



REBUS CLUB NEWS

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Spring is here, and it seems only a couple of weeks ago I sent out the August edition of Rebus Club News, and here we are again about to learn what has been happening in the Rebus family during September. And soon it will be Christmas! Yesterday I was let loose at the garden centre – oh joy – it's that time of year again, and everything looks so healthy, fresh, and just dying to go home with me! I could have spent a fortune, but sense prevailed as we are still at risk of a cold snap for another month or so. But I am itching to get an early start, and a few of my little protégés will be living an indoors/outdoors existence for the next few weeks till the nights are a little warmer.



TAUPO MOANA REBUS CLUB



On a beautiful Spring morning 24 members met at the Aratiatia Dam car park to join the Huka Falls River boat skippered by Dave Kilmister. We left the Jetty at 10.30am and cruised along the river in a leisurely fashion, past stands of native bush that has regrown after a fire, past the Mercury Waitaki Energy hydro station, under the bypass bridge, until we eventually arrived at the base of the Huka Falls. What a spectacle - the noise, and the colours - quite magnificent. Dave took us through four circuits. The river appeared very calm, but was really flowing at a fast rate, noticeable as we sailed back downstream much faster than we had sailed up stream.

Coffee and tea were available on board, with Shona's home baking.

Christine Bailey, Bulletin Editor.

REBUS CLUB CAMBRIDGE



Happy Birthday to Rebus Cambridge! August was our birthday month, and we enjoyed entertainment from **Paul and Gloria**. The beautiful cake was cut by Joy Hunter and President Steve.

A selection of knitting from the Knitting Group was presented to "**Grandparents raising Grandchildren**" by Ann Maclure.

Steve O'Sullivan, Presidential Scribe.

REBUS CLUB OF KHANDALLAH



We welcomed two new members into our club. President **Vish Sarma** inducted **Judith and David Littlejohn**.

Guest Speaker: Juliane Tandy, Manager, Citizens Advice Bureau Karori and Wellington Central, spoke about 'Changing life, one question at a time – helping people to understand their rights and responsibilities and helping people to take appropriate action.' CAB is available to all people living in New Zealand, and not just citizens. Juliane



believes that the CAB's role as a free, independent, community organisation is very important. It is good for people to know they can walk in and talk to someone without restraint, or judgement. It provides free, confidential, independent information and advice, and helps people understand their rights, responsibilities, and obligations. It provides information that can be used to good effect to get the best outcomes.

Sharon Major, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OREWA



As Club Speaker, President Robert spoke to us about his life in Bayswater from a boy to adult, and his experience in **Mercury and Civic Theatres** in Auckland. Robert brought with him the artwork he produced during lockdown. He explained what each of the landmarks in the picture meant both historically and to himself.

Our **Guest Speaker** was **Chris Hagon, Heritage NZ**, who spoke of his experiences in the UK working for the National Trust, after leaving the profession of Lawyer. He worked at Woolsthorpe Manor, birthplace of Isaac Newton. He then lived with his wife and 2 children in an apartment in the servants' quarters at Kedleston Hall, Derbyshire, where he worked organising public visits and other events for the Lord and Lady for 7 years, where the film **The Duchess** was filmed. He then worked at Belvoir Castle owned by the Duke and Duchess of Rutland, then moved on to Rockingham Castle, Leicestershire before emigrating to NZ. He now works for Heritage NZ, working at Couldrey House, Wenderholm.



Maureen Grigg, Bulletin Editor.

REBUS WAIHEKE ISLAND

The Main Speaker was **Claire Mummery** who spoke about growing food organically and sustainably. She has had 30 years' experience and has a passion for growing food using effective microorganisms and bokashi which is a closed, cold fermentation system. Nothing goes to waste. She has taught in Myanmar and across NZ at Regional Councils. She runs a 1 year online course teaching how to grow food from the beginning to production. When Claire started at Poderi Crisci she saw how much food went to landfill and diverted the waste food to bokashi and then the garden. It reduces plant disease, holds moisture, and grows beautiful vegetables. At Cable Bay she was given 3 years starting with a clay pan and made soil from food scraps, no soil was brought in. They produced 30 tonnes of compost in 52 weeks and grew 12 tonnes of food. The grape skins from the vineyard which used to be dumped were sprayed with EM and made into a giant compost heap, 3 months later it was being used.

