



REBUS CLUB NEWS

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Hello again.

Another month, another edition of Rebus Club News. How the months fly by, and thanks to the powers-that-be for the winter energy payment. Lawnmowing has become more like ploughing, and the dining room looks like the Chinese hand laundry, festooned with washing. Roll on summer! Having said that, the last couple of days have been magic, with hardly any wind at all.

I am so grateful to the many clubs who send me contributions each month, it is your news that makes Rebus Club News so popular. But the last couple of bumper issues have presented a few difficulties for some, so I feel I shall have to be a little more drastic with the editing scissors. I hope you will not be offended by your shortened offerings. So, let's get down to business, and read about the varied happenings in clubs around the country. Your events are a constant source of inspiration to many other clubs.



TAURANGA CENTRAL LADIES' REBUS CLUB



In June members enjoyed lunch at “**The Raft**” in Tauranga. This was a new venue for the 4th Tuesday lunches and the food was varied and tasty. Enjoyed by all.

Our **Guest Speaker** in June was **George Bryant**, a local author, who spoke on “**PC Gone Mad!**” George was an excellent speaker who had us laughing and nodding our heads about things that are now happening in our society which would not be so tolerated pre Covid times. He said it is still important to laugh at ourselves in such events, and to be aware of the impact of social media with its changing values.

Lyn Hartley.

HOKOWHITU REBUS CLUB INC.



WELCOME to our newest Member. **Jan Thomas** was inducted by President Graeme at our August Meeting.

A Rebus group on their August trip to the **Awapuni Recycling Centre.**



Joan Letts.

REBUS CLUB CAMBRIDGE



August is our birthday month! We gathered at the August meeting for cake cutting and celebrations!

On August 24th, we visited the **Classic Car Museum** in Hamilton, and had lunch at the **Jukebox Diner** afterwards.

There were over 60 cars on display with lots of other motoring items which brought back many memories for Club members. But it was not just cars - the collection encompasses a range of interests including an extensive collection of memorabilia - there is something Classic for the whole family, including vintage toys and pedal cars.



Steve O'Sullivan, Presidential Scribe.

WAIRERE REBUS CLUB



Our **Guest Speaker was Jonathon Hartfield** who spoke about the ‘**History of Tea**’. Do you use loose leaves or tea bags for your cuppa?

In 1901 the samples of tea were enclosed in hand sewn fabric (silk) bags to ship them around the world. Maybe it was accidental that the loose leaves were easier to brew when left in the porous bags. In 1944 the tea bags were changed from little sack style pouches to the square or rectangular shape of the tea bags we use today. Drinking tea is less likely to produce a ‘caffeine crash’ than drinking coffee or chocolate. Tea is used as a medicine – herbalists blend various herbs with tea leaves

- *Camellia Sinensis*. Tea is the most widely consumed drink after water!

Margaret, Newsletter Editor.

RED BEACH LADIES’ REBUS CLUB

Last month’s Speaker, **Rodney Neighbourhood Support Co-ordinator, Margaret Faed**, spoke about her involvement with organisations such as Crime Prevention and gave an excellent talk on the services available to local residents, together with a mountain of pamphlets offering valuable information and contacts.



Guest speaker **Margaret Faed** with President Lorraine and three of our five newly inducted members - Anabel Wilson, Bev Cheesman and Gloria Atkins.

Bobbie Wakenell, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS WAIHEKE ISLAND



Mid-winter lunch at Vino Vino.

Our main speaker was **Mark James, Historian**, who has revised and republished Dixie Day’s book on Waiheke Pioneers, first published in 1989. More information has come to light since then and it has also been converted to digital format. Mark spoke about 3 families who were early settlers on Waiheke. Firstly, the Brown family of Okahu Bay, who purchased land in 1857 from Ngati Paoa. Henry Brown had been an agricultural labourer in England and emigrated to New Zealand in 1851. Secondly, Isaac and Elizabeth Merrick

emigrated to Awaawaroa Bay from Lancashire where Isaac had been a miner. They first arrived in Sydney in 1841, then Auckland in 1843. They had had 10 children in England of which 8 died as babies, 2 more were born in Sydney and 6 at Awaawaroa. The third family were Charles and Adele de Witte.

