



REBUS CLUB NEWS

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Hello again, on this windy, rainy day when the weather cannot make up its mind what to throw at us next. I don't know about you, but I am feeling a bit down in the dumps lately. I know – it's winter, but this darned virus! If only everyone would follow the rules instead of believing the rules are not for them, we might be in a better position. Here in Auckland my own club is in danger of cancelling its second meeting this time around, so far we have been able to meet on only four occasions this year. But I know it is for the best really.

Hopefully you are all keeping well and warm. **Spring is on the way.** The "Earlicheer" in my garden seem to have excelled themselves this year, their perfume is to die for, even if they have had their faces down in the mud!

Spring is on the way in the Wairarapa. "This dwarf almond tree (right) is already in flower and the early apricot is not far behind," so I am reliably informed. Mmmm I can almost smell the perfume from here. So let's get moving on our trip around the country and find out what has been happening.



OMANU REBUS CLUB

President's Corner: It was great to see 60 members and visitors return to our July meeting and what a great time we all had. The laughing yoga turned out to be so funny and enjoyable with us all actively taking part. The university challenge was excellent and it added a little bit of competition to getting us all involved in a team game. At the end of the meeting it was great to see our members leaving the club with beaming smiles. **"Who dunnit?"** Our Guest Speaker for September will be ex-Scotland Yard detective Phil Waters who will tell us about his career in one of Britain's top police units.

Rose Coutts, Secretary.

TAUPO MOANA REBUS CLUB



Ray Harwood was the ten minute Speaker and told us about his work as a furniture manufacturer. After 25 years in 1987 they had the contract to furnish the newly built **"Beehive"** all of native timbers.

18TH BIRTHDAY OUTING, 16th July 2020 was celebrated at the **Wairakei International Golf Club Café**. A most enjoyable time, despite the atrocious weather outside! *Christine*

Bailey, Bulletin Editor.



REBUS CLUB CAMBRIDGE

Our July Guest Speakers were **Virginia Graham and Marleina Ruka** who spoke on behalf of **"Friends Of Hamilton Gardens"**. They talked about the development of the Gardens, which was very interesting, especially about the amazing work of Dr. Peter Sergel, whose idea for the gardens began more than 20 years ago.

August Speaker, Wayne Good, speaks about a life of a designer. Wayne is a chef, tour leader and interior designer at **"Arkanda Living and Interiors"**. Wayne, who has been going to France since he was 10 years old, says he loves the simplicity of French food . Wayne enjoys sharing his vast knowledge through his popular Interior Design Workshops.

Steve O'Sullivan, Newsletter Editor.

Do not regret growing older. It is a privilege denied to many.

REBUS CLUB OF KHANDALLAH



Heather Mills, a Visitor Centre Educator from **Government House** spoke about the history of Government House at our August Meeting. Eighty three members and three visitors attended on a lovely Wellington day.

We enjoyed hearing about the original Government House which was built in the grounds of the present Parliament, and the lunatic asylum which was formerly in the grounds of the present Government House.

Heather showed us many historic photos and told us about some of the former Governors-General and royal tours, in particular one Arthur William de Brito Savile Foljambe, 2nd **Earl of Liverpool**, GCB, GCMG, GBE, MVO, PC, JP, DL who completely upstaged the Prince of Wales when he visited! *Heather Nelson.*

REBUS CLUB OREWA July Club Speaker - Tuma Hazou

Our club member Tuma Hazou spoke on his career as a war-time reporter entitled "**Dances with Death**". He gave us insight into his perilous encounters reporting on hostilities in the turbulent Middle East. Tuma is an accomplished journalist with 40 years experience in the media. He spoke of 3 dances with death during repeated Israeli air raids on Jordan in August 1968. Relocating in 1967 to Amman, in Jordan, he worked as a radio programmes producer and freelance journalist contributing Middle East coverage to UPI, BBC, NBC TV and radio news and later as both cameraman and radio reporter with ABC TV and Radio News of New York. He also acted as media advisor to Prince Hassan of Jordan. In 1990 Tuma joined UNICEF as Director of Information for the Middle East and North Africa, working there until 1997 when he took early retirement and settled with his Kiwi wife, Virginia, in New Zealand.



King Hussein and Tuma Hazou in 1968, meeting on top of a captured Israeli tank.

