



REBUS CLUB NEWS

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As I start the February edition of Rebus Club News, I am reminded that today is my mother's birthday – she would have been 107 years old. Marjorie was a busy lady with many interests – the local choir – amateur dramatics – Women's Institute – and a volunteer radio operator for Civil Defence, as well as helping in the family business - part-time hairdressing, and the everyday "Mum" things like baking and home preserving. She always had time for others. As the year rolls round for most Rebus Clubs to hold their AGM they will be looking for new blood to serve on Committee. There are many positions available that do not need to be filled by rocket scientists or those with a PhD. Fresh ideas, enthusiasm and regular attendance are the pre-requisites here, and moreover *it can be fun*. I know we are living in uncertain times at present, but please consider giving some time to your Club – be a Marjorie!

This has been a beautiful summer, I know – too much rain here - too much wind there – too hot at night, "but relaxing at the end of a hot day with a glass of wine or a cold beer, reflecting on one's achievements and planning for the morrow is rather satisfying." (Dean Halford). I'll drink to that.

REBUS CLUB OF HAMILTON

President's Report, by Hardie Teusse. Our 'one off' December meeting was well attended, and Professor Caroline King entertained us with another talk on her vast overseas trips. Caroline is well-travelled and has a great easy way of talking about her trips. Christmas luncheon held in December at the Hamilton Gardens was greatly enjoyed by many of our members. Yesterday, at the time of writing, we had Brunch at Zenders. Again, a well-attended outing with lots of chatting and great social contact.

A new member was introduced on 3rd February. **Colleen Campbell**, (introduced by Francis Patrick) and Hardie Teusse. *Kaye Wallis, Bulletin Editor.*



TAUPO MOANA REBUS CLUB

Our Main Speaker was **Laurilee McMichael** former Editor of **Taupo Turangi Weekender**. She was previously a journalist with Taupo Times. Journalism has changed a lot in the past 20 years. Community papers are important in communities such as Taupo, keeping people informed of local happenings and information and it is good to have competition with more than one paper. Social media has been damaging to "real news." her accessibility, passion and honesty as a journalist was much admired.

On Wednesday 26th January we had our **Annual Rebus Picnic**, this year at the **Taupo Botanical Gardens**, underneath a massive Oak tree. Thanks to Shona for booking the great picnic spot.



Christine Bailey, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB CAMBRIDGE



Our February main speaker is **Karen Grootsholten**, whose talk is about running a marathon and climbing the Great Wall of China, in one go. She was the fastest New Zealand woman to do so, competing in the 2019 **Great Wall of China Marathon**.

Visit to **Classic Car and Machinery Museum**, (Hautapu), Thursday, 24th February, \$5 each, (cash only) payable upon arrival, for tour and morning tea/coffee. Carpool. The cafe is done out in a 1960's style i.e Formica tables with a Juke box in one corner. Should bring back memories for all of us. *Steve O'Sullivan, Newsletter Editor.*

Think happy thoughts, and good things will happen.

REBUS CLUB OF RIVERSIDE HAMILTON

Chew'n'Chat. Chew'n'Chat at the **Hamilton Gardens Café** is continuing to prove a great success. It has been arranged for the Café to reserve a number of tables for members and they are all filled! Table service (after ordering at the counter) is quick and cheerful, and the fare is well-received. Chew'n'Chat is a major Club social activity, and all members are encouraged to give it a go – catch up with old friends, make new friends. Straight after our next monthly meeting.

Steve O'Sullivan, Bulletin Editor.

REBUS CLUB OREWA

Robert Letcher- President's Message. I was hoping to start 2022 with the prospect of having a full year of Rebus Meetings, but this appears to be a little way off yet. In the meantime, small groups will still be able to get together - such as the Walking Groups and Book Readers. So please stay in contact with each other under these trying conditions. Rose-Marie and I have just postponed a trip away to the South Island for the third time, so we know what disappointment feels like. However, I have had more swims than ever this year, the croquet season has been a boomer, and we have also caught the "Wordle" bug, which is like a cross between Scrabble and Sudoku. You may get hooked like us, but it's a better bug to catch than Covid!!



