



REBUS CLUB NEWS

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May I start by wishing you all a very **Happy New Year** – may your wishes and endeavours be fulfilled, and may you all enjoy good health. The weather has been fickle, to say the least – vicious wind – not enough/too much rain, and if you have been on the receiving end of nature's fury, please be assured many of us, although we are not able to actually give a helping hand, we are thinking of you. Almost 50 years ago, as a new immigrant, I soon learned that I could grow *anything* in my garden, but the biggest problem was coping with pests. Nowadays my biggest problem is the weather, especially the wind, and although most vegetables are surviving, they are not exactly prize exhibits.

However, if you are having greater luck than I am – or have greener fingers – why not send a photo of your prized produce – including flowers – to Rebus Club News, and I can include a Brag Page in the February edition. If you have something to brag about, why not tell the nation? Praise is very hard to come by, I know, so I look forward to seeing evidence of your success. This is not a competition, just fishing stories by gardeners! Don't be shy.

I hope you have given some thought to attending the Rebus NZ Inc. Annual General Meeting in Wanganui on 6th May – I know – it's Coronation Day, but you can record it to view at leisure when you get home, the King won't mind, he didn't send you an invitation anyway. And now, to the important stuff, your news

TAUPO MOANA REBUS CLUB



Melbourne Cup Day. What better place to enjoy the atmosphere than at 'Jolly Good Fellows' on a beautiful spring day. We all gathered around the big TV to watch the gates open and the sound of hooves racing, hearts pounding, lots of cheering. Then wham, bang, it's all over! Not sure where my horse came.



Our Christmas Function was held at the new gastropub **Mavericks** (a first visit for many). It was a rather cool December morning, but the warmth and friendship and welcoming drink inside soon warmed us up. *Christine Bailey, Editor.*

KOWHAI REBUS CLUB OF BETHLEHEM



Club members, and guests enjoyed an outing to the **Te Puke Truffle Farm** before Christmas, where we learned that most Truffle Oil is not made from truffles but from a petroleum extract. The farm owners gave an informative talk about truffles, followed by a demonstration of their dogs sniffing out truffles (under overturned pots on the front lawn because it is not truffle picking season). This was followed by a taste of truffle ice cream and cheesecake, then a stroll down to the oak and hazelnut trees where the truffles grow. The bottled beer (\$50) is expensive because it ferments in old wine/brandy barrels for 18 months.

Lisa Sutherland, Editor.

OMANU REBUS CLUB

Those who came to the **Christmas Luncheon at the Papamoa Beach Village** enjoyed themselves. I'm sure you appreciated the fine food, the ambience, and the friendship we enjoyed in delightful surroundings. Thank you to Margaret Clark for organising the introductions to the chef and bar tenders, to Lynn for preparing the Christmas hamper prize, and for the 40 of us who came along to one of the better events we have had in a long time. Hugh Henry won the raffle. Well done sir. *Graeme Wilson, President.*

A sure cure for seasickness is to sit under a tree. Spike Milligan

TAURANGA CENTRAL LADIES' REBUS CLUB



Vicky Burns and her team from **Urban Vogue, Bethlehem**, showed a large selection and a wide variety of summer style and fashion, which proved extremely popular. Many thanks to all the models - we couldn't do fashion parades without your smiling faces.

L-R: Vicky Burns (Urban Vogue), Beverley Powell, Sue Knightly, Doreen Bunn, Denise Fitzpatrick, Colleen Perrett, Rosemary Buckthought, Bronwyn Streat, Urban Vogue assistant dresser.

Margaret Douglas, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB CAMBRIDGE



The **Christmas luncheon** at the **Cambridge Golf Club** was a huge success, based on the feedback I have received. It has been an interesting year—some of our members have had Covid—and recovered—and numbers at our meetings have remained steady for the whole year. A special thanks to Liz for providing us with such interesting and varied speakers; thanks to the committee, Margaret, Jackie, Ann, Ursela and Davide; Heather and Margaret, our Almoners, and especially to Past President Avis for her support.

Trips locked in for 2023 include 15th February, Andre **Rieu**, **Dublin Concert**, and 23rd March, **Raglan Harbour Cruise**.

Steve O'Sullivan, Presidential Scribe.

