



REBUS CLUB NEWS

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Hello and welcome to the March edition of Rebus Club News. Most clubs have now held their AGM, the new additions to Committee are learning the ins and outs of their new job, and those stepping down are handing over the reins to their successor. When your Club submits this year's **Affiliation Renewal Form** giving details of club officers, the Rebus Database is updated, so the additions, alterations and deletions will take place then.

March is a busy month in our family – two birthdays and a wedding anniversary, not to mention our Gulf Harbour AGM, preparation for the Rebus NZ Inc. AGM – and then, it's Autumn, that season of *mellow fruitfulness*. On Thursday a friend turned up with a box of figs, and a box of quinces. Time and tide and ripe fruit wait for no preserver, so the figs are now chutney, and the quinces will be jelly by this evening. Most of my produce goes to our Sales Table, a feature of our club which helps to boost funds. But in the meantime, I turn my mind to all things Rebus. So, make yourself a drink, and come with me on a tour of the clubs to see what has been happening this month.

TAUPO MOANA REBUS CLUB

We welcomed back one of our favourite speakers, Catherine Beard, who brought us up to date on her work on the Chatham Islands. Although ten islands make up the group only two are populated. Most of the islands are difficult to land on and the few that have flat beaches are usually favoured by sea lions. As they are protective of their patch, to pass through you must be a good runner. There are hundreds of sea birds, many of whom burrow, making walking the land very difficult. Research involves counting birds, insects, and plants to monitor health and sustainability. Some of the counting is done at night as some insects are nocturnal. One plant had 2 weevils on it during the day but the same plant at night had nearly 200. The locals became more involved than usual during Covid-19 when DOC staff could not get to the island to check on one of the plants they were trying to save. Most of us had heard of the effort to save the Black Robin but were not aware that it also took the replanting of a forest on one of the islands to help save it. Work started in 1970, today there are 250 birds. Catherine finished her presentation with a display of the flowers found on the islands, some of which are growing in our gardens! *Christine Bailey, Bulletin Editor.*



Hard work keeps the wrinkles out of the mind and body. Helena Rubenstein

REBUS CLUB OREWA



12 new members were inducted at our February meeting: *Lynette Wright, Allison Evans, Beverly Wilson, Paul Gulley, Ann Gulley, Prue Holley-Fagg, Lorraine Holley-Fagg, Valma Petit, Lorraine Wilson, Natalie Adams, Val Lincoln, Patricia Mooton.*

Welcome to you all, we hope you enjoy the fellowship and activities our Club has to offer. *Maureen Grigg Bulletin Editor.*

REBUS CLUB OF FOXTON



Left: The 2 Judiths enjoying the gardens at **Wharerata**.



Right: Some of our group inside the **Linton Engineer Corps Memorial Centre** with Joe Hollander our guide, February 24th.

Coming up: **ROBOTIC MILKING**: Cows who milk themselves! Bunnythorpe, Thursday May 6th.

Tour (10.30am), includes a guided tour watching the cows and robots in action, a hearty morning tea, (in 'Poppa's Shed' which has historic, restored machinery), time for questions after talk, including - how they run their farm, their change to organic and robotic milking etc. (Seating) \$15 pp.

Lunch 1.00pm, Feilding, Murry's Irish Bar, new extended menu—light lunches \$12. *Dereley Barry, Newsletter Editor.*

RED BEACH LADIES' REBUS CLUB

GUEST SPEAKER: Our guest speaker this month is **Kate Hall** who this year is a **Zero Waste Kindergarten Facilitator** working under the governance of Hibiscus Coast Zero Waste. She visits local pre-schools to carry out a waste audit and help them to reduce their waste which may include setting up compost bins and planting gardens. Living with less waste may sound difficult but seeing busy preschools take it on shows us what is possible. Members will not want to miss Kate's humorous stories of these tiny tots and budding eco-warriors reprimanding their teachers and parents for recycling incorrectly or putting too much waste in their lunch boxes. *Bobbie Wakenell, Newsletter Editor.*



*I know it is a long time since we were all enjoying those special Christmas Lunches, but this photo of the Red Beach members at **Snowplanet** (see the skiers on the slopes in the background?) is really as close as we can get to a white Christmas north of Auckland. I think this is a truly inspired choice for a Christmas do. Editor.*

WEST AUCKLAND MEN'S REBUS CLUB



The members of this club take the business side of their meetings very seriously. They also have a huge amount of fun and laughs. Two members, Andrew Geddes (left) and Roger Laloli (right) gave a 'show and tell' of hats with significance to them: Andrew told us about his Sumatran hat. It is made of bark, which the locals used for everything. I am not sure if the label is genuinely ethnic, but Andrew was certainly very enthusiastic about Sumatra. Roger told of his family's origins in the Italian-



speaking part of (southern) Switzerland. He itemized the various parts of his clothing and how they were sourced from different parts of the world, with the hat being Swiss. The original kiwi Laloli was Roger's great grandfather, who tried his luck in the Otago goldfields in the 1850s: all he found was Fool's Gold. Perhaps Roger's Swiss ancestry explains why he became an accountant: the '**Gnome of Henderson**'? But that would have required him to be a banker, like Barry O'Rourke!

