



REBUS CLUB NEWS

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Hello again! As I start this edition of Club News on 25th April I should tell you we had an early start this morning. This time last year we were in lockdown, and our local community adopted the idea of standing at our letterboxes for the Anzac Dawn Service and afterwards most agreed it was something we might perpetuate. So, this morning we all gathered as a group at dawn to pay our respects to our fallen heroes and afterwards enjoyed hot coffee with rum (optional) and fresh Anzac biscuits. It seems to me that one of the positives to come out of Covid-19 is a strengthening of community awareness – long may it last. ***We will remember them.***



REBUS CLUB OREWA



A group of around 40 members enjoyed the production of Evita at “Centrestage” on Friday 19 March, wonderful music along with lovely voices and talented cast. Thank you, Frances for organising the event.

Wednesday Walkers meet at 9.00am corner Moana Avenue and Hibiscus Coast Highway. We walk the beach if possible and enjoy a coffee and chat at Oliver's afterwards. *Maureen Grigg, Bulletin Editor.*



TAUPO MOANA REBUS CLUB



Waimangu Volcanic Valley Excursion. For many of us it was our first visit to Waimangu, and upon arrival we could board their bus and travel direct to the boat for the Lake Rotomahana Boat cruise or walk through beautiful original and regenerated native bush. This section of the walk had steaming hot pools with colourful margins, together with numerous steam vents and waterspouts. Once aboard the Cruise Boat, it took a sweeping course around the lake to the Starhill Crater, a small crater formed during the 1886 Tarawera eruption. We passed over the original Pink and White Terraces, now submerged some 50 meters below. Many photos were taken, thank you, Shona. *Christine Bailey, Bulletin Editor.*

REBUS CLUB OF RIVERSIDE HAMILTON



Some photos from the tramping group who had a few enjoyable days based in Eketahuna last week. We visited the Mt Bruce Pukaha Wildlife Reserve where we were entertained by Kaka, saw enormous eels and walked the loop track

up through the bush to a viewpoint. On the way we were fortunate to hear Kokako calling in the tall trees above us. The weather was perfect for our trip to Castle Point where we walked out to the lighthouse. We explored the local area and surrounding towns, checking out some Op Shops on the way also visiting the Norsewood Pioneer Museum.

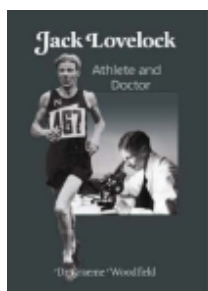
From Steve the Editor's desk: *I went on a tour of the Sydney Opera House last week. It was amazing, I even got to sit in amongst the orchestra while they played on stage. And I met up with soprano Nicole Car and the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. What a beautiful building and such a wonderful experience. All virtual, of course, because like most people, overseas travel is out of the question at present. See more here:*

What originally got me to virtual Sydney, was this link given to me:

https://www.theguardian.com/travel/2021/mar/02/10-virtual-tours-spectacular-buildings-around-world-vr?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other

Visit 10 of the most spectacular buildings in the world. Enjoy! – Steve O'Sullivan Bulletin Editor.

REBUS CLUB CAMBRIDGE



Our **April Speaker** is Dr. Graeme Woodfield who will talk about athlete Jack Lovelock. Lovelock won the Olympic 1500m gold medal in world record time in front of Hitler in 1936. Despite his fame, Lovelock has been an elusive figure. This prompted fellow Timaru Boys' High School old boy Dr Graeme Woodfield to embark on a comprehensive study of Lovelock.

Steve O'Sullivan Newsletter Editor.

Do not overlook life's small joys while searching for the big ones.

BELMONT-BAYSWATER REBUS CLUB



It is with sadness that our club has disbanded. Belmont Ladies Probus Club grew out of the overflow from Devonport Probus Club which had a 2-year waiting list.

The Bayswater Ladies Probus Club was formed in 1995 and both clubs ran for 11 years. In 2006 the two clubs combined and enjoyed a further 15 years of friendship and inter club activities, joining the successful Rebus Club association. The good news is that some of our active members will be joining Devonport Rebus Club and other clubs. *Shirley Glendinning.*

Thank you, Shirley for the history of your club and best wishes to all of your members for the future. Ed.