Tania Sweet, Newsletter Editor.

WEST AUCKLAND MEN'S REBUS CLUB



Guest Speaker Sen. Sergeant Bob Barrett. After spending three months at the police training school, Bob Barrett was posted to Auckland's Downtown Wharf Police Station. On his first night on the beat, he came across a Mr Anderson attempting to steal a truck from Turners and Growers. A violent scuffle took place, which ended when a CIB car with two detectives arrived on the scene. The detectives told Bob that he had apprehended a notorious criminal and offered to do all the paperwork. Bob was not mentioned anywhere in the arrest report. It taught him never to trust "*****" detectives. Bob was given the nickname, Basher. He said Basher Barrett has a bit of a ring to it.

Guest Speaker Lindsay Roberts. Lindsay began by saying how he normally gave a talk on the history of St John, but after hearing Bob Barrett, we would all be bored to death listening about that. So, he gave an impromptu talk on his time working for St John. On his 10th birthday in 1957, Lindsay joined the St John Ambulance Brigade as a cadet. He spent the next few years in uniform, running around on football fields at places such as Cornwall Park and providing first aid at the Epsom Showgrounds. Lindsay went back to St John about nine years ago as the team leader for the **Auckland Health Shuttle Service**, which takes people to their medical and hospital appointments. He also re-qualified as an ambulance driver.



Vince Mideldorp, Secretary.

If there is light in the soul, there will be beauty in the person. If there is beauty in the person, there will be harmony in the house. If there is harmony in the house, there will be order in the nation. If there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world. Chinese Proverb.

THAMES BONANZA CLUB

Our **Guest Speaker** last month was **Gareth Carter**, the Police Senior Community Constable in Thames. Gareth is a Thames local, and he said this was an advantage as it helped to have the background knowledge of the area and the issues facing the local people. His functions have changed from purely reacting to various activities, to assisting the Ministry of Social Development and others to help families with underlying problems that may lead to future criminal or socially disruptive activities.

He described the use of CCTV cameras to notify the Police of stolen vehicles entering the area and potential criminal activities from the occupants. His talk was much appreciated by our members. *Gary Meek, Newsletter Editor.*

REBUS CLUB OF FOXTON



Induction of 2 new members, **Jill Ellis** and **Dale Vanderhoof** by Past President **Leonie Haines**. A warm welcome to you both.

Members being inspired by **Ambika**, the **Aquatics Programme** Co-ordinator, Horowhenua. She has gained a few new bods for their classes. *(Birthday photos next month? Ed.)*



Dereley Barry, Newsletter Editor.

SOUTH WAIRARAPA REBUS CLUB

In August we heard a fascinating address from **Wayne Poutoa**, **Director of the Youth Village in Carterton**, an organisation providing accommodation, community and work for young men and women in need, aged 15 to 24. Wayne is a former gang member who has done time behind bars. A kind guide helped him to see the need for change in his life, and he started working within the Baptist church with disadvantaged youth in Porirua. In 2016 he came to Carterton as a pastor in the Baptist church and saw the potential of the land owned by the church for a continuation of his youth work. He and his wife Jennifer set up a youth community drop-in centre in an existing building on the site. Then they found sponsorship and raised funds for six small cabins on the property to provide somewhere for some young folk at risk to call home, a very topical and pressing community need, working with kids who could easily get into criminal activities and join gangs.

After a year's operation Wayne and Jennifer found the stress of being church leaders and the demands of their roles in the youth community too much, so they moved full time into running the Youth Village. Today, places in the Village are very much in demand but Wayne is convinced that the optimum ages for influencing a reduction in youth offending are between 9 and 13 years. "Get to them early," he said. *David Woodhams, Newsletter Editor.*

REBUS CLUB OF PALMERSTON NORTH

Our membership is blessed with midwives. One of them, **Alison Taylor**, gave an interesting talk about her life and nursing career in Palmerston North, Christchurch, and Wellington. Along with her midwifery practice, Alison raised a daughter, graduated BA in Education, tutored at Whitireia Polytechnic and was a Plunket nurse. A very busy and satisfying career.