Tania Sweet, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF FOXTON



An enthusiastic group had an enjoyable day at **Selwyn & Jan Wishnowsky’s Memorabilia Museum** at their farm!! What an amazing collection of anything and everything vintage in his several sheds. We had lunch at **Murry’s Irish Bar**. Always great atmosphere and food. Then on to Eric’s Home built Cinema in



Feilding to watch an old movie ‘Calamity Jane’. Homeward bound a carload called into Waireka Manuka Honey shop on SH1 and indulged in a scrumptious ‘good for the soul’ honey ice cream.

Dereley Barry, Newsletter Editor.

AVONDALE LADIES' REBUS CLUB



July Birthday girls were Livia Csore, Shirley Rogers, and Jennifer Battersby.

Murray Parker entertained us with tales of Canoeing and Kayaking the Whanganui River and Urewera Lake with his daughter Melanie.

Barbara Douglas, Newsletter Editor.

WEST AUCKLAND MEN'S REBUS CLUB

Murray Parker speaking about his trip to Antarctica.

From the mid-1960s up to about 2003, the New Zealand government sponsored three young people to travel to Antarctica to work for the summer. In 1972, aged 18, I secured a nomination to go to Antarctica, representing Boys Brigade. The other two representatives were from St John Ambulance and Boy Scouts. Most people fly to Antarctica, but we travelled down on the U.S. Coast Guard icebreaker USCGC Glacier, the flagship of the U.S. icebreaker fleet. One afternoon, I got the opportunity to visit the historic huts across Ross Island. The Discovery Hut was built by Scott as a store hut. Shackleton used this hut, returning from his attempt on the pole in 1907. In 1914, Shackleton attempted the Endurance Expedition which was to cross Antarctica because the South Pole had now been reached.

Right: Shackleton's Hut erected at Cape Royds in early 1908.



Vince Middeldorp, Secretary.

REBUS CLUB OF MANAWATU



Apryl Cadman of The Manawatu Community Law Centre gave her informative yet informal talk at the August meeting.

On winter mornings, the coffee afterwards is the best thing about the Rebus walk!

Pictures by Kath Nevatt.

Margie Comrie, Newsletter Editor.



WAIKANAE MILLENNIUM REBUS CLUB



event was held on Monday 17th July (3 days after Bastille Day).

LA INTERNATIONALE TOUR DE WAIKANAE

After lengthy negotiations, the **Tour de France** organisers granted the Waikanae Millennium Rebus Cycling Group permission to hold a one-day version of their Tour. To lessen the competitive nature of this newly created and prestigious event, they have allowed all competitors to wear the coveted yellow jersey, providing it is a Hi-Vis one. The

David Goggin, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF WHANGAMATA

Our July meeting was our mid-winter dinner at the **Whangamata Club** attended by 33 of us. It was a very pleasant evening which began with a 30-minute presentation by the local ukulele group, the Surfing Ukes. They are very professional and had us singing along. The club excelled in the presentation and standard of the meals, both mains and dessert.

Leyden Baker, Bulletin Editor.

Without freedom of speech, we would not know who the idiots are.

REBUS CLUB OF PALMERSTON NORTH

Club Speaker at our August meeting was **Ngairé Finkle** who told us of her many happy memories as a child; her varied working life, including being a hostess on the Silver Fern railcar; a keenly shared interest with her husband in car clubs and especially Jaguar cars; Zonta; her senior positions in Soroptimist International; and her love of animals.

From our **Guest Speakers** we learned that the **Cancer Society Manawatu** provides information and advice, health promotion, research, and support services, mainly given by 414 volunteers. An example: 70% of schools in the region receive supplies of sun cream and hats.