THAMES BONANZA CLUB

Mid-Year Dinner

An advance notice. We will be holding our “mid-year Christmas dinner” at the Richmond Village Lounge on 17th June. Details will be advised later.

Trip to Tairua Troubadours with Thames Probus Club, Sunday 20 June 2021, 80's People Magazine Show.

Trip to Cornerstone Alpaca Farm, Thursday 29th April 2021.

Meet at Danby Field at 9am to carpool. Approximately 1 hour 10 minute drive to the farm at 49 Peach Road, Gordonton, travelling via Mangateparu. A map will be supplied to the drivers.

Farm Tour approximately 1.5 hours & feed the Alpacas. Each has a name.

Plenty of Barn space if weather inclement. Stunning Farm Shop for Alpaca products. *Gary Meek, Newsletter Editor.*

WEST AUCKLAND MEN'S REBUS CLUB



Wednesday 24 March saw our visit, postponed from Wednesday 3 March because of the last lockdown, to **Auckland Zoo**, to say goodbye to the elephants. About a dozen members and spouses, plus some from Waitakere Combined Rebus, had a

pleasant stroll through (part of) the Zoo to the elephants, to watch the elephants at play in the water. Yet another excellent trip laid on by Trips Organiser Ian Smith. Plenty more to see at the Zoo, so I hope Ian has a return visit in mind.



John Mihaljevic, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF FOXTON



NEW MEMBERS

Leonie Haines (past president) inducted Becky Skye-Gatland, Chris Rolleston, Shannon Hunt & welcomed them to the club.



2021 Newly elected Rebus of Foxton Committee.

Dereley Barry, Newsletter Editor.

RED BEACH LADIES' REBUS CLUB



Gum Tree Gully Alpaca Outing.

GUEST SPEAKER Our guest speaker this month is **Kim Boyd, Arts Manager and Curator of Estuary Arts** who has proven to be a mainstay in the **Orewa Arts Community**. Kim will speak about the history of the Centre and current and upcoming exhibitions by prominent local artists, including art and pottery classes run for both adults and children. An exhibition of Balinese art and furniture which is currently showing.

Bobbie Wakenell, Newsletter Editor.

All life is an experiment, the more experiments you make, the better life is.

REBUS WAIHEKE ISLAND

Main Speaker: The main speaker was Ben King, co-founder of **Boxfish Research** and a talented mechanical engineer. His foray into deep sea remote robots came after a career in medical technology and many international postings including a spell with *Medecins sans Frontieres* in Afghanistan. Ben showed remotely operated robots being used for research under many metres of Antarctic ice looking into the habits of class C killer whales, seals, penguins and other aquatic life. Boxfish is based at the old Orakei Dive School with the vision of making advance instruments to be able to see more and go further underwater. Ben himself is an intrepid traveller who has always dreamt of building interesting things and exploring the world. A truly inspirational speaker.

Tania Sweet Newsletter Editor.

PUKENAMU REBUS CLUB INC, WANGANUI

Club Speaker: John Gilchrist's Scottish regiment was stationed in the British occupied zone of Berlin in the 1960's when "the Berlin Wall (1961-1989) was the most heavily patrolled wall on earth." John said, "Berlin was exactly the same as it had been at the end of the war and it was fantastic to live in a time capsule frozen in time." He told us about the Berlin Airlift (1946-1947) when the USA flew in everything for the citizens' survival eg. 2032 tonnes of food daily, water, medicines and coal etc. This was an extremely interesting talk by a man who played a small part in Cold War history.

Helen Goldfinch Newsletter Editor.

Now that I have lived through an actual plague, I totally understand why Italian Renaissance paintings are full of naked fat people laying on couches.

REBUS CLUB OF MT. HOBSON

March Guest Speaker, Sam Johnson, Topic: "Student Volunteer Army & the next generation of Volunteers"



Sam described the origins of the Volunteer Army – dealing with rubbish bins in Christchurch on Wednesday nights – the traditional night for students to be in the pubs! This was overtaken by the earthquake and the real volunteer army emerged – a team of 11,000 over 3 weeks to help deal with the aftermath. He subsequently volunteered in Japan after the tsunami with the International Association for Volunteering, working with Government agencies to work with students.

