



And it's back down to earth with a bump now after our week away in New Caledonia. France is my favourite "go to" destination, but the long flights and uncertain terrorist issues are cause for concern to this not too happy flier. So I was willing to consider a little bit of France a lot closer to home, and I was not disappointed. The weather was warmer than here, and although we did not consider swimming, there was lots to do, the locals were delightful, and the food very French. Would I go again? Most certainly, and now I am looking forward to spring and getting out in the garden. Isn't it wonderful how a short change of scene can blow away the cobwebs and refresh the spirit?

If news from your club is missing this month, please check to make sure it was sent to the *new email address above*. As detailed in last month's Chronicles - the old one had to be replaced. Sorry for the inconvenience.

## SOUTH WAIRARAPA REBUS CLUB



At our July meeting we heard from Ben Masters of PaperHands in Martinborough. Ben is an artist and retail designer who finds creating wallpapers an exciting way to blend his talents and experience. His wife Helen, a winemaker at Ata Rangi, enjoys the opportunity to add her own design ideas and often comes up with new concepts. Ben's designs can be seen in the foyer to the refurbished Martinborough Town Hall and at Peppers Parehua Hotel in Martinborough.



Ben and Helen began looking for interesting wallpaper for their own house in 2008 and were surprised to find that there was no one in New Zealand then making handcrafted papers. But from their background in art and interior design they were aware that NZ does have a history of people passionate about both making and using them. After a period of research, they developed their screen printing setup.

They use premium water-based inks, sourced internationally and made to the highest environmental standards. The paper base is 100% natural wood fibres. They have also been invited by Resene to re-print a range of papers from their "Mason Handprints" archive. William Mason was a leading supplier of New Zealand handprinted wallpapers and fabrics in the 1960's and 70's. His business was bought by Resene in 1974 and they have preserved his original designs. The internet has made it possible for PaperHands to be set up with a minimum of working capital.

*Thank you David Woodhams, President and Newsletter Editor, who also sent us this gem:*

**"If you obey all the rules you miss all the fun." Katherine Hepburn**

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## CAMBRIDGE MEN'S REBUS CLUB



On the 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019 seventy four of our members gathered at the Cambridge Golf Club for our annual '**Mid-Year**' Luncheon. It was a beautiful sunny day and we all enjoyed a superb lunch and a good catch up with fellow members, their wives and partners. Our entertainment was supplied by the Cambridge High School brass band who call themselves '**Brass Roots**'. They played a variety of tunes for us – some new and some old favourites. They were an extremely gifted bunch of young musicians who showed real competence, both in their mastery of their instruments and their ability to harmonise together. It was a privilege to hear them play.

*Bob Jackson, Secretary, sent this article to Club News.*

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**Life always gives you a second chance – it is called tomorrow!**

## TAUPO MOANA REBUS CLUB



Four new members were inducted at the July meeting. Colleen Bell introduced **Cliff and Sally Mackay** and Ian Triscott introduced **Tony and Helen Watson**.

Wednesday 21st August we are having a Pot luck lunch at Rotary House.

September 11th Operatunity Concert at the Great Lake Centre.

October 9th Car Rally. Meet at the Vintage Car Clubrooms at 1pm. Always a fun event !

*Thank you to Tina Tapa, stand in Bulletin Editor – great job Tina!*

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## REBUS CLUB OF PALMERSTON NORTH

**A special visitor** at our last meeting was **Sister Joan's 'Monkey'**, whom she brought along to participate in her Topic Talk. Joan talked to us about her early days teaching at the local St James Primary School when it first opened in 1958. In the first days there were classrooms and lots of children, but little in the way of books or equipment, so Joan took along her little friend. She demonstrated how Monkey could count and read and we can imagine how captivated the children would be.....our Rebus members certainly were! Joan, who recently celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, has been a member of our club since 2013. We are still waiting for Monkey's application!!



