



REBUS CLUB NEWS

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It was good for us to meet up again with friends at our various clubs, and hopefully the little Covid hiccup did not disrupt too many plans, but unfortunately, I feel that this yoyoing is going to be a new fact of life for us for quite some time to come. All we can do is play our part properly, obey the rules, be very careful and get vaccinated when our turn comes. We have lived with this thing now for just about a year – we know what to do, don't we?

This edition of Rebus Club News covers events to date, but March is AGM month for most of us and we will be looking forward to another year of fun and conviviality, with some new members at the helm calling the tune. Are you one of them?

OMANU REBUS CLUB

Thank you to Rose and Jim Coutts who hosted the January BBQ held at their home.

Once again, a great speaker was invited to our club in February. Sam Vye brought us a great insight on how drones can be used to benefit New Zealand. Drones developed and made here in Mt Maunganui have been used successfully in the Galapagos Islands to rid one of the islands of rats. In New Zealand they are developing traps for stoats and possums as well as rats, which will go a long way to eliminating the use of 1080 and will greatly benefit New Zealand. They have also developed an unmanned drone helicopter that can lift 200kg and can be used to plant forests throughout New Zealand.

March: Trip to Whakatane, Tuesday 23rd March. The outing includes a 2 ½ hour Bushwalk and Snack Run with Awakeri Rail Adventures, followed by a visit to Te Kura Whare in Taneatua, and a tour at Kiwi Fruit Country at Paengaroa on the way home.

Rose Coutts, Secretary.

REBUS CLUB CAMBRIDGE



(left) President Avis and Anne Stevens cut the Birthday cake, and (right) members enjoying the 2020 Christmas Lunch and festivities.



COMING EVENTS: Sanctuary Mountain, conducted tour of the Tautara Wetlands highlights area has been confirmed for Wednesday 24th February. Cost will be \$26.25 per person (includes Gold Card discount). Professional guide. We will car-pool, and afterwards will be stopping for an early lunch at either Arapuni or Te Awamutu. *Steve O'Sullivan.*

REBUS CLUB OF DEVONPORT INC.

We have a low-cost outing planned for February 2nd and later after the March AGM we have planned a coach trip to the Classic Museum near Hamilton. Our committee is encouraging members to bring along friends and relatives and we have asked the Ladies Rebus Club of Belmont and Bayswater if any of their members would like to join us. *Charles Digby, President.*

Diplomacy!

The art of telling someone to go to Hell and having them looking forward to the journey.

REBUS CLUB OF RIVERSIDE HAMILTON



Our Festive Lunch on Tuesday 1 December 2020 at the Hamilton Golf Club, St Andrews, was a great success. The restaurant area and tables were beautifully decorated, and the lunch was splendid. Ninety-one members were delightfully entertained by Katie Trigg with a variety of songs from the pop world, musicals and opera. New members were welcomed, the best-dressed won prizes and the raffles were drawn.

David Swain, Bulletin Editor.

TAUPO MOANA REBUS CLUB



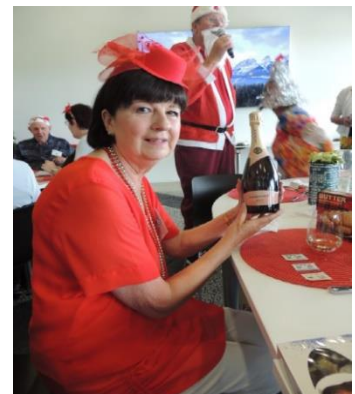
President Margaret welcomed all to our first meeting for 2021. Birthdays for December and January were recognised. Social Convenor brought us up to date with outings planned and commended all for the great event the Christmas lunch was and the entertainment superb!! 3 new members were inducted. David and Wendy Jopson introduced by Tina Tapa and David Rillstone introduced by Jill Cogswell. All were warmly welcomed.

Dates to remember March 2021: Bus Trip to Waimangu Thermal Valley - final details re times and costs-- next month.

April 14th 2021: Helicopter Hangar Tour 9.30, and 11.00 am Lunch at Airport Café, own cost.

Christine Bailey, Bulletin Editor.

REBUS CLUB OREWA



Christmas was celebrated in style at the Wainui Golf Club with Co-President Robert standing in for Santa, and Maureen showing that red is her lucky colour.

