



REBUS CLUB NEWS

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Peter Odendaal passed away on 14th September after a long battle. He was a **Past President of the Probus/Rebus Club of Hibiscus Coast, Member and Founding Secretary of Rebus NZ Inc., and Founding President and Life Member of the Rebus Club of Gulf Harbour.** He was a devoted husband to the late Diane, and father to Steven and Leanne.



Peter was born in South Africa, where he was involved in the shipping business. His father was a newspaperman, so he inherited a thirst for reading, seeking out the truth, and history of world events, which made him a well-informed debater on many topics – a principled man. He was the writer, **Jane Austen's** No. 1 fan. He also loved cars, and owned two original Austin Sevens, the first of which he named **Jane**.

Peter will be remembered for starting the **Ramblers and Amblers** walking group, not just a walk, but a history lesson as well, and the highlight at the end being “**a coffee and a sticky bun**” at a local café. He addressed the Rebus Club of Gulf Harbour just a month ago as Club Speaker on the “History of South Africa”, although he became a proud kiwi about five years ago. He was a thorough gentleman, who will be sorely missed by his many friends and the Rebus family.

Hello everyone. What a sad way to start the September edition. Peter was a great supporter of Rebus Club News, always encouraging, and generous with his praise. Thank you, Peter.

On a lighter note, isn't it great to enjoy some warmer Spring days at last? Everything is sprouting new growth (especially the weeds), and the resident blackbirds are now feeding their chicks. Even the experimental Siberian tomatoes are finally fruiting, now there are some bees about, but I won't bother with this exercise again. Don't believe everything you read in a seed catalogue!! Talking of 'sprouting', I have it on great authority that one club is running a **giant pumpkin competition** this year. **Your** club could too – now is the time to get sowing. See **back page** for further details.

So, let's get cracking with your news. Remember, if you send me a contribution, you will be world famous in NZ.

REBUS CLUB CAMBRIDGE

At the August Club Meeting, we had **Peter North** cut the birthday cake. The choir, orchestra and jazz group from **St. Peters School** entertained us.



Steve O'Sullivan, Presidential Scribe.

REBUS CLUB OF WHANGAMATA

The **Speaker** at our August meeting was **Ollie Coffey**, who spoke about some of the important issues we need to remember to keep fit and able as we get older. While fitness exercises at home, and possibly visits to a gym are important there are also other issues to consider, including getting at least 6 to 8 hours sleep per night, keeping the brain active with crosswords or reading, and involvement in social and sporting activities such as walking groups, golf, bowls, etc. Ollie emphasized that exercises at home or walking do not need to be excessive, and any activity will be worthwhile.

Leyden Baker, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF RIVERSIDE HAMILTON



New Members:

Three new members joined the Club last meeting. Welcome to **Jenni Frampton, Judy Brierley, and Nancy Bryan.**

The Tramping Group: We had a great day in the Kauaeranga Valley, walking several tracks in August.

Steve O'Sullivan, Bulletin Editor.

REBUS WAIHEKE ISLAND

Mini Speaker: was **Jim Miller** who spoke about “**Understanding your Carbon Footprint and making conscious choices**”. Jim gave us many interesting statistics about what makes up our carbon footprint using the **Carbon Neutral NZ Trust**, firstly based on a 2-person household for electricity and gas. Wood also has a carbon footprint when burnt. Regarding transport he gave statistics for cars, ferries, trains, buses and taxis, also the difference between an average car, a new car and an electric car. He gave statistics for recyclable waste which goes to Hampton Downs from here and non-recyclable waste. International travel is a big emitter of CO₂, one return trip to Europe in economy 5400kg, premium economy 8600kg and business 15600kg due to the amount of space taken. 15kg per week of food and green waste emits 478kg CO₂ p.a., this can be reduced by having a worm farm and/or compost. Eating: Beef emits 10.8kg, lamb 8.6kg, pork 2.1kg, fish 1.2kg, chicken .8kg and vegetarian .3kg (all per serving) If one eats meat 5 days a week that amounts to 4 tons of CO₂ p.a.

Tania Sweet, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OREWA



President Janet Larkman had the pleasure of awarding **Life Memberships** to two of our long serving members, **Norma Parker and Evan Orsborn**, at our September meeting. Norma Parker has been a club member since 2011 and **President** from 2016-2018. She was a **Board Member of Rebus NZ Incorporated** 2017-2021. She set up the **Friday Walking Group, Games Afternoon** and previously the **Book Chat Group**. While she was President, she organised a very successful bus trip to Mangawhai Museum and Bennetts Chocolate Factory in 2017. We



celebrated Rebus Club Orewa's 30th Birthday in 2017 which she organised at the **Silverdale Rugby Club**. She has also served on the committee as Past President and Membership Officer. Norma is a keen supporter of the club.

