



REBUS CLUB NEWS

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Hello again, and welcome to our topsy-turvy world. I have some friends, members of our Rebus Club Committee, who, last Sunday left the Hibiscus Coast for a two-week conducted tour of the South Island. In the first six days the South Island turned on beautiful weather, *then* high winds, an earthquake, an outbreak of cryptosporidium, wild fires, torrential rain, and snow. I wonder what Mother Nature will dream up for their second week – locusts and pestilence?

I am frightened to ask them for an update! Spring is so named because it has a habit of springing surprises on us. Here is another. My Seville orange tree, which still has fruit on it, is now covered with blossom. I wonder when I shall be picking the next crop – in summer instead of winter? Who knows, watch this space.

Most clubs have members who are, or have been overseas for a winter holiday. I can understand the urge to get away after three years of restrictions and we are now let loose once again. But for those who have resisted that urge, and are saving their hard-earned cash, perhaps this would be a good time to take up a new interest, like a craft of some sort, or Mah Jong, or learn a new language – something to keep the brain active. Just a thought. Now to your news.

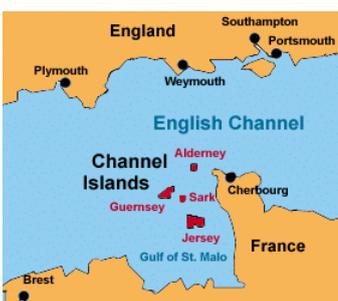
REBUS CLUB OF RIVERSIDE HAMILTON



Guest Speaker: Lindsay Cumberpatch.

Lindsay has had a long career in public service as CEO of one of the longest established philanthropic trusts in the Waikato, parish minister and University of Waikato chaplain, and he brings that caring nature to his role as tour manager. A passionate traveller and tramper, Lindsay loves photographing and documenting his adventures both in New Zealand and overseas. He has trekked in Nepal, Bhutan, Patagonia, and Tanzania and has travelled in the United States, the Pacific, Morocco, and the Middle East. He recently led a tour group to the red centre of Australia. *Steve O'Sullivan, Bulletin Editor.*

TAUPO MOANA REBUS CLUB



The August **10-minute speaker** was **Kath Devane** who shared with us memories of a holiday in the Channel Island - steep cliffs, sandy beaches, busy harbours, tranquil areas, and pretty towns. She described Victor Hugo's very lavish home, where he wrote **Les Misérables**. The Channel Islands are described as "*A little bits of France, dropped into the sea, and rescued by the English.*"

Kelsey Thompson was our August **main speaker**. She works at the **Wairakei Kiwi Burrow Facility**, where incubation, hatching and brooding facilities of hundreds of eggs have been safely hatched in a predator free environment since the centre open in 2019.

The September **10-minute speaker** was **Helen Bull** who spoke about the construction of the **Ohaaki Power Station** cooling tower. It is 105 meters high - as High as Auckland Harbour bridge - and wide enough that the "Beehive" could fit inside!

Main Speakers in September were Barry and Sandra Payne, who invited us to Papua New Guinea. Barry gave us lots of facts and figures, and Sandra spoke of the people, places, and the way of life.

Christine Bailey, Bulletin Editor.



Bad days are just good days where you forgot to smile.

PUKENAMU REBUS CLUB INC.



Several carloads of members visited **Granny's Christmas Grotto in Marton**. This enormous building was packed to the rafters with everything that could possibly come under the heading of "Christmas decorations". And what a magical place for children!

Club Speaker, Vern Hill gave us an insight into the early days of the kiwifruit export industry when he was sent over to France and Belgium to sort out the problems in exporting from Wanganui.

Guest Speaker, Erin Mead is a flying instructor at the Pilot Academy, who started learning to fly while still at school.

Helen Goldfinch, Newsletter Editor.

AVONDALE LADIES' REBUS CLUB

Short Talk: Heather Piper gave a most interesting story about her life as an owner of an Early Child Care provider.

President Soozie has gained a place in a **Country Music Club Concert**, and suggested that we go as a group to the concert.

After morning tea our **Guest Speaker, Raewyn Robertson from Auckland Library**, gave a most entertaining presentation of archival photos of our beloved west. Remember Tim Shalbolt, the Mayoral Daimler, and the Mayoral chains, whatever really happened to them?

