



REBUS CLUB NEWS

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Oh dear - here we go again – once more that dratted virus is causing havoc, this time in Wellington. We have said it all before, but it is going to be years I fear before we are out of this predicament, if at all. But in the meantime, we just have to do our best, soldier on, remember to wash/sanitise our hands often, scan the QR codes, wear a mask on public transport and in crowded indoor areas. If we do all of this, at least WE are doing our bit.

On a brighter note, we have had some wonderful sunny days recently with warmer than usual temperatures, but cold at night – well, it is winter - and the garden is thriving, especially the Seville oranges which are almost ready to become marmalade.

Last month my conscience was pricked when I read about the 'Write it Down' group started by the Waikanae Millennium Rebus Club, so I have started writing an abbreviated account of my life – so far, I am up to 10 years old – still a long way to go – but once I started the memories came flooding back. I do not know who is going to read it, but I am concentrating hard on the 'abbreviated' aspect, but the stories keep getting in the way!

REBUS CLUB OF HAMILTON



Trip to Van Gogh Alive. Our trip on 3 May was really enjoyable, with Johnny our driver and eleven Rebus members we had the incredible experience of seeing Van Gogh's art depicted in animated form on the walls and floor of the Vector Arena. It was such an unusual and multi-sensory exhibition of Art that left us in awe of Van Gogh, the artist and of modern technology that enhanced the display. The cream on the top was visiting a mirrored room where we had the sensation of being immersed in a garden of sunflowers.



TRIPS: TE HUIA TRAIN to Auckland. Saturday 3rd July. Departs Rotokauri 7.49am: Arrives Papakura 9.20am: Onward trains to Britomart every 20 mins during the weekend. Returns from Papakura 6.35pm: Arrives Rotokauri 8.05pm:

New Member, Angus Macdonald with President Hardie Teusse.

Kaye Wallis, *Bulletin Editor.*

REBUS CLUB CAMBRIDGE



"Ploughman's Lunch". The committee were responsible for last month's 2021 Cambridge Rebus Ploughman's lunch—cancelled last year by Covid. The theme was "remembrance" and members brought along, and talked about, items of interest that stirred memories for them. Our **June Speaker** is Hamish

Wright from Paper Plus, Cambridge. For 24 years it had been Wright's bookshop but has now become Paper Plus. Hamish is the fourth generation of a bookselling family, with close family ties to the well-known Hedley's Booksellers in Masterton.



Steve O'Sullivan, *Newsletter Editor.*

REBUS CLUB OF KHANDALLAH



Our **May Speaker** was **Bill Day, MNZM, JP** – Chair, Wellington Hospitals Foundation, whose talk was about the progress on the new Regional Children's Hospital, illustrated by an excellent slide presentation. In our region there are over 87,000 child health visits and over 7,500 children are admitted to the children's hospital every year.

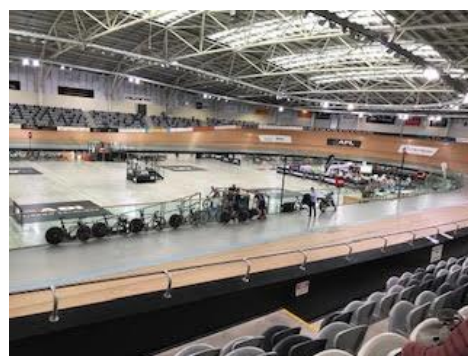
Three years ago, following an initial approach by the Wellington Hospitals Foundation, Wellingtonian Mark Dunajtschik gifted \$50 million to build and donate a new world-class children's hospital for our region. Mark and the CCDHB have engaged with clinical teams to work with the architects from day one. The Wellington Hospitals Foundation is raising \$10 million from the community to equip the new hospital with brand new medical equipment and fittings. The new Child Health Service and Hospital will be known as Te

Wao Nui - 'The Great Forest of Tāne,' and the new hospital building will be known as the **Mark Dunajtschik and Dorothy Spotswood Building**.
Heather Nelson.