John Mihaljevic is Newsletter Editor at West Auckland.

Will Rogers: Don't let yesterday take up too much of today.

Walt Disney: The best way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing.

Winston Churchill: The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty.

KHANDALLAH REBUS CLUB

At the February meeting, Guest Speaker was **Jane Bulpin** spoke about the **New Zealand Symphony Orchestra**. Jane has been with the NZSO for four years, firstly as Orchestra Manager and now as Head of People and Delivery. She is responsible for HR and also orchestra Management Functions for the NZSO. The NZSO is one of the oldest national symphony orchestras in the world, with 90 professional musicians. Sometimes other players may be called upon at short notice to cover for sickness, or if no players can be found in New Zealand for playing rarer instruments then players are invited from overseas. Covid-19 has made this pool smaller. NZSO "Play our Part" (can be viewed online) was launched with each musician playing from their home giving a new way of playing without the usual body language or eye contact. *Heather Nelson.*



Jan Bulpin, NZSO.

WAIKANA E MILLENNIUM REBUS CLUB INC.

Due to New Zealand being moved to Covid-19 Alert Levels 2 and 3 we were not able to hold our regular Club Meeting and Annual General Meeting. Although we could hold a gathering of up to 100 folk it was too hard to operate under Council regulations. The existing Committee will continue to look after the club affairs until the AGM.

THURSDAY 22 APRIL at 9am. A visit to the **Life Flight Trust**, then lunch at Chocolate Fish, and a tiki tour round the south coast before heading home.



24 Teddy Bears took advantage of Waikanae's warm sunny weather to have a picnic in the grounds in one of Waikanae's Reserves. This photo is from a scene in the upcoming movie by the Golden Oldies Moviemakers.

David Goggin, Newsletter Editor.

SOUTH WAIRARAPA REBUS CLUB

'**Aspects of Martinborough's History**'. The Guest Speaker at our March meeting is Mate Higginson, Martinborough's historian. This is planned as the first of four presentations exploring the stories behind the four towns in the South Wairarapa and their surrounding districts. Martinborough's story starts with two very small villages in Greytown's Ward 5 growing into a town with its own commissioners and then into a Borough. Mate has a fascinating story to tell.

It's OK to say "Look at you! You've got so BIG!" but only to children - adults tend to get offended.

We all know mirrors don't lie – I'm just grateful they don't laugh!



David Woodhams, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF PETONE



COFFEE AND CHAT

Boulcott Farm proved popular in spite of Level 2 restrictions.

John Spittal of the **MENZ Shed** with Rory.



OUTINGS: HILLS HATS.

A visit to Hills Hats, 30 Fitzherbert Street, Petone has been arranged for Thursday the 8th April at 10am. The group is limited to 15 so if you would like to come, put your name down at the March meeting. *Valerie Wenk.*

REBUS CLUB OF PALMERSTON NORTH

Car Rally. This year's Rally, organised by Jim & Wendy Walker and Allan Inglis, took participants around Palmerston North ending at The Esplanade Café for lunch. We discovered many things about our city and countryside whilst answering well-designed, searching questions. The winning team was Sandra Pedersen, Helen Davidson, Jenny Hunt and Jeanette Street (see photo).



Lansdale Garden. On a calm autumn morning, several of our members visited **Lansdale Garden** near Palmerston North to enjoy a relaxed walk around this beautifully landscaped area and enjoy morning tea. Our guide was the owner who explained that six generations of the family have developed and maintained the property. The garden of 100-year-old English trees, expansive lawns and ornamental lakes was designed by Alfred Buxton of Christchurch, one of the most influential landscape designers of the first half of the 20th Century in New Zealand. *Dean Halford, President.*

REBUS CLUB OF UPPER HUTT INC.



Outgoing President Malcolm Stone thanked the incoming President Lesley Christie for her support over the past year. He then presented her with the Presidents Chain of office.

In accepting the Chain of Office Lesley thanked Malcolm for his hard work and leadership in what had been a rather challenging year. She then presented him with his Past President's pin and name for the chain of office.