REBUS CLUB OREWA



Our **Guest Speakers for November** were **Louise Milliken** from **Orewa Medical Centre** who talked about how we are all fed up with Covid, but reminded us, if we get sick with it, to report it, so we can get the new oral drug for relief but only the first 4 or 5 days.

Myra Lloyd from **Helensville**, a hat maker, was a charming and entertaining lady. Everybody loved her. She explained hat-making on the gadgets she brought. She had a variety of hats and styles, and emphasis was on the angle of the hat. A matching outfit is essential.

Maureen Grigg, Bulletin Editor.



THAMES BONANZA REBUS CLUB

Our **Christmas Lunch** was held on 15th December 2022 at the **Richmond Village Lounge**.

Our thanks to the **Committee of Rebus NZ** for their effort on our behalf during the year, and especially to Jean for the magnificent effort she puts into her **Rebus Club Newsletters**. *Gary Meek, Newsletter Editor. (Thank you, Gary. Ed.)*

**I signed up for an exercise class and was told to wear loose fitting clothing.
If I HAD any loose-fitting clothing, I wouldn't have signed up in the first place.**

After all is said and done, usually more is said than done.

WEST AUCKLAND MEN'S REBUS CLUB

CHRISTMAS FUNCTION AT RYDERS. JC Ryders is a great little 60 seat **Movie House and Dining Room** hidden away in the back streets of **Avondale**. It allows you to choose a movie and serves a roast meal cooked on a wood fired range. We went there for our Christmas function this year and have been there on previous occasions. Not only is it a unique venue with an environment that makes people really comfortable, but it is also a family business we feel good about supporting with our patronage. We ended up with 42 people at the function which is well over the 25 minimum number required to make a booking. The movie we saw was **The Castle** which has been acclaimed as the most widely adored and quoted Australian comedy ever made. It might not be the best comedy movie ever made but it is so well known in Australia and New Zealand that everyone who lives in those two countries needs to see it at least once.



Vince Middeldorp, Secretary.

REBUS CLUB OF RIVERSIDE HAMILTON

SPARKLE
& Shine

Riverside Rebus Club's "**Sparkle & Shine**" Festive Luncheon was held at the lovely **Hamilton Gardens Turtle Lake Restaurant**, 11.45am on Tuesday 13th December 2022. Members enjoyed a delightful Buffet Luncheon. Grateful thanks to Kate Salmon for making and decorating the cake.

Steve O'Sullivan, Bulletin Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF KHANDALLAH



On November 15th, twelve members of the **Third Dining Group** had their annual end of year celebratory Dinner at **Bellamy's** by Logan Brown's restaurant in the Beehive. Once we were inside, we met senior Cabinet Ministers exiting their Dining Room as we were being taken to ours. This was our fifth visit, a very enjoyable night in pleasant surroundings with delicious food and wine. A good way to end a challenging year. The rum pineapple and lime baba dessert



Rosemary Ralston.

REBUS CLUB OF MT HOBSON



Although the food provided was not what we had agreed everyone enjoyed the meal, the wine, and the company – as evidenced by the last table still there at 2.45 pm.

November's Guest Speaker, Andrew Bayly. Topic: "Extreme Adventures."

Andrew promised to take each of his three sons on a journey of their choosing. For the eldest this meant a trip to the North Pole in 2015,



dragging sleds 120km across the ice. The inspiration for his second son's trip in 2019 was **T.E. Lawrence** and his book **Seven Pillars of Wisdom**. It soon became evident from the furtive glances and excited voices of the Bedouin when we first met them that what we were about to embark upon was also something out of the ordinary, spending the next 22 days on camels, covering 500 km of southern Jordan.

Chris de Boer, Newsletter Editor.

Life is short. Smile while you still have teeth.

REBUS CLUB OF GULF HARBOUR

Our Christmas Lunch at Red Beach Surf Lifesaving Club saw most of the members enjoy delicious food prepared by top rate Caterers. Sunshine, with an expansive view, gave way to a downpour as we returned to our cars!! **December's Guest Speaker** was **Jenny Lisefski of Whangaparaoa Library**, who informed us of the many extras the library offers apart from lending books.



On 18th January we held our annual **BBQ at Shakespear Reserve**. Food was provided by the committee, and fish was caught, supplied, and cooked by Graeme Mc. and Bill A.

Pam Warner, Secretary.