OMANU REBUS CLUB



On **Wednesday 26 May** twelve of our members enjoyed a day out in the Waikato. Our first stop was the **Hamilton Museum** where we enjoyed an exhibition of the findings and experiments of Galileo Galilei, the Astronomer. We all thoroughly enjoyed being able to interact with the exhibits. After we went across the road to the Velodrome where we were fortunate enough to see some of the NZ Olympic cyclists training.



This month we had 8 people come to check us out arising from the brochure drop around Bayfair Estate and we are making sure they will return.
Rose Coutts, Secretary.

REBUS CLUB OREWA



Our **Guest Speaker** was **Raewyn Lucich** from **Trade Aid**, who gave an interesting talk on the background to Trade Aid, how it works, and the Fair-Trade label on goods. There are Trade Aid shops around Auckland selling crafts, clothing, homeware, coffee and chocolate that have been fairly sourced, with the profits going back to the villages and the people who produce the goods. Some products are also available at some supermarkets.



Birthday Greetings! Hugh Dickinson, a member for 10 years, celebrated his 96th Birthday on the day of our last meeting, 11 May. Congratulations Hugh!

Maureen Grigg, Bulletin Editor.

THAMES BONANZA CLUB

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

Dress is the 1980's & bring your own refreshments.

Talk of Travel - The Talk of Travel Group has been invited by Michelle Van De Ven from MV Tours to attend a presentation on her recent South Island Tour, in which 4 of our members participated. This will be held at **11.00am on Monday 21 June 2021** at the Richmond Village Lounge.
Gary Meek, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF RIVERSIDE HAMILTON



Gary Orbell, the Club's first President, was given **Life Membership** at the last meeting. Following extensive advertising a meeting for the new Probus Club was held on 17th May 1994, and 150 prospective members attended. The starting committee was elected: President: Gary Orbell, Vice President: Lois McKendry, Secretary: John Clayton, Treasurer: Ngaire Duncan. We had Interesting Speakers, Entertaining Trips, and excellent Dining Experiences, Potluck dinners, BBQs, and Interclub Golf tournaments. Good Luck for all the future years of the Club.



June Mid-Winter Luncheon, where the theme was **"A Splash of Colour"**. We were entertained by the delightful trio of Sasha, Sophie and Brooke. *Gary Orbell and Steve O'Sullivan, Bulletin Editor.*

TAUPO MOANA REBUS CLUB

Our Guest Speaker was Red Frazer, a retired Paramedic and Policewoman. As a young solo Mum with three children under three she became a St John Volunteer leading her to become a fully qualified Paramedic for 14 years. She had always wanted to be a Policewoman, so she enrolled at Police College (where she was the oldest student!) Having been a fitness fanatic she coped well with the rigours of training, and came back to work in Taupo where road policing was her speciality. She went to Christchurch after the 2nd earthquake, working in the Red Zone. She says her job was both challenging and rewarding.



Dates for your Diary: July 15th our Birthday Party Lunch at Suncourt Hotel, cost \$30. August, no date yet, a visit to Equestrian Centre with Lunch at Prawn Park is being planned. September, Visit to Tennen Lava Glass where we will have lunch. October, Car Rally. November 16th, Operatunity Concert in Roturua, there is a wait list for this. December 8th, Christmas Party at Taupo Bowling Club.

Christine Bailey, Bulletin Editor.

RED BEACH LADIES' REBUS CLUB



OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

President Trish Meurant together with founding and life members Loretta Austin, Doreen Vaughan and Pamela Simpson cutting the cake at the special morning tea celebrating the Club's 25th anniversary at our 17 May meeting.



Our visit to **Chelsea Sugar Refinery** on 2 June was an outstanding success with a coachload of club members and friends enjoying the mini train tour of the factory and the sight of a mountainous pile of raw sugar awaiting processing. This was followed by lunch and dessert in their bright new Sugar Cafe and a look through the shop.