The club is organising a group to visit **EVITA, at Centrestage Theatre, Friday, 19 March.** *Maureen Grigg, Bulletin Ed.*

THAMES BONANZA CLUB



My thanks to our Committee members for their organisation of our 25th Anniversary & Christmas lunch. Thanks also to Mavis Fruin for organising the raffle. It was a most enjoyable function. I have included a photo of Doug Driver & Janny Brouwer cutting our cake. They were the only ones who attended the original meeting of our Club.

Paeroa Maritime Park and Ohinemuri River Trip – Wednesday 3 March 2021

We propose travelling by car to the Park, on State Highway 2, west of Paeroa for a river trip up the Ohinemuri River. *Gary Meek, President.*

RED BEACH LADIES REBUS CLUB

Guest Speaker: At our next meeting **Brenton Faithfull** from the **Hibiscus Coast Astronomical Society** (standing in for Dr. Chris Benton) will be discussing the Night Sky, what to look for at this time of year and explain the difference between a planet, a dwarf planet and an asteroid and will answer members' questions. Partners and friends are welcome to join us.



TRIP TO GUM TREE GULLY ALPACAS

Wednesday 24 March 2021, **\$35.00 per person** which includes morning tea with a scone or muffin, entry fee, bus hire and alpaca food. A gift shop is also on site. Following our visit we will make our way to the Honey Centre. Please bring your own lunch or you can purchase something at the Honey Centre. *Bobbie Wakenell, Newsletter Editor.*

WEST AUCKLAND MEN'S REBUS CLUB

This club's newsletter usually runs to about 10 or 12 pages, all very interesting blokey stuff and humour, with many amusing anecdotes. This month I have selected a witty little item for your amusement. *Ed.*

Some Definitions:

Eyedropper	A clumsy ophthalmologist.
Heroes	What a guy in a boat does.
Left Bank	What the robber did when his bag was full of money.
Paradox	Two physicians.
Parasites	What you see from the top of the Eiffel Tower.
Pharmacist	A helper on the farm.
Polarize	What penguins see with.
Relief	What trees do in the Spring.
Selfish	What the owner of a seafood shop does.

Vince Middeldorp.

REBUS WAIHEKE ISLAND

Main Speaker: Ruth Money. Ruth is a Private Victim Advocate and in 2019 was made a Member of the NZOM.

Ruth read us 4 recent emails from victims that were very confronting and showed that there is something wrong with our dysfunctional system. The social cost is enormous. Sadly, law and order is a political football, people are falling

through the gaps, it is happening everywhere and devastating communities. In this country there is a family and sexual violence epidemic which is inter-generational and the country cannot flourish until it is addressed. Children call the police whilst mopping up the blood from their battered mother, no-one then looks after the children or considers the impact. In this country 2.2 million people per annum are affected by family violence. Ruth explained that when someone comes out of prison they are just sent out into the community, they can't get a bank account without photo ID, there is now a charity helping prisoners when they are first back into the community. 90% of the problems could be solved if they were dealt with at the beginning. Of every \$100 spent in the justice system 50c is spent on the victims, it is woefully underfunded, there is no counselling. New Zealand is the only country in the world that gives name suppression to the offenders. This country is also way behind in how it treats sexual violence cases, in other countries there is video evidence; one does not have to confront one's rapist in the courtroom. *Tania Sweet, Newsletter Editor.*

REBUS CLUB OF PALMERSTON NORTH



The guest speaker at our February 2021 Club meeting was our own Don Webster, retired science technician, who spoke about his work at Scott Base, Antarctica, in the early years, a time before computers, satellites, mobile phones and container shipping. His talk was illuminated with many splendid photos, the one here showing Don at the Base in 1960. His first trip was aboard the leaky, wooden sailing ship *HMNZS Endeavour*. One of the two lifeboats was full of grenades! The ship got stuck in an ice floe and was freed by an American icebreaker. Scott Base then comprised six main buildings, including a two-bed hospital, connected by corrugated steel covered ways. There were no showers – one bath a fortnight sufficed. A power generator was run on kerosene. Outside air temperatures ranged from zero to – 55°C. Blizzards and winds up to 90 knots were experienced. Don worked on projects such as radar soundings measuring the ionosphere (important for radio communications in the days before satellites), seismic recordings on a worldwide network, and installing and operating auroral radar.

