moved back to Hastings, then became a trainer in his own right and got involved in breeding. Once married he worked selling office equipment, whilst managing his horses. He became a stud manager in Matamata, assisted by his wife. With three children the family returned to Hastings and managed the Windsor Park Motor Camp for nearly 30 years before retiring. Tony is active in the community and is currently a member in Hastings Rebus Club. Racing runs in the family - his grandfather was a jockey - his grandmother's two brothers were jockeys. Tony's daughter Maree is a highly successful jockey, the first woman to ride in a Melbourne Cup (1987). What a wonderful talk at our November Melbourne Cup meeting. *Leon Davidson.*

REBUS CLUB OF MILSON INC.



The Walkers enjoying coffee at The Elm Café last week. They met every Tuesday at 9.30 am.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH, FRIDAY 3 DECEMBER 2021, at the **Boat Shed** (formerly The Chalet), Centennial Drive. The cost is \$20 person. BYO drinks, but punch will be provided. Let's make it festive = wear something Christmassy (maybe a hat, earrings, a Christmas tie – anything.)

At our last meeting the question was asked what we would be getting for \$20. The reason the cost is so reasonable is the club is subsidising it by 50%+. We hope members take advantage of this generous gesture by the committee. *Margaret Broderick, Secretary.*

WEST AUCKLAND MEN'S REBUS CLUB

YACHTING: 1979. The **Fastnet Admirals Cup Race** of 605 miles from Cowes to Fastnet Rock to Plymouth via south of the Isles of Scilly, was held with 303 yachts competing. A storm on the third day wreaked havoc on the fleet.

Emergency services, naval forces, civilian vessels from around the west side of the English Channel were summoned to aid the largest ever rescue operation in peace time. It involved 4000 people, including the entire Irish naval services fleet, lifeboats and helicopters, RAF Nimrod jets, Royal Navy ships and a Dutch warship. 125 yachtsmen were picked up, but 15 yachtsmen and 4 spectators died.

I've always been impressed by the men and women who compete in long distance yacht races. They do what they enjoy, but they have to watch the weather, don't they? *John Mihaljevic, Newsletter Editor.*

Money cannot buy happiness, but it's more comfortable to cry in a Mercedes than on a bicycle.

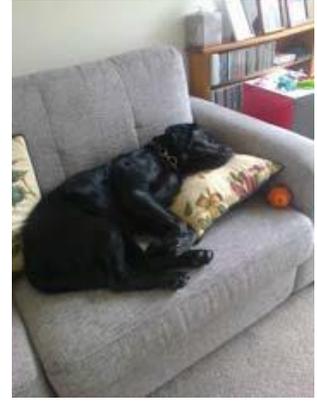
REBUS WAIHEKE ISLAND

Rosemary McKenzie sent a few "gems" from years of her and Don sharing their lives with Don's five Guide dogs.

First, **Jassel**, a deep Golden Lab. She and Don trained in Exeter UK 1963 before we sailed to New Zealand, Don's home in 1964. Jassel was the 4th Guide Dog in the country, pioneering times when all dogs had to be dosed for Hydatids. Despite her many pranks she was a brilliant working dog and daily led Don safely to work around an ever-changing building site of the new Auckland City hospital. Then came **Hayley** a small cream Lab with a hint of Blood Hound in her. She trained in Melbourne as no dogs were trained in NZ until 1973. We were pleased to have "Pog dog" as the children named her. She was an earnest little worker, but it took a wee while for the Papakura community to accept her. Passing drivers would shout out "that dog is not as good as the last one".



The third dog on the scene was **Senna**, a beautiful Golden Retriever. We soon became aware that fruit was going missing from the bowl on the table. Senna quickly discovered the culprit. She was staring at the ceiling barking to shoo the rats away. **Holly**, a honey-coloured Lab Retriever cross was the fourth dog on the scene. These dogs are truly part of the whole family, children and all. Holly was the most successful escapee of all our dogs.



And finally, we have **Asia**, a shiny Black Lab, a fine specimen of the breed with an affectionate nature. More sensitive than all the other

dogs, needing more patient encouragement. Asia is pleased to meet Holly who now lives round the corner, they're just like old play mates.

Tania Sweet, Newsletter Editor.

