



# REBUS CLUB NEWS

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Hello again – good to be with you. After a night of howling winds and rain, just as I sat at the computer to start this edition of Club News the sun came out. My mother would have said “The sun shines on the righteous” – I don’t know about that, but we certainly seem to be having a variety of weather conditions lately. But this is NZ, it is winter, and “Variety is the spice of life”, another of her sayings, all necessary for Mother Nature to keep all the growing cycles ticking over. Though sometimes it is a challenge wondering what to wear when we go out, or what to plan for dinner. If you are a gardener, Mother Nature probably dictates that your meals are influenced by what is growing in the garden – in our case it is spinach and more spinach, then broccoli, and the cauliflowers are only about a week away. Everything tastes so much better when you have grown it yourself.

This month we are happy to welcome a new contributor to Rebus Club News, **WAIRERE REBUS CLUB OF WANGANUI**. Thank you for your input, and we look forward to hearing about your escapades in the coming months. So, make yourself a hot drink and let’s get this show on the road to learn what Clubs have been up to this month. Curtain Up!

## REBUS CLUB OF RIVERSIDE HAMILTON



The Mid-winter luncheon was a huge success, with a great turnout – 82 members and 2 guests - great fellowship, great food, and the entertainment was well received. The highlight of the day was presenting Gary Orbell with his life membership plaque. We found his acceptance speech very moving.

*Steve O’Sullivan, Bulletin Editor.*

**“Youth is the gift of nature, but age is a work of art.” Stanislaw Jerzy Lec.**

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## TAUPO MOANA REBUS CLUB



Our Main Speaker was **Gaeleen Wilkie**, the Manager of **Taupo Pathways for Youth Employment**. This is a charitable Trust dependent on funding, which now have their own home building in the Industrial area.

They offer varied programmes, help apprentices, and introduce Year 11 pupils at schools to work skills and explain how employer contracts work; they assist young people in many ways, with attitude, communication, teamwork, self- management, resilience, thinking skills and give them a keenness to learn. They offer courses in life skills, business basics, workplace visits, assistance with attaining drivers’ licence, health and wellbeing. They assist students to get work, keep work, and create careers. They also follow up students to monitor their progress, commitment, and job satisfaction.

*Christine Bailey, Bulletin Editor.*

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## WOMEN’S REBUS CLUB OF WAIKANAE

**30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch:** The Special Anniversary Lunch was attended by 43 members and two guests. Everyone was welcomed with a glass of wine or non-alcoholic drink, Dot Le Prou and Joy McLeod hosted the lunch, and a new member, Ethel McLellan was inducted. Rebus NZ Inc. Board Member, Nigel Dougan presented the club with a ‘Certificate of Attainment’. Our beautiful 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cake was cut by foundation members which we all enjoyed with a cup of tea or coffee. Finally, eight potted plants were won by members who had the winning number on their place card.

*Mary Paddock, Newsletter Editor.*

## Nigel Dougan & Allison



## REBUS WAIHEKE ISLAND

This month's Main Speaker was **Jock Jamieson from the Sensible Sentencing Trust** whose role in the Trust is public awareness and education. SST was started in 1991 by Garth McVicar. There has been an increase in gangs, methamphetamine, bail abscondments, fleeing drivers and victimization. Mr Jamieson advised that the Police College is empty, and that government ideology supports criminals ahead of victims. He advised that the legal aid bill had gone through the roof, most appeals were on legal aid. Past crimes were hidden after 7 years, and one could have parole after just one third of their sentence. Gangs control the importation and distribution of hard drugs and with our long sea border this is hard to control. If one has several convictions, they can be run concurrently, SST believes they should be consecutive. The degree of offending on bail is massive. Mr Jamieson advised that the SST has an offender database and how DNA had solved thousands of crimes although it was suggested that taking one's DNA was invading their privacy.

*Tania Sweet, Newsletter Editor.*

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## WAIRERE REBUS CLUB OF WANGANUI (Our newest contributor – Welcome)



On Thursday 22nd April, members made their own way to Upokongaro around 10 o'clock. It was a perfect day for a walk on the new bridge across the Whanganui River. The Upokongaro cycle and pedestrian bridge over the Wanganui River was opened in December 2020. This was to complete the Mountains to Sea cycle route. The coffee break afterwards at the Upokongaro Cafe was a great opportunity for a catch up.