AUGUST OUTING was Lunch at **Brick Lane, New Lynn**, on Friday 11 August and once again Brick Lane served a delicious lunch that was enjoyed by those present.

Barbara Douglas, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OREWA



Left: Guest Speaker at the August club meeting was Chris Rewi, Podiatrist, who gave us an informative talk on the care of our feet and how diabetes affects them.

Club Speaker was Susan Hoy, an avid knitter, who gave us a talk on her knitting, and brought in some of her lovely creations. She is happy to start up a Knitting Group within the club for anyone who

wants to learn to knit or even to just enjoy knitting together. Barbara Hay, also a knitter, asked for donations of any balls of wool or remnants, especially 8 ply acrylic yarn.



Maureen Grigg, Bulletin Editor.

REBUS WAIHEKE ISLAND

The Main Speaker was Neil Culley, Director of Wine Sciences at Auckland University, a graduate from the Universities of Auckland and Adelaide. Neil started work at Coopers Creek in Auckland and then worked at Penfolds in Adelaide, Babich in Auckland, and Simi in California. The wine industry was started in NZ by immigrants from Croatia who came here searching for new beginnings. In 1973 the first Sauvignon Blanc vines were planted in Marlborough. Today there are vineyards throughout the country, all being maritime except Central Otago. 501,000 tons of grapes are harvested a year, 81% from Marlborough, 7.9% from Hawke's Bay, 2.5% from Otago and .1% from Auckland. 80% of the grapes harvested are Sauvignon Blanc, 5.4% Pinot Gris and 5% Chardonnay. The export value last year was \$2.4 billion. The growth has been incredible, mainly driven by Sauvignon Blanc from Marlborough. New Zealand is second to France in value per litre. We have high value but also high costs. We are the most export focused in the world, being 90% of what is produced. There are 750 wineries in New Zealand of which 300 don't export, 12 make almost all the wine. The biggest challenge is selling, branding being very powerful. New Zealand's biggest market is USA followed by UK and then Australia. The UK market is controlled by large supermarkets, some sold under their own label. \$2.4 billion worth is exported in bulk and bottled in the market. Waiheke has wine tourism, high costs, low yields, and a good international reputation. We also have the **Goldwater Wine Science Centre** for teaching, this year there are 9 students from 8 different countries, it is a 2-year course. New Zealand needs to achieve a premium market in position and price. This is helped by the Kiwi attitude, adapting fast to technology and Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc. Challenges are climate change, market access, the reliance on Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc and the availability of skilled labour.

Tania Sweet, Newsletter Editor.

Editor's Note: This article was so informative, that it is printed in its entirety.

REBUS CLUB OF WHANGAMATA



At our meeting on the 16 August, we had **Lynne and Kevin from the Whangamata St John** give us a hands-on demonstration of both CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and the use of an AED (Automated External Defibrillator).

While many of us had seen this demonstration before it was a very useful refresher.

Leyden Baker, Bulletin Editor.

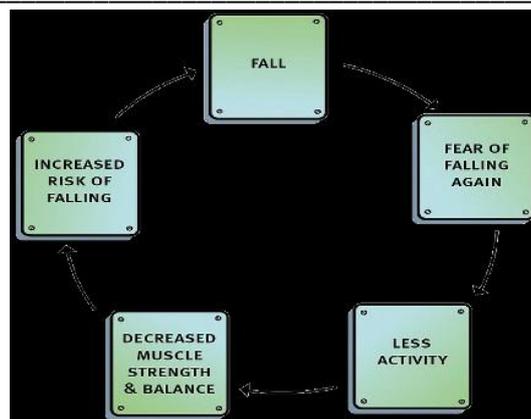


WEST AUCKLAND MEN'S REBUS CLUB



Speaker: Elin Noyer. Harbour Sport is a lead agent for the **ACC Falls Prevention Initiative**. We assess and certify exercise classes for over 65-year-olds. There are a variety of classes throughout Auckland: tai chi, dance, yoga, gym based. And we're very keen to promote more awareness of

how going out to the classes or exercising at home improves your strength and balance and helps reduce falls. We focus on falls because they are the most common and costly cause of injury for over 65s. Each year about 50% of people over the age of 80 will fall. And about 30% of people over the age of 65 will fall at least once a year. Hip fractures are the most common fracture that people have at over the age of 75. Nobody knows when we're going to have a fall, so do a bit of planning. Make sure your phone is always within reach. Leave a key outside in case somebody needs to get in should you need help. Get a medical alarm.