Maureen Grigg, Bulletin Editor.

HASTINGS REBUS CLUB



The speaker for our first meeting in 2022 was E.I.T tutor, **Andrew McCrory (seen on TV recently)** running the length of the country from Cape Reinga to the Bluff, including Stewart Island, to raise funds for children with Cerebral Palsy. Andrew started his epic trek on 5th December 2021 hoping to raise more than \$20,000 for Kiwi kids with Cerebral Palsy to undergo expensive SDR (selective dorsal rhizotomy) surgery in the United States. 47-year-old Andrew is a Service Pathway Tutor and Project Leader at EIT Napier, preparing students for a career in the Police or the Defence Force. Early in 2017 he required surgery and eventually a spinal fusion. That was the start of a fundraising journey that saw him take up running ultra-marathons, with every cent going to Kiwi kids requiring SDR surgery. He praised his very supportive wife Kathleen, a nurse also at EIT, who was at his side the whole journey.

Leon Davidson.

REBUS CLUB OF FOXTON

Photos from our Christmas function:



(L) Santa rewarding Joan for 'Best Hat'.

(R) "And what would you like for Christmas young lady? Have you been a good girl?"

VISIT: FEBRUARY 23rd WEDNESDAY. STAGLANDS WILDLIFE PARK RESERVE, 2364 Akatarawa Road. Enter from Waikanae. You can feed and interact with birds and animals in a beautiful environment. Petting zoo and



Wildlife Sanctuary. Price: \$26 There will be a discount for a group. There is a café, but we may take a picnic lunch.

Derelely Barry, Newsletter Editor.

Some people are wise, some are otherwise.

If you have to wear both mask and glasses, you may be entitled to condensation.

THAMES BONANZA CLUB

TRIP: Waitoa and Te Aroha – Thursday 3 March.

Car Pooling, depart at 9.30 am to arrive in Waitoa around 10.15 am. **Visit Jan Shoemark's Glass Mosaic Studio** for a talk and demonstration, then wander around her garden and house. Masks are required and she is vaccinated. \$5 pp. She has a shop to purchase items and there is a toilet available. Walking shoes recommended.

Leave Waitoa at 11.15 to arrive at **Adrian Worsley Gallery, Te Aroha Metal Sculptures** by 11.30 am. Masks are not required. \$10pp with a minimum of \$100 required. Leave by 12.50 pm to arrive at **Domain Cottage Cafe** for lunch at 1 pm. (outdoors under umbrellas).

Gary Meek, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF MANAWATU

At our February meeting we had **Dr Wayne Stewart**, lead engineer, give a most interesting talk on the construction of the new highway over the Ranges to replace the old Gorge Road which was closed permanently due to slips. His address was illustrated with drone footage over the entire distance with another insert showing the proposed finished road alongside. He showed why this chosen route superseded other proposals because of fault lines, rotten rock, unstable land base for piles etc. Excavation found moa bones deep down, thought to be prehuman time.

Fred Rauzi, President.

REBUS CLUB OF PALMERSTON NORTH



Our 2022 programme began in January with a picnic in the magnificent **Victoria Esplanade Rose Gardens**. In the shade of a large tree, 21 of us relaxed and chatted over a pizza lunch. The Esplanade, beside the Manawatu River, was opened in 1897 and has been a major attraction for families and visitors to the city ever since. The splendid rose gardens with their trial plots were ranked fifth in the world in 2003. The history of the Esplanade

was presented to us at our club meeting on 1 February by Lesley Courtney from the City Archives. Our Secretary, Sue Eckworth, gave us a very interesting account of being raised in the city (Wellington) and country (Wairarapa), and of her career after leaving school. A very well organised car rally challenged the entrants' knowledge of the local countryside, ending in Sanson for lunch. Great fun! Winning team pictured right.



