



# REBUS CLUB NEWS

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Summer, such as It was, is drawing to a close, and the end of daylight-saving approaches. Apart from a few magnificent days now and then, summer has been a season in name only as we begin to feel autumn creeping up on us. No matter what words we use to describe the weather, there is no denying things have changed, dramatically, even in the last ten years, and nature is having a hard time adapting to those changes. But life goes on, and we too must adapt. I do not think anyone has yet bred a tomato to withstand burning sun, horizontal rain, drought, flood, tornado winds, and hail so I have decided that next year I will not be growing tomatoes, and most other plants will be in pots so that they can be moved around, out of the wind, when necessary! Gardening is a delight and a challenge, and becoming more so.

I am looking forward to meeting many of you again at the Rebus NZ Inc. AGM in Wanganui on 6<sup>th</sup> May. After the cancellation of the 2022 gathering, this promises to be an interesting meeting, and a not-to-be missed opportunity to meet others from around the country, chew the fat, pick up new ideas, and compare notes. Only Presidents (or their proxies) have **voting** rights, but this is your chance to have your say. Registrations close on 20<sup>th</sup> April, so don't delay, do it today. **Please use the On-line Registration Form. It can easily be accessed by clicking on this link:**

<https://form.jotform.com/230416675235859>.

## KOWHAI REBUS CLUB OF BETHLEHEM

**CLUB MEMBER TALENT:** Some of the amazing woodworking projects made by club member, **Ross Eades**.



From left: 1. This amazing piece was carved out of 3 pieces of wood. 2. Model of Greek Monastery 'Meteora', complete with working lift. 3. Individual hand-made tiles on this Tudor style house. *Lisa Sutherland, Newsletter Editor.*

## HOKOWHITU REBUS CLUB



The Guest Speaker was **Dr. Megan Jolly**, Senior Veterinary Surgeon at Massey University, in charge of animal recovery. At the AGM in March **President Graeme Eaton** took over from **Bette Bretherton**.

In February, President **Bette** welcomed our newest members, **John Allen**, **Pauline Rodan** and **Lynley Tillick**.

*Joan Letts, Newsletter Editor.*

**Just once, I want the prompt for my username or password to say, "Close Enough."**

## **TAUPO MOANA REBUS CLUB**

The February **Main Speaker** was **Shaun Vennell from Greening Taupo**. As a boy he donated to Council towards tree planting. He said it was so good to go back and see trees planted 10-20-30 years before. He even took part in a boxing match, and this raised \$93,000 towards the project, which has 10 plantings a year, 2,000 plants each time.

*Christine Bailey, Bulletin Editor.*

**Accept the past without regrets, handle the present with confidence,  
and face the future without fear.**

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## **REBUS CLUB OF CAMBRIDGE**

After four years of trying (foiled by Covid and bad weather) the Rebus Club of Cambridge finally managed the much-



anticipated **Raglan Harbour Cruise** on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Travelling from Cambridge to Raglan in an air-conditioned coach, they were met at Raglan wharf by the crew of the “**Wahinemoa**”. Once on-board they enjoyed a lunch of fresh fish and chips and a scenic 2-hour cruise. A running commentary from the very knowledgeable

captain about the hidden gems of the Raglan Harbour followed. Calm waters meant it was a very enjoyable experience. As we slowly drifted along, the German and French crew served us coffee and tea. On the way back Rebus club members were invited to take the wheel! After disembarking, members visited the local art galleries and coffee shop. Right: Trip Organiser **Gary Ward**, at the wheel.



*Steve O'Sullivan, Newsletter Editor.*

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## **AVONDALE LADIES' REBUS CLUB**

In February we had a trip to **Lavender Hill Farm in Coatesville**. This included a farm tour, seeing and feeding alpacas, tasting of Lavender Hill's limoncello and four varieties of gin (not compulsory!). There was time to look around the farm shop. Lunch (not included) was at Northwest Mall. Those who attended the outing had a lovely day out. Thankyou Jan and Robin for all the hard work you put in organising these outings for us. *Barbara Douglas, Newsletter Editor.*

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## **RED BEACH LADIES' REBUS CLUB**



The club extends a very warm welcome to our newest member **Lyn Buchan** (left) who was inducted last month by President Trish.

