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By now most of us have been able to attend a Club Meeting since the relaxation of the pandemic rules, and what a joy it has been to be able to catch up with friends once more, swap notes, chew the fat, and settle back into the familiar routine our club offers. Some people have coped better than others, but as long as we continue to be **very** careful, we should be alright. At this stage complacency is the most dangerous thing that should be occupying our minds – look what has happened in Australia, Spain, and the UK, not to mention the USA!! We are so fortunate here to be an island nation – so let's not blow it when we have achieved so much.

There have been some great celebrations going on in clubs around the country recently, so why not make yourself a hot drink, ignore the weather outside, and come with me on a trip around the country to see what has been going on within the Rebus Family. You might get some ideas.

## REBUS CLUB OF KHANDALLAH

Members met at the Khandallah Bowling Club Rooms on 26th June, after not having seen each other for three months. Over 70 people attended the AGM and Richard Campbell was elected President; Dave Forrest, Secretary; Peter Isherwood, Treasurer; and Laurel Ferguson, Vice President. The **Speaker** was John Spittal from Churton Park, who belongs to the Guild of Woodworkers, Wellington who talked about his hobby of carving, and showed the meeting some walking sticks he had made. His second hobby is collecting digital advertisements and information from the past. There was some consternation about some of the advice and attitudes of the advertisements, plus much laughter also. Times have certainly changed. *Heather Nelson, Committee Member sent us this contribution.*



## REBUS CLUB CAMBRIDGE



Cambridge Rebus club held our first meeting since lockdown, on July 9<sup>th</sup>. We had 67 members at this meeting, which is 2/3rds of our membership. The 2020 committee was introduced to the club.

**Guest Speaker** was Virginia Graham, Past President of “**Friends Of Hamilton Gardens.**” Most of the Gardens’ development began in the early 1980s

when plans were made for a series of gardens that told the history of gardens throughout civilisation. It is now a unique concept attracting over a million visitors each year. Virginia spoke about the development of the Gardens, and what lies ahead over the next ten years.

**Our Mid-Year Lunch** will be on Thursday July 16<sup>th</sup> at **Hidden Lake Hotel**. The menu includes: Slow Roasted Angus Sirloin, Roast potatoes and gravy, Thai Chicken thighs, Fish bites, Salads with dressing, Plus... Yummy desserts!

*Thanks to Steve O’Sullivan for the news from Cambridge.*

## TAUPO MOANA REBUS

Fifty Three of our members attended the **"High Tea"** that was held on Wednesday 24th June at the Yacht Club. The table settings looked amazing, all laid out with beautiful cups and saucers and patterned teapots, just like it used to be in our Mothers' day when she invited the neighbours for afternoon tea. The food was on tiered cake stands, was plentiful and went down a treat. Each table had to relay an incident, special event, or something funny that happened during the time we were all in our "lockdown bubble".

*Christine Bailey, Bulletin Editor, sent us this charming account.*



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## REBUS CLUB OF RIVERSIDE HAMILTON

Our Mid-Winter Lunch, **"Happy Days Are Here Again"** was held on 14 July 2020 at the St Andrews Golf Club. The theme for the day was **Bright and Beautiful**. Congratulations were given to Bevan and Margaret Bradding on their recent Queen's Birthday awards of the QSM medals.



Photos show some of the almost one hundred members and guests at our midwinter **"Bright and Beautiful"** lunch. Brian Morris and Tom Jewkes show that a Y chromosome doesn't rule out looking winningly **"bright and beautiful"**!

Nine new members will be inducted at the August meeting, and the **Main Speaker will be Lisa Tamati**, a long distance runner, on **"What It Means to be Relentless"**.

*Thank you David Swain, Bulletin Editor, for all your news. Ed.*

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## REBUS CLUB OF GULF HARBOUR

At the July meeting we inducted a further eight new members. **Guest Speaker was Jock Jamieson of the Sensible Sentencing Trust**, his subject was **"Discounted Justice in New Zealand"**. If you have ever wondered how some offenders seem to get off with such short or light-weight sentences, Jock has the answers. Unbelievable!! Immediately following the meeting, we adjourned to **Ma Rew Thai Restaurant** for a mid-winter lunch, very apt. The wind was so strong we had to lock the doors to the Yacht Club, and the Restaurant, to stop them blowing open. It was the coldest day of the year with gale force winds and squally showers. But the good Thai food soon brought on a warm glow – or was it the wine?



The **"Ramblers"** (combined with Hibiscus Men's Club) stride out every Monday, and on 27<sup>th</sup> July 20 of them strutted their stuff around Albany, meeting up at Palmer's Plant Barn for coffee and a sticky bun.

