



REBUS CLUB NEWS

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Hello again and thank you for joining me on the monthly trip around the country, as we catch up with the activities that have been happening in our Clubs. I am starting the October edition on Labour Weekend, a little earlier than usual – the build-up to Christmas is already starting to make itself felt, and I have not even made the Christmas cake yet!

Finally, the weather seems to be settling down a bit, and the vegetable garden is producing well – at least the birds think so. They are enjoying the Bok choy, silver beet, and snow peas – all of which have frilly edges, but that's not a good look when I try to make attractive donations to the Sales Table!! Talking of which, those clubs that have now started one will realise what a money spinner it is. With a bit of imagination, enthusiasm, and variety, it is amazing what people will buy. I received a ghastly pair of socks recently in a promo/begging letter. I would not be seen dead in them, so put them on the Sales Table and they were snapped up – “just what I was looking for” she said. So, let's get down to the important stuff – your news. I lost this contribution last month, so first cab off the rank this month is:

CAMBRIDGE MEN'S REBUS CLUB



New member, David Stent (centre) with President Martin and Bryan Hancock, at the September Meeting.

Guest speaker was local journalist, **Mary Anne Gill**, who spoke to a number of local issues, and gave a non-partisan view of the upcoming

council elections. The very entertaining Mary Anne sees voter apathy – particularly amongst younger members of the community - as a major issue.

Member Alan Wellington provided memories of his upbringing in Auckland, his subsequent career in business and his involvement in fundraising for charities.



Nigel Salter.

REBUS CLUB OREWA



Our Guest Speaker in September was **Professor Graeme Wake**, a distant relative of New Zealander **Nancy Wake, AC, GM** aka Madame Fiocca and Nancy Fiocca. She was a nurse and journalist who joined the French Resistance in 1940 and later the Special Operations Executive during World War II, and briefly pursued a post-war career as an intelligence officer in the Air Ministry. He showed us her old passport and forged ID Cards. Nancy Wake was known as “**The White Mouse**” because of her ability to run rings around the Gestapo in occupied France, despite a 5 million franc price on her head. In 2006 the RSA awarded her the highest honour, the **Badge of Gold**, she was also awarded medals of honour from Australia, USA, UK and France. Accredited with saving the lives of 100s of allied soldiers. She

died aged 98 in 2011.

President Robert Letcher inducted 4 new members at our October meeting. Please welcome: **Katherine Ellis, Susan Hoy, Lori Hope, and Norman Biss.**

Maureen Grigg, Bulletin Editor.

TAUPO MOANA REBUS CLUB



Main Speaker was **Mike Hughes Taupo Coastguard Training Officer**; all 22 members are volunteers. Stationed at Turangi and Taupo they area on call 24/7. The number of hours spent on duty number of callouts and the variety of the events amazed us. Taupo Coast Guard is locally funded, mainly from membership subscriptions, donations, and sponsorship. New volunteers would be welcome. Taupo Coastguard this year won the best unit in NZ out of 62 Units and Mike won the award for Best Leadership. Well done, Taupo Coastguard.

Christine Bailey, Bulletin Editor.

CAMBRIDGE REBUS CLUB



I recently spoke to Rebus Club member, **Eric**, known around Cambridge as the man who produced the book, "**Cambridge in Lockdown**" - described as a four-month photographic tour through the town's Covid-19 lockdown. All proceeds from the book have been donated to Resthaven - more than \$6000 to date. Eric is a past president of the Cambridge Camera Club and has been interested in photography from an early age. As soon as he started his printing apprenticeship in Te Aroha, he put his first camera on lay-by. Eric has kindly agreed to sharing one of his copywrite Cambridge photographs with our readers. Thank you, Eric.

Steve O'Sullivan, Presidential Scribe.