SOUTH WAIRARAPA REBUS CLUB



34 Members from throughout the South Wairarapa attended our **Buffet Christmas Lunch on 25 November at the Carterton Golf Club** to celebrate the end of an interesting, if testing, year. There were many very appreciative comments on the whole function, and I imagine we will be back at



Carterton Golf Club in the future.

David Woodhams, Newsletter Editor.

AVONDALE LADIES' REBUS CLUB

A big welcome to **Colleen Jongte**, who is our first new member since we became the Avondale Ladies REBUS Club. Colleen was presented with her REBUS name badge.

Our Little Lunches have continued and are most enjoyable. Having a maximum of 6 to 8 means that conversations can flow freely, especially for those who find it difficult to hear conversations when in large groups.

Guest Speaker, Trent Lash, gave a polished and informative talk on cardiovascular disease, providing details on the lesser-known signs and symptoms of an imminent cardiac event, commonly known as a "heart attack." After his event he found that existing support groups did not meet his needs. So, he formed a group called **Heartbeats** that has been very successful. Many clinicians now recommend this group to their patients as part of their cardiac recovery journey. *Barbara Douglas, Newsletter Editor.*



Editor's Note: the following was the introduction to a contribution from regular contributor, David.

"A week of Covid-isolation before Christmas, and the last week recovering from hosting 3 sons, 2 daughters-in-law, 4 granddaughters, a grandson and a grandson-in-law during the festive season have led me into a mood of introspection, which comes through in this month's issue in the absence of much Rebus news."

No wonder! I am amazed you even remembered Rebus at all! A sterling effort, David, you deserve a medal. Ed.

When I get a headache, I take two aspirins and keep away from children, just like the bottle says.

REBUS CLUB OF PALMERSTON NORTH

Marilyn Laing, our December **Club Speaker**, was raised in Upper Hutt. Her early career included working for accountants, running tea rooms, and driving taxis. She then trained as a teacher and taught in Palmerston North, Shannon and Tokomaru. She was our Club President in 2019. We had no guest speaker that month, instead, quizmaster **Keith Eckworth** put our general knowledge to the test in an entertaining contest.



The Club's dining highlight of 2022 was **Christmas Lunch at Wharerata, Massey University**. Excellent food and music in this charming, historical venue, made a very enjoyable and memorable occasion. *Dean Halford, Newsletter Editor.*

WAITAKERE COMBINED REBUS CLUB

Although the weather has not been kind to us, some members went on our first trip of the year. We went firstly to the



Karaka Lavender Farm to walk through and smell the flowering plants that were almost ready for harvesting. After having a coffee and a snack we headed



to the **Botanical Gardens in Manurewa**, where we enjoyed their variety of plants and sculptures.

Phyllis Greenland, Secretary.

WAIKANA E MILLENNIUM REBUS CLUB INC.



Our **Christmas Dinner** was held this year at **Cedarwood**. The evening was a great success, our thanks go to Ian and his team from **Relish** for a delicious meal, and who ever imagined seeing Santa in his shorts! Our thanks to Bruce and his team who helped with organising the dinner, setting up, decorating, and clearing away afterwards.

Twenty-Three Millennium Club Members visited the Cross Hills Market Day in Kimbolton, to the back blocks of the Manawatu at the foothills of the Ruahine Ranges, 1500 feet above sea level. As luck would have it the nearer we got to Kimbolton the better the weather became. The sun came out and we had a wonderful day exploring the beautiful garden, the many interesting stalls and the endless tracks and blossoms.



David Goggin, Newsletter Editor.

I bought myself a Seniors GPS. Not only does it tell me how to get to my destination, it tells why I wanted to go there.

REBUS CLUB OF HAMILTON

Not a lot of news from us this month, but our interest groups will be up and running in February: Dining out group; Walking group; Ten Pin bowling group; Scrabble Group; Mainly Men's group; Movie group; Maj Jong group; and Floral Art in March.

Kaye Wallis, Bulletin Editor.



REBUS CLUB OF WANGANUI

VINTAGE WEEKEND WANGANUI, 2023 I hope many of you got out to see the goings on. What an amazing weekend - the weather was perfect, and our out-of-town visitors loved the positive vibes of our lovely city.



Vintage Weekend photos intended to help you make up your mind to attend the Rebus NZ Inc AGM, 6 May 2023.



Paerau Taylor, Newsletter Editor.

PUKENAMU REBUS CLUB INC.



