



REBUS CLUB NEWS

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Good morning, all,

Well, we all knew the never-ending summer *would* end sooner or later. Suddenly we are experiencing cooler mornings and evenings, the winter duvet is on the bed, and the soup pot brought back into use. But all is not doom and gloom at our place, as over the last few weeks I have been welcomed into the world each morning with the most beautiful singing. No, it is not my husband, but a beautiful thrush who has claimed a dead branch on the neighbour's cabbage tree. He/she has been named Tweetie-Pie and sings to us in periods of about 30 minutes, before going for refreshment briefly, and then it starts all over again. The repertoire is extensive and complicated – perhaps if I knew it is a male it might be re-named Pavarotti. Apparently according to Google, thrushes sing from May to November, so keep an ear out, because if you are privileged to be adopted by a thrush, you are in for an operatic treat.



And we start the May edition of Rebus Club News with a bouquet.

MT. ALBERT LADIES' REBUS CLUB

To the Chairman and Board of Rebus N.Z. Inc.

The committee and members of the Mt. Albert Ladies Rebus Club send our best wishes and many thanks for your sterling work in ensuring that Rebus Clubs continued to function in their various and different ways during the Covid pandemic.

To your incoming board we offer our best wishes in your efforts to ensure Rebus Clubs throughout New Zealand continue with fun, friendship, and fellowship at the forefront of all club activities. *Diane Dorreen.*

TAUPO MOANA REBUS CLUB



Our Main Speaker was **Graeme Roadley**, who at short notice moved up from the 10-Minute slot as our planned speaker was isolating with Covid.

Graeme is a keen biker and in the Round the Lake Challenge, gained 3rd, 2nd and 1st prize in consecutive years a while back. He and 3 others (average age 73) took up the challenge to ride off-road cycle tracks from Cape Reinga to Bluff, so he bought a bike and all the gear, and practiced locally for 8 months to build up strength and stamina. The 4 set off on their adventurous trip and had a wonderful time despite the weather and blisters etc. Graeme shared the story with humour and a slide presentation - 40 days of fun, fitness, funny places, and encounters. What an achievement and an experience to treasure.

Christine Bailey, Newsletter Editor.

HOKOWHITU REBUS CLUB INC.

At Whanganui we boarded the River Boat **Wairua** about 10.45am. A low tide meant a steep walk down the boarding plank, but we were soon on our way heading downstream to see the city from the water. The river is very tidal, up to two meters. Our journey upriver took about an hour and our Skipper Sam, gave us a history of the river and its importance over the years, pointing out items of interest. With a short walk to **Door on Four Café** we were seated outside and had a leisurely lunch. Back to the boat for the return trip to Whanganui. On our way home to Palmerston North, we stopped at the **Cameron Blockhouse** which was built during the NZ Wars. It is a rare surviving example of a privately constructed redoubt.



Joan Letts, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF RIVERSIDE HAMILTON



It was President Kevin's first meeting since taking office. One of his first tasks was to induct a new member, **Les Robertson** (left). Welcome to the club, Les.

David and Helen Hoskin were both nominated for, and voted in unanimously for **Life Membership** to the Club. Congratulations to you both.

Guest Speakers: Our 10-Minute Speaker was Edwin Clarke, who gave us a light-hearted look at planning your own funeral. Edwin has been a parson (an ordained Christian person, according to the internet) and he has attended his fair share of funerals. His talk was entitled "**How to have a good funeral**" and was enjoyed by all.
Steve O'Sullivan, Bulletin Editor

THAMES BONANZA CLUB

The presentation by Doug and Jane Ashby at our May meeting, where they showed some of their native lizards & geckos, was a revelation to most of us. The opportunity to hear about these endangered creatures, and to handle them, was very special. Presentations like this made me realise how little I know about these native creatures.

Membership News: We welcome Margaret van Niekerk as a new member. *Gary Meek, Newsletter Editor.*

I'm on two diets – I wasn't getting enough food on one.

REBUS CLUB OREWA



Our **Guest Speaker** at our April meeting was **Squadron Leader Liesl Armitage** who spoke to us on her life and career in the Royal NZ Air Force. She spoke of her experiences piloting Hercules aircraft which she described in detail and her experience in Afghanistan which impressed us all.