REBUS CLUB OF RIVERSIDE HAMILTON



The Tramping Group had a wonderful day recently in Omokoroa in glorious weather. The sun shone down on us last month as we made our way along the Te Waihou Walkway to the Blue Springs. On 8th December we will leave our cars at Hamilton Gardens and follow the walkway to Hammond Park, along the river towards Riverlea, then back to the gardens for Christmas lunch. The Cafe provides a delicious Buffet meal for \$35.00 per person. *Steve O'Sullivan, Editor.*

THAMES BONANZA CLUB

Our Guest Speakers last month were **Viv Kernick and Kirsty Griffen**, who are very successful film makers. They have won many awards for their films, which have been screened in picture theatres here and overseas, and on television. Their successful film, **PLUCK**, follows 73-year-old Jean Neshausen's journey, whilst facing her own mortality, to collect Weka feathers and fulfil her desire to weave her final korowai for her daughter. This is a very poignant movie, involving several Thames people, and I thank Viv & Kirsty for sharing it with us.

Trip to Miranda Shorebird Centre and Kaiaua. My thanks to Cathy D'Ath for organizing this trip. Fortunately, the rain held off and this enabled us to complete our walk without any problems. The presentation by Keith Woodley was fascinating. Perhaps one day we will understand how 4-month-old birds are born with the instinct to fly direct from Alaska to NZ. Simply amazing.

Gary Meek, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF FOXTON



Foxton Probus/Rebus **30 Years Certificate of Attainment** was presented by Rebus National Secretary, **Sue Eckworth** to Chairman Warren Vaughan. The cake was cut by long time current member and Ex-President, **Heather Bolton**. Members enjoyed 3 tables of Posh Nosh. Many thanks to our 'one off' specially

selected Rebus members catering service!!!



Dereley Barry, Newsletter Editor.

'If the present tries to sit in judgment of the past, it will lose the future.' Winston Churchill.

REBUS CLUB OF MT. HOBSON



Guest Speaker for September – **Roger Partridge**, “New Zealand’s great education decline and the future of work”

Education policy is a topic on which Roger has worked closely with NZ Initiative’s education researchers for more than half a decade and he has had many articles published. Kiwi students once ranked near the top of the international education league tables. But in the latest results from the highly respected Progress in International Reading and Literacy Study, New Zealand’s Year 5 students: • placed last among all English-speaking countries, and • 24th out of all 26 participating OECD countries. The New Zealand education system is also now one of the most unequal in the world. The gap between the educational "haves" and "have nots" eclipses all our English-speaking OECD peers. And all this, despite Government spending per child having increased in real terms by more than 30 per cent since 2001. Many children from vulnerable communities start school with an enormous knowledge gap compared with children from homes full of books. One US study reveals that a child living in poverty can start school having heard 30 million fewer words than her classmates. If schools do not try to solve the knowledge gap with a knowledge rich curriculum, New Zealand's grave educational inequities will continue.

Chris de Boer, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF KHANDALLAH

The **Speaker** for September was **Barbara Mulligan, Vice Chair, Friends of Karori Cemetery**. Members are looking forward to a guided tour of the Cemetery later this month.



Over 40 members had a coach tour to New Plymouth gardens from 26th - 29th September in fine weather. The accommodation was at The Devon Hotel with buffet breakfasts and dinners enjoyed, as were the gardens and other attractions. Places visited were Pukekura Park; a short tour to the Mount Moturoa Lookout; Brooklands Park/Zoo; The Gables Garden and historic hospital built in the 1840s; Pukeiti

Gardens; Tupare historic home and gardens; Hollard Gardens in Kaponga. There were stops at Foxton for morning tea, and lunch at Hawera on the way to New Plymouth, with morning tea at Hollard Gardens and lunch at Whanganui on the way home.

Heather Nelson.

REBUS WAIHEKE ISLAND

The **Mini-Speaker** was **Joe Bell** who gave an extremely interesting talk on **UK’s Inland Waterways**. Joe and Jane had their own boat and he had also been a Boat Safety Inspector. The canal system was built between 1760 and 1840. There are 2,500 miles of canals in UK built by spade, barrow, and horse, mostly by the Irish. The canal boats are flat bottomed and were a family business, the whole family working and living on the boat. One horse could pull 25 tons of material. Every bridge on the canal has a number, it can be very easy to get lost. When a tunnel was reached without a towpath for the horse the boat was legged through with men lying on their backs. With the birth of the railways canal work fell off and they fell into disrepair. The 1960s saw a movement to revive the canals for holidays. Right: An enjoyable September outing to the Gin Distillery.