Eight members of the **"CBD Explorers"** group visited the Auckland Museum to view the exhibition **"Wildlife Photographer of the Year"**.

This exhibition has been on tour, and NZ has been able to retain it up till mid-August, due to Covid 19. If you have the chance, don't miss this one!





## REBUS CLUB OF HIBISCUS COAST

At the July meeting, the first after lockdown, the club was pleased to honour Past President **George Tregidga** with Life Membership, in recognition of his many years of service to the Club. George was also a founding member of the Rebus NZ Inc Society and has served a full term on the NZ Board.

67 members enjoyed a presentation from **The Right Hon Mark Mitchell**, current MP for the Rodney Electorate (to be renamed Whangaparaoa) as the **Guest Speaker**.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> July we had a **Mystery Tour and Lunch Outing**. It was a good day even though



the sunshine gave way to heavy rain for the last part of the journey. There were 9 cars and 27 people completed the route, from the **Club Rooms in Manly to the Jetty Cafe at Shelly Beach**, on the Kaipara Harbour. Trevor Penn's car of 4 got all of the 56 clues correct and Paul and Janette Wilkinson were second, both cars receiving a bottle of wine. A nice lunch of fish and chips with salad completed an excellent day by all who participated.



*Garth Dutton is Bulletin Editor for his club, thank you Garth.*

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## RED BEACH LADIES' REBUS CLUB

Members will recall that our club did not meet in June. However, our Committee received an invitation from the recently formed Gulf Harbour club to attend their June meeting at the Yacht Club which enabled us to meet the members and committee. They made us very welcome and we enjoyed their speaker, Lisa Norton, who has agreed to speak to our ladies this month. So many thanks to Peter and the Committee. It was great meeting your members and seeing your new club doing so well.



**Guest Speaker for July:** Long serving police Detective Lisa Norton, (pictured right) who will speak about her role in the New Zealand Police force, and experiences during secondment to the Solomon Islands.

*Thank you, Bobbie Wakenell for your newsletter, it was good to put faces to the names at last. Ed.*

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## REBUS WAIHEKE

**Mini Speaker** – Rachel Stace

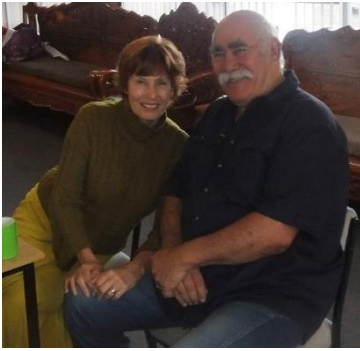
Rachel gave a very interesting and important talk about Hepatitis-C. In New Zealand 50,000 people have it, though only half are aware of it; one can and should find out by a simple blood test. Worldwide 150 million people have Hepatitis-C and it kills 500,000 each year. Although potentially fatal there is now a cure, found by New Zealander Dr Ed Gane in 2011. Symptoms are fatigue and nausea. Since 2016 Pharmac has funded Maviret which is 99% effective, an 8-week course. One should get tested, get treated and get cured. It is the first infection that has gone from disease discovery to cure in a quarter of a century.

*Thanks for this educational item to Tania Sweet, the new Newsletter Editor on Waiheke. Ed.*

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## WEST AUCKLAND MEN'S REBUS CLUB

June's **Guest Speaker** was **Bill Hohepa**, (who admits that his name is actually Wayne Wills). He was introduced by Noel Rose. As it happens, Noel's wife, Merilyne, went to school with Bill, through all three Avondale schools.



Noel brandished his 'Fishing Bible' (written by Bill, of course), from which he had learned two valuable lessons:

1. *Fish don't like a boat with a yellow bottom,*
2. *The smell and the sight of ground bait to a fish is like the dinner gong to Billy Bunter.*

Photo left: Bill Hohepa and his wife Linda.



Friday 26 June saw our **Mid-Winter Lunch (and movie) at Ryders, Avondale**. The movie chosen was **Ride Like a Girl**, the story of Michelle Payne, the first female jockey to win the Melbourne Cup. The movie was followed by a roast lunch. 41 people Men's Rebus members and spouses, but also from Waitakere Combined Rebus and the Historic Society. Even the weather was cooperative. *John Mihaljevic is Newsletter Editor, and Bill Fairs keeps me informed. Great pics, John. Ed.*

attended, mostly West Auckland

## REBUS CLUB OF FOXTON



### MID-WINTER CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Tuesday 21st JULY

Roast veggies, ham, one other roast meat and all the trimmings and delicious Christmas desserts. Drinks will be available at own cost from the bar.