As no visual aides were available due to Covid rules to keep doors and windows open, she completely held our interest.
Maureen Grigg, Bulletin Editor.

Every day is a new beginning. Take a deep breath, smile, and start again.

OMANU REBUS CLUB



On Thursday the 21 April, fifteen of our members spent an enjoyable evening out at **Zeytin** in Mt Maunganui. Come and join us Thursday 26 May at Osteria. You will enjoy good company and good food.
Adrienne Wilson.

"When a man opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife"

Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

RED BEACH LADIES' REBUS CLUB



There were five April birthdays, one of whom was Judy Gemmell (left) who celebrated a milestone birthday and was presented with a special cake.

Everyone enjoyed **Loretta Austin's** interesting talk about her childhood experience on a train journey near the Hungarian/Russian border in 1948. She is well-travelled and has led an interesting life.

TRADING TABLE: Thanks to Pam Petry and Lorraine Sanders for providing baking for the Trading Table last month and to Jan and Alan Kerslake for the potted plants and table bowls which were snapped up. Sherril has officially retired from baking to concentrate on jam and chutney making, it is hoped members will take up the challenge, with contributions of homemade baking. The Table took \$289 last month, and our members are always keen to buy.
Bobbie Wakenell, Newsletter Editor.

WEST AUCKLAND MEN'S REBUS CLUB

KAIPARA SCULPTURE PARK TRIP: On Wednesday 27 April 19 we visited the



Kaipara Sculpture Gardens (<https://kaiparacoastplantcentre.com/>) in

conjunction with members of Waitakere Combined Rebus Club (the trip was organised by Ian Smith, who is Outings Organiser for both clubs. A stroll through the bush was followed by lunch at the Cafe there: an opportunity for members of the

two clubs to get to know each other. I can recommend the steak pie – it contained recognisable pieces of steak, which is not always the case.

John says this is his last newsletter – many thanks for some veritable masterpieces over the last five years, John. Ed.



John Mihaljevic, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF MT. HOBSON



(left) Guest Speaker for April – Martin Haworth, **Topic:** “A History of Ukraine to 2021.” Martin gave us an excellent and topical talk on the history of Ukraine, a country or land which has endured centuries of occupation from the Roman Empire to the Visigoths and Ostrogoths and vandals destroying the Western Roman Empire.



(right) Club Speaker for April – Alastair MacCormick. **Topic:** “Te Pukenga.” Te Pukenga (The New Zealand Institute for Skills and Technology) is being formed from a merger of 16 Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics and 11 Industry Training Organisations. The Reform of Vocational Education (RoVE) covers all industry training funded under the Industry Training Fund and off-the-job education at New Zealand Qualification Framework levels 3 to 7.

Chris de Boer, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF DEVONPORT INC.



At the April Committee Meeting the presentation was made, by the REBUS BOARD CHAIRMAN, **Graeme McIntosh**, acknowledging:

**REBUS CLUB of DEVONPORT, (formally PROBUS)
35 years of service to the Devonport Seniors Community.**

The presentation was received on behalf of the Club by the well-respected retiring Club President, and very active Club Member for 20 years, Charles Digby.

David Thomson, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF KHANDALLAH



Members were pleased to meet in person for their April meeting. Incoming **President, Vish Sarma** was presented with the Chain of Office by former President, **Laurel Ferguson**. There was a good attendance and members were pleased to be able to catch up with friends.

A most enjoyable talk was given by **Cameron Turner**, the Commercial Manager of the **Open Polytechnic**. Cameron gave a brief history of the Open Polytechnic since it opened just after WWII. He spoke about the unique learners they cater for; their transformation from paper to digital resources; and their future amalgamation into Te Pūkenga – the New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology.



Heather Nelson.

WAIKANAĒ MILLENNIUM REBUS CLUB INC.



Congratulations to **Hugh Scott** on being made a **Life Member** of the Club. This is a richly deserved recognition of his involvement over the years and his continuing engagement in Club activities. Pictured with Hugh is his Nominator, Chris Jackson, and President Cathy Mitchell.

David Goggin, Newsletter Editor.



