



# REBUS CLUB NEWS

*May 2021*

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Hello and welcome to May Rebus Club News. The Annual General Meeting is now behind us – with the results of the Workshops collated and distributed. The venue and social activities organised by Tina and her group from Taupo Moana Rebus Club were greatly appreciated – thanks to all of you. See the back page for photos.

A question from the floor asked, “How can a club who has no trouble attracting members gets them to serve on committee?” This was echoed by several clubs. My opinion is **not** the Rebus official view, but here is my five-penny-worth. We are all individuals; clubs are merely groups of individuals and therefore vary considerably in makeup. There is no silver bullet. It is almost pointless to ask for volunteers the month before your AGM. If you make it your business to know your members - their strengths and weaknesses - a tap on the shoulder and a quiet word in private will probably have greater success – maybe not the first time – but try again and make that person feel valued and wanted. Most people try to avoid serving on a committee like the plague, but there are a few who may be a little “ego driven”. So, what is the answer? A successful committee should be a balance of **experience** (those who have served before and know the club’s history,) and **enthusiasm**, which comes in many forms! *Experience-only* committees usually lack innovation, variety, and enthusiasm. *Enthusiasm-only* committees usually lack respect for their forebears, try to re-invent the wheel, and many of the basic tasks get overlooked. Whichever type of person you are, **respect** for the other is crucial. As organisations such as ours, and others, are struggling, co-operation between the willing (old and new) is the key to our survival.

## REBUS CLUB OREWA



Our Speaker in April was **Brian Bell-Syer**, a club member, who gave us an interesting Powerpoint presentation “**A Brief Look at Travel by Air**”. Brian and his wife Mavis have held light plane licences in the past and taken many flights around NZ. He got us laughing at the early attempts of those ‘magnificent men in



their flying machines!’ to get off the ground. The presentation brought back memories for two of our members, Nati Morrison, an Air Hostess on Lufthansa and British Airways in the late 60s early 70s, and Shirley Owen who was an Air Hostess on Canadian Pacific. Thank you, Brian.

*Maureen Grigg, Bulletin Editor.*

## REBUS CLUB OF FEILDING

In April, our Guest Speaker was **Errol Manderson** who talked about **Errol’s Asteroid**, an event that happened in about 1434, when an asteroid hit the Kermadec Islands. All New Zealand was covered with 150 metres of soil and all life was extinguished. It added 1000 islands and raised sea levels by 7 metres around the world. There were two tsunamis that went round the world twice. Spherical boulders from this event, pieces of the asteroid - near Tainui (Castlepoint), Hokianga Beach and at Moeraki, South Island, are the more famous ones but they are scattered across NZ. An asteroid is a piece broken off the sun. A comet on the other hand is made of ice, water, and dust. Between about 1450 and 1650 NZ experienced an ice age where the temperature was around -20 degrees.



*Lyn Jensen.*

**What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness?**

*John Steinbeck.*

## REBUS CLUB OF RIVERSIDE HAMILTON

**Anjum Rahman, our April Speaker**, is the Project Lead of the Inclusive Aotearoa Collective Tahono. She is a chartered accountant with over 25 years' experience, working with a range of entities in the commercial, farming and not-for-profit sectors. She was a founding member of the Islamic Women's Council of New Zealand, an organisation formed in 1990 to bring Muslim women together and represent their concerns. She has also been a founding member and trustee of Shama, Ethnic Women's Trust, which supports ethnic minority women through its social work service, life-skills classes, and community development. Anjum has worked in the area of sexual violence prevention both as a volunteer and as part of Government working groups and is a Trustee of Trust Waikato, a major funder in the Waikato Region. Anjum has been an active member of the Waikato Interfaith Council for over a decade, a trustee of the Trust that governs Hamilton's community access broadcaster, Free FM. She is a member of international committees dealing with violent extremist content online, being the co-chair of the Christchurch Call Advisory Network and a member of the Independent Advisory Committee of the Global Internet Forum for Countering Terrorism. *Steve O'Sullivan.*

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## THAMES BONANZA CLUB

### Trip to Cornerstone Alpaca Farm, Gordonton.

The manager welcomed us with coffee and tea, followed by a slide presentation of the farm operations, the various animals, and comparisons of the alpaca fibre with other animals such as merino & Llama. I had no idea that Alpacas are derived from the camel family. We were able to feed the animals and pat them. Beautifully soft fibre. We heard the unusual humming sound that a male makes when he is attracting the attention of a receptive female. All too easy! The outside walk was followed by a packaged fish & chip lunch and coffee. Most of us bought freshly made multi-berry ice cream to enjoy in the sunshine. A very pleasant and entertaining day trip.