Maureen Grigg, Bulletin Editor.

THAMES BONANZA CLUB

Last month the weather was dreadful on Club Day, and the Guest Speaker, Rosalie Steward, was late arriving. She had to clear the debris off the road, but fortunately remembered to bring her chainsaw! She arrived a little late – no need for Plan B.

Activity Groups – "Talk of Travel" The next meeting of the Talk of Travel Group will be held at 12.30pm on **Thursday 27 August 2020** at the home of Cheryl & Gary Meek, 9590 Paeroa Kopu Road, Kopu, Thames. The presentation will be on Slovenia, and northern Croatia. *Gary Meek, President.*



A picturesque swimming pool - Lake Bled, in Slovenia.

The best way to cheer yourself up is to try and cheer somebody else up" - Mark Twain

Learn from the turtle - it only makes progress when it sticks its neck out.

REBUS CLUB OF FOXTON

What's happening SEPTEMBER

SWAP TABLE Saturday Evening 5th **LUCKY DIP DINNER & FAVOURITE RECIPE.**

Wednesday 9th **OPERATUNITY.** Concerts start at 11.00am. Rebus Contact— Judith Brown 363 8006. 'Fabulous 50s' led by Bonnie and Karl. Lunch at conclusion of concert included.

Tuesday 15th **REBUS CLUB MEET.** 10.00 am

Thursday 24th **ERICS CINEMA.**

Editor's Note: a number of clubs in the area include a trip to Eric's Cinema in their activities. Now all is clear: Eric Clarke (87) inside his private movie theatre he built on moving to Feilding, with seating for 38 guests. Eric has a library of over 2500 classic and family movies. The \$5 entry fee is donated to St Johns. *Ngairé Hughson, Secretary.*



RED BEACH LADIES REBUS CLUB

PHOTOS FROM OUR JULY MEETING



Sherril, our Trading Table co-ordinator, selling her fine selection of preserves and baking, together with generous contributions from our members, and President Trish thanking our July guest speaker, **Detective Lisa Norton** who gave such an interesting talk about her career in the NZ Police Force and her experiences as a detective. *Bobbie Wakenell, Newsletter Editor.*



REBUS WAIHEKE ISLAND

Mini Speaker – Joe Bell stepped in to give the mini talk calling it, “**From Russia with Love**”.

In 1998 Joe was approached to rescue and refurbish a ‘Russian lady’ about to be released from detention in London! She was a 10-ton Zil 131 Russian communications truck formerly owned by Saddam Hussein. She was moved to RAF Hack Green where a special aircraft hangar was built for her restoration. Joe then spoke of the War and Peace show held annually in June in Kent where 4,000 privately owned military vehicles meet with 1500 traders from all over Europe. Many are loaned to film companies. Many slides were of film sets built for the one week show also attended by school children and students of modern history. *Tania Sweet, Newsletter Editor.*

WEST AUCKLAND MEN'S REBUS CLUB

On 1st March West Auckland Men's Rebus Club celebrated a milestone – they reached their 35th Birthday – and received a Certificate of Achievement from Rebus NZ Inc to commemorate the event. Congratulations to you all.



July's Guest Speaker was Jacquie Knight, aka The Butterfly Lady, founder of and driving force behind the Monarch Butterfly New Zealand Trust (<https://www.monarch.org.nz/>). Her address was very detailed and she held her audience's attention well throughout. Not a topic you would expect a bunch of old men to take an interest in. Quite the contrary. It was obvious from the audience's comments and questions that members shared, if not Jacquie's great enthusiasm, then certainly her interest in the subject. The male monarch butterfly has a black spot on each hind wing.



John Mihaljevic, Newsletter Editor.

TAURANGA CENTRAL LADIES REBUS CLUB



Sue Clynes - Theatre nurse at Tauranga Hospital - spoke of her experiences working on a Mercy Hospital ship for over 2 years.

Mercy Ships is a global charity working around West Africa whose patients are the poorest of the poor. Doctors fly in for 2 weeks and volunteers pay for their own food and board.

The ship has a mini hospital with 5 theatres, and the same equipment as at home. There are up to 35 multinational staff. They spend 10 months in each country with training for local people. They screen up to 8000 people with some patients staying for up to 6 months in an aftercare facility. Sue showed graphic slides of patients with disabilities and illnesses never

seen here. Our thanks to Sue for a most interesting talk.