LUNCHEON AT "THE GEORGE"

SOUTH WAIRARAPA REBUS CLUB

On 29 April, 10 members travelled by rental van to **Kohunui Marae** on Lake Ferry Road. Teresa Aporo, Chair of the Kohunui Trust, was our guide for the day. As the marae was under maintenance restrictions, we spent the time in the native plant nursery. There, plants are raised under contract to local restoration organisations from seed collected locally by numbers of volunteers. It was an impressive and professional operation, with just two full-time paid workers. We then had a delightful lunch of fish and chips at the **Lake Ferry Pub**, looking out over Lake Onoke. During the afternoon we travelled to Cape Palliser. Teresa told us about the history of the area. Local Māori used to trade with tribes across the strait and there are sites of extensive historical kumara gardens at Waikekeno. The kumara was grown in Peru about 8000 years ago. It seems likely that the early Māori kumara had been brought to Polynesia by Polynesians who had voyaged to South America.



David Woodhams, Newsletter Editor.

WARKWORTH MEN'S REBUS CLUB

At the latest Meeting on 16th May, members heard from **Dr Willo Stear** about the **Anglo-Boer Wars (1899 – 1902)** in South Africa. The political background, battles and casualties were covered in detail. The new techniques of the wars included: guerrilla troops, trenches, snipers, attacks on civilians, concentration camps, scorched earth, and others that became familiar in the two subsequent World Wars, and unfortunately are still in use today in Eastern Europe. The first New Zealand troops involved in an overseas war, were contingents of Mounted Rifles, featured in a set of stamps about The Army issued in 1984. Willo comes from South Africa and is an amateur archaeologist and historian. He has visited many of the battle sites, including Spion Kop, Ladysmith and Mafeking, and currently lives in Warkworth.

Ron Smalley.

REBUS CLUB OF PALMERSTON NORTH

Our Vice-President **Allan Inglis** spoke at the May club meeting about "**Black Gold**" extraction from the Waipipi iron sands near Waverley where he was employed as an electrician. A very interesting talk about a significant export project until Japan cut its demands for iron from this source in 1988. There had been 205 shipments transporting



Dean Halford, Newsletter Editor.

nearly 16 million tons of iron sand over 17 years of operation. Guest speaker **Michelle Connor** from the **Arohanui Hospice** said it has provided free care and support since 1991 to those with life-limiting illnesses and their families. A collection of goods at our June meeting will be donated to the hospice.

A recent club outing to **Koakoa Distillery at Paraparaumu** introduced most to lemon-flavoured gin – just the drop considering the cold temperature outside!

(Congratulations to Dean and Anne on their 60th Anniversary). Ed.



Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?

When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile. 95-year-old gentleman.

WAITAKERE COMBINED REBUS CLUB



There was lots of fun and hilarity on our recent trip to the **Kaipara Sculpture Garden**. The day started with a bus drive up to the gardens. The walk through the garden was interesting and the Garden Centre had a variety of plants we could purchase. On our way home we took a different route which took us through Helensville. *Phyllis Greenland.*



REBUS CLUB OF UPPER HUTT INC.



The **Guest Speaker** was **His Excellency Peter Ryan**, Ambassador for Ireland. Peter's diplomatic career began in 1994 after four years with the Bank of Ireland. He has served in Japan, South Korea, Singapore, New York, and Hong Kong, before his current post in New Zealand. He is to return to Ireland in August with his wife and daughters after working overseas for 7 years.

Peter spoke about the Irish diaspora and how Brexit created the need for Ireland to connect more with other countries. He spoke enthusiastically about the relationship between Ireland and New Zealand and enlightened us on the increasing interest in Ireland for fostering relations with the smaller nations in the world. Ireland has become a global technology hub, attracting the strategic business activities of ICT companies, earning Ireland the reputation for being the heart of ICT in Europe. The industry employs over 37,000 people and generates €35 billion in exports annually. Multinationals with headquarters in Dublin include Intel, Dell, LinkedIn, Google, Twitter, and Facebook to name a few. *Alex Attewell, Newsletter Editor.*

REBUS CLUB OF GULF HARBOUR



One of our club members invited us to join her at her 'batch' at **Mangawhai** for lunch. 14 of us car shared, stopping at the 'famous in New Zealand' **Bennetts Chocolate Factory** for chocolate-laced coffee and a chocolate cookie. After an enjoyable lunch we strolled to nearby cliffs overlooking Mangawhai Heads and sandy beach.