President Barbara welcomed us and congratulated everyone with birthdays in December and January. She introduced new members, **Sue and Mike Naylor**. Sue told us, "We are members of another club who came along by mistake to one of your meetings and enjoyed it so much we decided to join. Everyone is so friendly!" The President thanked **Jenny Spencer** and presented her with a 'thank you' in appreciation of the wonderful morning teas she prepares and the work she does, "over and above" for our club. Raffle winners **Jenny Spencer and Kathleen O'Sullivan**.

Pic. Lindsay Stockbridge – Christmas Morning Tea. The 5-pointed star is a delicious carrot cake. We do enjoy our morning teas – thank you Jenny from us all. *Helen Goldfinch, Newsletter Editor.*

FITZHERBERT REBUS CLUB INC.

Summer roundup: The Chalet on a sunny day was the perfect venue on 14 December for 41 members to celebrate the end of the year, reminisce about Christmases past, enjoy a lovely meal, and catch-up with each other's summer plans. Thank you to those who organised the event, decorated the venue, and presented the raffles.

The sun also shone for the **Summer Picnic** which was held in the **Rose Garden at the Esplanade** on 18 January. Twenty-nine people attended including some Pétanque players from Terrace End Probus Club who organised teams for some friendly games.

Karen Carter, Secretary.



70 may be the new 50, but 9.00pm is the new midnight.

If you see me talking to myself, just move along. I'm self-employed. We're having a meeting.

COMBINED REBUS CLUB OF PARAPARAUMU BEACH INC.



Neil and Jenny Oldcorn were introduced by their very good friends, Peter and Jenny Harkness, and inducted at the December meeting.

Christmas Lunch. As has now become our custom, we held our lunch after the December meeting, at **Anzil**. The lunch coincided with **owner Ivette Kerekes** and her family battling immigration to be able to stay in New Zealand. Many of us had signed the

on-line petition and a number signed the manual petition on the day. It was great to hear that, a few days later, sanity ruled and their bid for citizenship granted. The struggles they were going through in no way impacted on their ability to put on some of the best food in town. The food, service and atmosphere were fantastic. Mary Sommerville again ran her quiz, which was a great success.



Steve Hutchison, Presidential Scribe.

REBUS CLUB OF FEILDING

Twenty-four members attended our trip to **Bushy Park**, stopping at **Virginia Lake** in Whanganui on the way. Our High Tea Lunch was delightful with ham & cheese croissants, sandwiches, scones, and assorted cakes. The **Manager, Dale** gave a talk about the history of **Bushy Park Homestead**, the Bird Sanctuary & Museum. After tea, coffee and photo on the front steps, we wandered around the property. The Visitors' Centre and Museum proved popular, and some members did the Wetlands walk. We stopped at **Windermere Berry Farm** on our way back to Feilding.



Our **Christmas Lunch** at the **Feilding Golf Clubrooms** was attended by 50 members and what a lovely atmosphere and lunch. Chef **Grant Kitchen** provided slow cooked beef, ham on the bone, salads &

vegetables, with Cheesecake, Pavlova roll, Apple and Berry crumble and a Cheeseboard for dessert. The 13 lucky recipients of the door prizes were delighted with their gifts. Entertainment by **"Just Jammin"** was an additional treat.



Lyn Jensen.

And that brings to an end the first edition of Rebus Club News for 2023. Hopefully you may have learned something or stored away something for future use. I never cease to be amazed at the variety of ideas your newsletters contain. Thank you for your contributions.

I am sad to report that the **Rebus Club of Devonport Inc.** has closed after thirty-five years in existence. They tried everything they could think of to continue, even with the help of visits from Rebus NZ Inc. Several club assets have been distributed to another Rebus Club in accordance with the Constitution. Rebus Club News will miss their input.

Since I started work on 25th January, we have experienced the most dreadful weather as you will have seen on the news – not good gardening weather – but you have around four weeks to send me pics of your garden beauties in time for the February edition. Until then, stay safe, and get clicking.



Jean

Editor - Rebus Club News.



This item was sent to me by **Lisa Sutherland**,
Kowhai Rebus Club of Bethlehem.

*I love Christmas – it wouldn't be Christmas without
a Christmas Tree – but this really is above and
beyond.*

I know it is only a funny, but to me it says so much.

*I wonder what the Emergency Department, ACC,
OSH man et all would have to say!!!*

Thank you, Lisa. **Ed.**