Margaret Douglas, Bulletin Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF PALMERSTON NORTH

Midwinter Lunch. On 4 August, after our Club meeting, 27 members went to the local **Golden Time Restaurant** for a 14-course lunch. The Chinese dishes were delicious, and the camaraderie excellent. Forks were better handled than chopsticks in most cases, but the end result was the same – ample good food and conviviality made for a lasting memory.

Guest speaker at our last Club meeting, **Professor Vince Neall**, presented an excellent slide show and talk on the European history of coastal Fiordland. James Cook named many of the inlets and coves in Dusky and Doubtful Sounds on his first voyage in 1770. On his second visit in 1773 on the *Resolution*, Cook named Astronomer's Point from which was determined their precise latitude and longitude. The first European house in NZ was built at Luncheon Cove in 1792. Many more fascinating facts were most enlightening.



Dean Halford, President and Newsletter Editor.



Rebus NZ Incorporated is pleased to announce the appointment of Sue Eckworth to the Board. Sue is the current Secretary of this Palmerston North Club, a Past President, Life Member and also a member of the Rebus Club of Foxton. Sue's appointment illustrates the view that if you want a job well done, give it to a busy person. With so many Rebus Clubs in the Manawatu/Whanganui Districts, Sue will be well placed to offer any assistance when required. Welcome aboard Sue!

WAIKANAE MILLENIUM REBUS CLUB



MID-WINTER LUNCHEON

Held at THE PLATEAU, PARKWOOD
On THURSDAY 23rd JULY at 12.30pm

Editor's Note: I really hoped we were past all those Covid jokes, but it seems not so. Here are a few "Phase Two" funnies to remind us!!



Covid Compliance Officer buys lunch.



Government : "Only the head of the family gets to go out and buy groceries"

Our head of the family :



David Goggin is Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF RIVERSIDE HAMILTON

Another month and no meeting due to the Covid restrictions. Hopefully September will be the first month I get to preside at a meeting. Although the main monthly meetings have all been cancelled it is good to see Club groups such as the **Tramping Group the Walking Group and the Cafe Club** are all operating with good numbers attending. Our **Divine Dining** lunch is on Sunday 20 September 2020, 12 noon at the Cock & Bull, Corner of Maui and Church Streets, Pukete. The menus for this "traditional English Pub and restaurant" will be available at our September meeting. Our **End-of-Year Festive Lunch** is on Tuesday 1 December 2020 with **Matte Black at Hamilton Golf Club**. *Kevin, President.*



Walking Group beside the Waikato River



Tramping Group on the Te Hemo Gorge trip. *David Swain, Editor.*



Do you know, if you can't get a mask you can use a bra, but be sure to use the left cup otherwise you might look a right Charlie.

REBUS CLUB OF MT. HOBSON

July Guest Speaker– Dr Paul Spoonley

Dr Spoonley is Distinguished Professor of Massey University and one of New Zealand's leading academics. His contribution to sociology was acknowledged with the Sociology Association of Aotearoa New Zealand's scholarship for exceptional service to New Zealand sociology. By 2030 there may be over 6 Million of us; the majority clustered in Auckland. Within 10 years 2 out of 5 New Zealanders will live in Auckland, Asians will outnumber Maori and those over 65 will outnumber those aged 1-15. A girl born in 2018 will have an average life of 94 and those over 100 will become commonplace. Future generations will perhaps be wealthier but heavily in debt.



Proposed Trip: The Auckland Fish Market Cooking School

Planned for Wednesday 7th October – 11.00am to 2.30pm. This is a chance to develop a few cooking skills, have a great time and a great lunch and spend a bit of the money you were going to spend on that overseas trip. Wives and partners welcome. More detail to come but put the date in your diary. *Don Bunting, President and Newsletter Editor.*

SOUTH WAIRARAPA REBUS CLUB



South Wairarapa Rebus Club celebrated its **30th Anniversary** on Friday 24 July with a mid-day luncheon at **Parehua Restaurant in Martinborough**. Most of our members, including two foundation members, Dawn Dryland and Alisoun Werry, were there. A high point of the celebration was the presentation of a certificate acknowledging this 30-year history by **Lynn McLeod, deputy chair of Rebus NZ, to Alisoun Werry, foundation member and widow of the club's first President, Peter Werry**, who was elected to the office in July 1990.



