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Hello again, and am I happy to be starting this edition of Club News under the 'new normal' conditions! David Swain of Rebus Riverside Hamilton summed things up very nicely. He said: *The workplace will be changed (even more digitised, more remote working); we'll mostly accept more surveillance as part of our pandemic trace-and-track vigilance; we'll be more aware of the importance of community and solidarity as a society (the team of five million); and we'll change how we value people's work (less on how rich they are, more on how vital they are).* And I have to agree, whilst it is good to be able to do almost everything we used to before Covid 19, it is not quite the same. But hey, we all responded to the call for self isolation when the need arose, so we can give ourselves a hearty pat on the back for a job well done – well almost done. We are not out of the woods yet, but as long as we are mindful of what it would be like to have to go back up the Levels, we should survive this virus. So keep vigilant, stay healthy, keep washing those hands, and most of all enjoy getting back together with friends and activities your Rebus Club offers.

REBUS CLUB OF WANGANUI



**NEVER IN MY
WILDEST DREAMS
DID I IMAGINE
I'D GO UP TO
A BANK TELLER
WITH A MASK ON
ASKING FOR MONEY.**

F.R.I.E.N.D.S

(F)ight for you.
(R)espect you.
(I)nclude you. ✖
(E)ncourage you.
(N)eed you.
(D)eserve you.
(S)tand by you.

Secretary and Newsletter Editor Paerau Taylor (photo left, celebrating St Patrick's day) is typical of the Newsletter/Bulletin Editors around the country who have continued to entertain and keep their members informed during the pandemic. Little witticisms like these have popped up all over the country, giving us all a laugh on a dull day. When your readers are waiting to hear from you, it is not always easy to produce something uplifting from nothing – I know. Thank you Paerau, and all of you who have worked continually to keep your members amused and 'up with the play' during difficult times. You all do a wonderful job, and your efforts are greatly appreciated. Without you there would be no Club News. Ed.

REBUS CLUB CAMBRIDGE



WALKING GROUP:
Yes, we made it, and a dozen or more of us cheery souls survived the cold and dreary morning to celebrate the end of our Rebus Walking Group seclusion!



Most of us managed two circuits of Lake Te Ko Utu, and many were the topics of animated conversation! *Thanks to Steve O'Sullivan, Newsletter Editor.*

The hardest thing to learn in life is which bridge to cross and which bridge to burn.

David Russell

TAUPO MOANA REBUS CLUB

This large club will be resuming monthly meetings in July. In the meantime, members are encouraged to get snapping away with their cameras/phones – they are holding an internal photo competition, and the winners will be entered in the Rebus Calendar Photographic Competition. Club activities are on hold until then, but Christine Bailey, Bulletin Editor, sent us this gem:

**St Peter was talking to God. He said “Haven’t seen you for a while God, what you been doing?”
God said “I’ve been in New Zealand. With this virus thing, I’ve been working from home.”**

RED BEACH LADIES REBUS CLUB



HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY NGAIRE

Last week President Trish paid a special visit to Ngaire Wilson who celebrated a milestone birthday on 30th May. Members of her extended family gathered at her home over the weekend to share in the birthday celebrations.

Happy 90th birthday Ngaire from all your Red Beach Ladies Rebus friends!

Bobbie Wakenell is Newsletter Editor at Red Beach, thank you.

THAMES BONANZA CLUB

16th July Meeting, Richmond Village Lounge, Thames. Our **Guest Speaker** is Rosalie Steward. This should be light-hearted & humorous. After our meeting there is an **optional** presentation by Colin on the new apartment building, and a visit to their show apartment. Colin has been helpful allowing us to return to the Village Lounge for our meetings.

Our Committee is examining some excursions for later in the year: the Troubadour Show; the Ohinemuri River cruise; Driving Creek Railway, and The Waterworks reserve near Coromandel. We have booked the **Calendar Girls** to cater for our Christmas Dinner.

Thanks to Gary Meek, Newsletter Editor.

WOMEN’S REBUS CLUB OF WAIKAKNAE



June Speaker – Adrienne Jensen – Passionate about telling real life stories, Adrienne Jansen shared her experiences in listening and learning with immigrants living in a new culture. Bringing up her own family in Porirua, she has taught creative writing workshops at Whitireia Polytechnic and was an exhibitions writer for 10 years at Te Papa. Working alongside people, Adrienne focuses on helping them to tell their own stories. Recently 14 taxi drivers have contributed stories of their journeys coming to and being in New Zealand, and currently she is working with a group of cleaners.