Our July **Guest Speaker was Dr Hadleigh Reid**, a local dentist, and Whanganui District Councillor. Hadleigh and eight friends plan to convert the



neglected Terrace House at 133 Wicksteed Street into 30 apartments. Built for a government department and opened in 1981, the building already has elevators, separate fire exits and underground parking. These apartments will appeal as the building is claimed to be one of the safest buildings in the country with 100% NBS Earthquake rating.

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## WEST AUCKLAND MEN'S REBUS CLUB



**Lisa Truttman, from the Avondale-Waterview Historical Society** spoke on:

"The Life and Mysterious Death of Walter Granville Carew".

Wednesday 23 June (not quite the Winter Solstice) saw 26 members and spouses enjoy a convivial Mid-Winter Lunch, at Goode Brothers, Lynn Mall.

Early arrivals deciding what to eat:



*John Mihaljevic, Newsletter Editor.*

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## REBUS CLUB OF FOXTON



A few of our members who were in the second group from Foxton Rebus who visited the Robotic Cow Farm in Bunnythorpe in June.

**AUGUST 11 - A Fun Mystery Car Trip/Rally.** Start and finish at 9 Trafalgar Street Foxton Beach. SHARED LUNCH (Please bring a plate). Arrive by 10.20am for 'mystery clues/scavenger' sheet of instructions. No one has been permanently lost yet!

*Dereley Barry, Newsletter Editor.*

## RED BEACH LADIES' REBUS CLUB



**Frances Hall** - Members will not want to miss hearing stories from this Wairarapa born author of the book **Scatterlogical Wisdom**. With a thirst for travel and adventure, through good and challenging times, her humorous, down-to-earth memoir is scattered with pearls of wisdom and some very entertaining moments in her exciting life.

### ***MID WINTER LUNCHEON***

***Hello Manly Restaurant, 54 Rawhiti Rd, Manly.***

***Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021.***

*Bobbie Wakenell, Newsletter Editor.*

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## REBUS CLUB OF PETONE



### **Mid-Winter Lunch at the Naenae Bowling Club.**

We were very happy to welcome **Betty Hamilton** and **Warren Snowden** into Rebus Petone at our June meeting.

*Valerie Wenk, Bulletin Editor.*

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## REBUS CLUB OF FEILDING

In June our Guest Speaker was Stu Donald, a world traveller and honey exporter. Stu was a delight with his stories of the Middle East. Born in Eketahuna and moved to Australia, building golf courses, got a job with Greg Norman. He moved to Dubai to build a golf course at the beginning of its development. Then moved into real estate, started small and grew huge. He exported Manuka honey into the Middle East by knocking on doors. He managed Silver Ferns Farms goods into the Middle East, marketing in Arabic and English. New Zealanders are popular there because of their relaxed attitude. Drinking Water is made when gas turbines heat sea water, causing it to evaporate, creating pure water. They eat out a lot, shawarma wrap is a favourite. Lots of rice, high meat, and vegetables (no pork).

*Lyn Jensen.*



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## REBUS CLUB OF KHANDALLAH



Our Garden Club recently visited "Kaicycle," a regenerative and organic urban farm in Newtown. Kaicycle is developing techniques and models to productively grow food in the city while working within natural systems to regenerate soil to produce nutrient-dense food.

We were given a guided tour round the site by Kate. Their composting system takes compostable scraps from homes, offices and small businesses and recycles them into living compost. They offer a bicycle-powered compost collection service that operates in Wellington City and the surrounding suburbs and are beginning to offer a compost drop-off service for homes. They offer various educational workshops, ranging from seed sowing and propagation, garden design and preparation, and compost building and maintenance.

*Heather Nelson.*

**"I've learned so much from my mistakes I'm thinking of making some more." Cheryl Cole.**

## REBUS CLUB OF PALMERSTON NORTH

At our July meeting, we inducted new member, Rosalie Heckler. **The promotional brochure adapted for our Club from the template provided by Rebus NZ** – thank you for that, Rebus Team – will be used by our members to increase our membership. Copies have also been distributed to key civic outlets.

Our Midwinter Lunch at the Manawatu Golf Club was very well attended – great venue, great service, great food!

We were treated to three interesting and enlightening talks on 6 July. Our current Treasurer, Adrian Turner, gave us his life story. Andrea O'Donnell told us about the current real estate scene. Chris Hall, a food technologist from Massey University, presented a slideshow on innovations in food processing.