A two-day **trip to the Wairarapa**: Fascinating visits to Masterton (The Woolshed), Greytown (winter lights – *photo* – and Cobblestones Museum), Martinborough (wine tasting), Lake Ferry and the Palliser Bay coast. Some of us recently explored the old **Port of Foxton** which, from the 1870s, was a key entry point for the European settlement of the Manawatu. It operated until the 1940s, for many years serving the flax industry in the region.



Dean Halford, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF MT. HOBSON



Guest Speaker for July – Nick Sautner.

Topic: “Eden Park, New Zealand’s national stadium built for the world stage.”

Nick spoke about current and future plans for Eden Park. He described the multiple uses of the stadium, the economic benefit for Auckland and the experiences of different people, such as Satya Nadella, the CEO of Microsoft, whose scheduled 15-minute visit lasted 45 minutes.

Eden Park, unlike other venues, receives zero funding even though it is the national stadium, recognised both domestically and internationally. At the same time Eden Park is an integral part of the neighbourhood and the Eden Park Supporters Club allows it to contribute to the community in a tangible way. It has 1,500 members, 12 schools and 350 businesses. Contrary to common perceptions 97% of the local neighbourhood support Eden Park.

Chris de Boer.

REBUS CLUB OF WANGANUI

August Speaker: Heidi Armstrong from “Hearing Clinic.”

Heidi dispelled many of the myths and fears regarding hearing loss, the test process and the devices now available embracing new technology. She also provided advice regarding, when we should check our hearing, and the possibility that some people could meet the criteria required to get financial funding. Certainly, an interesting discussion covering many aspects of hearing.

Paerau Taylor, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF UPPER HUTT INC.



Greta Webb is one of the **Malaghan institute’s** PhD students and works in the Ronchese Laboratory where investigative research is undertaken into the fundamental biology behind the development of allergies and inflammatory conditions in human beings. By better understanding the genetic and environmental triggers that are responsible for the development of allergies, Greta and her colleagues are aiming to find opportunities that might prevent these diseases from developing in the first place. Greta also provided an overview of other research areas at the Institute. Greta was thanked by Sue Dunscombe.

Alex Attewell, Newsletter Editor.

The true art of memory is the art of attention. Samuel Johnson

SOUTH WAIRARAPA REBUS CLUB

Our July meeting was addressed by **Chris Peterson, ex Wairarapa District Councillor**, who introduced **“Taking the Jump”**, a recent European approach to encouraging local action to control climate change based on behavioural science. A New Zealand study last year, by global market research company Ipsos, revealed 72% of Kiwis stated that if we as individuals don’t act now, we will be failing future generations. This aligns with local sentiment, possibly

accentuated in the wake of Cyclone Gabrielle, but many of us feel powerless and confused about what we can do at a local and personal level. Where do we start to stop the rain and prevent the wild fires?

Taking the Jump <<https://www.takethejump.org.nz>> is an evidence-based, international programme that looks at what we can do that is within our power as ordinary citizens. It starts wherever you're at. It is non-judgmental, practical, constructive, no great hassle - and empowering. It invites us to try one or more of seven personal shifts in behaviour for 1, 3 or 6 months, with tips and encouragement available on line. *David Woodhams, Newsletter Editor.*



REBUS CLUB OF HIBISCUS COAST



At the August meeting, **Steve McKay** was inducted by President Garth Dutton [pictured], and the **Speaker** was **Vince Middeldorp** relating his experiences as a race-horse owner/trainer in Auckland and Australia.

On Thursday 17th, 23 members and spouses travelled to Matakana. One group visited **Morris and James Pottery**, where they had a tour of the factory and inspected the hand-made terracotta earthenware pots and ceramic garden and wall-art. The other group visited the **Sculptureum**, a privately-owned and curated complex with over 800 artworks displayed throughout three outdoor sculpture gardens and six art galleries. The two groups met at the **Matakana Market Kitchen** for lunch.