Vince Middeldorp, Secretary.

THAMES BONANZA REBUS CLUB



We had the **Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl of Thames High School** at our Meeting. It was refreshing to hear many positive things happening at Thames High, and the girls' positive aspirations for the future,

We had a local visit to the **Bella Street Pumphouse Museum** and a guided tour about the workings and history of the past. Things were really tough 160 years ago and we sure have it easy in these modern days.

Murray Newby, Newsletter Editor.



RED BEACH LADIES' REBUS CLUB

Last month's **Guest Speakers, Logan Dodds and Jesse James**, delighted members speaking about visiting schools around NZ, raising awareness of a career in the trades as part of their **Trade Up Collective**, which was followed by a lively Q and A session, with members keen to learn more to pass on to their families and grandchildren.

Our **Mini Speaker, member, Elaine Dodds** recited several poems known as '**bush poetry**' or **bush ballads**, delighted our ladies with hilarious renditions of 'How Old Is Grandpa', 'Just a Little Mixed Up' and Banjo Paterson's classic 'Bush Christening'.

Bobbie Wakenell, Newsletter Editor.

**Old age comes at a bad time.
When you finally know everything, you start to forget everything you know.**

REBUS CLUB OF FOXTON



Foxton Rebus Club with our guests from Palmerston North Rebus. The Posh Nosh morning tea was appreciated by all. Our Palmerston guests also said they found the quiz fun and had a good laugh. LUCKY SEAT was won by PN member Keith.

TENPIN BOWLING last month! An enthusiastic bunch of our club members had a great morning at **Bowlerama** in Palmerston North. Joan Brannigan led her team to victory. *Dereley Barry, Newsletter Editor.*

REBUS CLUB OF MT. HOBSON



Club Speaker for August – Gray Cameron. Topic: “The Pitcairn Trials”

In late 1999 Gray was asked by the British Government to be Senior Magistrate of Pitcairn. A police investigation was underway, significant charges were likely to be laid and the Government had decided to set up a judicial system to deal with the matters. He was told that he would have to travel on a container ship from Auckland to Pitcairn, fulfil his duties, and then wait for the next container ship to bring him back, and that he could expect to be away possibly for some months. He was told that a sense of adventure was essential for acceptance of the post. By any measure, the account of young girls living innocently on Pitcairn evokes horror. They were grossly abused at a young age, and they had nowhere to turn. Finally, a benefit of significance in the administration of justice. Travel to the Island was time consuming, difficult, and expensive. A highly effective audio-visual system based on satellite transmission was established between the Island and the Consulate office in Auckland. The time-lapse is no more than a few seconds, and not only did this become useful for administrative issues between the Island and the Consulate, but with appropriate legislative backing, Gray was able to sit in Auckland and adjudicate over matters where the parties were appearing before him from an approved venue on the Island. *Chris de Boer, Presidential Scribe.*

REBUS CLUB OF PALMERSTON NORTH

Alan Parkes, our **Club Speaker at the September** meeting, spoke about his birthplace Eltham and other notable aspects of Taranaki. He cited Roger Cox, winner of the inaugural World Champion Shearing Contest in 1977 and three-times Golden Shears Champion. Several All Blacks including Frank Glasgow, a 1905 All Blacks Originals team member, and Sir Ronald Syme, renowned Oxford University Professor of Ancient History hailed from Taranaki. The first batch of NZ Blue Vein cheese was made in Eltham. Dr Ernst Dieffenbach and James Heberly were the first Europeans, in 1839, to climb Mt Egmont (Taranaki). Alan Parkes climbed the mountain to celebrate his 50th birthday.



Guest Speaker Professor Vince Neall told us about the catastrophic eruption of **Mt Pelée on Martinique** on 8 May 1902 which destroyed the capital city, Saint Pierre, with the loss of 30,000 lives. This eye-opening description of the eruption and its aftermath was accompanied by some very interesting photos of the ruins. The island of Martinique is part of France in the Lesser Antilles group in the Caribbean Sea. *Dean Halford, Newsletter Editor.*

Now let me get this straight:

I go to the grocery store and buy some sliced ham wrapped in plastic; a loaf of bread in a plastic bag; milk in a plastic bottle; a pack of napkins wrapped in plastic; a ready-made salad in a plastic container; a plastic bottle of mustard; a plastic bottle of ketchup; and they won't give me a plastic bag to carry it home, because the plastic bag is bad for the environment. Really?!!