THAMES BONANZA REBUS CLUB

The talk and screen presentation from the Head Girl & Boy from Thames High School was well received by our members. It is always enlightening to see the variety of activities held at the school nowadays, compared to our school days. The relationship between pupils and teachers is so much more relaxed than when I was at college.

The marching girls display by Ellen, Dianne, and Jenny was a wonderful surprise and delight. I felt it represented the vigour and youthful mentality within our Club. Thank you, Ellen, for your talk and presentation. And Toko for pressing the right button on the recorder!

Gary Meek, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB CAMBRIDGE

*I had a problem with my computer yesterday, so I called Eric, the 11-year-old kid next door. Eric clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem. As he was walking away, I called after him, "So, what was wrong?" He replied, "It was an **ID ten T error**." I didn't want to appear stupid, but nonetheless asked "An ID ten T error? What's that?" Eric grinned, "Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error before?" "No" I replied. "Write it down" he said, "and I think you'll figure it out."*

*So, I wrote it down "**ID10T**."*

And I used to like Eric

Steve O'Sullivan, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF MOUNT HOBSON

The four new members below were inducted at the July 2021 meeting, just prior to the August lockdown – timing!



John Coutts



Gray Cameron



John Berrill



Trevor Brown

Chris de Boer, Newsletter Editor.

My going-out clothes have missed me so much, I put them on yesterday and they hugged me so tight.

REBUS CLUB OF RIVERSIDE HAMILTON

We are hoping that 2022 will allow us to gather for a **Mid-Winter Christmas Luncheon** in June with our usual delicious Christmas Cake Raffle. Grateful thanks to Kate Salmon for graciously delaying her cake making until then.



“Picnic in the Park”

On **Friday 17th December** at 11.30 am., bring a chair and your picnic lunch to **Rogers Rose Garden, Hamilton Gardens**. Looking forward to seeing you. Thank you for your understanding during these uncertain times. Warm regards, Susan Seath on behalf of the Social Team.

WAIKANA E MILLENNIUM REBUS CLUB INC.



ANZIL Hungarian Restaurant, Thursday 28th October.



At our November Meeting we welcomed **Barbara Cook**. With Barbara is President Chris Jackson and her proposer, Bill Stormer. *David Goggin, Newsletter Editor.*

REBUS CLUB OF PETONE



It was great to be able to welcome and induct **Russ Klein, Sharyn Bowen, and Jane de Waal** at our October meeting. **COFFEE AND CHAT:** November’s group went to **Benedict’s** in the Maungaraki Shopping Centre. For the thirteen who attended It was well worth the trip up the hill. *Valerie Wenk, Bulletin Editor.*

SOUTH WAIRARAPA REBUS CLUB

At our Rebus meeting on 28 July 2017, we welcomed two new members, refugees from a Probus club that had decided NOT to become Rebus; Ken and Nola Hyde from Carterton were our mini speakers. Quoting from Newsletter 09 about Ken, “We now know we have a qualified ambulance officer in our midst. Even though he is retired, knowing he is present will be a comfort.” And “Nola tells us she has a collection of 800 teaspoons. One wonders where she keeps them.” It took a couple of months for Ken to gravitate to the Committee but in November, in response to a Newsletter appeal, he joined us, taking over the Guest Speaker portfolio. At the 2019 AGM, Ken again stepped up, taking over as Treasurer. At the same meeting, Nola volunteered to take over as Almoner. In February 2020, in a situation of some urgency, Ken again volunteered, this time to take on the role of President (in addition to that of Treasurer) just in time to face the first Covid lockdown and a year of uncertainty. It would have been rough to be either President or Treasurer during the pandemic; to be both was heroic. Thank you, Ken. *David Woodhams, Newsletter Editor.*

Be strong enough to stand alone, smart enough to know when you need help, and brave enough to ask for it.

REBUS CLUB OF PALMERSTON NORTH

At our November meeting, our most senior member **Ray Trott** told us of his very interesting career as a radiotherapy physicist, and local **Grey Power President Russell Hallam** gave us an insight into its activities. At **Eric Clarke's "Way Back" Cinema** in Feilding a group of us saw the 1969 comedy/musical **Sweet Charity** starring Shirley MacLaine.