We have some musical entertainment organized.

*Thanks to Ngaire Hughson for this jolly mid-winter news from Foxton.*

## REBUS CLUB OF DEVONPORT INC.

*The financial whizz kids at Devonport have decided to use the funds (that were not spent on the venue hire during lockdown) on a slap-up morning tea, and possibly a Spring Club Lunch during September. Good thinking and wise use of the members' money. Why are these clever people not in Parliament?? Ed.*

## HOKOWHITU REBUS CLUB

**Every Hat Has a Story.** With most members having presented a profile speech (or not confident to do one) our club needed to be innovative to fill this popular spot in our monthly programme. This year's convenor, Mary Bennett, has a new idea, inviting groups of people to give a shared presentation. This month the chosen group were asked to bring, model and tell the story of a special hat. So here they are with their hats: Rex sports his Australian model with its own separate tube for fly protection; Margaret's beauty was chosen to wear to the Melbourne Cup and can be rolled up and slipped in a handbag when the celebrations are over; Sue's sailing cap rouses memories of some wonderful cruising holidays; Mary's glamorous wedding piece was fashioned from a cheap sunhat and some well-placed ribbon; and Ezra was proud to wear his hat bought to wear to the Melbourne Cup even though it didn't bring him much luck. We are all wondering what Mary has in store for next month, and whose shoulder she is going to tap.



*Great idea – this contribution was supplied by Melva Jones, thanks Melva. Ed.*

## FITZHERBERT REBUS CLUB INC.



This good-looking group is the 2020 Management Committee.

We will be celebrating our birthday at the August meeting.

**Speaker:** Sally King, General Manager for the Medicinal Cannabis Council, will give us some facts that may help us when we vote on the up-coming referendum.

*Bev Wallace, Secretary, always sends us their Newsletter.*

**I think of life as a good book. The further you get into it, the more it makes sense.**

**Harold S Kushner**

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## WAIKANAE MILLENNIUM REBUS CLUB



Pat Fletcher, Margaret O'Connor and Ron Melville were new members inducted at the last meeting.

### MID-WINTER LUNCHEON

To be held at THE PLATEAU, PARKWOOD  
On THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JULY at 12.30pm

The meal will cost \$38.00 with free wine and juice supplied.

### AUGUST OUTING and DINEOUT

FRIDAY 21 AUGUST

**A VISIT TO SHORELINE CINEMA AT 10.15am.** The Movie "Military Wives" will be followed by an **Optional LUNCHEON at MAISON 8 at 12.30pm.**

*Thank you to David Goggin for sending us your newsletter. Ed.*

**REBUS CLUB OF PALMERSTON NORTH.** We rejoiced at being able to hold our first meeting on 7 July after the four-month break due to COVID-19. On a cold, wet winter's morning, we had a very good turnout of members who were enthralled by Life Member Harry Lampen-Smith's talk. Harry, as a ten-year old boy, experienced the Japanese bombing of George Town on Penang Island in WWII. Upon transfer to Singapore, Harry went on to Australia and Wellington, but his parents stayed in Singapore for essential work there and were captured by the Japanese. They were reunited in NZ after the war.



To celebrate our Club "reunion", we had a special morning tea. The photo shows members enjoying this opportunity to get together again. *Thanks to Dean Halford, President and Newsletter Editor.*

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## SOUTH WAIRARAPA REBUS CLUB



Our first general meeting after lockdown was held in Greytown on Friday 26 June. President Ken Hyde welcomed five new members. Our **Local Speaker** was **Barry Griffiths** who entertained us with tales from his Covid bubble and showed us evidence of his wood-turning output.

Our dynamic lead **Guest Speaker** was **Deborah Cunliffe**, a registered DHB nurse, who is very familiar with the medical and physiological effects of diabetes. Diabetes is a chronic disease that occurs either when the pancreas is no longer able to make insulin (Type 1) or when the



body cannot make good use of the insulin it produces (Type 2). There is no cure but diet, lifestyle and drugs allow it to be controlled.

**Jade writes:** "CTW (Chief Tail Wagger) is looking for a mate for me. He was looking for another bitch but there was a handsome old dog on the dating web-site and he changed his mind. Pat, unfortunately, had already been adopted, so I put my own advertisement for a husband on the internet. I got hundreds of replies. They all said the same thing - "You want a husband? Take mine!" Then I realised I had forgotten to say I was an old bitch looking for an old dog (with four legs)."