Guest Speaker at our September meeting was **Isaac Henderson** from Massey University's School of Aviation. Besides his professional work in aviation, Isaac conducts the **Manawatu Youth Orchestra**. He gave an audio-visual presentation of stages in musical composition, using as an example the first movement of a suite he composed for his young son. An interesting and very well-presented insight into the world of the composer and orchestra. *Dean Halford, Newsletter Editor.*

**Nature has given us all the pieces required to achieve exceptional wellness and health
but has left it to us to put these pieces together.**

REBUS CLUB OF MANAWATU

SEPTEMBER'S SPEAKER: After tucking into the birthday morning tea, members enjoyed the talk by **David Olson**, former President, and long-time member of **Massey University's veterinary staff**. David is still involved, especially as a role-playing actor in exam and teaching scenarios testing students' response to situations where they might face distraught and/or angry customers.

A passer-by kindly took this photo of our chilly strollers on the August walk.



Margie Comrie.

WAIKANAE COMBINED REBUS CLUB

A representative of Wellington-based **Life Flight** spoke in August. This not-for-profit charitable trust operates a helicopter and two fixed wing planes servicing the lower North Island, liaising with similar regional agencies throughout NZ. Operating 24/7, it receives a call approx. every 6 hours for search & rescue, medical emergencies, vehicle accidents, hospital patient transfers, Police support and similar events. Finance comes from company support, philanthropists, and public donations.



September **Guest Speaker** was from **Fire Emergency NZ** who advised members on what to do and not to do, in the event of a fire in their house, the importance of modern smoke alarms (less than ten years old) and an escape plan. It takes 3 minutes before a burning house becomes unsafe. The major causes of house fires: cooking overheating, fabrics placed too close to heaters/fires, and overloading electric power multi plugs.

Clive Palmer, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF DEVONPORT INC.



It's a warm welcome especially to our new member **Joan McKay** who was inducted by **Helen Chalmers** at our last meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER: Jan Alldritt-Miller was again our speaker for the month. This time Jan gave us a very interesting and descriptive account of her adventure from UK to India on the Oriana.

This year we will have a **Christmas Luncheon** at **McHughes** in Devonport. It will be on Wednesday 30th November.

David Thomson, Newsletter Editor.

WAIKANAE MILLENNIUM REBUS CLUB INC.



At our September Meeting **President Cathy Mitchell** inducted **Judith Binning**. **Heather Freeman** (right) was Judith's nominator.

On 1st September nine members were welcomed by **Pete** and his able assistant **Serena** to the **Dark Horse Coffee Company** building where Pete has set up his Raumati Coffee

Roasting business. The visit was extremely interesting and enlightening and gave us all an insight into the various aspects of coffee making. The discussion outlined the different types of beans, where the beans were sourced, to the intricacies of roasting and making a good cup of coffee. We came away with a packet of coffee beans and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



David Goggin, Newsletter Editor.

All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle." Francis of Assisi.

When I was young, I was scared of the dark. Now, when I see my electricity bill, I am scared of the lights.

All people smile in the same language. Proverb

REBUS CLUB OF HAMILTON



Three new members were at the August meeting. L-R - Colleen Campbell introduced Karen Devoy; Jackie Pinfold introduced Kay Murray; Robyn Parkinson was introduced by Dianne Blackmore; Vice President Robert Patrick.



Ten club members had a great day at MOTAT in Auckland recently. We enjoyed the 'time travel' back to our early days and before. Riding on old Trams, visiting the musty old school room, with harsh rules listed on the blackboard and seeing tractors, motorbikes, bikes, typewriters, reminiscent of our grandparents' era. The highlight for most of us was the Aviation display, especially of the Solent and De Havilland flying boats, the Lancaster Bomber that carried the signed Japanese surrender letter and early police helicopters.