A very enjoyable event for 19 of us was a three-day coach trip to the **Taranaki Gardens Festival**. We stayed in New Plymouth and visited 12 gardens, a variety of urban and rural splendours. The photo shows us at delightful Pukeiti.



Dean Halford, President.

REBUS CLUB OF KHANDALLAH

At our October meeting – held under strict Covid regulations - the Speaker was **Dr Rob Langridge**, from the Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences Limited. Two new members were welcomed into REBUS.

In November the **REBUS Gardening Group** visited the former prison gardens at **Mount Crawford, on the Miramar Peninsula**. The group boarded a bus at Khandallah Village which took them to Mt Crawford, a journey of over an hour, and an opportunity to view Wellington on the way. On a beautiful sunny day, it was a most enjoyable visit to these unique and historical gardens. Prisoners from the now closed Mount Crawford Prison had gardens there for over 100 years. The Miramar Prison Community Gardens are now run by volunteers and involves the Predator Free Miramar Movement and Te Motu Kairangi, who have planted over 21,000 native plants. Members enjoyed a guided walk, including the fruit tree grove and the allotment area, where people pay a yearly fee to have their own plot. We saw healthy vegetables, and how the plots were used in different ways. Afternoon tea was under a large Puriri Tree.



Heather Nelson.

KOWHAI REBUS CLUB OF BETHLEHEM

Tony's Tales: "It has been a bit like riding a unicycle along the path to this meeting as it's been a trifle wobbly to say the least. But we have arrived and to prove it we are here."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!!!

Ross and Rhyll Eades cutting the beautiful cake to celebrate our 11th birthday – yay.

The annual meeting of the clairvoyant society is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

Lisa Sutherland, Newsletter Editor.



OMANU REBUS CLUB

Some of our members joined the Papamoa Garden Circle on a trip on Wednesday the 24 November to visit two lovely gardens in Tirau and Matamata. The first garden was Watkins Gardens in Tirau, and the Firth Tower Museum Community Garden.



Rose Coutts, Secretary.

REBUS CLUB OF WANGANUI

REBUS Christmas Dinner, Sunday 21st November 2021, "Caroline's Boatshed."



And a jolly good time was had by all!!

Paerau Taylor, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF GULF HARBOUR

Despite the challenges, our Club has managed to resume some activities. We were able to gather for a socially distanced Coffee Morning at Shakespear Park - the weather was a perfect spring day, just what we ordered!

In addition, our **Rebus Ramblers** group has resumed weekly rambles, taking us to Stanmore Bay Beach, a firm favourite, and the new urban development, Milldale, that is creeping across the landscape to Wainui. Much has changed whilst we have been in hibernation.

Our website provides information, but the photographs are always a good record. Our photographic competition photos, a collage of our coffee morning at Shakespear and photos of our Ramblers are all posted there and regularly updated. The Club Paparazzi are keeping busy, and you can view their efforts at <https://www.rebus-gulpharbour.nz/>



Peter Odendaal, Secretary.

WOMEN'S REBUS CLUB OF WAIKANAE

Rosemary Marryatt entertained us with the story of the book she has written, "A Sheep in my Eye," about her great-grandfather William Gilbert Rees, who was one of the founders of Queenstown.



Alyth, Inez, Ethel and Christine had their birthdays during lockdown, and were celebrated by the club at our November meeting.

Our lunch this year will be held at ANZIL which is situated in Lindale Village



Jan Bradbury reminisces: As our thoughts turn to Christmas, I am reminded of how simple our Christmases were. We had one present from our parents with the usual new shilling and an orange but felt extra lucky to receive a book from an uncle and aunt who didn't have children. Immediately Christmas was over, we had to sit and write a thank you letter. Although we didn't realise it at the time, we learnt to be grateful and appreciate what we had. Things were made to last back then; in fact, I still have the paintbox with the individual porcelain dishes for holding the paint, given to me seventy-plus years ago! Ah! Memories!

Mary Paddock, Newsletter Editor.



PUKENAMU REBUS CLUB INC. WANGANUI



Club Speaker Graham Juden has been a “Grabologist” (tie collector) since 1966 and displayed 20 or so of his 89 ties. He told us about those with family links and others with links to his roots, his learning institutions, and professional bodies. Among them were bright ties he wore to build bridges in his role as Hospital Chaplain with children in the Paediatric Wards. Graham has another 69 ties to talk about sometime!