Bobbie Wakenell, Newsletter Editor.

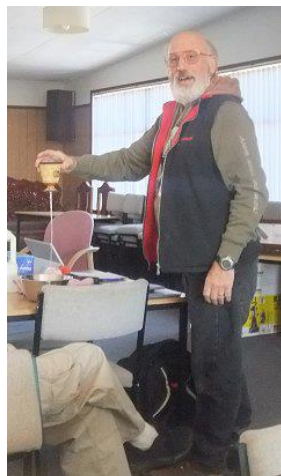
No man ever damaged his eyesight by looking on the bright side of things.

REBUS WAIHEKE ISLAND

Mini Speaker: This month's mini speaker was **Bill Barton** who spoke about the development of Maori vocabulary for teaching secondary school mathematics in Te Reo. Bill became interested in mathematics and language after teaching in Swaziland. On returning to New Zealand in the early 80's he felt the need to learn Te Reo and then became involved with the Maori Mathematics Vocabulary Project in collaboration with the Maori Language Commission. In his talk he described using metaphor to develop new words, the difficulties faced, and the benefits of a new language free of jargon. The project took seven years.

Tania Sweet, Newsletter Editor.

WEST AUCKLAND MEN'S REBUS CLUB



May's **Guest Speaker** was **Grant Stevens**, of Eden Computers, speaking about computers. He said it was easy to find something to talk about: he usually brings his latest gadget. This time it was a Pythagorean Cup, a device invented by the eponymous Pythagoras to teach his students not to be greedy.

Grant noted that if you have an old computer running Windows 7 that is past its best, you do not need to buy a new computer. It is cheaper to upgrade your existing computer, with a free operating system update to Windows 10 and by replacing the spinning disk HDD storage with a more efficient. This will give a 5-fold increase in speed.

Another important aspect of computing is backup. For large amounts of data, Grant recommends SYNOLOGY. This is a box containing two (or more, according to the site) drives, each mirroring the other, to provide redundancy: if one fails the other takes over until the failed unit can be replaced. The system monitors the two drives and warns if one is about to fail. For smaller amounts of data, Grant suggests Google Drive.

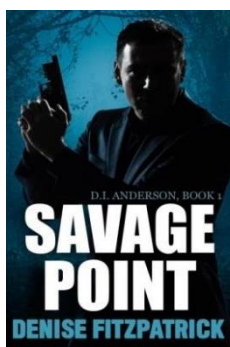
To help you remember all your (unique) passwords, Grant suggests using 2-part passwords: one part common to all and another part specific to each website. While it is OK to write down the site-specific part, keep the common part in your head. Do not write it down. However, have totally unique passwords for your bank and other sites dealing with money. To record your passwords (the site-specific second part only), Grant recommends using a notebook and having each website on a separate page. When you change a site's password, simply cross-out the old one (so that it can still be read), then add the new one under it. And date it. Sometimes, a website will ask for an old password as a security check if there is a problem. Keeping a record of old passwords and when they were current allows you to make use of this facility. Only the good guys are kept out by passwords!

John Mihaljevic.

TAURANGA CENTRAL LADIES' REBUS CLUB

APRIL FASHION PARADE - CAROLINE EVE

With thanks to our models Bronwyn Streat, Beverley Powell, Cherie Lee Scott, Colleen Perrett, Pat Costello and Doreen Bunn. Thanks to our photographer Lyn Hartley. Thanks also to Caroline Eve for a large selection of fashion and discount vouchers received by all.



And a note from our member, Denise Fitzpatrick, author of **Savage Point**, which is a spin-off from the **September Series**, featuring Detective Inspector Ian Anderson – this time printed in New Zealand – great to keep it local !!



Margaret Douglas.

WAIKANAE MILLENNIUM REBUS CLUB INC.