*Thank you Melva Jones for this item, a lovely story. Ed.*

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## REBUS CLUB OREWA



The Rebus Club of Hibiscus Coast invited us to accompany them (with their partners) on their trip to Ryders and what a great day we had. Our intrepid group boarded the bus for a wonderful time out west at Ryders. What a magical place it is...full of intriguing "stuff" such as a cannon from, reputedly, the Bounty, the broken mast from the HMS KIWI the ship that rammed the Japanese submarine, an intriguing red pillar from the port of Auckland entryway and lots of other memorabilia. Ryders is a family run business and we were made very welcome by the grandson of the original Ryder who collected so many of the unusual

things. We enjoyed an ice cream while watching a film in a theatre reminiscent of the "old days" (you remember the Saturday movies?) The film was "**Finding Your Feet**" which is a modern film but deals with issues very pertinent to our age group...certainly a goodie!!! This was followed by a delicious roast meal and seconds if you wanted it! Everyone made us so welcome and they invited us to join them on future jaunts, but that was before Eric won the raffle!!



*Glynne Cockerton wrote the article, and Maureen Grigg, Bulletin Editor, sent it to us, thanks.*

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## THAMES BONANZA CLUB

### President's Comment

At our last meeting we received a professional and informative presentation from Geraldine Robinson & Dianne Crook from the ANZ bank, regarding various scams. These include email & telephone scams, which most of our members have received, when the caller advises you that you have a serious internet or software problem, and they need to access your computer to fix it. This enables the scammer to insert software that enables them to see your activity &



key strokes, including passwords, plus access to bank account or credit card details. I was staggered that the loss of funds known to all of the banks was about \$500 million. This includes card readers at ATM machines, restaurants, service stations etc., plus “romance letters” and those from bogus solicitors, Inland Revenue, or other Government departments. It was pleasing that some of our members were prepared to talk about their losses. ***I recommend other Rebus clubs take up the offer from some of the banks to make a presentation on this subject.***

If I receive an email and photo from some 30ish Russian blonde requesting a romantic association, I am confident that by sending her my photo showing a balding old coot in his late 70's it would very quickly get her to transfer her interest elsewhere. (Or maybe not, if she thought I was wealthy & gullible.)

A trip is planned for 5<sup>th</sup> September to the **Blind Foundation – Guide Dog Centre**, Homai, Manurewa.

*Thanks to Gary Meek for this very topical and important article. Ed.*

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## WEST AUCKLAND MEN'S REBUS CLUB



July's **Club Speaker** was **Trevor Pollard**, on his other hobby, woodturning. Trevor is a stalwart of the West Auckland Woodturners & Woodcrafters Guild. He gave us a display of his output, not a demonstration (which would hardly have been practical).

July's **Guest Speaker** was **Theresa Barrett, from St John**. Her speciality is **medical alarms**, but she also covered other St John services, and how they can be accessed via MSD's Seniors Division. If you need a medical alarm, St John can

help you with the paperwork. MSD has forms which your GP uses to verify that you need an alarm. Medical alarms cannot be purchased, only rented, at about \$20 per week. You pay the provider and MSD adds it to your Superannuation payment. If an alarm is triggered, the provider's call centre will first ring you, to see whether it is for real or an accident. The alarms can also be used to call the police or fire service: just say which you need when you are called. When the Christchurch call centre was put out of action by the earthquakes, the Auckland one was able to take up the slack, by taking on more staff. St John works closely with the Wellington Free Ambulance.



*You boys certainly find some interesting speakers: Thank you John Mihaljevic for another fascinating newsletter, not to mention the funnies. Ed.*

***'Wise men talk because they have something to say. Fools because they have to say something.'***

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## REBUS CLUB OF FOXTON

### VENTURE INTO THE WORLD OF DRAMA

A large crowd of our Rebus members gathered for our annual mid-winter Christmas lunch in July. This year however 15 of our members presented a side-splitting production, **'No Room at the Inn'**. This hilarious play was written by club member Dereley Barry who directed and narrated the Christmas comedy. The aspiring thespians included a dancing angel, complete with the shining star of the east, to guide bewildered travellers. There was a very grumpy Inn Keeper and his wife who continually had to keep him in line and a jaded Joseph and an extremely jaded pregnant 79 year old Mary, who had to tow all their possessions and her husband's tools of trade, for 40 days and 40 nights. The three shepherds were a little the worse for wear and confused to where the east was, but did remember to bring their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, (all in wine bottles). Three wise pregnant women, (ex-vestal virgins), admitted they were wiser now than they were nine months ago. They brought their gifts of bottled water, (to hopefully have it changed into wine after the new king was born). They brought their cow with them as their camel was indisposed. (The other reason being that we had a cow suit but not a camel suit). A very cute new born king, twice the size of his mother, made a grand entrance sporting a sassy blue woolly bonnet and an environmentally unfriendly disposable nappy.