Tania Sweet, Editor.

‘The older you get, the better you get, unless you’re a banana’ Betty White

“There are worse things in life than death.

Have you ever spent an hour with an insurance salesman?” Woody Allen.

Wear a smile and have friends; wear a scowl and have wrinkles.

RED BEACH LADIES' REBUS CLUB



Our very own **Lorraine Sanders** will demonstrate how to make these beautiful flowers to decorate your home over the festive season. Members will have the opportunity to make one to help decorate the tables at the club's **Christmas Luncheon**.



Our **Guest Speaker** last month was **Paddy Sullivan from Age Concern** who gave some excellent advice on recognising early signs of Dementia and seeking help for loved ones in need.

Bobbie Wakenell, Newsletter Editor.

WEST AUCKLAND MEN'S REBUS CLUB – Trip to Howick Historic Village



The village shows the lifestyle of the early settlers on the outskirts of Auckland. Walking around you see their homes, shops, schools, church, workplaces, and courthouse.



One home, a rather majestic structure from the outside, belonged to the McLaughlin family. A visit to the village makes you appreciate

all the comforts of our warm, dry, healthy homes and how wonderful it is to have modern appliances. The village shows how life was lived in Howick less than 200 years ago. We really owe a debt of gratitude to the hardworking, churchgoing, law-abiding people who migrated from the other side of the world and ended up living a harsh life by today's standards. They laid the foundations for the modern city in which we now live. *Vince Middeldorp, Secretary.*

SOUTH WAIRARAPA REBUS CLUB

At the September meeting, we heard from **Joseph Gillard, Co-Chair of Cobblestones Museum**, Greytown, the first inland settlement in NZ to become a borough. All preceding boroughs were coastal settlements. Two weeks later Joseph kindly gave our group a guided tour of the site, which took in the stables, the woolshed that gave its name to the famous Donald Wool Press, and the 1865 Methodist church, probably Wairarapa's first church. We peered into the early 1900s Printing Works and visited the one-teacher Mangapakeha School (1902-1966), Wairarapa's first public hospital and dispensary (1875) and the early colonial cottage (1867). Greytown has a special place in New Zealand history. Photo: Joseph Gillard demonstrates an early prototype for the electric mobility scooter." *David Woodhams, Newsletter Editor.*



REBUS CLUB OF PALMERSTON NORTH

Another interesting **Club Speaker** at our last meeting; Maureen **Thompson** told us of returning to her Motherland, England to work in London in British Rail hotels. She toured Europe and did a stint on a kibbutz in Israel. Maureen is an indefatigable knitter, producing beautiful blankets.

Our **Guest Speaker** was **Rebecca Mahoney**, a farmer with a scientific approach. She has also had a top-ranking career in women's rugby. She played for the NZ Black Ferns in two World Cups and for England. Now retired, Rebecca was a NZ women's rugby referee, describing that role as tough, being under constant criticism, especially from the social media.



The **OBO factory** in Palmerston North produces protective gear for hockey goalies. 70% of sales are made overseas. Compressed polystyrene components are cut by computer-controlled high pressure water jets before being fused in an oven. A fascinating success story, enjoyed by members on a recent visit. Photo: Owner (left) with some product designs. *Dean Halford, Editor.*

Thank you. Great issue this month and I totally agree with your comments of the Queen, she was indeed an amazing lady and part of our lives for a long time. I was 13 at the coronation and we had pageants and concerts and lots of red, white, and blue bunting and decorations, as you said, great memories.

Christine Bailey.

TAURANGA CENTRAL LADIES' REBUS CLUB

September Meeting: **Fiona George, from the Red Cross**, spoke of the principles the Red Cross stands for:



Humanity - to protect life & health; to promote friendship & peace worldwide

Impartiality - no discrimination as to nationality, race, religion, class or politics

Neutrality - may not take sides in hostilities

Independence - national societies must retain their autonomy

Voluntary service - 11,000 in NZ; 14 million worldwide

Unity - one Red Cross or one Red Crescent in any one country

Universality - all Societies share equal status and share equal responsibility

And as a practical gesture Fiona believes everything goes better with **chocolate!**

Margaret Douglas.