WAIKANAE MILLENNIUM REBUS CLUB INC.



The first meeting of the new Garden Interest Group



13 VERY SMILEY BIKERS
Happy to be warm and enjoying the Sunday Cantina's hospitality.

David Goggin, Newsletter Editor.

WARKWORTH LADIES' REBUS CLUB

As we battle through a long cold wet year, we are stimulated at our club by the wonderful speakers our **Betty Smalley** produces for us. Last month we had our local Police lady with an informative and interesting talk, and a cameo Speech by our treasurer, **Sandy**, who has driven her motorbike with friends on Route 66 in the USA.

In July we all loved the local **Animal Rescue Centre** ladies who are doing an amazing work in our community and beyond, rescuing animals in distress. Two ladies arrived with three puppies, one of which was a 7-month-old St. Bernard who was already enormous.



Beryl Good-Penn, President.



REBUS CLUB OF GULF HARBOUR



At the September meeting, President Verna awarded **Past President, Peter Odendaal, with Life Membership.** She acknowledged his pivotal role in the establishment of the Club in 2019.



Our **Main Speaker was member Ken Daniels**, a retired Barrister. Rather than giving an address, Ken got us discussing various legal terms, and deciding their meaning. E.G., the definition of consent; infanticide; was the recent Spanish kissing event a sexual assault; and the dilemma Barristers encounter defending a known guilty felon.

Club Speaker, Richard Ames, gave a PowerPoint presentation covering important events in his life, including 12 years with the RAF at Farnborough as an electronics engineer, taking part in the Fastnet Yacht race in 1989, and his Mother's fame for having designed the first child's car seat. Richard's address was followed by a special Morning Tea provided by the Committee to celebrate our 4th Birthday.

J. McIntosh, Newsletter Editor.

I think I still have some unfinished procrastinating to do from yesterday.

REBUS CLUB OF MANAWATU



Local Historian, Geoff Watson took many of us down memory lane in his talk about the exciting development of Palmerston North in the 1960s and 70s. For newer residents, Assoc. Prof. Watson provided an eye-opener about just how many of our landmarks and services stemmed from this time.

Photo left: Historian Geoff Watson with an earlier picture of Palmerston North's **Esplanade Railway**, one of dozens of pictures of the city.

Photo Kath Nevatt.

Margie Comrie, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF WANGANUI

Visit To the Wanganui City Council Chambers, to view the **"WINDOWS on WANGANUI"**.



Windows above L/R. 'Kowhai Park', 'Waimarie River Boat', 'Wanganui River', 'Sister Aubert. Jerusalem', 'Memorial Tower'. ARTIST Julie Grieg: GLASS ARTIST Greg Hall, who created the stained-glass windows. These wonderful works of Art are a feature in our local City Council Chambers, and depict the History of Wanganui, and many of the people and places that make Wanganui what it is today. Something we are truly proud of.

SEPTEMBER 10min Speaker, Grace Phillips, spoke of her Great Great Grandfather who in the mid 1800–1900s was a builder in Wellington and his company, **'James-Wilson'** was responsible for building many of the iconic buildings still standing in our Capital City today: St Johns Church, 170 Willis St.: St Peters Church, 221 Willis St.: Wellington Public Trust, Lambton Quay: and NZ's Parliamentary Library, all built between 1848 – 1909. *Paerau Taylor, Newsletter Editor.*

PETONE REBUS CLUB



Left: Members enjoying lunch at the **Boulcott Farm Golf Club Café**, as we celebrated Gary McKay's birthday.

Right: Members out for coffee and chat at **the Fig Café in Upper Hutt.**

Sharyn Bowen, Editor.



PAHIATUA AND DISTRICTS REBUS CLUB



During September members travelled to Palmerston North to attend Operatunity, **"The Last Night at the Proms"**. Everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable outing with plenty of foot-tapping to the music.

Our **Mini Speaker** for the month was member **Kath Horsefield** who talked about her life experiences. **Main Speaker** was **Debs Butterfield** from **Tinui Forest Garden** who described developing her forest garden over 20 years to a productive stage, only to be devastated by cyclone damage which left the property under deep silt. Only the paths through the farm were cleared but nature has been left to recover the forest garden by itself. A tour of the farm is planned for next February.