This month's outing was to the Swazi factory in Levin, and a visit to RJ's Liquorice shop. *Dean Halford, President.*

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## PUKENAMU REBUS INC. WANGANUI



**20 Members Visited Wight Aluminium.** The Wight aluminium factory started in 1965 in a Wanganui garage. Now - their new one year old factory has 4000sq m of floor space with a staff of 47, while with the Auckland, Hamilton, and Wellington offices they total 120. The aluminium comes from the Bluff Tiwai Point smelter, which makes the best aluminium in the world and the double-glazing glass from China. Paul, the factory manager, showed us around to see how the products are made, most of which when finished goes to Auckland, Wellington, and Hamilton. **At the Wanganui Fishing Club,** we learnt about Midwest Ferries Ltd, where Neville Johnson explained what

this service to Nelson would mean to Wanganui and the revenue that we would derive from it. The transport sector will save as much as \$9m yearly and 12 companies want this project to go ahead. We enjoyed a shared lunch in the warmth of the fishing club, with lots of goodies and a cup of fantastic soup. *Helen Goldfinch, Newsletter Editor.*

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## WAIKANAE MILLENNIUM REBUS CLUB INC.

**"Let's go on a Bear Hunt"** . . . with jaffas too!

This is our latest movie, and we are truly fortunate to have the likes of Alison Viskovic, Alan Farquhar, and David Goggin; how they pull these movies together is a marvel.

One of the things that the movie highlighted for me was the resilience and determination shown by many of us in not allowing Covid 19 stop us getting on with our lives. Members portrayed in the movie demonstrated this by finding enjoyment and solace during lockdown in simple things such as taking a teddy bear for a bike ride, sitting down to high tea, perhaps playing with tame eels or re-reading favourite books and articles. The warm and convivial conversations from our meeting continued at the mid-winter lunch held at Parkwood on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>.



*Chris Jackson, President.*

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## REBUS CLUB OF GULF HARBOUR

**Our Guest Speaker was John Charles** who gave an entertaining and amusing talk about creativity, super-heroes and saying yes. John is a local artist who brought examples of his work to our meeting. He works in various mediums including designing and building the scale model and scenery of the **Pop-Up Globe Theatre** that has appeared in Auckland and other cities around the world in recent years. Our Event for this month was a Mid-Winter Lunch held at **Fresco** in Gulf Harbour, attended by almost the entire membership. Special Interest groups which include Dining, CBD Explorers, Mah Jong and Ramblers are active and well supported.



*Peter Odendaal, Secretary.*

## REBUS CLUB OF UPPER HUTT INC.



**Lynn McLeod** was presented with a **Certificate of Life Membership** for her outstanding contribution to the governance and management of the Club. Lynn has been Secretary, first female President, and is currently Membership Secretary. **Lynn is also Deputy Chair of Rebus NZ Inc.**

Short Talk: Vernon Hoey spoke about the difficulty in moving 55-metre-long blades for the generators at the **Turitea wind farm near Palmerston North**. Originally planned to be landed at Napier they were taken to New Plymouth instead. Overseas technology was used to raise the blades at an angle to reduce their length for transporting.  
*Alex Attwell, Newsletter Editor.*

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## COMBINED REBUS CLUB OF PARAPARAUMU BEACH INC.

**David Howman** must have a deep well full of stories. They just kept on popping out. Whilst we know of him as the leading light in **WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency)** when it was set up, and since then a heavy involvement in many New Zealand organisations, it's the story behind the stories that was intriguing. If he had a script, he certainly didn't stick to it. He said to me before the meeting how much he enjoyed speaking to organisations such as ours, as he didn't have to give a 'boring lecture'. He came with a bag full of props and his stories on how these were used to try and beat the system were both incredibly interesting and quite hilarious.



*Steve Hutchison, Presidential Scribe.*

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## CAMBRIDGE MEN'S REBUS CLUB



**New member Don Harris** was inducted into the Club at the July meeting. Don was introduced by John Payne.

**Terry Mills** gave us an interesting account of his memories of youth in the UK and his service in both the Royal and Royal NZ Navies.  
*Nigel Salter.*



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## REBUS CLUB OF WANGANUI

**July Guest Speaker Neville Johnson**, (Midwest Ferries) told us of the challenges faced by his group to set up the Ferry service between Wanganui and Motueka, constantly facing hurdles thrown at them from our local Council. He explained the potential for Wanganui to become a major port for the exportation of logs, milk products, etc even the possibility of opening a tourist route through here. Wanganui could become a major player here for shipping, as Gisborne has proved and gone ahead with taking only two years to be viable and profitable, already having more ships there they can handle. Companies i.e., McCarthy's Transport, Fonterra, and other large companies see the possibility of major savings in trucking costs between the two Islands from Wanganui, saving them \$1000s, in trucking costs, port fees, time and labour costs. This could prove to be a more direct route than travelling through the middle of the Island to Wellington, where should there be another major quake would be shut down again. Wanganui has always dragged the chain with progress. Why this apathetic attitude we have here???