Kaye Wallis, Bulletin Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF MT HOBSON



Club Speaker for August – Bryan Skyrme. Topic: "The history of Foodstuffs".

Foodstuffs was founded by **J Heaton Barker** in **1925**, who arrived from England in 1886 aged 19, qualified as an accountant and in June 1920, and was appointed secretary of the **Auckland Master Grocers Association**. In 1924 the name and design of **Four Square** was registered and in 1925 **Foodstuffs Auckland Ltd** was registered. His son Phil joined the company in 1926, becoming Company Manager in 1934. It was his enthusiasm and initiative that helped the company grow. He became MD in 1958 and retired in 1980. The **Pam's** brand was started in the 1930's and today has over 1,500 products. The **New World Supermarkets** were founded in 1963, as part of the promotion of early **Four-Square** supermarkets as a "**New World of Shopping**". In 1977 **Hugh Perritt** joined Foodstuffs and was responsible for establishing **Pak N Save**. The Kaitia store opened in 1985, and five others by 1987.

Chris de Boer, Newsletter Editor.

WOMEN'S REBUS CLUB OF WAIKANAE

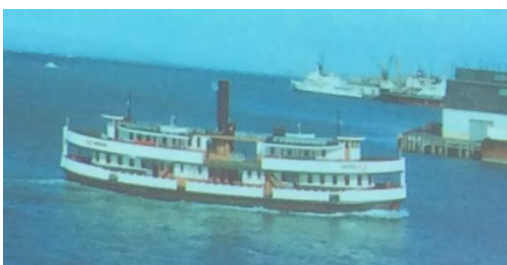
Ballentyne's Fashion Parade was held at our September meeting which we all enjoyed. Our five lovely models each wore four different outfits. Lisa told us all about the clothes, their alternative colours, and sizes. She also said that the owners of Ballentyne's are very caring about how the clothes are produced and check that the workers are well looked after and not exploited. Lisa also gave us all a gift of a notebook, pen and 20% discount voucher for us to spend at Ballentyne's.

Our models for the day were: (l-r) Wendy, Ally, Anne, Maureen, and Christine.

Mary Paddock, Newsletter Editor.



WAITAKERE COMBINED REBUS CLUB



Our club had a very interesting speaker from the **Toroa Preservation Society**. This ferry is the last of the Albatross type ferries to be built in Auckland. The Toroa ended her working life in 1980. We were shown slides of the progress of this restoration. Waitakere Combined Rebus Club this month had a very interesting speaker from the Toroa Preservation Society. This ferry is the last of the Albatross type ferries to be built in Auckland. The Toroa ended her working life in 1980. We were shown slides of the progress of the restoration.

Phyllis Greenland, Secretary.

**A genie granted me one wish. I said, "I just want to be happy."
Now I'm living in a cottage with six dwarves and working in a mine.**

'No matter how tall the mountain is, it cannot block the sun.' Chinese Proverb.

REBUS CLUB OF GULF HARBOUR



The September **Guest Speaker** was **Rod Jenden** of “**Wet and Forget**”. He is an entertaining speaker both humorous and interesting, who told how he saw an opportunity to make life easier. Thus began a small business which has now expanded into the USA market - very difficult to get into.

The **CBD Explorers Group** braved gale winds and rain to visit **Le Chef Restaurant**, awarded restaurant of the month. All enjoyed a delicious lunch delivered to our private room from the kitchen across Vulcan Lane by our energetic waitress!

Our trip this month was organized by committee member, **Gill Wild**, who has been a volunteer at the

Auckland Zoo for many years. People were surprised how the zoo is constantly changing. After lunch the heavens opened so the trip ended earlier than planned.



Pamela Warner, Secretary.

REBUS CLUB OF UPPER HUTT INC.



Angela Potroz was introduced by Tony Griffiths and inducted by the President.

The **Guest Speaker** was **Dr Paul Dansted, Director Food Regulation, New Zealand Food Safety**. Paul spoke about the importance of food safety for local consumers but also highlighted the need for strong controls to ensure that exports are accepted into overseas markets.

Paul was thanked by his mother-in-law, Jan Kerkin. *Alex Attewell, Newsletter Editor.*



COMBINED REBUS CLUB OF PARAPARAUMU BEACH INC.