Dean Halford, Newsletter Editor.

WEST AUCKLAND MEN'S REBUS CLUB

THE ISLANDS OF THE PACIFIC, by Bill Mutch.

"Working as Staff Training Manager/Business Consultant for Foodstuffs, who look after Four Square, New World, Pak n Save, and Gilmores, saw me running business courses for NZ and the South Pacific. I had knowledge of all the shops and was sent if a problem arose. The downside of the job was that I was not home much, but the salary was wonderful. I was asked in 1984 if I could have lunch with a shop owner from Aitutaki Island. The company paid for a nice lunch, and we chatted about what we could do to help this man's store at Aitutaki. Our company sent the stock to him every month and *we held a signed chequebook to pay for the stock*. I was asked if I could check the orders before they went, just to be sure Tom was getting the best stock. Soon after this, I was spoken to by the CEO and a senior director and asked as the Staff Training Manager and Business Consultant would I be prepared to help our Shop operators in Rarotonga, Aitutaki, and Norfolk Islands. So, this was a nice surprise that lasted for many years, but it did add a lot of work, but keeping in mind the sun and beach life, gave me that extra shove."

John Mihaljevic, Newsletter Editor.

If we're not meant to have midnight snacks, why is there a light in the fridge?

Sometimes it's okay if all you do all day is breathe.

TAURANGA CENTRAL LADIES' REBUS CLUB



In spite of a difficult year, we enjoyed a delicious Christmas Lunch, followed by entertainment from **Bluebell and Lily Boomers Band**. (They say they are all Baby Boomers). This energetic and very popular group had us singing and dancing and hoping for a better 2022.
Margaret Douglas, Newsletter Editor.

WAIKANAE MILLENNIUM REBUS CLUB INC.

Our February meeting was a great success even under the constraints of the Red-Light rules. **Anne Wall's short tale** of her trip to London with her young grandchildren was a delight - so graphic was her story-telling that I could see it all unfolding in my mind.

Our guest speaker, **Dr Rosanne Livingstone**, was the icing on the cake. In sharing her '**Living the Dream**' presentation we heard of Rosanne's fascinating life as an expert in Egyptian textiles and some of the challenges she had in completing her PhD on the topic as a senior student. Quite an achievement. Photo right: Some of the members taking part in our latest movie.



David Goggin, Newsletter Editor.

WAIRERE REBUS CLUB OF WANGANUI



Club Member Dorothy Bright celebrated her 100th birthday on 21/12/2021 and we presented her with this bouquet of flowers.

We are delighted to have a Centenarian amongst us, and she is an inspiration - she always looks lovely, is cheerful and ready for a chat. We also hear that she is partial to a few games on the pokie machines!! Dorothy was a Foundation Member when Wairere Probus Club was formed in 1993 which became **Wairere Rebus Club in 2016**. She was Club President in 2001. Everyone sends her the very best wishes for continuing good health and some more birthdays.

Margaret Smith, Newsletter Editor.

CAMBRIDGE MEN'S REBUS CLUB

The Club held its monthly meeting on 16 February 2022, with 47 members present. **Guest speaker** was NZ Red Cross representative **Fiona George** and two of her supporters from the NZ Red Cross. The Club welcomed new member **Gavin Levesque** who was introduced by Bill Mathers and inducted by President Stephen.



On Tuesday 8 February 56 members visited the **Ross Brothers Motor Museum** in Hautapu. The collection displays around 60 classic vehicles, and also boasts an extensive range of transport and earthmoving equipment, from vintage items to modern behemoths.



Nigel Salter.

Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint. Mark Twain.

REBUS CLUB OF UPPER HUTT INC.

Short Talk: Chris Carson explained the impact of some new housing legislation that will allow buildings up to three stories high be built in residential areas. Affected landowners will have no right to object. The new legislation takes effect from 1 August.

Guest Speaker: The guest speaker was **Ian Dunwoodie** who spoke about his travels to London, Washington DC, Fiji, and Israel. He is a Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court in New Zealand. Ian was thanked by Malcolm Stone.