Evan Orsborn has been a club member since 2010. He served on the **Committee in 2012 as Vice President** and became **President** 2013-2014. He has served on the Committee as Past President and has been the **Reviewer** of the club's accounts for 11 years. He also has run the **Wednesday Walking Group** for many years. Evan is a keen supporter of the club.

Maureen Grigg, Bulletin Editor.

WEST AUCKLAND MEN'S REBUS CLUB



Guest Speaker was John Small who works for the Auckland Prison, Paremoremo. He said the thoughts were his own, and not those of the Department. He started in 1989, intending to stay a couple of years, but after 35 years, his next move will probably be retirement.



A memorable visit to Metlifecare, Orion Point. Thanks to **Amanda McCullough and Kirsty Guy**, we enjoyed a complementary coffee morning in the village café, and a conducted tour of one of the apartments and a villa.

Vince Middeldorp, Editor.

RED BEACH LADIES' REBUS CLUB



A big thank you to **Kathy Oliver** for her excellent talk as last month's Guest Speaker about her long association as Medical Secretary in Auckland City Hospital's Liver Transplant Unit, the

amazing dedication of surgeons and nursing staff and the many patients who received life-saving operations. Thank you also to committee members who helped with our display held jointly with Rebus Club of Gulf Harbour and Rebus Club of Hibiscus Coast at the Whangaparaoa Mall on 20 August. We received excellent feedback from interested visitors and shoppers who stopped to chat.



Bobbie Wakenell, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF MANAWATU

Palmerston North's **Stuart Schwartz** gave us a sampling of **Kiwiana** from his "Swartzonian Collection". Stuart, a former archaeologist, museum curator and art gallery owner, has an overwhelming collection (about 100,000 items) of Kiwiana of all kinds. He says Kiwiana items provide a physical record of our recent social and cultural history that can otherwise be forgotten or overlooked. His slides and items sparked many memories among club members.

Margie Comrie, Newsletter Editor.



**God may have created man before woman,
but there is always a rough draft before the masterpiece.**

REBUS CLUB OF PALMERSTON NORTH

Club Speaker Jenny Brookes took us into **Thornybush**, situated in the **Greater Kruger National Park**, where she and husband Peter went on safari to see many animals in their natural habitat, and ride an elephant. Besides the wildlife, they were amazed by natural wonders such as **God's Window** and **Bourke's Luck Potholes**.

Guest Speaker, distinguished earth scientist **Emeritus Professor Vince Neall**, presented a fascinating and thought-provoking slideshow about the geology of the Manawatu region. The Wellington Fault Line, easily visible near Woodville, indicates where two tectonic plates are colliding, the Pacific Plate on the east being subducted beneath the Australian Plate on the west. Earthquakes and vertical land upheavals have caused major instability in the greywacke rock in the Manawatu Gorge.



An outing to **The Gables**, an early homestead near Awahuri, enabled a group of us to inspect ten classic **Daimler** cars, after which we had a guided tour of the **Ohakea War Memorial Hall** – two volunteer staff enthused about the excellent collection of models, aircraft parts and memorabilia from NZ's aviation history based at Ohakea. (photo left). A good lunch followed at the **Mint Café** in Bulls.

Dean Halford, Newsletter Editor.

PAPANUI REBUS CLUB

Our **Mini-Speaker** this month was **Norma Porter** who shared her adventures on **Cape York Peninsula** amongst the crocodiles and wonderful scenery of Northern Australia.

Our **Main Speaker** was **Carolyn Prebble from the ASB** who spoke to us about Better Banking – helping to protect us from fraudulent activity and scams. This included some great advice on how to avoid scams. REMEMBER: Banks will never ask for your log-in details, your card security or your pin number – if you are unsure – hang up and ring your bank! We received an excellent handout which included ways to stay safe and also some organisations which can provide information and support around scams and frauds.

Linda Barnes, President.

Give every day a chance to become the most beautiful day of your life. Mark Twain

REBUS CLUB OF GULF HARBOUR

At the September meeting, the **Club Speaker was Valerais Geldenhuys** talking about her home country, Namibia, described as the “clean friendly jewel of Africa”. The **Guest Speaker was Paul Graham, Volunteer for NZ Search and Rescue**. Only the Chief Executive and his team are paid, the rest are all volunteers.