Speaker for March: Maj. Jon Martin spoke about his Military Career and Placements with NZ Forces Overseas. He is currently **Principal Force Health Protections Officer at Headquarters Joint Support Group**, since December 2019. In August this year he will have served 40 years in the New Zealand Defence Force. Jon experienced operational deployments/duties in many locations including – Somalia, Bougainville, East Timor, Kyrgyzstan, Afghanistan, Indonesia. Not all postings were to overseas countries. From October-November 2020 he was deployed to the Novotel Hotel at Christchurch Airport where he managed some quarantine facilities. Jon used some excellent photos/slides to illustrate the positive work undertaken by the New Zealand Defence Force. *Newsletter Editor, Alex Attewell.*

REBUS CLUB OF WANGANUI

Changing of the Guard 2021.

Outgoing President Norma Aitchison.

Incoming President Jim Hulbert.



Thursday 25th February Outing. Bruce Ardell's Motor Museum.

Our Club had a wonderful day at Bruce Ardell's Motor Museum. Bruce and his delightful wife hosted our Club at their property where Bruce enthusiastically revealed his true passion, his collection of cars. The visit was followed by lunch at Turakina Antiques.
Paerau Taylor, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF GULF HARBOUR



Peter Odendaal hands over the chain of office to incoming President, Judi Lee.

On Thursday 18th March a group of our members visited **Kelly Tarlton's Underwater World** on Tamaki Drive, Auckland. For most of us it was a long time since our last visit. The generous Senior Group price of \$22 included a coffee and muffin or slice. As we watched, a group of staff entered the Penguin enclosure, disrupted one of the male penguins and brought out a tiny chick to be weighed. Very special! The sharks and rays were spectacular, and we wondered how the brave staff



who entered the aquarium with scuba gear to feed them, get insurance cover. This was a great trip – thanks to organisers John and Peter.

At our March Club Day, the **Guest Speaker** was **Heather Woodards, Senior Investigator, ASB Fraud Operations**, who gave us an insight into some of the tricks scammers adopt in order to get into your computer, and then relieve you of your life savings!! Food for thought.
Jean McIntosh, Newsletter Editor.

PUKENAMU REBUS CLUB INC. WANGANUI



A happy group of nine people out of the 14 who had registered met at the **Riverboat Bar and Café**, Upokongaro where we all had a very enjoyable evening. We sat outside in the sunshine with our drinks and had a lot of laughs, then went inside for a delicious buffet - perfectly cooked roast beef, veggies and salad followed by the best pavlova I have ever tasted with fresh fruit salad and extra cream. We would welcome more members to join us on **Dining Out Nights**.

On 25 March there will be an outing to the Waipipi Wind Farm in Hawera and Patea Beach. \$45 includes bus and two course lunch at the **"Upside Down Eatery"** in Hawera.
Helen Goldfinch, Newsletter Editor.

CAMBRIDGE MEN'S REBUS CLUB



Neil Bridgland handing over to Stephen Schollum.

The **Guest Speaker** for the Members' meeting was the recently appointed **Area Commander of Police for the Western Waikato region, Will Lochrin**. Will gave members an interesting insight into his role. His father had been a policeman in Hong Kong and, with his mother, had then been in the SIS when they returned to New



Zealand. Will spent several years as a frontline officer and later as a detective, involved in several high-profile cases. Topics covered included the vision to make New Zealand the safest country in the world (currently # 2), dealing with organised crime and transforming the ethos within the Service. He wrapped up with a discussion about policing in Cambridge, which he described as one of the safest communities in the country.

Nigel Salter.

KOWHAI REBUS CLUB OF BETHLEHEM

President Hoppy says: *"I've just had my 80th birthday. I prefer the Celsius scale therefore I am 27!"* Does anyone disagree with him?



FUNCTIONS: Friday 16th April, mid-day.

The Cider Factorie, 50 Oikimoke Road, Te Puna.

Turn **RIGHT** at the Te Puna roundabout then follow signs to The Cider Factorie.

Lunch will be inside as it will probably be too cold to sit outdoors.

Lisa Sutherland, Newsletter Editor.

WOMEN'S REBUS CLUB OF WAIKANAE



Ballentyne's Fashion Parade took place at our last meeting much to everyone's delight! Our lovely models showed off four outfits ranging from casual to formal. Lisa from Ballentyne's gave an in-depth description of each outfit and whetted our appetites for shopping! Thank you, ladies for taking part in this enjoyable event – we all look forward to seeing what Ballentyne's has to offer. Our models this year were: Karilyn, Christine, Alyth, Faith, Jenny and Ally.

Upcoming Event – 10 June 2021: This year will see our club reach its 30year anniversary. To celebrate, we will be having a celebratory lunch at the **Parkwood Plateau Centre**. The cost will be \$35 and we are hoping all our Foundation Members will attend. There will be a lovely lunch provided with a glass of wine or fruit juice to welcome everyone. After the lunch we will be entertained by Eddie Martin who has a wonderful singing voice. The anniversary cake will be accompanied by a glass of bubbles. A certificate will be presented to the club by Nigel Dougan, Treasurer of Rebus NZ.