Lucky Numbers: (right) One of our lucky numbers winners at the June meeting was Mary Cooper. Congratulations to Mary and Jennifer Green.



Show and Tell: (left) Jan Bradbury displayed some of her beautiful cross stitch pictures and wall hangings at our June meeting. Mary Paddock brought some of the cards she has made over the years.

Thank you Mary Paddock, Newsletter Editor at Waikanae.



WAIKANAE MILLENNIUM REBUS CLUB



Anne Wall's "Bear", on duty during lockdown.



This healthy looking bunch get ready to rumble once again.



Left, the **Music Group**, first meeting after lockdown.

The **Golden Oldies Moviemakers** have another film in the pipeline. Watch this space.

David Goggin is one of the kingpins of the movie-makers group, as well as Newsletter Editor, thank you David.

REBUS CLUB OF GULF HARBOUR



On Wednesday 8th July we will be gathering for a mid-winter lunch at **Ma Rew Thai Restaurant** in Gulf Harbour.

The **Ramblers Group** (left) did a circumnavigation of Lake Pupuke, followed by coffee and a sticky bun.

The **Cinema Group**, (right) now including both our Club and the Men's Hibiscus Rebus Club, went to see the movie "**Love Sarah**" last Tuesday, (loved the film!) followed by dinner at Maison Thai - Manly.



Two new members were inducted in June, and a further eight are all ready to be inducted at the July meeting.

WEST AUCKLAND MEN'S REBUS CLUB



Despite the less than ideal weather and possible lingering concerns about Covid 19, 15 members and spouses attended our first coffee meeting. Ten sat around the big table and 5 around another smaller table. As usual, a good time was had by all.

A trip is planned to the **Chelsea Sugar Factory** on Thursday 13 August, in conjunction with the Waitakere Combined Rebus Club.

The Mid-winter lunch, at **Ryders**, scheduled for Friday 26 June, is on.

The latest newsletter for West Auckland ran to 20 pages! Thank you to John Mihaljevic, for another masterpiece.

REBUS WAIHEKE

Many Newsletters sent to Club News during the lockdown levels have contained funnies, poems, etc. etc. which helped to lift our spirits (no pun intended), but I found this article most interesting. I am most definitely NOT a whiskey drinker, but the history

Glendronach Distillery in the Scottish Highlands



“Do you remember the teacher at school inviting you to stand and tell the class how you spent your summer holidays? I used to get bashed and called liar for my tales of days spent at the Still!



Photo right is of yours truly and Uncle Bob the governor, so to speak, standing in front of the Spirit Safe, and after a lifetime of helping at the distillery, this was the last time I did any work at the Still.”

Thanks to Claire Stainton for her newsletter, and special thanks to Joe Bell for this remarkable childhood memory. Ed.

REBUS CLUB OF PALMERSTON NORTH

“The Club meeting on 7 July will celebrate our return by having a special morning tea. Thank you to all who have called on the phone or sent me e-mails. Humour and some wonderful videos have brightened our days—thanks to the members who supplied those. Some excellent poems, craftwork photos and reports of lockdown experiences have

been published in the Newsletter—thank you for those. Thanks to the Committee for keeping the ball rolling during lockdown.”

Dean Halford, President and Newsletter Editor.

MIDWINTER LUNCH
*** PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE ***
Tuesday 4 August, 12 noon at the Golden Time Restaurant, 649 Main St. Cost \$25-\$27 pp (pay at restaurant). Bring spouse, partner or friend. Numbers at 7 July meeting, please.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH DATE CHANGE. Owing to a prior booking, our Christmas Lunch at Wharerata will now be held on **TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER**. Meal cost \$38 pp.

Cancellations, postponements, changes to numbers or rules, have all played havoc with our forward planning. Ed.

SOUTH WAIRARAPA REBUS CLUB



Jade writes: “CTW (Chief Tail Wagger) picked up this wax-eye beside the road on our walk this morning. He thinks it must have been caught in the slip stream of a car but not hit by the car itself. It needed time to catch its breath and get itself reoriented. It sat in the morning sun on a branch of the Bramley, matching its leaf colours so beautifully, for well over an hour before flying off over the hedge.”