Clockwise from left: The star in the east: The bewildered shepherds: The now-wise women: The new king, complete with blue woolly bonnet.



A great mid-winter Christmas enjoyed by all. A reporter from the local Horowhenua Chronicle attended and we received great coverage in the paper which we used as an opportunity to reach out to those in our community to join our club and make friends, have fun and enjoy our many wonderful speakers and outings.

*Dereley Barry wrote the script and notified Club News of the occasion, thanks.*

*You must have had such fun. Hope you welcome many fun-loving new members as a result. Ed.*

## REBUS CLUB OF PALMERSTON NORTH

**Guest Speaker Dr Cynric Temple-Camp** is a pathologist at Palmerston North Hospital. He has written a book **“The Causes of Death”**. At first a publisher rejected it, so another publisher, Alex Headley, was approached who suggested that he turn the book from fiction to fact, which he did and then it was published. His love of writing began at age 13 when he won a competition, his subject being **“The perils of shopping.”** He has always been interested in the reason for death. All humans react to the death of a loved one and need an answer as to why and how it happened. An all-inclusive autopsy can find the cause if not already known. A report goes to the Coroner for a verdict which is actually an opinion. Another book is in the pipeline. Above the door of the autopsy room is a Latin phrase *Mortui docere vivos*, the English translation being **“The dead teach the living”**. Questions followed a very interesting talk. Jenny Hunt thanked Dr Temple-Camp and presented him with a gift basket.



**DEER STORY MUSEUM  
OUTING,  
MANAKAU,  
17 JULY 2019.**



*Dean Halford is Vice President and Newsletter Editor at Palmerston North, thank you Dean, always interesting. Ed.*

## REBUS CLUB OF MOUNT HOBSON



**Club speaker for July Don Hargrave. Title: Snapshots of the Australian cattle industry by a curious tourist.**

Don apologised to any Australians in the audience and promised to speak slowly and use simple words. However, Don’s talk illustrated his keen interest in Australia and its many fascinating characters. When aborigines first walked to the new continent some 40,000 years ago (Australia originally had a land bridge to Singapore) the land was populated by myriad different marsupials and of course gum trees. When Britain lost its American colony and useful dumping ground for unwanted criminals in the 1780s, they sent them to Australia instead; just 18 years after Captain Cook first traversed the Eastern coastline. These early forced-immigrants had few agricultural skills and it wasn’t until 1812 that

settlers even topped the Blue Mountains. The potential for large scale cattle farming was evident, especially in the Northern Territories. Just two of the many cattle ranchers involved were the Durack family and the uncrowned “cattle King” Sydney Kidman. He told stories of massive 3,000 mile cattle drives in the early years before road or rail transport. Cattle rustling across independent State lines was also common. The Kidman family are today still the largest landowners in Australia. At the height of Sydney Kidman’s time he owned 176,000 cattle on 50 stations, in an area larger than New Zealand. Don concluded by describing the terrifying prospect of coming across one of the cattle road trains – a huge truck, plus 2 two-story trailers loaded with 70 tonnes of beef, travelling at 100kph.

*Thank you to Don Bunting for this contribution, and insight into the early days of the Lucky Country! Ed.*

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### REBUS CLUB OF UPPER HUTT INC.

Two Club stalwarts presented with long service badges.

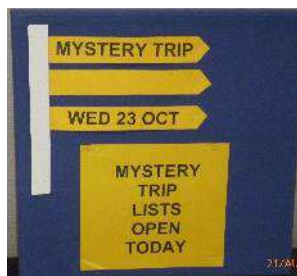
**Ken Durrant**

35 years as a member



**John Philipson**

25 years as a member.