Paul Robinson, Secretary/Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF GULF HARBOUR



Graeme and Jean McIntosh told us about a turning point in their lives, when they ditched their corporate jobs to run a motel and charter fishing business in the Bay of Islands, giving up large salaries and smart clothes. **Guest Speaker: Lisa Trist from ASB**, "Staying Safe online, Scams and Password Security". Lisa, together with another Lisa from ASB Orewa, gave many examples of how unsuspecting customers had been fleeced of their life savings. We were warned that banks are becoming more strict about reimbursing lost funds. Scammers are always one step ahead, and will often spend a long time grooming their intended prey to gain their confidence before making their final request for "a loan". Be warned.

J. McIntosh, Newsletter Editor.



REBUS CLUB OF KHANDALLAH



We were privileged to have two speakers from the Money and Cash Directorate of the Reserve Bank at our June meeting: Susan Guthrie, Senior Advisor and her colleague **Susanna Berry, a Senior Policy Analyst**.

The Money and Cash Directorate (M&CD) was created in 2020, following public consultation on the future of cash. It has been carrying out work on the future of money, which includes redesign of the cash system. Both speakers emphasized that the Reserve Bank is determined that cash remains available. The Money and



Cash directorate's role in the RBNZ is to ensure the cash system is fit for purpose. They design, arrange production, and issue NZ banknotes and coins. They're responsible for removing counterfeit cash. They are also exploring the case for a central bank digital currency, while monitoring private innovation in money.

Heather Nelson.

CAMBRIDGE MEN'S REBUS CLUB



The August meeting was attended by a mighty 72 members. Two new members were inducted, and 3 members' guests were welcomed – a great turnout. (L) New members **Alistair Scown and Sean Brady** with their sponsors and President **Max Norvill**. Guest speaker was **Chris Prowse**, (R) the former technician from Radio Hauraki. Chris gave an interesting insight into the life on board the



broadcast vessel in the Hauraki Gulf. Members enjoyed a private screening of the movie "Still" (Michael J Fox) at the **Te Awa Lifestyle Village**.

Nigel Salter.

TAUPO MOANA REBUS CLUB



Our **August Social Outing** for the club was a Housie afternoon, with optional luncheon, at the Cossie Club. Twenty-seven members attended, and eighteen members enjoyed a delicious roast lunch beforehand. Members were stirred on by Murray Bishop, complete with his green hat, who was banker and Ian Triscott was our caller. Murray & Ian do a fantastic job, Murray working out the finances and Ian with his friendly banter when calling out the numbers. Our Housie wouldn't be the success it is if we didn't have these two competent men.

This was a fun Winter's afternoon with lots of good company, and friendly rivalry.

Christine Bailey, Bulletin Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF HAMILTON



Welcome to our new members: **Lew Jowsey, Margaret Flood**, with sponsor, Margaret Hendra and President Rob Patrick.

(R) Dining out in August, at **Lily Pad**.

Recently, members of the walking group met at the Hamilton Gardens, then

walked into town for coffee and cake at **Absolute Café**.



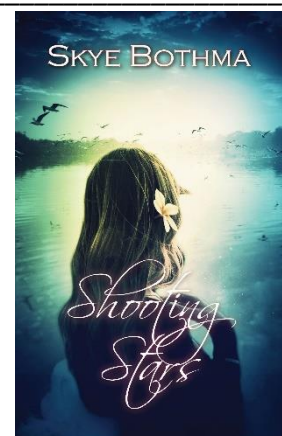
Kath Kenrick, Editor.

PAHIATUA AND DISTRICTS REBUS CLUB

This month local author **Skye Bothma** filled our usual "mini" spot. She led us through the process to plan, write and self-publish her recent book "**Shooting Stars**". The process is much more complicated than simply sitting down at a computer and writing it in order, especially when most of us just read the results!

Our **Main Speaker** was **Melody Lawrence** talking about her recent trip to Sydney to attend a "**Miniatures Show**", held by creators of a range of built-to-scale miniatures with a wide subject matter. Melody herself is a "miniatures" tutor and currently leads a club in Pahiataua. She brought along several of her own "projects" including one with a tiny (1 cm long) moving train. Her talk engendered members crowding around to look at the tiny replicas that she has made.