*Gary Meek, President.*

## RED BEACH LADIES' REBUS CLUB

As we celebrate our **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**, current members who are Past Presidents, Founding and Life Members will be invited to join us for a special morning tea this month. So come along and enjoy some delicious treats together with a slice of our Anniversary Cake specially prepared by your Committee's many talented cooks. Definitely something to celebrate. Don't miss it! Photo right: Graeme McIntosh presents a Certificate of Attainment to Wendy Dazeley, on behalf of President Patricia Meurant – previously postponed due to Covid lockdown.



*Bobbie Wakenell, Bulletin Editor.*

We extend a very warm welcome to 4 new members inducted by President Trish last month - **Kathy Farr, Judy Henricksen and Helen Crawford** - also **Lisa Webb** who was unable to attend on the day.



## REBUS CLUB OF FOXTON



**May 6<sup>th</sup>.** An interesting, enjoyable day out to Robotic Cowshed. We saw a robot washing udders prior to the robot attaching the 4 cups via laser. Fascinating! We enjoyed a fabulous home made morning tea made by Grandma. **Photo:** May 6th Robotic Cow group enjoying a \$12 yummy lunch at Murrays Irish Bar, Feilding. Great food, great day.

Group 2 to visit Robotic Cowshed and Murrays Irish Bar for lunch on June 23.

*Dereley Barry, Newsletter Editor.*

**Why are you IN a movie, but you are ON TV?**

## HASTINGS REBUS CLUB

**Guest Speaker:** Lead Chaplain **Reverend Barbara Walker, QSO**. What is life-like for aid workers who gather from around the world to serve refugees who fled their homes due to famine, political unrest and disasters? Kiwi nurse-midwife Barbara Walker who spent 20 years working for international aid agencies shared her dramatic, heart rending and inspiring stories of the situations she faced and the people she sought to help. From the **Sakeo One Refugee Camp** in Thailand where she cared for those fleeing Pol Pot's regime in Cambodia in a makeshift bamboo framed field hospital, to her last placement in Mozambique that ended in a death threat to her. Her Christian faith gave her strength and kept her focused. We also learned of Barbara's early life in New Zealand and her late call to ordained ministry as a chaplain when she returned after serving overseas. Barbara was called by God to become a missionary nurse at the early age of 13. Little did she know that she would end up working in some of the toughest places on earth. She has had a multitude of roles including nurse, midwife, eye surgeon, anaesthetist, dentist, car mechanic, plumber, carpenter, health manager, and Anglican Priest. Presently Barbara is Lead Chaplain at the Hawkes Bay Soldiers Memorial Hospital in Hastings. She has also written a book called "**Purple Hands.**" *Leon Davidson.*

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## WEST AUCKLAND MEN'S REBUS CLUB

### KAIPARA HARBOUR CRUISE.

Friday 30 April saw 37 members and spouses from West Auckland Men's Rebus and Waitakere Combined Rebus on a 3½ hour cruise on the Kaipara Harbour. We went downriver from Parakai, then back up the Kaukapakapa River to view Kaukapakapa, then back down past Parakai to view Helensville from the river, then back to Parakai and the bus home. *Vince Middeldorp and John Mihaljevic.*



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## REBUS WAIHEKE ISLAND

**Main Speaker** this month was **Simon Wright from Garden to Table**. A chance encounter on a local beach led to Simon and Mary Wright's engagement with Garden to Table at our local Te Huruhi School. "When we sow a seed, we plant a narrative of the future." Simon's work with young children prepares them for their future by engaging them with the growing, harvesting, preparing and sharing of garden produce.