Alex Attewell, Newsletter Editor.



WAIKANAE COMBINED REBUS CLUB INC.

Rebus NZ's newest Club, **Waikanae Combined**, held its first meeting under the new banner on 8th February. The first part of the event was a birthday morning tea complete with a special cake celebrating the conclusion of 25 years as a Probus Club and the birth date as a Rebus Club. Of special significance was a good turnout of our Life and Foundation



Members, with President Clive Palmer welcoming them with reassurance that their status is retained under the new club arrangements.

Guest Speaker was 18-year-old **Krishna Modi**, **2021 Head Girl and Dux** of Otaki College, whose parents immigrated from a very poor rural background in India when they were in their twenties. Working 7 days a week in a small business, eventually as owners, was proof that hard work and perseverance had significant rewards, which were passed on to herself and her elder brother. She was very proud of how far her parents had come from the days when they

walked barefoot to their school because footwear was unaffordable. Krishna enjoys outdoor activities, recalling sailing on "**Spirit of Adventure**" and time at **Hillary Outdoors Venture Camp**, all providing experiences in perseverance, resilience, confidence, and leadership. She will shortly travel to Otago University for the first year Health Science course.

Clive Palmer, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF KHANDALLAH

In spite of Covid, our groups are active. **The Gardening Group** had a very pleasant afternoon meeting at one of the member's properties and discussed the coming year's general business, including trip organisers.

The Walking Group has continued the Wednesday walks in the Khandallah/Ngaio areas, followed by coffee. In many cases we spend more time over coffee than walking!!! On the 2nd February the weather was perfect for our "Gold Card" walk further afield, to the **Botanical Gardens**. They walked through the gardens, finishing up at the **Picnic Cafe** where the 14 had lunch outside under the grape vines. Then most went down the **City to Sea Walkway**, through the Bolton Cemetery, to the bus hub at the Railway Station and back home. A very pleasant day. Nine "**ROMEOS**" (Rebus Old Men Eating Out), met for a luncheon at "**The Shepherds Arms**" on Wednesday 9th February for a pleasant meal and a good chat.



Heather Nelson.

COMBINED REBUS CLUB OF PARAPARAUMU BEACH INC.



Twenty-six members had a very enjoyable day in Horowhenua last month. A fleet of seven cars transported us, calling first at the **Celtic Organic Winery**. A couple of cars had a navigational problem or two (compounded by a none-too clear winery sign!) and were a little late reaching the destination! However, they made sure they arrived in good time for the wine and cheese tasting which was much enjoyed by everyone and evidenced by the

number of bottles purchased at the end of our visit. From Celtic Winery we made our way to the **Salt and Pepper** restaurant in Ohau which fed and watered us very well.



Nigel Dougan.

SOUTH WAIRARAPA REBUS CLUB

The **Guest Speaker** at the January meeting was **John Beijen**, son of the Mayor of South Wairarapa. John began his talk with an introduction in Chinese, a language he had studied for two terms at VUW before going to China for two years' study. In a "small city" of 4 million people, in a university with 30,000 students on a 400-ha campus, he quickly extended his command of the language beyond only being able to ask for tea or coffee. He developed a friendship with a Chinese student who was anxious to learn English, to their mutual advantage. His landlady taught him Chinese home cooking, including many traditional foods like dumplings for New Year, and moon cakes with nuts and eggs. He also got the opportunity to teach English to young students, including Russian students, as an after-school activity, five or six times per week. There was a lot of pressure to learn English. John was volunteered for a Summer Camp in a rural area. A lot of children had never met a New Zealander and local folk thought NZ was somewhere near England. Chinese people, whom John experienced were warm and welcoming. Until the arrival of Covid. Then he was bounced around different hotels because none of them wanted foreigners like him as guests. He would have a week in one hotel, and then be asked to leave for another. *David Woodhams, Newsletter Editor.* [<https://southwairaraparebus.com/>](https://southwairaraparebus.com/)