Back in New Zealand he has focused more on primary schools, 30,000 students per annum being shown what can be done – helping with the elderly and conversely older people talking with the young with depression. Another example is the *Farmy Army* – 1 farmer with 10 students clearing rubbish or other tasks. During Covid he found that there was no food delivery service in

the South Island by Foodstuffs. In 2 weeks they developed an end to end grocery delivery service that involved 70 students. Sam has developed the SVA service award concept with certificates across 5 levels based on hours of service from 5 to 250 hours.

Trip to Couldrey House: We enjoyed a lovely sunny day for our visit to **Couldrey House** and were privileged to be given a full history by Carolyn Reid, the daughter of Tim Couldrey, the last owner of the house. And then on to the Puhoi pub for lunch.

Chris de Boer Newsletter Editor.

TAURANGA CENTRAL LADIES' REBUS CLUB



New Committee Members - Jo Thorne and Denise Stokes (both left), Colleen Perrett, Jill King, Sue Knightly, Wynn Love and Sharon Frost.

MARCH BUS TRIP to Cornerstone Alpaca Farm, Gordonton. Alpacas are cheaper to keep than cats or dogs but need a lot of room and must have a pair.

Then to **Woodlands Estate** historic homestead for lunch and a look through the old home, which in 1872 was established on about 98000

acres bought for 2/6 an acre.

Margaret Douglas, Newsletter Editor.

Keep your face always towards the sunshine – and shadows will fall behind you. (Walt Whitman)

REBUS CLUB OF KHANDALLAH

25 members spent a two-day sojourn to discover the hidden secrets of the Manawatu. First stop was at the majestic **He Ara Kotahi Bridge** spanning the Manawatu River - part of a \$19 million walkway from the city to Massey University and Linton Army Camp. After lunch we visited the **Dugald MacKenzie Rose Gardens** and the **Central Energy Trust Wild Base Recovery Centre**, where all the birds are NZ natives rescued by the public. We visited **Colyton** and met the owner of some 3,700 clocks housed in a converted Church. Then it was back to Palmerston North. On Friday morning we travelled down to Feilding and the **Farmer's Market** and then walked down to the **Feilding Sales Yards** for a guided tour. These yards sell sheep and cattle from the top of the South Island all the way up to Taupo. The cattle auction was very noisy and one's sense of smell was certainly tested. Then there was free time to explore Feilding and have lunch before travelling down the road to the **Coach-House Museum**, which contained a magnificent display of the history of the area and all the means of transport and machinery used over the decades. Then back to Wellington. More photos on the Website, (Google: Khandallah Rebus) under Trips and Events.



Heather Nelson.

REBUS CLUB OF PETONE



TRIP TO HILLS HATS

Earlier in the month some of us visited **Hills Hats**. We were made very welcome by Liz (with the gorgeous purple hair and of course wearing a hat) and we enjoyed being shown around the shop and factory. It was interesting to see through from the cutting section (with a very large selection of fabrics) to the sewing room and the completion of a substantial variety of hats. Liz kept us well informed with her enthusiasm and excellent presentation.

Valerie Wenk, Bulletin Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF PALMERSTON NORTH



A two-day bus trip 14-15 April to the Hawkes Bay was thoroughly enjoyed by 20 of our members. En route, we stopped for a tour of impressive Christ Church at **Te Aute College**. A visit to **Craggy Range Winery** satisfied some tastes while others explored shops in Havelock North where we stayed overnight, with an excellent dinner at a local restaurant. The Day 2 highlight was a guided tour of magnificent historic (1882) **Duart House** and its splendid garden.



A sumptuous lunch at the **Mangapapa Hotel**, previously the home of Sir James Wattie, preceded a visit to a goat farm (interesting and different!) on the way back to Palmerston North. This was a memorable trip.

Dean Halford, Newsletter Editor.

'Talent hits a target no one else can hit; Genius hits a target no one else can see.'

Arthur Schopenhauer, German philosopher.

REBUS CLUB OF HAMILTON



President for 2021, Hardy Teusse with Past President Ann Cloke.