Liz Barnes, President.

SOUTH WAIRARAPA REBUS CLUB

Contribution from Editor David Woodhams curtailed due to several bereavements. Our sympathies, David. *Ed.*

The Wisdom of an Older Man

An older man approached an attractive young woman at a shopping mall. "Excuse me; I seem to have lost my wife. Can you talk to me for a couple of minutes?" Feeling a bit of compassion for the old fellow, she said, "Of course, sir. Do you have any idea where your wife might be?" "No. I have no idea, but most times when I talk to a pretty woman, she appears out of nowhere."

REBUS CLUB OF UPPER HUTT INC.



Guest Speaker, Terry McBeth is Chair of the New Zealand Poppy Places Trust. He joined the Army in 1961 and was commissioned into the Royal New Zealand Army Ordnance Corps in 1962. After postings in New Zealand, South Vietnam, Singapore, and Australia he retired as a Colonel after 34 years' service. Terry is a keen military historian, was the Army examiner in military history for junior officer promotion exams for three years, and eventually that interest led to the development of the Poppy Places Trust.

Alex Attewell, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF FEILDING

This month we had **Pete Gifford**, a dog trainer who has owned dogs since he was 16. He brought along a dog in training (Jill) who was rather sweet. Pete talked about which dog breeds are preferred for the different genres of work that they undertake: drugs, explosives, food & cash for airport customs. He prefers Labrador Pointers. They are training dogs as disability assistance helpers which need to be certified. Also Search & Rescue dogs. There is a bigger need these days for companion dogs for those lacking confidence. He said that only a small percentage graduate. It costs about \$23,000 for a trained dog. There is no government assistance, but ACC can help with funding. Dogs are now being trained to detect cancer in dog's urine, and also the varroa mite in bee hives which would be amazing. Pete has 60 dogs at home, WOW.

Lyn Jensen.



MANGAWHAI COMBINED REBUS CLUB

Lara Andrews is almost a local (raised in Waipu) and addressed us at the **July Mid-Winter Dinner**. She was one of 4 people world-wide selected to ski to the South Pole. Lots of challenges, especially for someone who hadn't skied before.

It was a 50-day journey across an incredible landscape, with average temperatures of -25oC. with great video and photos of her journey. She is an excellent motivational speaker. We look forward to hosting Lara again when she returns from the North Pole!



August saw **General Manager, Brian Spicer** provide an update on the development of the **Te Arai Links** golf course and amenities, just south of Mangawhai. While the private Tara Iti golf course (ranked number 2 in the world) remains the flagship for the owners, two new public courses are now opened at Te Arai. The resort employs over 200 people. Ric's Pizza barn has opened, and a new beach-front restaurant will open soon.

This item by Wayne.

**Companies are bragging about making plants taste like meat.
Cows have been doing that forever.**

REBUS CLUB OF CAMBRIDGE



Presentation: Last month, **Gary Ward** was presented with a **Certificate of Appreciation** by Cambridge Rebus. Gary was our President from 2016-2018, and has been on the committee (until recently) since the club was established.

Takapoto Estate Garden Tour

Earlier this month, members had a tour of the gardens at **Takapoto Estate**, a 198ha estate with forest, gardens, and an equestrian centre. The tour included morning tea, and a visit to the winery.

Steve O'Sullivan, Presidential Scribe.



REBUS CLUB OF MILSON INC.



Trip to the new highway project - Ashhurst to Woodville.

Manawatu Tararua highway trip was fantastic and a privilege to be there. Seeing film of the drone flyover was fantastic and two people from Fulton Hogan giving an explanation on how it was progressing was so interesting. We had 20 members attending, which was the limit, and **Kevin Dustin** (photo) tried out the simulator.

Margaret Broderick, Secretary.

CAMBRIDGE MEN'S REBUS CLUB



At the September meeting, three new members were inducted continuing the solid support we are receiving for our Club.

New members: John Elliott, Gerard Charteris and Don Fraser with President Max Norvill.

Guest Speakers were a panel of six senior students from **Cambridge High School**, who answered questions posed to them by Club representative Michael Cole and impromptu questions from the floor. These students were fine ambassadors for their school, their communities, and their families. It is heartening for the future of New Zealand to have such fine young citizens amongst us. An inspirational event for our members.

Nigel Salter.