The **Guest Speaker** for May was **Steve Foster** from "Hear Again" who gave an interesting biology lesson on the ear - a most relevant subject for our age group!



The **Dine Out Group** met at Picador's for dinner, **CBD Explorers Group** visited

Auckland Museum to view Olaf Petersen's Photograph Exhibition, with a bonus of T-Rex standing proud. On 25th May we went to Whangarei to visit the

Hundertwasser Museum with the Hibiscus Men's Rebus Club. Our membership is now 60. *Pamela Warner, Secretary.*

REBUS CLUB OF WANGANUI



We have been very fortunate to have a couple of great outings this month. The group that went on the trip to Wellington reported a wonderful day had by all, the weather was not a major issue, and they were able to travel over the new Transmission Gully Road and enjoy the novelty of a train ride (Commuter Unit) to Waikanae. Something we here in Wanganui rarely do. Our immense thanks to Jim our President, who drives the bus and organises these amazing outings, thanks also to Beverley, his wife, who organised the morning tea.

Paerau Taylor, Newsletter Editor.

CAMBRIDGE MEN'S REBUS CLUB

President **Martin Lawrence** inducted two new members, Nathan Killen (nominated by Max Brown) and Ralph Dearlove (nominated by Col Davis).



Guest speaker was **Matthew Gainsford**, a Marine Archeologist based in Whitianga where he is completing a detailed site survey of the **HMS Buffalo** shipwreck site there. HMS Buffalo was built in 1813 in Calcutta, India, and later used to transport convicts to Australia. It arrived in Mercury Bay on 17 April 1840, before being shipwrecked on 20 July, 1840. He described the tests being undertaken despite the difficult conditions for divers.



Nigel Salter.

REBUS CLUB OF MILSON INC.



Speakers at our last meeting.

Left: **Club Speakers, Mandy Brown & Shirley Bloxham** who read us Poetry they had written.

Right: Denis Healy with our **Guest Speaker, Tony Groome** who spoke of his experiences as a forester, search and rescue, and firefighter volunteer. An amazing man, as are so many who give of their time and skill saving life and property.



Margaret Broderick, Secretary.

WOMEN'S REBUS CLUB OF WAIKANAE



We welcome new member **Chris Moody (right)** with **Janet Robertson**.

Our **Guest Speaker**, former Policewoman and Traffic Officer, **Sonya Sloan** raised our awareness of ways to keep ourselves safe, and our property secure. From her experience and current observations, Sonya stressed our vulnerability and the need to keep alert for opportunists and how to avoid scams.

Mary Paddock, Newsletter Editor.

Prison is just one word to you, but for some it's a whole sentence.



KOWHAI REBUS CLUB OF BETHLEHEM



A group of members enjoyed a day trip recently to **the Historical Athenree Homestead**. We all got a better appreciation of what our pioneers went through. Some of the pioneers had come from a more 'genteel' way of living so the shocks might have been a little harsher. Athenree Homestead was built by Irish

settler/pioneers **Hugh and Adela Stewart** in 1879 and was a working farmhouse for 30 years up to their departure in 1906. It played an important role in the history of Athenree and Katikati - the whole area being part of a planned Irish settlement. The Homestead is located on a Western Bay of Plenty District Council Reserve at 360 Athenree Road, Athenree and is maintained by the Athenree Homestead Charitable Trust. Lunch was at the Fairview Golf Course.



Lisa Sutherland, Newsletter Editor.

I'm trying to organise a hide and seek tournament, but good players are hard to find.

"People say nothing is impossible, but I do nothing every day." A.A. Milne

REBUS CLUB OF FEILDING



We inducted a new member, Mary, and held our AGM. Photo: Sherryn handing the Chain of office to our new President, Merlyn. Congratulations.



Our **Speaker in May** was **Kilian de Lacy** who entered the convent at age 17, and 6 years later she took the habit (like a bride) and became a nun, wearing a white veil (novice). She worked in the nursery, the boys ward and the older ladies' ward. Later she did nursing training and became a radiographer then was transferred to Broken Hill in NSW, Australia for a term. She joined the cathedral choir which she enjoyed, but continued to suppress herself, and eventually asked for dispensation which was granted from Rome. She married and worked as a nurse in a women's prison, as a radiographer, in the insurance industry and managed a rest home in Island Bay, Wellington. She wrote a book about her life story.