Sorry we can't give you full details as it is a “MYSTERY TRIP” !!!

Organised by Colleen and David Scott.

Wednesday 23 October – leave from King St. car park.

Board at 8.15am for 8.30 departure - back at 5.30pm.

*Lesley Christie, Secretary, and John Hanning send me their newsletter, thank you. Ed.*

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### COMBINED REBUS CLUB OF PARAPARAUMU BEACH INC.



President Nigel inducts new member **Sheryll Pinfold**. Welcome Sheryll. We know you will enjoy the club.

Our own member **Tony Silke was our August Guest Speaker** and he excelled as he gave us a wonderful insight into his days in the hydro-electric industry. In particular, Tony has retained an interest and is active in the retention of the industry’s heritage.

**Steve Hutchison was our 10-minute Speaker**, backing up his description of narrow-boat adventures in the U.K. with some great photography. There were numerous shots of wife Kath hard at work on the tiller, working lock gates etc., but none of Steve!!

**This month’s Guest Speaker is Allan Appleton** who will be talking to us about his years in the Grenadier Guards. Believe me, he is a raconteur without peer. Prepare to be informed, but primarily to be entertained!

**Trips:** A visit has been arranged to “**The Pink Hammer**” at Circa, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*Thank you to Steve Hutchison, Bulletin Editor, for another full-on account of the happenings in your club. Ed.*



## REBUS CLUB OF RIVERSIDE HAMILTON



**President Susan Seath welcomes new member Linda Chandler.** We had a record number of seven guests at our August meeting, and the Committee has decided to provide "Guest" name badges for all guests so members can make a point of introducing themselves to our guests and making them feel welcome.

**The Tramping Group** had a great day recently (25 July 2019) "We were real trampers again - climbing hills, lunching and bush walking in the rain". Keith Wilkinson was thanked for taking the Group into new territory and a new track – and it was great to see the thriving native plants, and the Te Aroha wetlands still had some winter colour.



Members visited the **Waikato Expressway Visitors' Centre** in Ryburn Road, near Ruakura Road, on the morning of Tuesday 6 August 2019 and learned about the numerous new highways being constructed around Hamilton with their proliferation of underpasses and bridges. The large relief map (on left) showing all of the proposed highways, and the numerous photographs illustrating the extent of the project, were scrutinised with interest and a member of the Communications Team gave a presentation on the project. Afterwards members went on to lunch at the Dutch styled Zenders Café.

*David Swain, very busy Bulletin Editor, provided us with a comprehensive round-up from Rebus Riverside, thanks.*

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## WOMEN'S REBUS CLUB OF WAIKANAE



**Special Morning Tea:** At the August meeting the committee put on a special morning tea for our **Nonagenarians**, see left: But there was more than enough to go around and everyone enjoyed the special occasion with lovely food, a cuppa and good friends to talk to.

### **August Speakers – Alison Viskovic and David Goggin**

Entertainment was the form in our August meeting when, instead of a traditional speaker, we invited the **Movie Makers** group from the **Millennium Club** to show us some of their productions. This group was down to three members in 2017 but bravely made their first movie which according to David Goggin, was very 'amateurish'. Following this, fifteen members participated in '**The Big Stink**' which was a humorous short movie, with excellent script writing by Alison Viskovic. Even to an amateur reviewer it was clear the cameraman knew what he was doing. The other movie they showed us was '**The Great Bake Off**' which also had delightful humour and a couple of little twists. David emphasised the difference between a video and a play, in that there can be more straying from the script in a video. He also pointed out that no participants had any experience. The Movie Makers group is now thriving and our club certainly enjoyed the examples from their repertoire.



*Thanks to Mary Paddock, Newsletter Editor – it seems this group is becoming quite famous now, what fun. Ed.*

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## FITZHERBERT REBUS CLUB INC.

**Last Club Day** our very own **Les Boyd** took us on a journey through his work in a Leprosy Hospital, and his extensive knowledge of the disease. There are about 15 million people in the world who have the disease, although the number is dropping rapidly because of the treatments now available. Most of the cases are in Africa, South East Asia, and South America. There are 3.5 million in India. Leprosy is a bacteria which can kill the nerves. Only 1 in 7 people will be contagious. As usual it is most prevalent in poor countries where there is lack of good food and poor hygiene.