REBUS CLUB OF HAMILTON

It was a great day on 15 September. Twenty-six members visited **Kawhia** for the day. Travelling by car, we arrived in time for a coffee, museum visit, and art gallery visit, before having lunch at the new **Sands Hotel Restaurant**. We were shown the accommodation in three of the eleven rooms at the hotel. Everyone enjoyed the meal and for me, as a relatively new member, it was a great opportunity to hear stories and get to know other members. Photo: the group on the beach front at Kawhia.

Elaine Fredericks, Secretary.



**Did you know that I am a multi-tasker?
I can listen, ignore, and forget all at the same time.**

WOMEN'S REBUS CLUB OF WAIKANAE



September Meeting was our Ballantynes Fashion Parade. Our annual fashion parade was a great success again this year. Our models, Ann, Wendy, Ally, and Maureen are shown here with Ballantynes' wonderful presenter, Mel, in their midst. The models showed off a wide selection of lovely spring/ summer clothes to get us in the mood for our warmer months.

On the right, Winnie gave us an informative and interesting talk on being a volunteer for the FIFA World Cup. She said it was great fun and she met so many friendly people.

Mary Paddock, Newsletter Editor.



FITZHERBERT REBUS CLUB INC.



Certificates of Appreciation were presented by **President Libby to Owen Fawcett, Glenne Sheppard, Rangi Royal, Nance Godfrey, Lorna King, and Pam Fawcett** in recognition of the work they have done over the years for the Club. Two more certificates are still to be presented.

September Outing

Fifteen people enjoyed an interesting trip to the **Bulls Museum** and learnt a lot about Chris Amon, war horses, Flock House as well reminiscing over things from the past. They then enjoyed lunch at The **Church Café, Sanson.**

Karen Carter, Secretary.



KOWHAI REBUS CLUB OF BETHLEHEM



Pauline's Preamble: As I write this the sun is streaming in through my windows. A welcome change. Buds promising new green leaves are evident on the trees all around. The promise of spring growth is apparent. As we get closer to the festive season, make plans to join us for our **Christmas Dinner.** We have the menu sorted, the entertainment sorted and some surprises in store.

Guest Speaker, Geoff Brunsten: Topic: **Bumble bees.** Did you know a bumble bee can flap its wings up to 200 times per second. Bumble bees air condition their nests with their own wings. Come along to hear more facts. We have been waiting for months for him to be available, he is that popular. Promises to be something different.

Marie Mabey, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF HIBISCUS COAST



On the 12 September, 15 members made their way into the City by bus, and walked to the Sky City area for coffee before turning up for our booked tour at **Weta Workshop.** An enthusiastic young guide ushered us through the many features of Peter Jackson's Auckland workshop. It was an eye-opener to see at close hand what goes on behind the scenes in moviemaking. Some of it was a

bit challenging as we made our way through darkened sections complete with scary sounds. 90 Minutes later we had lunch at **Commercial Bay Food Court** before the return to home base by **Winnie's free bus.** We can recommend this event for any Club looking for something different.

Report by Graeme Mc.



And thus ends the September edition of Rebus Club News. I thought when I started work on 25th that this would be a skinny month, but how wrong could I be – thirty-one contributions have combined to give you plenty of reading for a wet and windy weekend. A big ‘thank you’ to all who have sent in your news. I learn something every month, and this month’s eyeopener for me was the item from Waiheke about the wine industry. I hope you have also gained some inspiration for outings, and guest speakers.

Next month, October, three clubs will be celebrating milestone anniversaries; Upper Hutt, 40 years; Otumoetai, 40 years; and Pukenuamu, 25 years. That’s a lot of morning teas, lunches, and dinners. I hope you all celebrate in style, and I look forward to the photos for next month’s edition of Rebus Club News.

A friendly reminder: Whilst **Rebus Chronicles** is intended as guidance/help for club Committees, **Rebus Club News** is aimed at **all** club members. I appreciate that many clubs do circulate this monthly production via their membership list to all members, but some clubs rely on their members going to the Rebus NZ Inc. website to find it for themselves. Those members who are not on email, or computer literate, are missing out, and may be the ones who would appreciate a good read the most. Just a thought.

Till next month, stay safe, stay warm, and remember to VOTE. Kate Sheppard will be turning in her grave if you don’!



Jean

*Editor,
Rebus Club News.*