**Guest Speakers were Ross & Stephanie McKellar**, Theatre Managers of **Centerstage Theatre** which was purpose built in 1990 as a performing arts centre in Orewa. Each year it presents a season of three major musicals, a youth production and one play. Centerstage boasts a 208-seat theatre, a brand-new rehearsal space, a spacious foyer, commercial kitchen, and bar. It provides an inclusive, nurturing, and supportive learning environment for students of all ages.



*Bobbie Wakenell, Newsletter Editor.*

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## **REBUS CLUB OREWA**

As the majority of us live in flood prone areas or inundation and erosion areas, we must feel very relieved that over this past so-called summer we on the Hibiscus Coast have not been swept out to sea. Although I know friends living along the foreshore have suffered flood and erosion damage, cyclone Gabrielle didn't strike us with full force.

We should be very grateful to the tireless emergency workers and volunteers who were doing their best to ensure the safety of people and property on the coast. Our hearts go out to those who live in Gisborne and Hawkes Bay areas. It must be soul destroying and devastating for them.

*Robert Letcher, President.*

**I hate it when I can't operate my iPad and my tech support guy is asleep. He's 5 and it's past his bedtime.**

## WEST AUCKLAND MEN'S REBUS CLUB



Vice-President and Guest Speaker organiser, Noel Rose with **Jude Walter from Brainfit World.**

Jude Walter is the **Brainfit World** coach for the Auckland Central Region. She helps people keep their brain in top condition regardless of how old they are. She said in today's talk there would be a range of tips and techniques that can help develop habits to keep a healthy brain. All of us know people who have suffered from degrees of memory disorder and from Alzheimer's. What she is talking about is being the best prepared you can be for whatever lies ahead. Jude says your brain never ever sleeps. During sleep, the brain is consolidating memories from what happened during the day. If we are not getting good quality sleep, we are not consolidating those memories in the way we should. Research shows that the average person spends thirteen minutes every day looking for things or retracing their steps. More important than the time-wasting factor, is that memory lapses really undermine self-confidence, and that stops you from doing things.

*Vince Middeldorp, Secretary.*

## THAMES BONANZA REBUS CLUB

My thanks to the numerous members who told me how much they enjoyed my presentation on Slovenia and Croatia. When our Guest Speaker could not get to Thames, we had to change the programme at short notice.

Our thanks to Judith Twentyman for arranging the quiz.

*Gary Meek, Acting President.*

## WAITAKERE COMBINED REBUS CLUB



In February it was a beautiful day for our Gold Card Trip to **Waiheke Island**, with the local men's club. We travelled by train into Britomart, then onto the ferry and across the Hauraki Gulf towards Waiheke. We caught the bus to Onetangi and stopped at a local restaurant for lunch.

This month we had a Bus Trip to the Tip Top factory, via Mission Bay for a beach walk and a coffee.

At the factory, the guided tour showed how it operates and the variety of products it supplies. We finished off the tour with a short video and a very enjoyable ice cream before making our way home.

*Phyllis Greenland.*



## REBUS CLUB OF FOXTON



Last month's **Speaker** was **Tim Costley, Commanding Officer Flying Training Wing, Royal NZ Air Force**, pilot and leader in the Air Force, and former aide to **Prince William**. He gave a very interesting insight into his life prior to and including his career in the military, especially flying helicopters, and including serving overseas in war-torn countries. He loved what he did, excelled at it and was well respected.

*Dereley Barry, Newsletter Editor.*

## REBUS CLUB OF PALMERSTON NORTH



Our recent AGM was well attended, concluding with a lunch enjoyed by many of us. A change of officers saw Yvonne Parkes hand over the President's chain of office to **Allan Inglis** and **Sue Eckworth** was elected **Secretary** to replace Lorrene Langer. Because of the AGM, we had no speakers at our March meeting.

*Dean Halford, Newsletter Editor.*

**The truly rich are those who enjoy what they have.** Yiddish Proverb

## REBUS WAIHEKE ISLAND



President **Jim Miller**, with incoming **President, Jennie Collins**.

The Rebus Waiheke Committee is delighted to award **Life Membership** to two stalwarts of the club.