LUNCH AT SALT AND WOOD AFTER THE MOVIES 20 MAY



THE GOLDEN OLDIES MOVIE MAKERS started our latest movie "**Let's Go On A Bear Hunt**" in November last year and now we are able to show it at the Club's July Meeting. 26 members and several friends have been involved in this film and we look forward to finally seeing it on a big screen. We have not settled on our next production as yet – lots of ideas and scenarios but nothing really gelling. Often, a script presents itself from just a germ of an idea.

MID -WINTER LUNCHEON, to be held at THE PLATEAU, PARKWOOD, On THURSDAY 8th JULY at 12.30pm

The Meal will cost \$35 for Members and \$40 for Non-members. Free Wine and Fruit Juice.

KOAKOA DISTILLERY VISIT, 10.30am on TUESDAY, 20 JULY

Home of hand-crafted Gin, Vodka, Limoncello & Orangetello Liqueurs.

A talk, tour and tasting at 3c MAGRATH AVE, Paraparaumu Beach.

David Goggin, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF FOXTON



31 Foxton Rebus members enjoyed non-grape wine tasting, Black Doris Plum being the main fruit wine/port, at THE CELTIC WINERY HOKIO. I particularly enjoyed the Whisky Mac, a blend of the finest aged whisky and green ginger wine. All was accompanied with a variety of delectable homemade cheeses each served amazingly by LOCAL CHEESEMAKER Leonie. Also, a selection of tangy

organic sauces, chutneys and 100% fruit spreads made by HARVEST KITCHEN Te Horo, served with croutons or mini blinis. Then off to 'THE WINEMAKER'S DAUGHTER' in Te Horo for a delicious buffet lunch. Great tasting, great company, great day!

Dereley Barry, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF PETONE



OUTINGS: 30th June is the date for our visit to **Stansborough Wool**, 68 Fitzherbert Street, Petone. The firm is famous for making shawls for the Lord of the Rings films and the fine woollens for babies amongst other garments. The shop will be open for us.

MID-WINTER XMAS: Our booking is at the Naenae Bowling Club on 8 July to celebrate the start of the longer days, \$30. Feel free to invite a partner or friend, all are welcome.

Barbara Lovie at her induction.

Valerie Wenk, Bulletin Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF FEILDING

At our May meeting the speaker was Rebecca Culver, founder of "**Just Zilch**" a food rescue organization. She started Just Zilch when she realized the bread was being thrown away. She enjoys supporting people in need with food that



would otherwise go to waste. They now employ 5 people but survive with donations and grants and a lot of volunteer help. She urged us all to economise and not waste food and resources.

We also had a fabulous bus trip to **Bushy Park**, north of Whanganui, arriving just before noon with time to look around the homestead before a delicious lunch was enjoyed. Dale told us a bit of the history of the property which was donated in perpetuity. The homestead is run by Dale and his staff as a home stay and function centre.

Lyn Jensen.

"I would rather walk with a friend in the dark, than alone in the light." Helen Keller.

I miss the good old days, when you could have an opinion without offending anybody!

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called the rush hour?

REBUS CLUB CAMBRIDGE

At the meeting of Cambridge Rebus, we hosted archery champion Christine Finnigaas as our June speaker. She has competed overseas (before Covid) including South Africa. "The conditions were very different to New Zealand, not only because it was so hot and dry, but also because there were live zebras and ostriches wandering around the course too – not something we are used to at home." Christine showed us her medals, archery equipment and clothing she has worn while representing New Zealand.
Steve O'Sullivan.



REBUS CLUB OF MT HOBSON

May Guest Speaker, Dr Mels Barton, "Threats to kauri and what that means to the forest ecosystem".



Kauri ancestors date back 85 million years to when the islands split from Gondwana with about 20 species of kauri around the Pacific including Fiji, New Caledonia, and Queensland as well as New Zealand. Kauri trees live for 800 to several thousand years but do not reproduce below the frost line. Kauri, like pines, shed a lot of material which is very acidic and creates low nutrient soil. Kauri dieback is caused by phytophthora agathidicida which causes root rot, rot in a collar round the base of a tree, bleeding resin, yellowing of the leaves and defoliation. This also affects the ability any seedlings to grow. It was first seen in 1972 on Great Barrier Island. There are several hundred phytophthora, they are highly destructive – there can be 10,000 spores on a pinhead, and one spore to infect a tree. You need to clean your shoes enough to

be able to lick them.