Treatments developed in 1950's and 1970's have made a tremendous difference, and drug companies have donated the treatment to the people with Leprosy.



Our **Club visit to the Central Energy Trust Wildbase Recovery Centre** on 24 July proved very interesting as it is a world-class rehabilitation facility for NZ's endangered birds, caring for sick native birds bringing together veterinary medicine, public education, conservation, tourism and energy-efficiency. We saw many NZ birds and the resident tuatara. The centre caters for children, tourists, locals and the elderly providing a quiet walk through a man-made NZ forest complete with locally-sourced large boulders, river stones, native plants, limestone walkways, running streams and waterfalls. Photo and report, Allain Scott.

*Bev Wallace, Secretary, always sends us their news, thank you. Ed.*

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### REBUS CLUB OF HIBISCUS COAST

Our outing on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> was to the **Maritime Museum** to see "One Man's Treasures". Around 35 of us turned up at Gulf Harbour to catch the ferry into town, to find the 10.30am trip had been cancelled because the ferry had 'mechanical issues'. We were windblown, sheltering from the Force 9 on the Beaufort Scale, behind a local bus and had to wait for the substitute to take



us to Downtown Auckland and subsequent return in the afternoon. However, the **John Street & the Fosters Collection** was very good and the tour guides filled in information and local knowledge to keep us entertained. Lunch was at Giraffe, by Simon Gault, just across the courtyard from



the Museum. Whilst the food was excellent..... ah the drinks! The prices charged were enough to keep you sober.

*President Malcolm Vincent wrote the report and took the photos, thank you. Malcolm.*

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### REBUS CLUB OF DEVONPORT INC.

James Duncan, our external Speaker, took us down Memory Lane and spoke for over an hour on the trams of Auckland. His enthusiasm was obvious and his talk was without a single 'um' or 'er' or pause to collect his thoughts. His talk was accompanied by a power point display as he pointed out the tram numbers and each model and the differences. He covered the successes, the failures and the battles during the history of the horse drawn trams and the conversion to electricity, the one crash that killed some passengers, and the magic of large trams propelling themselves through the streets without horses or a steam engine at the front. Everyone in the audience was captivated by a talk on part of Auckland's history that was within the life times of most of us.

*This item was supplied by Charles Digby, thank you.*

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### REBUS WAIHEKE ISLAND

#### **Mini-Speaker: Jim Miller-Family Connections**

Jim spoke of love, genealogy and travel. His father, a World War Two prisoner of war, met his Yugoslavian bride while captured in Austria and after the end of the war they settled on a North Canterbury farm. Decades later Jim was able to locate his European cousins for the first time and began corresponding through translated letters and emails. Travelling to Slovenia recently, Jim and his wife Suzy connected with his mother's family at an event which took him by surprise; a hand written welcome sign, food reminiscent of his mother's home cooking, dancing, games and local beer tasting brought this extended and once unconnected family together; one cousin commenting, "**We didn't know what to expect...but you're just like us!**".

*Love it Claire – Claire is Newsletter Editor on Waiheke.*

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This August edition of Club News is a little shorter than usual – that may be due to one of several reasons – but I hope some valuable contributions are not floating around in the ether looking for the Club News Editor!! Please be sure to use the new email address as in the heading of this Club News.

Rebus NZ Inc. is very careful how it spends its funds, and there is always somebody trying to get their hands on them – or drastically increasing charges for their own benefit - like that giant Google, which was the reason why two of our email addresses had to be changed. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

There are some great photos submitted for the 2020 Calendar, and the Board is going to have a difficult job selecting the winners. I hope your club has appointed its top salesperson/s to handle the calendar orders – remember it is the profit from the calendars which helps to keep affiliation fees down. The Printer is all ready to hit the print button once they get the nod from Rebus HQ, and at just \$10.00 each are great value for money.

Please note that the closing date for orders is the 30 September.



And to finish with, here is a little bit of Spring cheer to brighten your day – a little gift from me to you.



*Jean (Editor - Club News)*