*Paerau Taylor, Newsletter Editor.*

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**Life is what happens while you're busy making other plans. John Lennon**

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**Age is merely the number of years the world has been enjoying you.**

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**Which rock group has four men who can't sing or play instruments? Mount Rushmore.**

## REBUS CLUB OREWA



**Rod Woods, who is a Life Member of our club,** celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on 24 April with family, friends, and staff at Evelyn Page Retirement Village Rest Home. Some of our longer serving members will remember him. Rod was one of the founding members of our club, formed in 1987, when he held the position of Treasurer.

Unable to now attend our meetings, Rod looks forward to receiving the Bulletin so he can keep abreast of club activities. **Happy Birthday Rod from us all!**

*Maureen Grigg, Bulletin Editor.*

## FITZHERBERT REBUS CLUB INC.



Three new members were welcomed at the meeting. We look forward to getting to know **Peter and Pauline Foxall, and Maureen Strong.**

**July Outing:** Kendal and Rachel at **Kruzin Kustoms** and Peter & Delilah Schimanski filled our afternoon with cars of all shapes and sizes, in various states of repair and shininess. It was so interesting to see what is possible and how much work is involved in creating such works of art.



*Pam and Bev Wallace.*

This photo from the Women's Rebus Club of Waikanae shows their **Table of Interest/Surplus.**



Some Clubs already know the benefits of a Sales Table (I know of one which regularly takes in around \$250), but since Rebus Club News floated the idea a few months ago it has been gratifying to notice how many clubs have decided to "give it a go".

Some clubs call it a **Trading Table**, others a **Sales Table**. Whatever you choose to call yours, the object is still the same – to share surplus produce, while at the same time boosting club funds

## REBUS CLUB OF HAMILTON

A small Rebus group ventured the Te Huia train outing. The train arrived from Frankton almost full. A total of 6 carriages, taking 215 to Auckland, one stop at Huntly. Comfortable seating, clean carriages, café kiosk for refreshments, limited food, plenty of rest rooms even for the disabled. Allow yourself plenty of time using the Te Huia service. We thought on return trip we would plan a strategy for seating, form a scrum pack, return trip of 180 passengers. The service is still settling in and can be interrupted by track maintenance or public disturbance as our return journey bore out. A member of the public decided they might jump on the track from an overhead road bridge, we experienced a power cut and the train was stationary for a period whilst police dealt with this interruption. Staff were very helpful and pleasant. A fun day in the sun in the city of sails.

*Kaye Wallis, Bulletin Editor.*

*I have been interested in this trip since it started and would love to give it a go – once the weather warms up. Sounds like a great idea for a club trip with a difference. Ed.*



**Editor's Note:** I look forward to compiling Rebus Club News each month, learning what has been going on around the country, and sharing the news with you all. I do not expect any thanks – I enjoy it - but occasionally there is a surprise in my in-box:

*“Hello Jean, I just wanted to say thank you for the time you put into doing the newsletter. I am a non-committee member of my Rebus Club and enjoy reading about what other clubs are doing. As someone who does a lot of committee roles in various clubs, I know how much effort it takes. Best wishes.”*

Thank you for the bouquet, it makes the effort worthwhile. Ed.

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And thus ends the July edition of Rebus Club News – a slightly shorter offering this month.

***On a different note, have you had your Covid 19 vaccinations yet?*** I am sorry to say I feel the right hand does not seem to know what the left hand is doing regarding bookings. If you have not yet received an ‘invitation’ to make a booking yet, give them a call on the 0800 number for your area to make an appointment – we don’t want anyone to fall between the cracks and miss out, as we do not know what is around the corner. Most of our generation were brought up to obey the rules, and if ever there was a time to obey the rules it is NOW!

However, we are more fortunate than many countries, and we feel for our Pacific neighbours. It seems that most of the outbreaks in Australia are due to people NOT obeying the rules.

Until we meet again next month, stay safe, stay warm, and make sure you keep your sense of humour.



*Jean*  
*Editor, Club News*