Chris de Boer, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF PALMERSTON NORTH

At our June meeting, members donated items to the Arohanui Hospice in Palmerston North. An excellent response for a most worthy cause.

The guest speaker at the meeting was **Lyn Young**, a survivor from the sinking of the *Wahine* in Wellington Harbour on 10 April 1968, when 51 people lost their lives. Lyn gave us a vivid and inspiring account of the event. Despite being injured, she got into a life raft and was rescued by a tugboat off Seatoun.



It was interesting to see how dairy farming has been modernised. A visit to a farm near Bunnythorpe showed us how the whole milking process is done robotically 24/7. Cows come in at 'their time' for the fully automatic treatment, including a back rub! We were treated to morning tea at the farm, with pikelets, jam, and cream.

Dean Halford.

PUKENAMU REBUS CLUB

Guest Speaker, Pip Mathieson - 2021 is the 100th anniversary of the NZ School Dental Service. Pip's dentist father allowed her to leave school early only because she wanted to train as a dental nurse. She enjoyed the training and recalled one lesson informing them "that glandular fever causes abortions in cows!" "In those early days, gymnastic training and children's reading also used the school clinic," said Pip, "but I don't know what the Health Dept. would think about that now?" An interesting talk and thanks, Pip, for stepping in at short notice. Right: Happy Diners at The Orange.



Helen Goldfinch, Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF UPPER HUTT INC.

The June guest speaker was **Craig Nicholson** who is the **Principal Project Manager for the Transmission Gully Project**. The route is 28 km in length and is being gazetted as a motorway with a 110km design speed. It has been calculated that the project has taken 11 million work hours. It will have full length median and side protection barriers, 2 lanes in each direction with a crawler lane on steep sections. It has 25 bridges. Construction involved 11 million cubic metres of cut and fill - taking dirt from one place and moving to another. It is 95% completed to date with opening date to motorists of 27 September 2021. Date of final completion is 27 March 2022.

Alex Attwell, Newsletter Editor.

CAMBRIDGE MEN'S REBUS CLUB

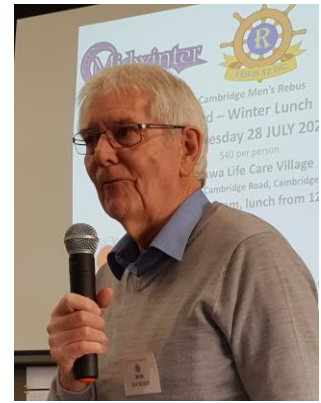
At a well-attended meeting this month, life memberships were conferred on Roger Loveridge (posthumously), past president Richard Johnstone and long-serving member Bill Macmillan. The Club also farewelled stalwart member and long-serving Secretary Bob Jackson.



Life Member Richard Johnstone



Life Member Bill Macmillan (left)



Secretary Bob Jackson

Guest speaker, Vladimir Douglas Pacheco Cueva, Phd, provided a fascinating account of his experiences with his family as refugees from El Salvador via Costa Rico (with a short "unsanctioned" stopover in the US) and finally as approved migrants to Australia. After stints in Fiji and Denmark, Vladimir and Kiwi wife Kerry have settled in Cambridge. He is an Associate Professor in the School of Culture and Society, Aarhus University, Denmark, and conducts his lectures and research online.

Nigel Salter.

REBUS CLUB OF DEVONPORT INC.

Our Club recently had as a speaker **'The laughing Policeman'**, who had many of us in fits of laughter with his accounts of his history in the police forces of the UK and NZ. He drove all the way from Pukekohe to talk to us. Whether his appearance had any affect or not, but we gained eight new members that day, the most at one time for a long time. Our membership now comes in as 78, a comforting rise indeed.