Dean Halford, President.

WAIKANAE MILLENIUM REBUS CLUB INC

VISIT TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE, THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY, \$20, Lunch at Pickle Jar, Karori at own cost.



Walking Group go for a stroll and then have a picnic at Queen Elizabeth Park.

David Goggin, Newsletter Editor.

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1. Dad, are we pyromaniacs? Yes, we arson.
 2. What do you call a pig with laryngitis? Disgruntled.
 3. Writing my name in cursive is my signature move.
 4. Why do bees stay in their hives during winter? Swarm.
 5. If you're bad at haggling, you'll end up paying the price.

REBUS CLUB OF UPPER HUTT INC



Speaker for February: George Borthwick. George was born in 1946 to an Anglo Indian mother. His father was a US Marine. At 6 weeks old he was put into Dr Graham's home for abandoned kids in Kalimpong, West Bengal. He stayed there until he was 18 when he went to Calcutta as a printer's apprentice. He gave a slide show of the area that he grew up in, the school and other things of interest in India such as historical places, street scenes and plants & animals. He told us of his journey to NZ, discovering who his parents were, and that he had 2 brothers and his efforts to help them. He and other ex-pupils, who are scattered all around the world, want to support and help the home/school which looked after them. They now raise money to help with reconstruction etc. The proceeds from the 2 books that he had for sale (his story and that of a Tibetan ex pupil) would go to help with the upkeep of the 120 year- old establishment.

Lesley Christie, Secretary.

REBUS CLUB OF WANGANUI

Guest Speaker: Johnathan Seager (Coastguard). Johnathan gave us an outline of the workings and operations of the local and national Coastguard. The local Coastguard was first started by a local woman (Audrey Cox) who had a fisherman husband and to keep track of his whereabouts, ETA's etc, started a radio communications wave band for that purpose. Others heard of it and asked to become part of the network, which grew to become what it is today. They now have 6 Radio Operators, who operate 365 days of the year, 50 "Wet Crew", 3 "Skippers", with 27 trainees, (2 years Crew training). They are all "Volunteers", on call always and can be in action in 10- 15 minutes. They operate a 7.3 NIAD aluminium hull with inflatable boom, almost unsinkable, with a minimum crew of 2, but usually 4. The Area covered by Wanganui Coastguard is from Patea to Foxton and up the river to the "Flying Fox". Membership stands at 800, non-financial members must meet full rescue costs, but financial members pay a nominal fee.

Paerau Taylor.

TAURANGA CENTRAL LADIES REBUS CLUB



The Committee wishes to thank everyone who gave so generously to Waipuna Hospice. The total came to \$465 - \$100 from the club and \$365 from our members. Congratulations, everyone. Sharon and Pat give our cheque to Lily Kwiecien from Waipuna Hospice.

President Sharon recently hosted a lunch and the Committee provided food to thank all the people who keep you abreast of what's happening each month. (Maybe the best reason for being on the 2021 Committee!)

Margaret Douglas, Newsletter Editor.



PUKENAMU REBUS CLUB INC, WANGANUI

Guest Speaker, Leonie Symes, has lived a diverse life. Born on a farm, she trained as an opera singer. She studied in London, then four years of study in Italy and in 1967 she lived in Israel for two years, all while meeting and singing with top opera singers. Back in London she trained as a social worker and was a tour guide for wealthy Americans as she ferried them around the UK in her small car. Leonie ended her talk as she sang for us *Climb every Mountain* from *The Sound of Music*.

Helen Goldfinch, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF GULF HARBOUR

The Guest Speakers at the February meeting were Grant Tregidga - Project Manager, and Austin Kim - Chief Communications Officer for the **Penlink Project**, a subject in which we are all interested in this part of the country. Penlink is a sort of loop road designed to provide an alternate route off/onto the Whangaparaoa Peninsula and which will also ease congestion on the northern motorway at Silverdale. \$411m of funding have been allocated to the project, which will be 7 kms long and have only 2 traffic lanes, but with a walking and cycling shared path. The contract will be awarded mid- 2021, with construction due to start late 2021.