Another beautiful botanical photo from David Woodhams, Newsletter Editor, and his alter ego, Jade. (In my childhood we had a Bramley tree – 3 apples, stewed, gave you a pan of white apple snow/puree. Best cooking apple ever.) Ed.

More definitions from the Washington Post:

Coffee (n.), the person upon whom one coughs.

Flabbergasted (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.

Abdicate (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.

Esplanade (v.), to attempt an explanation while drunk.

Willy-nilly (adj.), impotent.

Negligent (adj.), condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown.

Flatulence (n.) emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.

Testicle (n.), a humorous exam question.

Rectitude (n.), the formal, dignified bearing adopted by proctologists.

Pokemon (n), a Rastafarian proctologist.

Sarcasm (n): gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.

Frisbeetarianism (n.), belief that, when you die, your soul flies onto the roof and gets stuck there.

REBUS CLUB OF UPPER HUTT INC.

Annual Dinner:

The Club's annual dinner will this year be held on Wednesday 25 November at Te Marua Golf Club. Start time will be around 6.00pm and price \$35.00 per person (a small increase on previous years).

Speaker for July:

A special presentation will feature GREAT BARRIER ISLAND. One of our own lovely offshore Islands that few get to see, let alone experience. But our Club is fortunate to have in our midst someone who knows the Island well and understands what our members like to see and learn about these gems of local places. Something to look forward to - a quality presentation that will be of interest to all members.

New Members:

The Club is pleased to advise that nominations have been approved for three new members. Margaret Davidson, Doreen O'Hagen and Joan Hodgins will be inducted into membership.

Thought about the time we were locked in !!

Don't cry because it happened. Smile because it's over.

Thank you to John Hanning and Lesley Christie for your news.

REBUS CLUB OF RIVERSIDE HAMILTON



The Queen's Birthday Honours list for 2020 announced:

"Queen's Service Medal: Bevan Albert Bradding and Margaret Mary Bradding, of Hamilton, for services to the community." Warmest congratulations to Bevan and Margaret for this well-deserved honour. "Bevan and Margaret Bradding have turned a lifelong interest in horses into a way to give something back to the community. The couple, both born in the Waikato, retired in 2000 and have been involved with the Hamilton branch of **Riding for the Disabled (RDA)** since 2004. The Hamilton RDA is one of the biggest in the country, and a wide range of people with disabilities of all ages benefit from their work. Around 130 people participate each week at RDA, with up to 20 volunteers.

"Happy Days Are Here Again" Lunch

Our mid-winter Lunch is on 14 July 2020 at the St Andrews Golf Club (Matte Black caterers) from 11.30 a.m. The dress theme is "Bright and Beautiful" and entertainment is by popular and classical singer Katie Trigg. The cost is \$35 p.p.

Our August Main Speaker is Lisa Tamati, a long distance runner, on "What it means to be relentless."

"A word to the wise is not necessary, it's the stupid ones who need advice". Bill Cosby



And a very kind Bouquet to Rebus Club News.

Thank you for the fun newsletters over lockdown period, our members have really enjoyed them.
Bev Wallace,
Fitzherbert Rebus Club, Palmerston North.

PUKENAMU REBUS CLUB

Our informal get together is on **2 July at 10.30am in the Wanganui East Club** – it will be a good opportunity to catch up with everyone, enjoy a natter and some music – tea/coffee will be available.

Our first formal meeting will be on Thursday **6 August at 10am** in the Blind Centre. Dining out will start again in August.

Helen Goldfinch, Newsletter Editor, always has something funny for us. Ed.



FITZHERBERT REBUS CLUB INC.

Last Club Day: I wonder how many of us took the inspiration into lockdown gained from our March speaker, Olivia En? Olivia, who is blind from birth because her mother contracted measles in a refugee camp during her pregnancy, truly inspired us with all that she has accomplished whilst juggling a household with a partner and 4 children, work, study, and life in general.

On Monday 20 July at 1:30pm we will visit Te Manawa to visit “**Mighty Small, Mighty Bright**”, a journey through the science of light, lasers and nanotechnology and how they are used outside the lab. Entry is free but a donation is welcomed. We will finish with afternoon tea at Barista Cafe in George Street.