Liz Barnes.



**I decided to do my bit to save the planet.
I unplugged the row of electric cars that no-one was using.**

KOWHAI REBUS CLUB OF BETHLEHEM



Fifteen members and a friend, Diane Howell, enjoying morning coffee and friendship at **The Vines Retirement Village Café** recently.

**When I say “the other day” it could be anytime
between yesterday and my birth.**

Marie Mabey, Newsletter Editor.

COMBINED REBUS CLUB OF PARAPARAUMU BEACH INC.

How many people knew that there was once a horse racing track in the middle of Island Bay years ago? **Steve Hutchison**, our 10-minute speaker, gave a very interesting talk on **Growing up in Island Bay**. It was fascinating seeing all those old photographs.



Our **Guest Speaker, Dáithí Stone** gave an enlightening presentation on a subject that is close to everyone now, climate change and global warming. Makes us all worried about the future. *Vaughan Howarth, President.*

FITZHERBERT REBUS CLUB INC



August Club Day was a day of celebration. Not only was it the Club's 26th birthday (Allain and Libby cut the cake) but Pat and Libby presented **Allain Scott** with **Life Membership** in recognition of her many varied contributions to our Club over a number of years.

These events were then followed by an enthralling talk from a local legend. What an inspirational and interesting person **Dame Farah Palmer** is. Starting life in PioPio, a small

Waikato town, she has become, through hard work and determination, an inspiration to all, especially young women. To achieve all that she has in sport and education took courage as well as mental and physical strength. Farah is an example of succeeding in life by taking advantage of what it offers you and working hard to reach your goals. Be it sport or academia she has achieved both and fully deserves to BE A DAME.



Karen Carter, Secretary.

REBUS CLUB OREWA



Our **Guest Speaker** at the July meeting was **Allan Watson** who spoke to us about **The History of Wine in NZ**. He was very knowledgeable as he worked in the wine industry for many years. He gave us some information on what has happened to our old favourites from years ago, the families who started up the vineyards in West Auckland, the types of grapes now grown in NZ compared with years ago, and which labels are now owned by overseas companies.

Members attended a **Mid-winter lunch** at **Red Beach Surf Club**. Great food and plenty of conviviality.



Maureen Grigg, Bulletin Editor.

It's not about age, it's about attitude.

GRANDMOTHERS An essay by an
8 year old

A grandmother is a lady who has no children of her own, so she likes other people's little girls. A grandfather is a man grandmother. He goes walks with the boys and they talk about fishing, tractors and like that. Grandmothers don't have to do anything except be there. They are old, so they shouldn't play hard or run. It is enough if they drive us to the shops where the pretend horse is and have lots of five cents ready. They are often fat, but not too fat to tie kid's shoes. They wear funny glasses and funny underwear and they can take their teeth and gums off. Everyone should try to have one, because grandmothers are the only grown-ups who have got time.

My neighbour sent me this. I don't know if you have seen it before, I certainly have not, so I thought you might enjoy it too.

As my neighbour said, "kids know everything". Sad, but true.

Thank you, Graham, Ed.

And that ends another round up of happenings in the Rebus family. Thank you for your contributions, and what a selection this month. Please remember to send your items to me at [the email address at the top of Page One](#), every single one is important.

The awarding of **Life Membership** to someone is indeed an honour, which recognises years of dedication and work. (See Fitzherbert Rebus Club's item).

I knew a lady who contracted polio as a child and was severely handicapped, but it did not stop her from opening a business providing recycled but good clothes to disadvantaged young women, so that they had something smart to wear to a job interview. Her passion was floral art, and she became a greatly respected judge, tutor, and demonstrator. She was always ready with praise for anyone who would 'have a go' rather than just admire the work of others.

I remember her saying many times "**In this world there are the lookers and the doers**". Our own organisation is heavily reliant on the doers of this world – they make life so much more enjoyable for the rest of us, and we thank you all.

Until next month, stay safe, stay warm – I do assure you, Spring is on the way.



Jean

Editor, Rebus Club News.