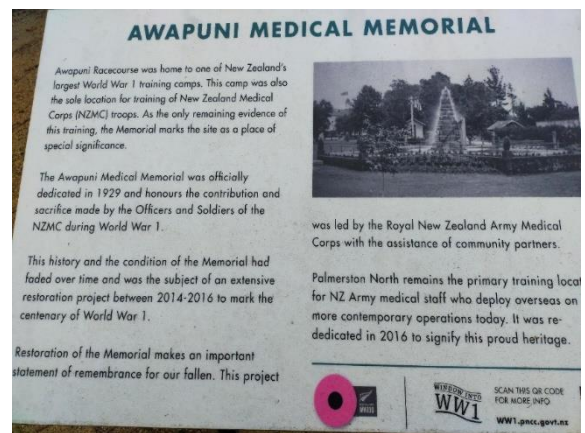
**Anne Willmann** joined the club in 2011 and served on the committee for 7 years from 2012 to 2018. Over most of that time, Anne edited the Newsletter and was President in 2015-16. Anne is part of the ensemble of members delivering entertainment at our Christmas Lunches for the last 5 years.

**Don McKenzie** first appears in club records as the main speaker in November 2001 with the topic "**Life without sight**". Thankfully for us the club recruiters liked what they saw, and Don was signed up as a member shortly thereafter in January 2002.

Don has had two stints on the committee. The first spanned 2014 to 2020 during which he organised speakers for many of those years and served as President in 2017-18. And he offered himself for a second term as President and then led our club through a difficult year with Covid disruptions and Zoom committee meetings. Don handled it all with aplomb, grace, and sage advice.

*Tania Sweet, Newsletter Editor.*

## REBUS CLUB OF MANAWATU



**March Speaker, Dame Farah Palmer,**

Ngāti Maniapoto, was eagerly questioned about her rugby career and current rugby issues.

Some of our walkers can't resist clowning around. But on our Racecourse walk we also looked at the interesting monument commemorating that this was where the **NZ Army Medical Corps** trained during **World War One**.

*Margie Comrie, Newsletter Editor.*

## REBUS CLUB OF MT. HOBSON

When the Guest Speaker cancelled due to Covid, in his place Alastair MacCormick organised a panel of medical club members to discuss and comment on two questions:

1. Can you describe the major changes in your practice of medicine over your career and why they have made a difference to healthcare in New Zealand.
2. The admissions process for entry to the medical courses at Auckland and Otago has changed significantly since you entered medical school. What do you think of the current system?

**The panel comprised:** • Ron Haydon (General Practice and Geriatrics) • John Matthews (Pathology – Haematology) • Jon Simcock (Neurology) • Paul Simcock (Ear, Nose and Throat).

*Chris de Boer, Newsletter Editor.*



It's always good to get your cheery messages. Thank you for doing the Club News – I know our members all enjoy seeing what the rest of the Rebus nation is up to. **Nigel.**

You do such a good job, but I'm sure it must be busy for you come the end of the month. **Mary.**

Thanks for the good newsletter you are producing. It's great reading. **Lyn.**

### MT. ALBERT LADIES' REBUS CLUB



In February, Sheree Tiatia, **Community Banker from ASB**, was a dynamic and engaging speaker on **Better and Safer Banking**. Photo left. Members have since given feedback that this was a very helpful and informative meeting. We had a lively discussion about safeguarding against fraud.

Thirty-four members thoroughly enjoyed a bus trip to **Angrason Gardens, Waiuku** in February. Ann and Graham Thomson were generous hosts, showing us around their stunning gardens of 2.5 acres, which they have developed over the past 22 years.

*Anne Mckenzie, Newsletter Editor.*



### WAIKANA E MILLENNIUM REBUS CLUB INC.



At the AGM outgoing Present Cathy Mitchell awarded **Alison Viskovic with Life Membership** of our Club. Adding his support is newly elected President Bruce Scott.

Alison replied that it was a huge surprise at the last meeting to be awarded the club's Life Membership. "I'd like to say thank you very much for the honour. I think that joining this club was the best thing we did after moving to Waikanae. We have met so many new friends and I've been able to enjoy so many different activities because of opportunities offered through this club.

*David Goggin, Newsletter Editor.*

### REBUS CLUB OF HIBISCUS COAST



At the AGM on 7<sup>th</sup> March, **President Garth Dutton** remarked on a successful year including our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner. All positions on the Management Committee were filled. On 15<sup>th</sup> March the club visited the **Miranda Shorebird Centre on the Firth of Thames**. Members from Gulf Harbour were also invited to participate. The outward journey was through Clevedon and Kawakawa Bay to the Firth of Thames, and Kaiaua, where we stopped for a lunch of fish and chips. We received a very interesting talk from our hostess, **Chelsea**, about the **Shorebirds Trust** and the **Bar-Tailed**



#### **Godwits and Red-Knots.**

Then we went out to the wetlands area and observed the



Godwits in the final stage of preparation before their return flight to Alaska.