*Love it David! David Woodhams is Newsletter Editor at South Wairarapa. This situation has now been resolved, and Jade's new flatmate is Elle. The mind boggles - watch this space. Ed.*

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## REBUS CLUB OF PETONE

This is President Gary McKay and his Committee for this year.



Our new **Mayor, Campbell Barry** will be our **Guest Speaker** at the next meeting.

**FAREWELL TO WINTER AND COVID – LUNCH – FRIDAY 14 AUGUST** We still have spaces available so let's celebrate the end of Covid and the approach of spring together by having a lunch at Te Marua Golf Club. Their buffet is always good.

*Good to hear from you, thanks for your news. Ed.*

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## REBUS CLUB OF UPPER HUTT



### Speakers for July:

This month's presentation by John and Angela Campbell featured **GREAT BARRIER ISLAND**. It is one of our own lovely offshore Islands that few get to see, let alone experience.

Our Club is fortunate to have John and Angela as members - a couple who know the Island well. About 1000 people live on the island, and as many as 60,000 visitors arrive during summer. It is the 6th largest Island in New Zealand. Great Barrier Island is an extension of the Coromandel Peninsula. The population relies on generators for power, and there are no other services like water and sewerage. The "**Wairarapa**" which sailed regularly from Sydney to Auckland was

wrecked at Miners Head with the loss of 121+ lives. The delay in reporting the disaster gave rise to the introduction of Pigeon Post, the first in the world.

*Thank you to John Hanning and Lesley Christie for keeping Club News informed. Ed.*

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1. "If you cannot do GREAT things, do small things in a GREAT way"
2. "I always talk to myself when I need expert advice"

## THAMES BONANZA CLUB

### **Trips:** Thames Probus Club trip to the Tairua Troubadours – “The Wedding of Loreleigh & Benjamin”

**Sunday 20 September 2020 (Please note: Dress for a wedding)**

We have been invited by the Thames Probus Club to join them for this concert in Tairua.

The number of seats available to our Club will not be known until 14 July, so our allocation will be filled on a first-in first-served basis. We will advise you of the numbers available at our meeting.

*Sounds a lot of fun, thanks to Gary Meek.*

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## REBUS CLUB OF WANGANUI



### **Club Mystery Tour Tuesday 14th July 2020.**

A great day out which took us through the back roads of the Santoft Forest coming out at Bulls, then down to Feilding where we had lunch at “**Murphy’s Bar**”. A foggy start to the day, but later clearing. A good winter day’s outing, judging by the smiles of those who attended.



**Bronwyn Paul:-** (Head of the business Development Group U.C.O.L Wanganui), gave us an interesting insight into the training programmes and courses available at U.C.O.L. Examples of the diverse range of courses available are Carpentry, Engineering, Nursing, Te Reo Maori, Catering, IT, Hairdressing /Beauty, plus many more. Their nursing course covers 2 days theory at U.C.O.L and 3 days hospital work. The pass rate is extremely high, lately 100%, therefore nurses trained through U.C.O.L are highly sought after.

**10 Minute Club Slot:-** This took on a different format at the last meeting. Norma chose a subject then asked everyone for their input. **The Subject:** “What was your first Job?” Most members took part - very Interesting.

*Paerau Taylor sends us their news every month.*

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## COMBINED REBUS CLUB OF PARAPARAUMU INC.



Our **Guest Speaker was Dr. Peter Moodie** who spoke about his 15 years as Medical Director of Pharmac. Before that he was a foundation partner of Karori Medical Centre in 1976 before joining Pharmac in 1999. The appointment was to be for just two years, but they hung onto him until 2014! Dr. Moodie’s talk gave us all a very clear insight into the workings of Pharmac and the many problems with which they have to wrestle, deciding what to fund, what to continue funding and what not to fund. No easy job with so many worthy cases to be considered. Their efforts are constrained by strict budgetary limits and the dollar can be stretched only so far.

**Walking Group:** Six of us walked north along the beach from the Waterfront Café to one of the exits and back along the track around the airport to No 6 cafe for a much-needed drink.

**Operatunity:** Next up we have “**Fabulous 50s**” on Tuesday 8th September. Curtain up at the Southward Theatre will be at 11.00am.