REBUS WAIHEKE ISLAND

*These good people have no news for us this month, but . . . When I started Rebus Club News a few years ago, I promised myself that I would **never** print recipes or knitting patterns! However, we had not heard of Covid at that time, and had no idea how it would upset our meeting plans and newsletters. Time for fill-ins, aka Plan B. Last month Tania Sweet of Rebus Waiheke Island published a recipe by Claire Stainton for ice-cream, using **300 – 500 ml** cream. I have put it to the test and must agree with Claire's claims – easiest and best ever ice-cream! Give it a go. Ed.*

Home Made Ice-Cream – from Claire

This recipe is so simple that when I first heard about it, I doubted that it would work. This is the **BEST** ice-cream recipe and after tasting it, any store-bought ice-cream pales in comparison.

Ingredients:

1 bottle of cream

1 can of condensed milk or condensed coconut milk

Method:

Whip the cream and stir in the condensed milk.

Freeze in a covered container.

That's it!

And...just add your favourite vanilla, chocolate, fruit or nougat, for example, to create an even more delicious ice-cream.



REBUS CLUB OF WANGANUI

"The true story of the Chicken Gun. Sometimes it does take a rocket scientist!

Scientists at NASA built a gun specifically to launch standard 4-pound dead chickens at the windshields of airliners, military jets, and the space shuttle, all travelling at maximum velocity. The idea is to simulate the frequent incidents of collisions with airborne fowl to test the strength of the windshields.

British engineers heard about the gun and were eager to test it on the windshields of their new high-speed trains. Arrangements were made, and a gun was sent to the British engineers.

When the gun was fired, the engineers stood shocked as the chicken hurtled out of the barrel, crashed into the shatterproof shield, smashed it to smithereens, blasted through the control console, snapped the engineer's backrest in two, and embedded itself in the back wall of the cabin, like an arrow shot from a bow. The horrified Brits sent NASA the disastrous results of the experiment, along with the designs of the windshield and begged the U.S. scientists for suggestions.

NASA responded with a one-line memo – "Defrost the chicken." (True Story)

Now that I have lived during a plague, I understand why most renaissance paintings are of chubby women laying around without a bra.

WOMEN'S REBUS CLUB OF WAIKANAE



Speaker for February 2022 was Kathy Callaghan. We were fortunate to be entertained by Kathy and her husband, Ross, who presented "**Lost and Found**", the story of how Kathy researched her family history, from her Kentish grandparents to the present day, and how, after many false trails, she made a wonderful discovery. Using online ancestry sites Kathy traced the lives of the individual descendants, finally tracking down her three "lost" English cousins, 27 years after their mother's early death in the UK. Remarkably, she found them, one of them living in New Zealand. The sisters had always believed that they and their known relatives would "fit in a telephone box", but when Kathy made contact, everything changed. A fascinating story, a journey of discovery with a happy ending.

Mary Paddock, Newsletter Editor.

FITZHERBERT REBUS CLUB INC.

Last month our speaker was not able to attend, so thanks to Owen and Pam, the speaker's position was filled in by a two team, socially distanced game of guessing answers to questions - which should have been simple but were not always so. A few laughs were had by all.

Ladies Group: Meet at Pat Goodwin's home, 26A Meadowbrook Drive with photos or stories about **21st birthdays**. We would love to hear your story, or just come and listen. A new topic will be chosen each month. A small plate of food towards afternoon tea is always appreciated. **Knitting wool/yarn (8 ply) and knitters required.** We have again offered to knit peggy-squares to be sewn together as blankets and gifted to children and babies in need of warmth and comfort in Palmerston North Hospital and Women's Refuge. For details contact Allain, 06 358 5632. *

Bev Wallace, Secretary.