Trip to the **Marine Education Centre** in **Island Bay**.



Arriving at the old Island Bay Surf Club, we had a cuppa and biscuit and listened to an introduction of what the Marine Education centre is all about.

From there, it was a short walk to the aquarium in the old fisherman's bait house. Many were adorned with silly hats (of a fishy nature) and as we explored this area, our host explained how many of these sea creatures exist. It was a hands-on experience which was very educational. From there a trip around to Days Bay where we ate lunch at **Sea Salt Cafe**.

The **Main Speaker** was **Bob Maysmor**, whose wonderful travel stories have enthralled us on multiple occasions. Last month he took us to **Bangladesh** and, together with wonderful photographic evidence, he did not disappoint. In a country of 166-million people, Bob was enraptured by the glorious colours he saw everywhere: the clothes, vehicles, the countryside, advertising boards. Although the people largely live a very simple life from minimal earnings, the country has a surprisingly impressive economic performance with its GDP amongst the top 40 in the world. However, it is also one of the world's more low-lying countries and the effects of climate change are an ever-present hazard.



Steve Hutchison, Presidential Scribe.

FITZHERBERT REBUS CLUB INC.



Last month: Some people lead interesting lives and **Patrick J. Nolan, Yeoman Warder (retired)**, is one of these people. He also knows how to keep an audience enthralled. From his 22 years in the N.Z Army to becoming the first foreigner to be accepted into the **Yeoman of the Guard at the Tower of London**, his life has been full of interest. The ceremonies the Yeomen perform, the time they spend with tourists at the Tower and the maintenance of the Tower grounds etc. make for a full and varied life. This was an extremely enjoyable morning and, by the laughter and interest after the talk, I think everyone enjoyed the stories of the parts of his life that he shared with us. It was interesting to see the roles the Yeomen played in the Queen's funeral and know some of their history.

Karen Carter, Secretary.

If a book is well written, I always find it too short - Jane Austen.

REBUS CLUB OF WANGANUI



Trevor Jellyman was awarded **Lifetime Membership** by President **Jim Hulbert (L)**.

Club Meeting 6th September 2022. We were delighted to have **Kaitlin McDonald** come to speak to us about the **Robert Bartley Trust** and their generous donation of the "**Health Bus**," and we were also privileged to have the bus onsite for our inspection. Jim Hulbert, our President, is one of the volunteer drivers for this bus, and Brian also has now signed up as a driver. Wonderful community spirit. *Paerau Taylor, Newsletter Editor.*



HOKOWHITU REBUS CLUB INC.



Welcome to our three new members, **Shirley Brown, Janet Tremewen and Christine Terry**. Here they are with President **Bette and Margaret Kemp** who introduced them. We know you will enjoy our fellowship and activities.

Guest Speaker at our September Meeting was **Inspector Mark Harrison, NZ Police**. Here he is with Graeme who Introduced him to members. Mark has attended all the major tragedies in NZ in recent years. He

spoke with empathy and understanding and must feel a sense of pride at the way he is making a real difference in the lives of those he meets in the course of his work.

Joan Letts, Newsletter Editor.



PUKENAMU REBUS CLUB INC.

Guest Speaker - Richard Bourne, Wanganui Collegiate Old Boy, who looks after the archives. **Ma Godwin** was matron for 25yrs, ran a tight ship and was well loved by the boys. They started at 8-9yrs old and did most of the work around the school, gardening etc. Their most precious photo was taken at an **Old Boys' dinner** before they left for Gallipoli. The school is the 3rd oldest in NZ and in 1901 was the first with a school uniform.

Our August Outing began with a visit to **Richmond Harding's** home where he has a museum dedicated to aircraft memorabilia, and heard interesting anecdotes of his flights, all over the world. His son, Bruce, told us of the many adventures his father had experienced. Our group of 17 folk then travelled to the **Museum** where we enjoyed a shared lunch in their meeting room. Text Maree Adams/Pic Lindsay Stockbridge.



Helen Goldfinch, Newsletter Editor.