Our **dining out group** of Rebus members had an enjoyable lunch at **Babaganush** last month. It was fun to try something different, to taste the delicious flavours of the Middle East, and to soak up the Turkish atmosphere of the restaurant.



Kaye Wallis, Bulletin Editor.

WOMEN'S REBUS CLUB OF WAIKANAE

Speaker for April: Dr Angela Robertson has over 30 years' experience as a professional learning and development practitioner, coach, writer, and speaker. She has written and published two books and is about to release her 3rd book.

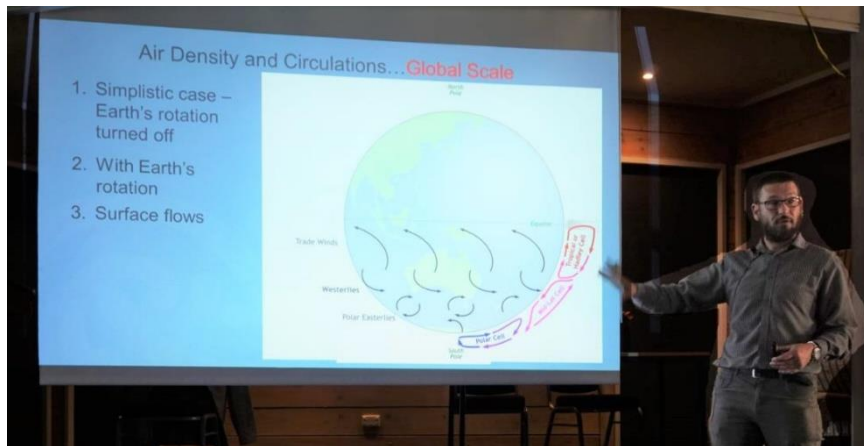
Later in her life Angela decided to go to Massey University as a Capability Development Manager focussing on developing brain work, leadership, careers and women in learning. At 58 years old Angela received her PHD with a scholarship from the Wellington School of Medicine.

After having a second hip operation recuperation gave her time to think, and she started a support network for Entrepreneurs in the 50+ age group in Horowhenua and Kapiti. Angela's relaxed speaking style made for an amazing and interesting talk making us laugh with stories about ordinary people in their later years.



Mary Paddock, Newsletter Editor.

COMBINED REBUS SCLUB OF PARAPARAUMU BEACH INC.



Our Guest Speaker was **Brian Mercer**, a meteorologist from **Metservice**. He gave us an interesting insight into weather patterns, particularly those affecting our current climate and it seems there is unlikely to be any early reversal in the climate changes we are experiencing these days.

I did enjoy our speaker this last month, but do note that the weather hasn't improved even though we may understand it a little better. *Steve Hutchison Bulletin Editor.*

REBUS CLUB OF GULF HARBOUR

Guest Speaker in April was **Councillor John Watson** who serves 185,000 inhabitants in the **Albany Ward**. The Super City established in 2010 covers 1.7m people and is run as a corporate body. Rates in our area have increased by 5.4% this year, less than some areas.



A group of 20 members enjoyed a trip by ferry to the Spark Arena in the city to visit the **Van Gogh Live** exhibition – a wonderful sensory experience even if Vincent is not your favourite artist. Right, Secretary Peter Odendaal in a replica of Van Gogh's bedroom.

Jean, Newsletter Editor.



REBUS CLUB OF UPPER HUTT INC.

Guest Speaker: Dr David Woodhams, South Wairarapa Rebus Club, spoke about his visits to the **Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden** in Vancouver. He had visited the gardens in spring, autumn and summer and was particularly interested in the Chinese culture. He had photos of woodwork, paving patterns and embroidery. He also had examples of miniature trees called Penjing in China that predated Bonsai.

Mid- Year Function:

To be held at the Upper Hutt Bowling Club, Exchange Street, Thursday 24 June at 12.30pm - \$35.00 per head. The committee has agreed to put wine on the tables, as well as water and juice stations. *Alex Attewell, Newsletter Editor.*



REBUS CLUB OF HIBISCUS COAST



The newly elected Committee for 2021 comprises:

Phil Martell (President), Garth Dutton (Vice President/Bulletin), Paul Robinson (Secretary), Bryan Wentworth (Treasurer), Steve Waller (Trips/Events), Les Wistrand (Website), Dave Gatland (Speakers), Julian Joy IPP (Speakers), Murray Paterson (Welfare/transport).