REBUS CLUB OF GULF HARBOUR

At our monthly Club meeting **President Judi** gave us a talk on **Whole Genome Sequencing** to assist with disease tracing, a topical subject and very relevant to our present circumstances. This was followed by a car share trip to the **Classic Car Museum in Hamilton** with the Rebus Club of Hibiscus Coast. We stopped at the new Hampton Downs Race Way Café for a coffee and sticky bun which allowed us to view assorted racing cars within the cafe. The Classic Car Museum visit was just as outstanding and was followed by lunch in the 60's theme **Juke Box Diner**. A great day out.

We continue our regular Monday morning rambles and weekly Mah Jong. The CBD Explorers group paid a visit to the "big smoke." Our first destination was the **Sky Tower** to watch two of our Club members do a base jump from the tower, which is free for over 75's, I just thought I would mention that as it is quite a bargain! This was followed by lunch at the ever popular **Al Brown's Depot**.



Peter Odendaal, Secretary.

REBUS CLUB OF HIBISCUS COAST

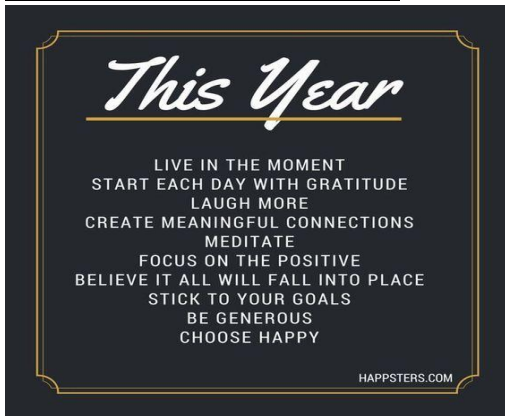


The annual picnic at **Wenderholm Reserve** was enjoyed in brilliant weather. Forty plus attended and enjoyed the fresh air and freedom together with the superb fish treats supplied by **Graeme & Jean McIntosh**, and the BBQ meat cooked up by **David Gatland and Garth Dutton**. Homemade bread rolls supplied by **Barbara Clift** and salads compiled by **Jan Martell**.

Garth Dutton, Bulletin Editor.

Six-year-olds laugh 300 times per day. Adults laugh only 15 – 100 times per day.
Be six more often.

RED BEACH LADIES' REBUS CLUB



As with many other clubs, Red Beach Ladies' Rebus Club has had to postpone a number of their meetings, including their AGM.

However, they are keeping in touch with members, and this inspiring Thought for the Month is helping to keep up spirits. Ed.

Bobbie Wakenell, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF FEILDING



Our Speaker **Dr Cynric Temple-Camp**, Pathologist, used a power point display to explain how they estimate the time of death through various methods. He was born in war torn Rhodesia and moved to NZ in 80's. He trained as a doctor but preferred pathology as every case is different, and they use science to make their decisions. Total training time is 14 years to qualify as a forensic pathologist. He talked about three cases of note.

An excellent speaker. At our Christmas Luncheon a collection of Pantry items and Toiletries was made and donated to Manchester House.



Lyn Jensen, Editor.

Beware of false knowledge: it is more dangerous than ignorance. George Bernard Shaw.

I hope you have enjoyed catching up with news from Clubs around the country. Reading between the lines we can appreciate the impact the Omicron variant is having on our normal daily life, today 13,606 new cases, tomorrow??? But there also seems to be a wide difference in attitude, varying from unconcerned bravado to respectful caution. We have a granddaughter really ill at the moment in Dunedin and are keeping to ourselves in an effort to avoid the plague. Frankly, at this stage of my life I am not prepared to play Russian Roulette with my health, and that of my family.

Having got to the end of this edition of Rebus Club News, you may have noticed the item from Fitzherbert Rebus Club about their commitment to knitting peggy squares. I have included Allain's full phone number just in case any readers may be interested to contribute to the effort – give Allain a call for full details – she might be glad to hear from you. Having broken my promise to myself not to print recipes, the last thing I could do was to print a knitting pattern as well this edition. Best wishes to you all, and stay safe.



Jean

Editor – Rebus Club News