The President congratulated Treasurer Lindsay Stockbridge on his OBE award (Over Bloody Eighty).

Combined Birthday Lunch and Christmas Function, Wednesday 1 December. Helen Goldfinch, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF DEVONPORT INC.

CLUB PRE-CHRISTMAS EVENT AT NARROW NECK BEACH. As we cannot hold our Christmas Dinner this year, your committee invites you to attend an open-air gathering. You will be aware this is the safest way for us to meet. This function is to be a “Walk-about /Talk about whatever you wish!” Specifically, it is to enable us to wish each other the compliments of the Season and have a little chat with all the members. **Details:** THURSDAY, 9 DECEMBER, between 1 – 2.30 pm (If the weather on the day is inclement, we will meet on Monday 13 December - same time) Access from the Narrow Neck Car Park, is by crossing on the Pedestrian Crossing, to under the trees at the TAKAPUNA END of the Café.



David Thomson, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF UPPER HUTT INC.



For the November short talk **Gary Kerkin** presented photos from the recent garden club trip to **Taranaki**.



The guest speaker was **Jason Attewell**, GM Social and Population Insights at **Statistics New Zealand**. He told us why and how the Government collects statistics and the sort of information they monitor. The next census will record gender to ensure members of the rainbow community are included. In October **Alex Attewell** presented an informative address on the use of drones, ranging from those used commonly for aerial pictures of real estate, in documentaries and movies, and military drones.

Alex Attewell, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF HIBISCUS COAST



The combined Walking Group of **Hibiscus Coast and Gulf Harbour Rebus Clubs** finally sprang back into action this month, albeit with some restrictions, with members dusting off their summer walking gear, and were witnessed actually walking and talking with friends like normal

people. The first group walk was an easy stroll along Stanmore Bay beach with 20 eager walkers turning up, followed

by coffee, purchased at the door of **Beans N Bites**. This was followed by a walk around the new suburb of Milldale from **Little Millie's** on the 22nd when 18 turned up.

The final walk of the month was along the ever-popular Orewa Beach and back, followed by a pleasant coffee at **Bake N Brew**, with 22 starters for this walk.

Garth Dutton, Bulletin Editor.



Hi Jean, what a great October selection of reports (in Rebus Club News) of "Happy Rebus Members " doing their thing all over NZ. It is SO interesting and such great Humour? Our average age of approx. 80 years shows a fantastic "will to live and kindness to others in the wonderful REBUS Organisation." Well done Jean, our Rebus News Editor! Peter.



Thank you for all your hard work on Club News. You have contributed most significantly to the Rebus NZ modus operandi. It's a very good production, Jean. Dean.

And that's all from me for another year, and what a year it has been! Who knows what the future is for clubs such as ours in these uncertain times, but from reading your contributions and newsletters, I am delighted to see a steady procession of new members being inducted, which hopefully bodes well for the future. My sincere thanks to all who have contributed to Rebus Club News throughout the year, without your input I would be out of a job. And to those of you who are happy just to read the end-product, we hope we keep you entertained and inspired. So, the hair has been cut, Club News finished, now it is time to turn my attention to all things Christmassy.



I wish you all a very happy festive season, a relaxing summer holiday with friends or family, and I look forward to being with you again in the New Year. Please, continue to be careful – we are all doing very well so far – keep up the good work – we get only one chance at life – enjoy it!!!

Jean, Editor - Rebus Club News





Week 6 of quarantine:



FOR THOSE THAT HAVE NEVER SEEN A CATFISH !!



I ENJOY A GLASS OF WINE EACH NIGHT FOR ITS HEALTH BENEFITS. THE OTHER GLASSES ARE FOR MY WITTY COMEBACKS AND FLAWLESS DANCE MOVES



"You put a round thing on a spinning plate with a needle and then you play with buttons and knobs ... only old people know how to do it!"

My hubby purchased a world map.... gave me a dart and said "throw this and wherever it lands I'm taking you for a holiday when this pandemic is over". Turns out we're spending two weeks behind the fridge.



MY PARENTS SPANKED ME AS A CHILD AS A RESULT, I NOW SUFFER FROM A PSYCHOLOGICAL CONDITION KNOWN AS "RESPECT FOR OTHERS"