Alisoun drew attention to her husband's determination in 1990 not to inherit unnecessary traditions from Rotary. Peter wanted to leave the overt Rotary formality behind as well. As a consequence, SW Rebus Club has no presidential chain, there are no badges of office and our monthly meetings are informal and relaxed. The membership most recently supported this stance when we ruled out the award of any further life memberships. *David Woodhams, Newsletter Editor, (and owner of the almond tree in the Introduction to this edition of Club News).*

REBUS CLUB OF PETONE I believe we all felt in our heart of hearts that Covid-19 would at some point become resurgent in NZ and that is now a reality. I regret to advise you all that by majority decision your committee has decided to err on the side of caution and not proceed with our monthly meeting on 26 August that our duty of care to members overrode our natural wish to continue with our meeting and scheduled activities. In keeping with many other clubs and organizations' we have decided to wait until the way ahead is clearer. Will we see a Rebus logo mask before too long ???!! With best wishes to all – Gary. (*Wow, great idea Gary*).Ed. In June, Christina Macfarlane was inducted as a new member, and in July we welcomed Chris and Brent Player, and Diana and Ralph Robertshawe.

COFFEE AND CHAT: The 1st of September will be at California Garden Centre so some more plant temptations for you as well as a cup of coffee. On 6th of October we will be visiting Berry Berry Nice, a new café on the corner of Jackson and Britannia Streets.



Proposed Visits: "Resene Paints" NaeNae, Lower Hutt - Monday 28 September 2020.

"Kapiti Coast" - Friday 6th November 2020. We have booked a bus tour of the beaches from Titahi Bay to Paraparaumu. This will be followed by a stop at the Foodcourt in Coastlands Mall at Paraparaumu for lunch.

REBUS CLUB OF UPPER HUTT INC.

New Members: Welcome to **Doreen O'Hagan** inducted into membership at the 15 July meeting of Rebus Club of Upper Hutt. Doreen was introduced by Elizabeth Banks.



Margaret Davidson was inducted into membership on 19 August. Alex Davidson introduced Margaret, his best friend and wife.



Colleen and David Scott have been approached to organise another **Mystery Trip**. They have agreed, and it is planned to take place on **Wednesday 28 October**. *Lesley Christie, Secretary and John Hanning, Newsletter Editor.*

REBUS CLUB OF GULF HARBOUR

Our club continues to grow, and we should have inducted a further four new members at our August 12th meeting, but our plans were thwarted the evening prior – twelve hours' notice! It is a shame when we have such an enthusiastic group, most of whom are new to the Rebus movement. However, like most clubs, our **Ramblers** (run in conjunction with Hibiscus Mens) have been out and about keeping fit on a weekly basis, seen here on the beach at Tindalls Bay just before lockdown. We hope to be back to normal, well before we celebrate our **First Birthday** in October – what a year it has been.



COMBINED REBUS CLUB OF PARAPARAUMU BEACH INC.

Our **Club Speaker** was Kay **Cresswell** who entertained us with an armchair travelogue of the wonderful trip she and husband Hallam had on the Danube and Rhine rivers. All the way from Budapest to Amsterdam in ten minutes!!

Guest Speaker was **Captain John Granville (RNZN Retired)**. John's talk was simply to entertain rather than inform as he took us through a multitude of everyday expressions that have their origins in Navy folklore. I shall have to be very careful what I say in future; anything and everything could have nautical connotations that might get me press-ganged!!



As with many clubs, the interest groups are thriving in these difficult times:

After 3 months without a get together, 13 **Solitaires** finally met up for a lunch at Fisherman's Table on a really wintry day (photo left).

'Mah-Jongers' looking suitably challenged!

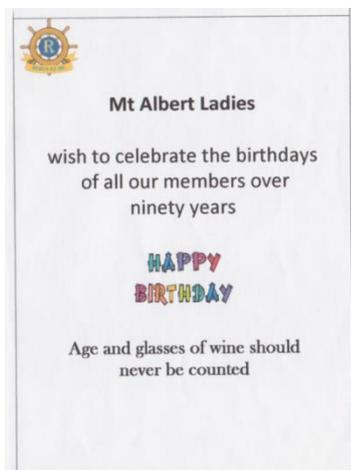
Steve Hutchison, President and Bulletin Editor.