*Paul Robinson, Secretary.*

### SOUTH WAIRARAPA REBUS CLUB

Those attending our AGM on 24 February were privileged to hear again from Ms Joy Cooper, Chair of the Wharekaka Trust, who brought us up to date on the latest developments regarding the future of this important Martinborough aged-care facility - its merger with Masonic Villages Trust.

When she spoke to us last April, she had just implemented the Trust's decision to close the hospital and rest home care functions, consequent on the loss of registered nursing staff and their inability to recruit replacements. For the Trust, it was the beginning of a period of intense investigation of the options.

The timing of our invitation to Joy to address us was indeed fortuitous and we were privileged to hear this news four days before the final deed was signed.

*David Woodhams, Newsletter Editor.*

## REBUS CLUB OF GULF HARBOUR

March 8th was our AGM, and Neil Wild handed over the presidential chain of office to **Verna Harford**. Verna's first duty as President was to induct new member **Lynette Elliott**, whom we welcome to our club.



The Guest Speakers were **David Brittan** and **Matt Van Der Linden** - who gave us the history of **Hibiscus Coastguard**, and some interesting accounts of their experiences. They are constantly training and upskilling and were introduced by George Tregidga and thanked by Gill Wild.  
*Pam Warner, Secretary.*

## WOMEN'S REBUS CLUB OF WAIKANAE

**Speaker for March: Marco Zeeman - Whale Song.** It began with a beautiful and very moving underwater video of threatened Humpback whales, the mothers keeping close contact with their babies, while the rest of the pod weaves gracefully through the water, unperturbed by a couple of photographers keeping a respectful distance. This is the image that the **Whale Song** project seeks to preserve, as internationally more and more of these incredible creatures are turning up dead on beaches. In a one-acre landscaped setting, visitors will be able to appreciate the actual size and scale of seven of these extraordinary creatures suspended above, as if you were looking up at them from 80 metres underwater. It will be one of the largest bronze sculptures in the world. A cultural centre will help visitors to understand the need for marine conservation, ensuring a thriving ocean and a healthy planet for future generations. Neither ratepayer nor government-funded, the **Whale Song Charitable Trust** is working hard to raise the necessary funds to complete the project, visit <https://www.whalesong.kiwi/>



*Mary Paddock, Newsletter Editor.*

## CAMBRIDGE MEN'S REBUS CLUB



The Club held its Annual General Meeting on 15 March 2023 with 55 members present. New member **Keith Grala** (centre, photo left) was introduced by Ken Beere and inducted into the Club by outgoing President Martin Lawrence. Right: **Max Norvill** was appointed President and Alan Wellington Vice President for the



ensuing year. Other Committee Members continue unchanged. **Guest Speaker** at the meeting was Simon Makgill, a retired local solicitor.

*Nigel Salter.*

## REBUS CLUB OF UPPER HUTT INC.

**Guest Speaker: James Renwick** is a Professor of Physical Geography at Victoria University Wellington. He says he is fascinated by the general circulation of the atmosphere and how it transports energy and momentum and what happens in the process. His presentation was entitled **Climate Change: The Latest Science** and he explained the impacts of industrialisation on the climate and some of the actions that can and need to be taken to mitigate or reverse some of those changes.



## Upper Hutt Rebus Visit

24 March 2023



(L) Altitude Room

(R) Indoor Playing Field



*Alex Attewell, Newsletter Editor.*

## COMBINED REBUS OF PARAPARAUMU BEACH INC.

### The President's Spiel:



This is my first report as the new President. I would like to acknowledge again the sterling work that Steve has put in as President for the last three years. I have been furiously taking notes for the last 12 months on monthly and committee meetings and how to run them. I thoroughly enjoyed the **Guest Speaker, Peter Elliott**, (Right) talking about his late father **Keith Elliott V.C.** I had the pleasure of meeting Keith some years ago at the Fire Service



HQ, Keith was the Fire Service Chaplain. Did you know that Keith rests locally in the Paraparaumu Cemetery?

*Vaughan Howarth, President.*

## REBUS CLUB OF FEILDING



Our February **Speaker was Ursula Nicholls from Manawatu Community Law** who was introduced by Jane. Their service is free. There are lots of email scams and if you click on the link, you invite them onto your computer, and they can then use your data. Protect yourself by putting security settings on your phone and laptop.