Unlike some other clubs, we employ a lady to do the Tea/Coffee/ biscuits and wash up afterwards, so that all Members can enjoy the meeting and speaker. To enable us to finance this we charge an entry fee of \$2.00 - one would pay at least three times that in any cafe.

Charles Digby.

REBUS CLUB OF GULF HARBOUR

Our June Guest Speaker was Neil Wilkinson who has been involved in America's Cup teams for 23 years and is well known for the development of the foil. He regaled our Club with his Cup Campaign experiences starting in 1991, including his involvement with Team Oracle at the 34th Americas Cup in San Francisco. He touched on the critical moment when Oracle nosedived in San Francisco, but managed to recover and win. It was particularly interesting to see how the team was structured with various expert roles to manage the campaign.

Morris and James Pottery and the Sculptureum sculpture gardens in Matakana hosted 18 members of our Club this month. It was a memorable day with a social lunch in brilliant sunshine.

Peter Odendaal, Secretary.



REBUS CLUB OF WANGANUI

Guest Speaker, Sue Gardiner, (Pharmacist), has owned her Pharmacy on St Johns Hill for many years. She sold a part share, but still shares a heavy workload. She is a highly active member of Rotary and has achieved many awards because of her work through them. She delighted us with her "SPARE DRAWER". We all have one, where we keep things we cannot throw away. Memories maintained through these items, which to others meaningless, but to us are "precious". Nostalgia!

Paerau Taylor, Newsletter Editor.

For most of human history, vehicles had automatic collision avoidance and could even take you home when you were sleeping or drunk. Then we got rid of the horse.

REBUS CLUB OF HIBISCUS COAST

This last month the club's Trip Convenor, Steve, ran another great activity with his **Car Mystery Tour**. 26 members and partners set out in 7 cars on a rather grey day but full of boisterous enthusiasm, clip boards and driving gloves at the ready. The route and the clues to be found were well set up and imaginatively compiled by Steve and Tessa with



morning tea provided by them at Sanders Reserve (after steering clear of Paremoremo!) Lunch, some time later, was at The Riverhead Tavern and an excellent meal was enjoyed



in convivial company with plenty of fun and laughter! The local inhabitants could have been forgiven for thinking that there were three times as many cars, as numerous 'u' turns were carried out. *Garth Dutton, Bulletin Editor.*

COMBINED REBUS CLUB OF PARAPARAUMU BEACH INC.



Forty-seven members made the trip to Wellington for our guided tour around Parliament. Somebody had asked that we go to the Bunker. but there are 3 of them. We were taken into the bowels of the beehive and learned where and how the teams are assembled to manage National disasters. Everyone seemed to agree it was a good day; a good tour, splendid lunch in the Banquet Hall and an enjoyable "tiki-tour" home through Wadestown, Ngaio, Khandallah, Tawa and Johnsonville. It was amazing to learn just how many of our members spent earlier days in those suburbs. *Steve Hutchison, Presidential Scribe.*

And that ends another edition of Rebus Club News – whew! what a busy month it has been – it is becoming more difficult to keep within eight pages, thanks to your newsy contributions. Please remember to use the email address on Page One, rebusclubnews@gmail.com. In case you haven't heard, Rebus NZ has updated its website, now even easier to navigate. If you have a spare minute, just click on this link for a look: www.rebus.nz

I am pleased to see how many clubs have started a Sales/Trading Table to increase club funds, also the increase in Interest Groups, such as *Solitaires* and *Write it Down*. Our Club Meetings are important and essential, but it is the interest groups where the friendships are formed. What better way to get to know your fellow members than over a game of Scrabble, Mah Jong or a walk, followed by a cup of tea/coffee, or a glass of wine. There is something special about sharing food and drink that breaks down barriers and encourages friendships, and without friends, life can be very lonely.

Please stay vigilant, keep warm, and join an interest group. I look forward to our next chat in July.



Jean, (Editor - Club News)