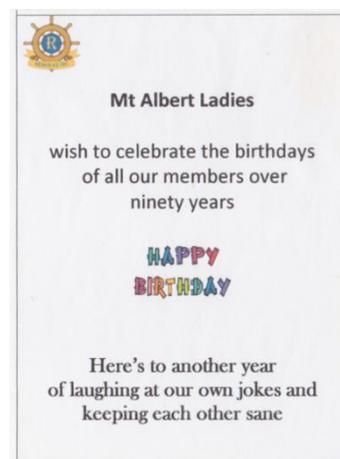
MOUNT ALBERT LADIES REBUS CLUB

We recommenced our general meetings on 22 June with a special morning tea and our members related their lockdown experiences. The next meeting was a busy one where we combined our Birthday with our A.G.M. where we farewelled 2 long-serving committee members and welcomed 4 new members.

Our birthday celebrated 31 years, 3 of them as a Rebus club. The retiring committee members cut the birthday cake. We have 10 members in their 90s and we honoured them with flowers and individual cards with appropriate "bon mots".



We enjoyed a trip to Ryders Cinema in August but unfortunately we have had to cancel our August meeting due to level 3 restrictions.



Diane Doreen, President.

WOMEN'S REBUS CLUB OF WAIKANAE

August Speaker – James Westbury. We were privileged to have James Westbury speak at our last meeting. James is both a Community Board member and our local Pharmacist. James spoke of the challenges of the pharmaceutical business since Covid 19; there are delays in air freight and shortages of medication which is why we can only get a month at a time, rather than three months at once. Some of the advice he gave us was to use the QR code or other form of tracing and to wear masks and leave our glasses on for extra protection. He advised us to be patient about our needs at the pharmacy and doctor's visits, ringing before going rather than just turning up.



Daphne Ruscoe showed off some of her lovely cross-stitch pictures, many of them were completed several years ago for family members.

Lucky Numbers: Our lucky numbers winner at the August meeting was Mary Paddock who was so happy to win Joyce Hitchlock's

beautiful hand-painted plate. Thank you Joyce for your generosity.



Mary Paddock is Newsletter Editor, (as well as lucky numbers winner!)

REBUS CLUB OF WANGANUI



Blast from the Past Visit to Richmond Harding Vintage Planes and collection, April 2019.

Paerau Taylor, Newsletter Editor.



KOWHAI REBUS CLUB OF BETHLEHEM

Outing for Thursday 24th September – “Camonbert, you know you're Gouda luv it”. Bus trip to Putaruru, plus “**Over the Moon Cheese Dairy**” Talk and Taste, \$25 includes Bus Trip and entry to Talk and Taste – Grate value! Plus - a mystery venue for lunch – *You'll Brie surprised.*



Spring has Sprung – Swans and babes at Gordon Carmichael Reserve this week. Six on the water, one on mum's back. *Lisa Sutherland, Newsletter Editor.*

I really love words, but I feel that those cheesy comments are a good note on which to end!!! That is all the news I have for you for this month – I think we have firmly established that Spring is definitely on the way, and I have to say that has cheered me up considerably – and the sun is now shining outside.

The government has announced that from Sunday night, all of NZ will be on Level 2. We have been yo-yoing up and down the levels, I think some of us have lost track of where we are, and slight variations can be confusing. Apparently, we will be able to hold meetings of up to 100, but the rules are all open to interpretation, so it seems.

Last week I decided to make some washable cloth masks for the two of us. I had almost finished the last one when there was an almighty BANG . . . and my trusty Bernina sewing machine blew up. Hopefully it is just a loose wire, or something. My father gave it to me for my 21st Birthday – I've only had it for 56 years! I don't suppose it owes me anything, but it is an example of excellent Swiss engineering, I don't want to part with it – it will probably cost more to get it repaired than it cost to buy new!! Decisions. I do have trouble with technology.



Jean - Editor, Club News.

CALENDAR PHOTO COMPETITION. There are some great entries submitted for the competition , but with only two weeks to go, there is still time for you to get in that last minute shot – spring flowers – I love spring flowers, maybe I'll give it a go.