The design includes a bridge which will account for half of the budget. Final plans will be published later this year. The toll is intended to cover maintenance costs, not the cost of construction. Many questions were asked at the conclusion, and general disappointment voiced about the apparent favouritism being shown to cyclists and pedestrians who make no contribution to the costs, over vehicles who contribute through taxes.

KOWHAI REBUS CLUB OF BETHLEHEM



A fabulous day on 22nd February with a visit to the Tree Church, Ohaupo, followed by a delicious lunch at Irresistible Cafe, Monovale. Perfect weather for a walk around the well established gardens and an informative talk by the new owners. We all agreed it was very worthwhile.

One problem with auto-correct is that you always end up posting some thong you didn't Nintendo!

Lisa Sutherland, Newsletter Editor.

COMBINED REBUS CLUB OF PARAPARAUMU BEACH INC

Our main speaker was Keith Riach who talked to us about the history and joys of Morris



Dancing. Surprisingly, the skill goes back to the 7th & 8th centuries when a form of Morris Dancing was enjoyed by, amongst others, the Spanish and the Phoenicians. I somehow got the feeling that a lot of the men in the audience spent a nervous time, praying there would be no audience participation!!



Operatunity. The next Show will be at the Southward Theatre on Tuesday 20 April (curtain up 11.00am). Entitled **"Tennessee Waltz"**, the programme will include the music of country icons Johnny Cash, Dolly Parton and John Denver.

Steve Hutchison, Presidential Scribe.

REBUS CLUB OF MILSON INC



Our January club meeting which is usually a relaxed affair was even more relaxed this year as it was in the form of a picnic set in ideal surroundings in Judy and John Moynihan's gardens. The weather played its part and some of the attendees tried their hand at Petanque and/or Croquet. Everyone seemed to have a happy time. I hope we have a repeat performance next year and more members can join in the fun. I would like to extend a special thanks to Judy and John for making their grounds available for the occasion.

Margaret Broderick, Secretary.

REBUS CLUB OF HIBISCUS COAST



A very successful summer BBQ picnic was held at Wenderholm Reserve on 19th February. A change of date was required due to forecasted bad weather on the original date of the 16th and fortunately the change would have been necessary due to covid-19 level 3 lockdown. Activities kicked off with a selection of smoked snapper and crumbed snapper provided by fisherman Graeme McIntosh, ably assisted by Bill Anderson and Jean McIntosh. This was followed by a feast of chicken, sausages and steak (supplied by The Aussie Butcher), cooked by Paul Robinson, Dave Gatland, Phil Martell and Garth Dutton. Salads were arranged by Les and Val Wistrand and bread rolls supplied by Barbara Clift. A great day out had by all.

Garth Dutton, Bulletin Editor.

WOMEN'S REBUS CLUB OF WAIKANAE



Jeanie Morrison-Low - Speaker for February 2021: Audiologist, Jeannie Morrison-Low, kept us focussed with a lively talk, well- Illustrated with an informative, power-point presentation. Jeanie explained the ear and brain connections enabling us to process the sound waves we receive and interpret as hearing. Some degree of hearing loss is common as we age and over-sixties do not process speech as quickly as in earlier years.

Wonderful nature: Jenny's 'loving carrots' made me smile! Hope it did you too.

Mary Paddock, Newsletter Editor.



Well, that is just about all from me for another month. Thank you to all of you who have sent in contributions to this issue. We seem to have been very busy with picnics and BBQs, and why not enjoy the fine weather while we have it? All too soon it will be mid-winter dinners and hot toddies.

Since the beginning of Rebus Club News I feel I have come to know some of the regular contributors, usually the Newsletter or Bulletin Editor, and we often greet each other as friends, even though we have never met. One of those special acquaintances is David Swain who is relinquishing his position. To David I say thank you for making my job more enjoyable - and that goes for any other editors/secretaries who will be handing over to someone else following the Annual General Meeting of your club. It never ceases to amaze me what a variety of trips, speakers, gatherings and entertainment we can dream up for our club members' pleasure. We really are an inventive lot, and for those who find it hard to come up with something different, I hope we are able to help you with some ideas. Socialising does not have to cost a lot, if any money.

The Rebus NZ Inc Annual General Meeting in Taupo on 8th May will be a good opportunity to socialise, put faces to names and offer input on your Club's expectations of Rebus for the future. I hope to meet many of you there.



Jean, Editor - Rebus Club News