Garth Dutton Bulletin Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF WANGANUI

Guest Speaker: Valda Brechmanis spoke of her 16 years of service as a volunteer then employee at HOSPICE Wanganui. The wonderful service that is offered by Hospice to all who need their care in our community, the positive side to Hospice work, the attention given not only to patients, but also to their families in their time of need, and care by the clinical staff administered not only at their hospital but also in the patients' home.

10 Minute Club Speaker: Barbara Slattery spoke of her time as a nurse aide at Duncan Hospital in the early 50s and the treatment administered to the polio patients in their care. She spoke of Sir Tom and Lady Duncan and their generosity in providing the financial support for the hospital and the care needed for the patients. Barbara was a young girl when starting work as a 15 year old. The site occupied by the Duncan Hospital, is now partially residential.



April Outing: "Mystery Bus Tour" Tuesday 20th April. We had almost a full bus for our "Mystery Bus Tour". We cruised the city taking in the Wall Art throughout the city, joy-riding through various streets then lunch at the **Castlecliffe Hotel**. A very enjoyable day. *Paerau Taylor, Newsletter Editor.*

REBUS CLUB OF FEILDING



BUS TRIP TO HAWKES BAY, MARCH. 33 of us visited **Birdwoods** near Havelock North and enjoyed their garden statuary, gallery and delicious morning tea. They also have an Olde English Lolly Shop with lots of jars where you serve yourself. We visited **Gwavas Historic Homestead, Tikokino**. The garden and house are both of



National Significance. After lunch we took a short walk- through part of the 20 acres of Woodland gardens. The Homestead was built in 1890, the top story added in 1900. The film **"The Governor"** was filmed there in 1986. *Lyn Jensen, Editor.*

FITZHERBERT REBUS CLUB INC.

Last Club Day Lyn Young gave us an insight into being a survivor of the Wahine disaster on 10 April 1968. She was both interesting, informative and inspiring and I am sure, like me, it stirred up memories of the day. Living in Wellington myself and working amongst a group of boaties who were waiting to go to the rescue was my side of the equation, but the very real danger the people on board were facing must have been horrible. Lyn made me realise how little people on land really knew of the conditions on board. I think a lot was learnt that day so nothing like it happens again. Thank you, Lyn.

Bev Wallace, Newsletter Editor.

CAMBRIDGE MEN'S REBUS CLUB

The Guest Speaker for the April meeting was the **Cambridge Fire Chief, Don Gerrand**. Don has served on the Cambridge volunteer Fire Brigade since 1968 and has been Chief since 1994. Service in the Brigade runs in the family – his father-in-law served with the Brigade for 48 years, son Richard has served for 30 years and grandson Kase joined two years ago. Don outlined the various changes in the governance of the local brigade over the years since its inception in 1904, culminating in the current **Fire Emergency NZ** model. He talked of the difficulties in maintaining sufficient well-trained volunteer crews to respond to call-outs 24/7, noting that the brigade had responded to 395 call outs in 2020 – up from just 66 in 1968. Currently there are 23 volunteers in Cambridge.

Nigel Salter.



OMANU REBUS CLUB

This month's talk by **Natalie Ward from Forget Me Not**, is about helping people to make a start on getting their family history or their memoirs down on paper. It's a great learning experience and will test the mind for those who have never given it a go.

Proposed Outings:

May: Wednesday 26th May, **Mystery Bus Trip**

June/July **The Lion King**

July: Wednesday 28th July, **Mid-Winter Lunch**

Adrienne Wilson Newsletter Editor.

Don't worry about growing old, worry about thinking old.

Wow, what a bumper issue this has been – lots of reading - thank you for your articles and contributions.

Just a note to Presidents, Secretaries and Officers: there will not be an April Edition of "Chronicles", as all relative matters will be dealt with at the AGM in Taupo and reported on the following month.



Now I had better consult my wardrobe and decide what to take to Taupo – will it be warm/cold? I am looking forward to meeting many of you face to face, some for the first time, but it should be an enjoyable get-together and somebody else will be doing the cooking and the dishes!!!

Jean, Editor – Club News