REBUS CLUB OF PETONE



Speaker was Chris Bishop, National Party List MP, and shadow Leader of the House. He was given the Covid portfolio by Judith Collins and worked with Chris Hipkins during the pandemic, only challenging him when he thought he was wrong. Christopher Luxon has brought new vigour to the team, and everyone is united behind him. Chris is passionate about the Hutt valley region and works hard for the area. Some of the biggest challenges are housing and transport. There are 26,000 people waiting for State housing; 4,000 are living in motels; 600 people are waiting for a house in the Hutt Valley. Houses being developed in Wainui need a second access to the area, now in the planning stage. We

need to get the trucks off the Petone Esplanade and make more of the sea front. The Melling Link has finally been approved and hopefully work will start soon.

Sharyn Bowen.

WAIKANAE MILLENNIUM REBUS CLUB INC.

Our **Main Speaker, Jan Westrate** outlined a new day care programme for people with mild to moderate dementia. Based on the **Green Farm** model of care which started in his homeland of the Netherlands, he and his wife provide day care in an informal, homely environment in Raumati. There are many care homes based on the same Dutch principles, mostly in Holland, but there is one in Rotorua which opened in 2017. As Jan said, unfortunately our Ministry of Health is slow to fund any new ideas, so we may not see any more such ventures in the near future.



David Goggin, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF DEVONPORT INC.



Past President David Thomson welcomes new member, **Jennifer Barton**.

Our **Guest Speaker, Ian Levine**, spoke to us about the history of Trumpets, how they work and the notes they play. Different trumpets and different sounds proved to be most enjoyable and interesting for everyone present. Ian has spent over 30 years in the NZ Army from which he retired in 1990 with the rank of Major. He has played in nine National Bands throughout New Zealand and has represented New Zealand on tours to the USA, Canada, UK, and the Netherlands. His banding activities included conducting, training learners, playing and administration. Ian became a Life Member of the **Brass Band**

Association of New Zealand in 2009 and in 2013 was awarded the QSM for service to the community. He is a great believer that bands can make positive contribution within our communities.

David Thomson, Newsletter Editor.

What a glorious collection of stories in the September 2022 REBUS newsletter! It is absolutely amazing that the differing clubs can produce information on such an extraordinary range of activities. It must make your job very challenging as well as extremely interesting. Thank you so much for distilling it all down for us. Your latest newsletter is a delightful read. Thank you.

Sharon Major.

REBUS CLUB OF MANAWATU



Antoinette Umugwaneza from Rwanda, who supports refugees at the Red Cross, spoke movingly of her experiences, the huge numbers of global refugees, and what they contribute to host societies. To support new refugees by giving bed linen and kitchen items, contact Ruth Hodgson (354 1605).

Right: a well-earned coffee after September's walk.



Margie Comrie.

REBUS CLUB OF HAMILTON



Trip to Vilgrads Restaurant and Winery.

Our recent trip to Vilgrads was a shared interest group with the **Dining Out** people. We travelled by private car, with several taking advantage of the car-pooling offer. Our host, Christian Nooyan, was a mine of information on the 100 year long history of Vilgrads, as it is now known. He spoke with feeling of his parents and grandparents' efforts to rebuild after the disastrous fire they had seven years ago. We were given a tour of the workings of the winery and tasted a range of their top wines, from Charmina, to Port, followed by a platter of dips, cheeses, fruit, and delicious homemade breads.

Kaye Wallis, Bulletin Editor.

COMBINED REBUS CLUB OF PARAPARAUMU BEACH INC.

Our **Main Speaker** was **Jay Clarke from Woodhaven Gardens**. Jay operates one of this country's largest growers of fresh vegetables. The Clarke family launched the business over 40 years ago, building it up gradually from very small beginnings. Their produce now comes from no less than 127 different locations throughout the Horowhenua and (to a lesser extent) Kapiti. Their customers are exclusively supermarkets. They now employ something like 200 Staff and the Clarke family makes sure all employees get a very fair deal, including a living wage and educational scholarships for the children of employees.



Steve Hutchison, Presidential Scribe.