OPERATUNITY DAYTIME CONCERTS - The group is on the road again and will present "**Stage & Screen**" here on **Wednesday 22 July** at 11 a.m. in the Life Church, 590 Featherston St., PN. The cost will be \$31.00 for show and lunch. They plan to bring us the most beloved musical moments from stage and screen performed by a line-up of talented and trained singers and musicians.

Thank you Bev Wallace for your news, and kind words. Ed.

KOWHAI REBUS CLUB OF BETHLEHEM

From President Hoppy:



At our next meeting on **Friday July 3rd** at the Citizen’s Club my aim is to keep things in-house. All of us have had different experiences during the Covid-19 lockdown, some serious and some not so serious. As well we are also individually and collectively facing a new world and a new future. I will have a panel of four members to discuss their individual stories and share some of the lighter moments that all of us have had and are facing. Contributions from any members will be gratefully received.

- 14th July Tuesday, morning tea at Patio Rose Café 525 Cambridge Road Tauriko at 10:30am.
- 24th July Friday, Carpooling, morning tea Pacific Café Papamoa, followed by visit to Xanadu Book Exchange, Papamoa, lunch at surprise destination.
- 31st July Friday, movie Rialto. Lunch at Robert Harris Café, Willow St.

The YMCA exercise class at the Bethlehem Hall Wednesday mornings has recommenced.

- 7th August Friday 10:00 am. Annual General Meeting.
- August Pot luck luncheon, need a member to offer their home to host this please.

And that brings us up to date again, thanks to Marie Mabey, Newsletter Editor at Bethlehem.

TAURANGA CENTRAL LADIES' REBUS CLUB



Introducing: President Sharon Frost.

Have you visited **The Miranda Shorebird Centre**?

(They are called Shorebirds, because although they fly thousands of miles over the ocean, they do not have webbed feet and cannot swim.)



The amazing annual migrations of **Bar-tailed Godwits**, nearly half the world population of Wrybill, whirling flocks of thousands of shorebirds, and the rare geology of shell bank cheniers, are just some of the features of the Miranda coast on the Firth of Thames.

In March 2007 a female Bar-tailed Godwit, took off from the Firth of Thames. When she returned to the Firth six months later, she had flown nearly 30,000 km on her migration to breeding grounds in Alaska, via the Yellow Sea coast of China. She returned to New Zealand in one nonstop flight of 11,680 km in just over eight days – a record for any non-seabird. The satellite tags used were installed at the Miranda Shorebird Centre in association with an international network of researchers.

For more information go to www.miranda-shorebird.org.nz

Many thanks to Margaret Douglas for keeping in touch with us, and for sending us this mind-blowing article. Ed.

COMBINED REBUS CLUB OF PARAPARAUMU BEACH INC.



We are delighted to report that **Operatunity** shows are back on the road. The next show on the Kapiti Coast will be at the Southwood Theatre on **Tuesday 2nd July** (curtain up 11.00am). "Stage & Screen" will bring us the most beloved musical moments from stage and screen, sure to stir your soul and stun your senses!

Our April trip to Palmerston North had to be suspended in the wake of lockdown, but we are pleased to advise plans are well advanced to resurrect the trip on **Wednesday, 26 August**. It is a full day trip with visits to the **Wildbase Recovery Centre and the Medical Museum**.

A trip to **Circa Theatre** has proved popular in the past, and we are currently looking at the matinee performance of "**Di and Viv and Rose**" on **Sunday 25 October**. The play is a witty, vivid comedy that charts the steady but sometimes chaotic progression of three women's lives and their ultimately enduring bonds.

Thank you to a very busy person, Steve Hutchison who is President and Bulletin Editor. Always a good read Steve, Ed.

The closing date for entries in the Rebus Calendar Photo Competition is 15th September. There is still time to get clicking, and send us your entry – details have been published in previous issues of Club News and Rebus Chronicles.

Many thanks for joining me on this whirlwind excursion around New Zealand for the month of June 2020. We have survived – a little bruised maybe, but not seriously wounded – and certainly a lot wiser. Clubs like our Rebus Clubs have an important part to play in communities, helping folk to bond and support each other in good times and bad. Stay safe and warm,



Jean-Editor, Club News