**Our Biographer, Mary** showed her fabulous organic soaps, wheat bags and other craft items.

*Lyn Jensen.*



## REBUS CLUB OF MILSON INC.



**Darren Shadbolt was our Guest Speaker** at the February meeting. He gave an interesting overview of different types of architecture. He even had us drawing a house as we did when we were 4 or 5. Nearly everyone drew the same house!

**Shirley and Arnold Bloxham were our Club Speakers.** Shirley wrote a Millennium Song in 1999 and entered it in a competition – which she won!



*Margaret Broderick, Secretary.*

### *Editor's Note:*

*A few months ago, Rebus Club News contained an item about members knitting Peggy Squares. They are still knitting, and this is an example of what the blankets look like when the squares are joined together. Ed.*



### FITZHERBERT REBUS CLUB INC.

**LAST CLUB DAY: PAW PALS** is a doggy day care business. Having had to close his gym because of restrictions during Covid 19, **Roger Symes** saw an opening for a day care centre for dogs. He, his wife, and a partner found a building right in Palmerston North city, refurbished it and are now looking after 60 dogs, big and small, each day. After training, Roger now offers a dog grooming service. This business is an example of success out of adversity, and we wish him well. "It's a Dog's Life."

### March Outing (photo R.)

On a sunny day, members ventured along Pahiatua Track to **Serena Mercer's "3d Glass Art" studio**, where they viewed the many and varied creations Serena has made and fired in her three kilns. Purchases were made, morning tea was enjoyed, and they all left with more understanding and appreciation of the creative glass process. Later in the month some members returned for a workshop to make jewellery and other crafts.



*Karen Carter, Secretary.*

### REBUS CLUB OF WANGANUI



The Club is fortunate to have on board our long serving **President, Jim Hulbert**, who devotes his time and effort into arranging trips, driving the buses, and being involved in everything to keep his committee together.

Members enjoyed a bus trip to the **"Elvis Presley Museum"** at Hawera. It was an interesting day. Right: Jim and Elvis.

**Life is like a camera: focus on what is important capture the good times: develop from the negatives:**

**and if things don't work out, take another shot.** *Paerau Taylor, Newsletter Ed.*



### PUKENAMU REBUS CLUB INC.

**OUTING/LUNCHES - 18 Members** were shown around the extensive premises of **Pacific Helmets Ltd.** Then everyone moved on to Castlecliff's **The Citadel**, where more members joined them for a relaxing lunch outside under their canopy. Those who had grown up in Wanganui soon found themselves absorbed in the 1960's news booklets that were on the tables.

**In March, 20 members** enjoyed lunch at **Mint**, where it was "slightly stressful" deciding whether to order from the menu or choose from their cabinet. But we were all happy with either option.

*Helen Goldfinch/Pic Lindsay Stockbridge.*



### WAIKANAЕ COMBINED REBUS CLUB



Our March meeting was the Annual General Meeting followed by the annual debate between Paraparaumu and Kapiti Colleges. The moot was **"This House supports the sale of human organs"**. Paraparaumu College took the affirmative and won the **Evan Thomas Cup, first awarded in 2011**. Their argument was for a government-controlled purchase of organs which would markedly increase the supply as the present altruistic system is very unsatisfactory. Members enjoy this annual exchange of views by youngsters, practising for regional and national inter-college debates.

**FREE.** The Club is disposing of some assets which are no longer needed. 1). Epsom EB-S130 data projector, 5 years old with very low use; 2). portable projector screen; 3). microphone stand; 4). speaker's rostrum. These are available for pick up from a Waikanae address. Please contact Clive Palmer for details at [c-mpalmer@xtra.co.nz](mailto:c-mpalmer@xtra.co.nz)



That draws to a close the March edition of Rebus Club News – what a bumper edition –THIRTY contributions, and thanks to all of you for your news. If you have read through right to the end, and your club has not yet joined the list of contributors, remember – there is always room for more. Our aim is to assist your club with suggestions or ideas for speakers and trips/outings. An outing does not have to be expensive, but the joy of meeting with friends, sharing a meal, at a different venue/environment, can work wonders for the individuals and the Club.

Please note that the Gardeners’ Brag Page is now closed – not one of my better ideas - but thanks for the photos.

I wish you all a very pleasant Easter, go easy on the chocolate, and enjoy some time with family and friends. Remember that Covid is still about, though not many folk seem to be reporting it, so who knows how many cases are out there. Best wishes to you all, until next month,



*Jean,*  
*Editor, Rebus Club News.*