At the school one class each term works every Tuesday morning to learn about growing food in a purpose-built garden protected from rabbits by scaffolding covered in vineyard netting. The programme is integrated into their curriculum so that maths, reading, science and social studies are all included in the learning naturally. Children are often growing and tasting produce for the first time. They sit with volunteers to share the meal they have prepared, with a karakia to start and conversation prompts teaching good table manners. Children love the worms in the compost, learning how to use a garden tool and taking recipes home to share with their families. *Tania Sweet, Newsletter Editor.*

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## REBUS CLUB OF KHANDALLAH



**The Guest Speakers** at our May meeting were **Helen Cruse and Grace Tong** from the Broadcasting Standards Authority. We learned how to lodge complaints with the BSA and the process those complaints go through before a decision is reached. There is a small team who deals with complaints and who works very closely with broadcasters. There are four codes of broadcasting practice with the vision of freedom in broadcasting without harm - the Free to Air TV Code; Radio Code; Pay TV Code and Election Programme Code. The BSA tries to reflect NZ society, which is evolving and where standards are constantly reviewed, with research contributing to the code development. *Heather Nelson.*

**'No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it for anyone else.'** C. Dickens.



## SOUTH WAIRARAPA REBUS CLUB

Our Main Speaker at the May meeting is Ian Johnstone. His voice and face were once a familiar part of the New Zealand television landscape, particularly familiar to those of an older generation. Since the early 1960s, Ian's work has allowed him to document many key events during the first four decades of NZ television. Starting his broadcasting career, he was an announcer, then interviewer and newsreader on radio and television, before joining the current affairs television unit which produced the first series of Compass. As reporter and finally producer for the programme he presented reports on many aspects of New Zealand life - from light-hearted explorations of the North Island's thermal pools to serious documentaries on political issues. He co-hosted Crimewatch for more than nine years, assisting police in the resolution of about 1400 cases. He was probably one of the most thoroughly likeable commentators on New Zealand television. His entertaining, opinionated biography is titled **"Stand and Deliver."** *David Woodhams.*

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## REBUS CLUB OF PETONE



**'Round the Bays'** on Friday 7 May was a great success with a visit to the **Bata** factory and shoe shop. The bus had a special seat for some of the shoe purchases. Lunch at the **Spruce Goose** was great, a very efficient and tasty operation.



## WAIKANA E MILLENNIUM REBUS CLUB

**TRIP TO LIFE FLIGHT TRUST, 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL, FOLLOWED BY LUNCH AT CHOCOLATE FISH.**



***Editor's note:*** How often has somebody in your family said to you "write it down"? But do we ever? Waikanae Millennium Club has decided to give us all a bit of encouragement to do just that – write it down. I think this is the first **WID** interest group – perhaps you might like to start such a group for your own club?? Just a thought. Ed.



### **"WRITE IT DOWN" GROUP**

This new group offers members the opportunity to record the family and personal stories that our children have been nagging us about:

**"Write it down, Dad, Mum, Auntie, Uncle, Grandad, Nana."**

*David Goggin, Newsletter Editor.*

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**HOW DID THE MAN WHO MADE THE FIRST CLOCK, KNOW WHAT TIME IT WAS?**

**People are prisoners of their phones, that's why they are called cell phones.**

## PUKENAMU REBUS CLUB INC. WANGANUI

**Guest speaker, Gareth Young** from Mercury Energy spoke about the company's windfarms. The **Turitea** wind farm, near Palmerston Nth, with its 60 turbines, will produce energy that could power 375,000 electric vehicles per year, will be the largest in New Zealand and is believed to be in the top 5% of wind generation sites worldwide. **"The evolution of wind"** means that you're always looking to the next project," said Gareth, "and Mercury likes to go for the really difficult sites." In answer to a question, he said that Mercury is not interested in offshore wind farms, which are popular overseas. "After all, the wind is the same wind when it reaches land!"



**On a glorious day Don Adams drove 22 members up to Mangaweka for lunch!** *Helen Goldfinch, Newsletter Editor.*

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## CAMBRIDGE REBUS CLUB

**Ploughman's Lunch, May 2021:** There were pickles, grapes, 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 **2021 Cambridge Rebus Ploughman's lunch** - cancelled last year by Covid - was well attended. The theme was "remembrance" and members (pictured here) brought along, and talked about, items of interest that stirred memories for them.



*Steve O'Sullivan, Newsletter Editor.*

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## REBUS CLUB OF GULF HARBOUR

Our **Guest Speaker** in May was **John Pringle**, the Chairman, Trustee and Flight Coordinator of **Angel Flight NZ** who delivered a heartening talk on what he calls New Zealand's best kept secret. Angel Flight provides an air transport service for deserving people in rural areas, with a medical condition, who have no other way of getting to a hospital, specialist care or a treatment facility.



Our Club attended and participated in the Rebus NZ Inc AGM in Taupo along with our regular popular activities including Rambling and Mah Jong. Another highlight was our Club trip to the Devonport shops and art galleries 20<sup>th</sup> May to absorb a bit of culture!