WAITAKERE COMBINED REBUS CLUB



October was our Birthday Month and two of our founding members, **Gordon Kay and Corrie Van de Hulst**, were present to cut the cake. The entertainer for the day was **Jim Joll**, who entertained us with songs from our past. Earlier in the month we visited the **Howick Historical Village**. The history of this area was very interesting to read about as we looked through the buildings. Photo right: some members who did not abide by the school rules had to recite the alphabet!



Phyllis Greenland, Secretary.

REBUS CLUB OF FEILDING



Our **Speaker** in September was **Wayne Stewart, Engineer** working on the Te Ahu Turanga—Manawatu Tararua Highway. Wayne showed a PowerPoint presentation and explained the works undertaken to date through different geological layers. The big bridge was the most complex and interesting in how they cleared a space in the river for the pylons to be poured. After the River Bridge there is an eco-bridge over wetlands – a future park. The highway will be 4 lanes all the way with no turning bay. There will be a lookout on the River Bridge and at the highest point on the road. Cost will be approx \$650M. Moa bones were found during excavations. Over 1.8 million plants will be planted along the 11 km. long highway. Completion is due in 2025. *Lyn Jensen.*

CAMBRIDGE MEN'S REBUS CLUB

Six very accomplished year 13 students from **St Peters College** were guests at the meeting. It was truly inspirational hearing these people expressing their views and opinions in response to a variety of questions submitted to them by **MC Michael Cole** and members. The future of our nation would seem to be in good hands.

The **Cycling Group** enjoyed a 45km ride to **Tamahere** for a welcome coffee and sociable chat.



Members enjoyed an informative visit to the **Kowhai Forge** where **Smithy, Rob Pinkney** and his youthful "apprentice" **James** manufactured a quality "folded" axe from basically a block of iron and a few additives. It was heartening to see the old blacksmith skills being carried on to the next generation.

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Nigel Salter.

WARKWORTH MEN'S REBUS CLUB

Mature Men can enjoy exercise! At the October meeting we were informed about the health benefits of regular exercise. Most physical activity for the members involves gardening, walking or general D-I-Y around the home. **Lou Bartlett**, a **Community Strength and Balance Trainer from Harbour Sports, Albany**, showed us how health problems, especially involving falls and broken bones, can be greatly reduced by regular activity. The "**Super Seven**" exercises from Physiotherapy NZ can hardly be called strenuous, but doing them 3 times a week helps mobility and strength. Yoga and Tai Chi are good alternatives. We may not have broken out into a sweat, but everyone was smiling at the end of the session.



Robert Dye, Secretary.

WOMEN'S REBUS CLUB OF WAIKANAE

Speaker for October was Val Reitnauer: Val and her husband are the owners of **We Love Local**, an online business that celebrates and sells locally manufactured products, which they package beautifully and deliver countrywide and overseas. Val, originally from Mauritius, has a background in hospitality, and her passion for showcasing foods from specific regions led to this thriving business. The attractive boxes are made by the **Shed Project** where disabled people are employed. The packaging is returnable and recyclable. Some examples of products are honey, olive oils, pickles, gins and jams.

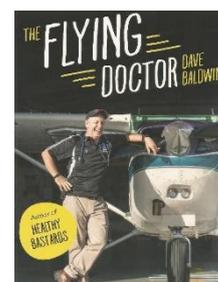
Mary Paddock, Newsletter Editor.



FITZHERBERT REBUS CLUB INC.

Last month: From a Rolls Royce (Manawatu Gorge Rd) to a Mini (Saddle Rd) to a Lamborghini. This is how **Wayne Stewart**, Principal Project Director from Waka Kotahi N.Z Transport, described the new road over the Tararua Ranges from Ashhurst to Woodville. It is a massive task with millions of tonnes of earth to be moved and bridges constructed while dealing with different rock structures and a moving earth base. There are bridges being built - the main one over the Manawatu River needs special bearings from Germany to allow for the earth's movement. This is a mammoth task described wonderfully well by Wayne. "If we get a Lamborghini from all the effort it will be a great road for the future."