Mary Paddock, Newsletter Editor.

FITZHERBERT REBUS CLUB INC.



Congratulations and thanks to the people elected to the **Management Team** for the next year. We are very fortunate to have you.

Thank you to Marion Jensen for her interesting Cameo. She gave us an interesting insight into a childhood in India as well as a trip around the world.

Bev Wallace, Secretary.

OMANU REBUS CLUB



Another enjoyable evening with our **Wine and Dine Group** at **Salinity Restaurant**.

May: - "Jersey Boys" - Matinee performance in **Auckland on Sunday 2nd May**. Ticket prices start at just under \$100. Anybody interested in going to this performance of "Jersey Boys" please let me know by Friday 2nd April. This will determine whether there is enough interest in organising a day trip for this show.

May: - Wednesday 26th May Mystery Bus Trip - A day out hitting some local interest points.

June: - "Lion King" - Prices and tickets for this show have not yet been released, but again, if you are interested in seeing this show, please let me know. For this show we are considering making it an evening performance, staying the night in Auckland – this will be a truly memorable trip.

Rose Coutts, Secretary.

COMBINED REBUS CLUB OF PARAPARAMU BEACH INC.

Our main speaker is to be **Brian Mercer from MetService**. An Irishman, Brian has lived in New Zealand since 2008 and during that time has had a range of jobs before training as a meteorologist. He likes spending time in, on or under the water; loves diving and fishing from his kayak.



TRIPS

We are going to have a fourth and final attempt to get this trip off the ground and have tentatively pencilled in Tuesday, 27 April.

The coach will leave the Ocean Road Community Centre at 9.30am, in time to reach our first stop at 11.00am. This will be to visit the **Wildbase Animal Recovery Centre**.

Lunch will follow at the **Elm Café** (close to the Wildbase Centre), before heading into town to visit the **Medical Museum**. We shall leave Palmerston North in time to reach Paraparamu by 5.00pm. The cost will be \$25.00 per person plus the cost of your lunch.

Steve Hutchison, President.

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- Like wine life gets better with age.
 - Not just a year older – a whole year better!
 - Old enough to retire, young enough to enjoy it
 - With old age comes wisdom.....and discounts!
 - The older the fiddle, the sweeter the tune.

REBUS CLUB CAMBRIDGE

Our February speaker was Cambridge community police officer, Deb Thurgood, who gave us an interesting talk on “how to spot a scam” and policing in the Waikato. Main speakers were Miff Macdiarmid, CEO at **Destination Cambridge**, and **Greta from Bike Hike Stay**, who spoke about all the tours and trip options around this district and beyond.



Sanctuary Mountain Trip: A large group turned out for a wonderful, enjoyable—and educational—day out.

Steve O’Sullivan, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF HAMILTON



New Members welcomed at the February Meeting.



Members’ Luncheon at Willow Glen.

Forgotten World Adventures: A chance to ride the rails on self-driven rail cart, in groups of 2-6 with overnight stay in Taumarunui. Wheelchair friendly motel. Explore the epic landscapes and changing scenery of NZ’s back country. Travel by Northern Explorer train from Hamilton. The Rail car will stop in Taumarunui if there are 10 or more people wishing to disembark. Cost: Approx. \$250.00 plus Northern Explorer travel. Possibly in April 2021.

Te Huia Rail: Experience the new Rail service from Hamilton to Papakura. Spend the day shopping/sightseeing/visiting friends. Perhaps an overnight stay in Auckland with dinner at Sky Tower. Cost of the Train: \$12.00 each way. Travel on Auckland buses from Papakura free for seniors with Hop Card.

Glen Afton Line Train: This is a bush tramway, run by volunteers every 1st Sunday of the month from Pukemiro Junction to Glen Afton. Trains run hourly from 10am through regenerated bush and charming scenery. There is a Café. They run in all weather conditions. Next Open days 7th March, 4th April, 2nd May, 6th Jun etc. Cost: \$15.00 per adult.

Kaye Wallis, Bulletin Editor.

Editor’s Note: Someone has done some wonderful research here – great ideas for a “something different” trip.

And that ends the March edition of Rebus Club News. Thank you to those of you who have sent in contributions, without you there would be no Club News. I was pleased to see that a couple of clubs have now started a Sales or Trading Table. Apart from being newsletter editor for my own club, the Sales Table is my baby, and we regularly take \$100 to \$150 a month to boost club funds.

Registrations for the Rebus NZ Inc. AGM in Taupo on 8th May are rolling in, and I look forward to meeting many of you there and be able to put a face to the name. See you there!



Jean – Editor, Club News