Lyn Jensen.

REBUS CLUB OF HAMILTON



Our recent trip to Mamuku to ride the Rail Carts was well supported with 24 people enjoying the back country rail through native forest, bush, and old Pa sites. Despite the clouds we did get to view Lake Rotorua and with the onboard commentary we learnt about the local history of forestry, planting, and rail travel. We travelled four to a cart, on a 90 minute, 20km, out-and-back trip, from Mamuku to Tarukenga Station.



On the 4th of May, 7 members of the **Mainly Men's Group** visited the Cambridge **C&R Development's** car and heavy machinery Museum, which consisted of historic motor cars, motorcycles, racing cars, muscle cars, tractors, trucks, heavy plant and machinery and memorabilia.

Kaye Wallis.

PUKENAMU REBUS CLUB, WANGANUI

May Outing: 20 happy people went to the **Putiki Church** where Mr Simon Rewiti explained the significance of the



many beautiful Māori artifacts, carvings etc and their relationship to the Anglican Church. This ornate building is a real treasure for Whanganui and has hosted many dignitaries and famous visitors over the years. The Museum visit was an interesting experience with Lisa Rewiti conducting the tour with her lively commentary. We then shared lunch in the comfy surroundings of the Museum Conference Room. Then on to **Aramoho's Toy Museum**, which must be seen to appreciate the extent of one man's hobby of wall-to-wall toys!

Maree Adams.

FITZHERBERT REBUS CLUB INC.

Last month's Speaker was the CEO of Palmerston North Airport, **David Langham**, who gave us an interesting insight into the running of the airport. The costs of keeping the facility running effectively and efficiently are rather large and are now being offset by the owning and developing of the land around it to produce a profit over coming years. The airport appears to be in safe hands.

Allain Scott, President.

**Over 5,000 years of eating bread,
and in less than a decade everyone is allergic to gluten.**

COMBINED REBUS CLUB OF PARAPARAUMU BEACH INC.



Keith Dreyer and Robyn Janse were our main speakers, recalling their cruise around the Black Sea at a time when the area was a lot more peaceful than it is today. The Gallipoli Peninsula was their first stop and included a visit to the New Zealand and Australian memorials as well as Anzac Cove. There were numerous other stops in Turkish ports, Georgia, Russia, Romania, and Bulgaria; then back to Turkey where Ephesus was the highlight. Turkey is the bridge between Europe and Asia, Istanbul being the third largest city in Europe and boasting some beautiful buildings. Ephesus was clearly a favourite with Keith and Robyn. Steeped in history going back to

biblical times but abandoned in the 11th century, the site is currently being excavated to reveal some of the amazing buildings.

Last month our 10-minute speaker was **our Vice-President, Vaughan Howarth**, who spoke of what sounded a wonderful trip to South Africa, including some time in Zimbabwe. One of the many highlights was a sunset cruise on the Zambesi River.

Steve Hutchison, Bulletin Editor.

And that is all I have for you for the month of May 2022, thanks to our many contributors. What a variety of speakers, and some very interesting trips (and well-kept local secrets). If you are a new Secretary, or Bulletin/Newsletter Editor as a result of your club's recent AGM, remember that you can send me your news by adding my email address rebusclubnews@gmail.com to your own club's newsletter circulation list, or email me your specific contribution (outing/speaker/event), and a photo or two really puts the icing on the cake.

You may have noticed that one of your photos has been cropped or resized. I do this sometimes to reduce the amount of background so I can enlarge the subject of the photo. What a godsend that Snipping Tool is – sometimes it is the only way I can reproduce a photo when all other attempts fail. I am still learning.

It is gratifying to read how many clubs have adopted the suggestion of running a Sales/Trading Table. It certainly helps to boost club funds, and in these difficult times can be very helpful to those watching the pennies. And I am still waiting to hear if there have been any new Romeos Groups established, or in the pipeline!! So, until this time next month, stay safe, and make good use of the Winter Energy Payment!!!!!!



Jean

Editor, Rebus Club News.