*Peter Odendaal, Secretary.*

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**If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?**



## REBUS CLUB OF UPPER HUTT INC.

The guest speaker was Peter Thompson, Fire Risk Management Officer for the Hutt / Wairarapa Fire Area. He briefly explained the history and transition of the NZ Fire Service to Fire and Emergency NZ and its core functions. These included:

- Emergency Response
- Fire Risk Management
- Volunteer Support
- Fire Investigation

He then went on to explain the Golden Rules for Fire Safety:

- Fire Alarms
- Home Fire Safe
- Escape Plans
- Get Out – Stay Out
- Call (or txt) 111



Peter was thanked by Malcolm Stone.

*Alex Attwell, Newsletter Editor.*

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## CAMBRIDGE MEN'S REBUS CLUB



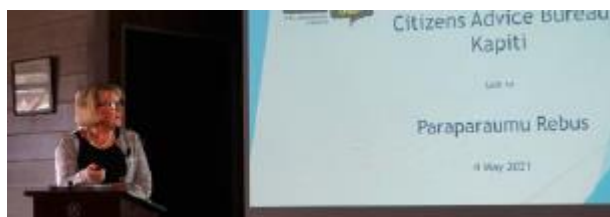
**Martin Watson** was the guest speaker at the May meeting. He has had a lifelong interest in the share market and gave an insight into the world of equity trading and investment. His Fund Management business (that deals solely with wholesale private investor clients) has experienced the volatility of the market over the years, the highlights being the financial crash of 1987 and then the golden years between 1990 and 1994. He recommends that businesspeople be encouraged to start their investment experience whilst still in business rather than waiting for retirement – in fact, the sooner the better.

Martin then talked about the Shareholders Association, its function, and his role in it. As a 'Not for Profit', it provides numerous services to shareholders, including negotiating at company AGM's, company performance issues, capital raising issues, submissions to Government, media commentary, education, analysis, and proxy advisory service.

*Nigel Salter.*

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## COMBINED REBUS CLUB OF PARAPARAUMU BEACH INC.



Our main speaker was **Sandra Daly**, the Publicity Officer of the local Citizens Advice Bureau office. Sandra gave us an in-depth perspective of the work of CAB and I am sure none of us realised just how busy they are, fielding all sorts of crises and queries from a broad cross section of the community. One such query received a year or two ago: "Can you please tell me why there are so many

white butterflies in my garden this year?" Sadly, some of the cases that come across the CAB desk are not so amusing and I must say it came as a shock to learn that our local council recently withdrew its funding of the Bureau, an action not repeated by councils in other parts of the country.

*Steve Hutchison, Presidential Scribe.*

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## WOMEN'S REBUS CLUB OF WAIKANAE

**Speaker for May was Marie Hannan – "Nepal"**. Arriving in 2006 she experienced the totality of a national strike; not even bicycles were allowed on the road. Power and water shortages were a regular occurrence. There was little refrigeration. Distances between towns were huge. In mountainous Nepal buses often broke down and it was commonplace for a trip to take up to 24 hours. Nevertheless, Marie stayed for 4 years, finding a niche in teaching, where she lived above a boarding school, eventually taking inspiration from the market stalls of



Kathmandu, where she made the contacts to develop her business back in New Zealand. Her samples table displayed a vividly colourful range of handcrafted bags, scarves, stuffed toys and novelties – all in natural fibres such as cotton, hemp, silks and yak wool. What a fascinating morning!

*Mary Paddock, Newsletter Editor.*

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## REBUS CLUB OF HIBISCUS COAST



On Tuesday 18th May we had a trip to the **Navy Museum in Devonport**. Our guide, Ewan, explained about the models of Navy ships and related artefacts; he brought the exhibits to life by his detailed knowledge of the battles each ship was involved in. Although not large, the Museum is well laid out, colourful and informative but is definitely far more interesting when explained by such an enthusiastic and confident presenter as Ewan.

*Garth Dutton, Bulletin Editor.*

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## REBUS CLUB OF MILSON INC.

### TRIP TO RUAPEHU - RIDE ON THE SKY WAKA AND LUNCH



Left: The Pinnacles.

22 of us enjoyed a bus trip to Ruapehu in April. We stopped at Waiouru for morning (kindly supplied by Mandy, Jo, Puff & Bob) and enjoyed a wonderful buffet lunch in the Restaurant at the Knoll Ridge Café.