Visit to Dr Dave Baldwin's Bulls Flying Doctor's Hangar at Milson Airport. Dave spent three years as a GP at the **Royal New Zealand Airforce Base, Ohakea**, where he provided care for families on the base, before buying the **Bulls Medical Practice**. As the Flying Doctor, Dave provides healthcare to pilots and to give them the required aviation medical at their remote airstrips in rural New Zealand. He has written three books in "**The Healthy Bastard**" series. *Karen Carter, Secretary.*



You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream. C.S. Lewis

"Smile – the shortest distance between two people."

PUKENAMU REBUS CLUB INC.



46 MEMBERS HAVE FUN AT OUR BIRTHDAY LUNCH
"Pictures say a thousand words"

by our roving photographers,
Lindsay and Diane Stockbridge.



FOUNDER MEMBERS, Marjorie and Colin Clancy, June Lints and Mary Harrison cut the croquembouche birthday cake.
Helen Goldfinch, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF WANGANUI

OCTOBER Club Outing: Bus trip to **Waiouru Army Museum**, Tuesday 25th October. A great day enjoyed by all, the Museum, and the trip there.
Paerau Taylor, Newsletter Editor.



Happy Travellers



Manawatu River cliffs



Sherman Tank



Marina Huff

KOWHAI REBUS CLUB OF BETHLEHEM



Lawn Bowls at Matua. Jan and Colleen organised a time to play bowls. It was enjoyed by those who attended and helped by expert coaching from Secretary/Treasurer Chris, an eight-year bowling veteran. Lunch was provided by a well-known TV chef.

**There are three types of people in this world,
those who can count and those who can't**

PS: None of us was offered the form to join so I guess we'll have to stick to our other hobbies!
Lisa Sutherland, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF HIBISCUS COAST



Our October **Guest Speaker** was **Jonathan Green**, who is the Key Relationships Manager for the Northern Express Group [NX2] building the Puhoi-Warkworth motorway extension. This is a PPP [Public Private Partnership] under which NX2 will operate and maintain the road for the next 25 years and then hand it over to NZTA. The 18.5 km motorway

from the Johnstone's Hill tunnels to just north of Warkworth is 75% completed and will open next year. As this is a key stretch of road for our neighbourhood, Johnathon's talk generated a lot of interest.

Our **Club Speaker was Riley Bell** (right) who spoke about the complexity of rugby rules and his past involvement in writing resource material for referees to learn the rules for practical implementation. With so much controversy over the rules and the involvement of referees in the game, Riley's talk brought out the full range of opinions. Together, these two speakers made for a lively meeting.

Phil Martell, Bulletin Editor.

All my passwords are protected by amnesia.

As a new Rebus member, I read your newsletter cover to cover. It's so full of seniors doing stuff and socializing. I feel sorry for those, particularly on their own, who can't or won't join a club for social interaction. You do a brilliant job, and the little "quips" are gems. While my knees and other bits creak, I have not lost my sense of humour!! Well done!!

Ray Barrett.

HOKOWHITU REBUS CLUB INC.

Our **Guest Speaker was Stacey Shortall**, a local lawyer who spent time working in New York. She has dedicated her life to helping vulnerable women from all walks of life. One of our new members, **Christine Terry** told us of her farming life with her husband and family on the outskirts of Palmerston North.



Thank you, Jim and Mason, for organising a lovely day out (right). *Joan Letts, Editor.*

Sometimes in life we just need a hug,
No words, no advice, just a hug to make you feel you matter.

And that's all folks for another month, and what a month! October 2022 has the largest number of contributors, thirty-four, that is over 60% of the Rebus membership! My thanks to all of you, and if you forgot to send something, there is always next month. Feedback is very positive, but if you have a complaint, let me know about that also – there is always room for improvement.

That dratted virus seems to be on the rise again (just in time for Christmas?), so please be careful out there, and don't be shy to wear a mask if you prefer to. Better safe than sorry.

The weather doesn't look too good for the weekend, so snuggle up with Rebus Club News, and enjoy the sport on TV. Go the Black Ferns, Go the All Blacks, Go the Black Caps – Oh to be young and athletic again!!!!



*Jean,
Editor, Rebus Club News.*