*Thanks to Steve Hutchison, President and Bulletin Editor, for your contributions.*

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## CAMBRIDGE MEN'S REBUS CLUB

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020, our club held its first major social function since the dark days of the Covid-19 lockdown and it was a tremendous success. One hundred and twenty-eight members, wives and partners gathered at the Te Awa Lifecare Village hall for a swept up mid-year luncheon. The roast beef carvery accompanied by the full range of roast vegetables, Yorkshire Pudding, and gravy as well as the chicken drumsticks and the wide selection of mixed salad vegetables meant that all tastes were well catered for. Background music throughout the meal was supplied by Kevin Hanna, a professional pianist well known in this area as the resident pianist on the Waipa Delta paddle steamer when it used to cruise the Waikato river. This function was indeed a great opportunity for us all to catch up, swap notes and shake off those post Covid-19 lockdown blues!! *Bob Jackson sent us this mouth-watering contribution, thanks Bob. Ed.*



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## PUKENAMU REBUS CLUB INC. WANGANUI

### July Social Get-together

**This occasion** was a great success. We chatted and caught up with everyone, we ate delicious food (perhaps too much for some of us?), we laughed and we listened to music by Angela Crawford on keyboard and a young man playing double bass. **President** Don Adams proposed a "vote of thanks" to Helen for her great job keeping the newsletters going throughout lockdown!! **"Thank you"** to our Treasurer for organising the occasion and also "thank you" to the Committee.

I couldn't resist this cartoon of Dr Ashley Bloomfield and hopefully it will be the last one about COVID-19?

*My thanks also to Helen Goldfinch, she always keeps in touch, and did a wonderful job keeping her Club amused and informed during lockdown. Ed.*



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## KOWHAI REBUS CLUB OF BETHLEHEM



At our July meeting we were pleased to welcome Desiree Hocquard and Peter Sweetman, we hope you enjoy being with us and participating in our activities.

**A POT LUCK LUNCH** will be held at Laurel Nixon's home at 12 mid-day on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August, 29 Lemon Grove Ave, Otumoetai. Please take a plate of finger food, your own cutlery etc.

**Winsome Griffin** has kindly offered a 2 hour computer lesson on how to convert your old black & white photos to colour. Venue, time & dates TBA.

**OUTING:** Last week thirty five members gathered at the **Papamoa Plaza** for morning coffee, followed by a visit to the **Xanadu Book Exchange** where there is an abundance of mixed books, puzzles, DVD's etc. A fun day out.

*Many thanks to Marie Mabey, Newsletter Editor. She tells me this is her last edition as she is stepping down from Committee. It has been great chatting with you Marie, thanks for your help, and best wishes. Ed.*





## REBUS CLUB OREWA

**Wednesday Walkers:** The weather was grim so I decided to pop down to the beach to have a peek and see how our Wednesday Walkers were going. They're a hardy lot and I expected to see them bundled up against the wind and rain battling it out along the beach!! At the steps I looked left...no sign of them...then right and again no sign so I headed towards Oliver's, our local coffee shop, and sure enough they were there...busted!!! They were all upstairs enjoying their coffee, tea or hot chocolate. They assured me they are hardy, not stupid!! Who says we aren't adaptable? Next time the bad weather comes, I'm heading down to the **Friday Walkers** to see if they battle against the wind or prefer the warmth of the coffee shop too.



*Oh dear, Walkers, you were caught in the act by your Co-President, and now I have told the world!! Ed.*

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## WOMEN'S REBUS CLUB OF WAIKANAЕ



**July Speaker – Peter Avery**, owner and manager of the Shoreline Cinema, gave us a most interesting insight into the world of movies. His background has been more 'on the other side of the camera' and he has had challenging and exciting times in many countries including India, Australia and the United States. However Peter sees this as a young person's industry and since 1999 has run the Shoreline in Waikanae. He receives movies through distributors in the US, UK, Melbourne and Sydney - they are mostly mid size films and make the Shoreline different from what Peter called 'that popcorn place'. The cafe, an important feature of the Shoreline, earns about a third of the total income.



### Show and Tell July Meeting:

**Joyce Hitchcock** brought some of her beautifully hand-painted plates and dishes, one of which she has donated for our next

"Lucky Numbers" prize. *Mary Paddock is Newsletter Editor, thank you Mary for your news and pics.*

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**And that is all I have for you this month. Isn't it great to be back in the swing of all things Rebus? We really are a busy lot. Please take care out there, we are not out of this pandemic yet, so let's not get complacent. Keep warm and stay healthy. Spring is on the way – or so the daffodils are telling me. And thanks for all your contributions.**



*Jean, Editor, Club News*

### Calendar Photo Competition

There is still time to submit a photo of a feature that is typical of your own area. Winter time can produce some stunning images, such as stark trees, or frosts. You just need to be in the right place at the right time. (There was an entry in the "Wildlife Photographer of the Year" Exhibition at the Auckland Museum, where the photographer chose his site because he knew there were eagles there, baited a branch from time to time and waited ....Three years later he got his shot. And what a shot! Enough for him to be a winner.)

Just a thought – good things take time.