*Margaret Broderick, Secretary.*



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## REBUS CLUB OF PALMERSTON NORTH



May 12 was cold and wet in the Tararua region, but that didn't dampen the spirits of our railway enthusiast members. We made a very interesting, nostalgic and eye-opening visit to the **Pahiatua Railcar Museum**. Our own Bernard Watson was our guide. He has spent countless hours of love-labour over many years restoring iconic NZ railcars. We learnt about and inspected a fully restored 1936 railcar RM5 'Mahuhu' that operated on the Wellington – Wairarapa line over the Rimutaka Incline; a restored 1938 railcar RM31 'Tokomaru' that ran on several North Island lines; and the three 1972 Silver Fern railcars RM1, RM2 and RM3 recently acquired

by the Museum. We concluded the outing with lunch at the **Black Stump Café in Pahiatua**.

*Dean Halford, Presidential Newsletter Editor.*

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## REBUS CLUB OF WANGANUI

**Guest Speaker, Karrie Brown** (Food Bank Manager). Karrie was an interesting and passionate speaker, who spoke of the service that food bank offers, not only to the poor, but available to any of the community who at some time may need their help. They are forever grateful to the local community for their help and support, but also receive outside help from other organisations, plus grants from various trusts for their work. They have 3 paid staff and many volunteers to help. Karrie also touched on the budgeting service they offer. Their motto is "**Not giving a hand-out but giving a hand-up.**" (A substantial table of donated goods from members was passed on to Karrie. *Paerau Taylor.*

**'The man who says he is willing to meet you halfway is usually a poor judge of distance.'**

*Laurence Peter*

## FITZHERBERT REBUS CLUB INC.

Last Club Day **Kilian De Lacy** enthralled us all as she recounted her life as a nun and nurse in New Zealand and Australia for 30 years. Realising she wanted different things from life she successfully applied to Rome to be released from her vows. She bravely entered a different world and went on to marry and to serve the community in many ways. She wrote a book **"God must be Crazy"** which some members purchased. A truly brave and caring woman.

This group enjoyed their visit to the **"Suffrage in Stitches"** Exhibition at Te Manawa. They appreciated the thousands of stitches and hundreds of creative ideas that went into the panels.



*Bev Wallace, Newsletter Editor.*

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## THE LADIES' REBUS CLUB OF WARKWORTH

### Twenty-first Anniversary Celebration, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Initially this club was known as The Warkworth Ladies' Probus Club. Their Inaugural meeting was held 16th May 2000 and was attended by just over 70 local women. Since March 2017 the Club has been known as The Ladies' Rebus Club of Warkworth. Nine Foundation Members of our Club from May 2000 are still part of our Membership in 2021. Apart from our Members attending 25th May 2021, we welcomed Mr Graeme McIntosh, Chairman of Rebus NZ Inc, (accompanied by Rebus Club News Editor- Jean) who presented a Certificate of Attainment to Jenny Angel, President of the Club. Also, in attendance were six of our Past Presidents and representatives of the Warkworth Men's Rebus Club.



Following an address from Graeme McIntosh and reminiscences from Past Presidents, the Club hosted a 21st Anniversary Morning Tea. Social Time followed for Members and Guests, and the meeting closed at noon.

*Jenny Angel, President.*

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**Two things to make your day better: Don't watch the News & stay off the bathroom scales.**

**And that's a wrap for the month of May. Next month we will be into soups, casseroles and slow-cooked meals – yummy – comfort food is good for the mind and wellbeing, but we won't talk about the waistline!**

**Thank you to all those who sent in contributions – please remember to use [rebusclubnews@gmail.com](mailto:rebusclubnews@gmail.com) to avoid any chance of emails going astray while being on-sent to me. All items are important to give a balance of content. Thank you also for the feedback received via the workshops at the AGM regarding Rebus Club News. All criticism and suggestions are always considered for the benefit of us all. Stay warm,**



*Jean*

*Editor, Rebus Club News*



## PHOTOS FROM THE REBUS NZ INC. AGM, TAUPO, 8-9 MAY 2021.



Our Host Club.



Thinking caps on at the Workshops.



The New Board at the AGM.



The bus trip, left,  
and the lake cruise to  
view the Maori  
carvings.



Then, the Dinner!



Presentations were made to Tina Tapa, and retiring Board Members Peter Odendaal, Norma Parker and John Lee.