OMANU REBUS CLUB

Members were astonished to learn from a **PhD student** from **Waikato University** of the potential of seaweed, from the huge variety of seaweeds around the NZ coast to the research that is being done. Seaweed aquaculture has the potential to bring many benefits to the economy, such as using processed seaweed as fertiliser, which is hoped to confirm it can greatly reduce carbon emissions from animals.



We recently enjoyed a **Mystery Bus Tour**, centred on the wider area around Tauranga. Morning tea was at the **Fairview Golf Club**, where we presented our Treasurer with a surprise Birthday Cake. We then travelled to **Waihi** where we visited **Laughing Pottery**, and Millie demonstrated how to throw and finish a pot. We had a late lunch at the **Cider Factorie at Te Puna** and finished our tour at the **Oropi Hot Pools** where three of our intrepid members took a short soak in the thermal pool.

Secretary.

Rose Coutts,

Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been. Mark Twain.

REBUS CLUB OF HIBISCUS COAST

Our September **Guest Speaker** was **Ian Boocock** on: “**72 years on the Coast and the History of Manly**”. Ian spoke about



the history of Manly from the mid-1800s to the mid-1900s. The original Maori name of **Onepu** was changed to **Polkinghorne's Bay** after one of the first farmer settlers in the area. The Polkinghorne family made the first subdivision in 1917. There was no road to Silverdale – access was by sea to the wharf in Arkle's Bay. Ian also spoke about his personal connection to the Hibiscus Coast from his childhood and working life.

Our **Club Speaker** was **Ken Littlejohn** who shared his son, Tim's story via a very special video. Tim suffered significant injuries in a motor accident. Although severely disabled, Tim has undertaken cycling with his family, and they have grown this into a movement to improve the life of other similarly disabled persons.

Phil Martell, Bulletin Editor.

Editor's Note: Earlier this month I received this delightful message: Thank you, Peter.

Hi Jean, just a quick line to tell you that I sent a copy of your August Rebus Club News to my nephew [Iain Bowden] who lives in Littleborough, Lancashire, GB. He is Secretary to a 'Mixed social club' called HHH [Hare Hill House]. Iain was only 3 years old when Margaret and I set out to live in NZ [1965]. He really enjoyed Rebus Club News and said what a wonderful job you do gathering and collating all the news from the clubs of NZ. [We totally agree!] He sends his warm regards.

Peter Rose, Member, Warkworth Mens Rebus Club.

Well, that ends another edition of Rebus Club News. I hope you have enjoyed the variety, and perhaps obtained some ideas for your own club - thank you to all contributors. It is pleasing to see so many new members being inducted.

Afterthoughts: Does your club have a dedicated photographer to record important events (trips/speakers) for your own newsletters, as well as sending some to me to illustrate your news? If not, you may like to give it some thought, everyone has a smartphone these days! And just a gentle reminder to use rebusclubnews@gmail.com when contacting me. Even though Rebus Club News is distributed to you from Admin, that is because Admin looks after the database. Items sent to Admin can get overlooked or lost, and I don't want to miss a single contribution.

And I would like to close this edition with a dedication to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. Most of our generation will have some recollections of the Coronation, or Royal Tours, or Christmas Messages. Seventy years was a remarkable working life. I was nine years old at the time of the Coronation – Clarendon Road School put on a Pageant, and I was a Welsh dancer. My father's traders' association put on a procession for the children and arranged for multiple TVs to screen the Coronation at the local tearooms, in glorious black and white. And the Brownies/Cubs etc. put on a show (I was Alice as in Christopher Robin). Queen Salote of Tonga endeared herself to all, and who can forget that mellifluous voice of Richard Dimbleby's commentary, full of historical facts and background information. Several weeks afterwards, my parents took us to London to see the wonderful decorations, and there were still empty bombsites, relics from the war still awaiting redevelopment. We had to wait about a month for the full edited version to be available in cinemas, but in Technicolour, it was worth it. Memories.

Jean
Editor, Rebus Club News



Elizabeth II
21 April 1926—8 September 2022
70 Years Our Queen
Thank You, Your Majesty