Also in attendance were eleven visitors, mostly due to the combined Hibiscus Coast membership drive in August.

Remember **Peter Blake’s red socks**? The call went out to members to give those socks another airing, to show our support for Emirates Team New Zealand in defence of the Cup. As you can see, it was just a bit of fun, and out of the ordinary. We intend to wear the socks to our meetings till the **Auld Mug** comes home!! *J. McIntosh, Editor.*



REBUS CLUB OF FEILDING



Lyn Jensen was presented with **Life Membership** of the Rebus club of Feilding by President Mary Wealleans. Lyn received a framed Certificate, flowers, badge and citation. She was very surprised and delighted with the honour. Lyn has a long association with the club and has held the position of **President** for 3 consecutive years, **Editor**, and for the past few years has been **Secretary**.

Our July **Speaker** was **Dr Cynric Temple-Camp**, a pathologist and author. Cynric has just published his third book, the proceeds of which go to the Rescue Helicopter. He gave us a story of famous artist **Vincent Van Gogh** who died in 1890 at the age of 37. Dr Cynric went through various scenarios into Vincent’s death. A very interesting speaker.

Lyn Jensen, Secretary/Editor.



REBUS CLUB OF WANGANUI



Trip to **Papaiti Gin**, Wednesday 21st August 2024. Our visit to this local Award-Winning distillery was very interesting and entertaining. A young enterprising couple building a successful business.

September 3rd, 2024, Grand Auction.

The Auction was a great success, and great fun. Flying in from Mexico, Our Auctioneer, ‘**Jaimito**’ (Jim), (left). The purpose of the auction was to raise money to help defray costs of the recent 40th Birthday celebrations. Items for the auction had been donated by members, seen (right) hoping for a bargain.

Paerau Taylor, Newsletter Editor.



REBUS CLUB OF UPPER HUTT

AUGUST TRIP

As well as a visit to the **Car Museum in Wallaceville** the August trip included lunch at **Rustic Kitchen** in Maymorn.

Alex Attewell, Newsletter Editor.



FITZHERBERT REBUS CLUB INC.



It was our **Club's 27th Birthday** and we had cake! **Lorna and Ron King** honoured us by doing the cutting and everyone enjoyed getting blue fingers from the icing while they ate the delicious chocolate. As his **Cameo, Geoff Barnes** entertained us with his mandolin, and he ended by leading us all in the singing of "Happy Birthday".

Katrina Norrish was the **Speaker** who told us of her service with **Médecins sans Frontières** (Doctors Without Borders). It was interesting, horrifying and very informative. MSF was formed in 1971 in Paris when a need for large scale medical aid in many countries was realised. MSF received a **Nobel Peace Prize** for its work in Rwanda. In Katrina's story she worked in Tripoli, Libya, Iraq and Syria in refugee centres, detention centres and prisons.

Rosy Look, Secretary.

REBUS CLUB OF MT HOBSON



Order of New Zealand.

Guest Speaker for August: Dame Anne Salmond. Dame Anne Salmond is a Distinguished Professor in Māori Studies and Anthropology, and a former Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Equal Opportunity) at the University of Auckland. She has written a series of prize-winning books about Māori life, European voyaging and cross-cultural encounters in the Pacific. She served as **Chair of the NZ Historic Places Trust** and has written a number of submissions on Te Tiriti o Waitangi for the Waitangi Tribunal. In 2013 Dame Anne won the **Rutherford Medal**, New Zealand's top scientific award, and became the **New Zealander of the Year**. She is a Foreign Associate of the **National Academy of Sciences** in the US, **Corresponding Fellow of the British Academy**, and **Foreign Member of the American Philosophical Society**. In 2021 she was awarded the

Pat Alley, Newsletter Editor.

SOUTH WAIRARAPA REBUS CLUB

Guest Speaker, Roger Barton, the well-known Wairarapa farmer and stud sheep breeder, told us a few stories about shepherding, shearing and the early history of the **Golden Shears**, Masterton's 'ultimate shearing and wool handling event in the world.' The first YFC competition in 1958 was so successful that it became an annual event. In 1961, with the assistance of Federated Farmers, the event was moved to the Masterton War Memorial Stadium, where nearly 300 shearers from NZ and Australia competed, Ivan Bowen becoming the first Golden Shears champion.

Roger has his eye on the 2026 event in Masterton, which this time will incorporate the **Golden Shears World Shearing Championship**. He assisted the 2024 event by arranging transport of 3850 sheep, the 2026 event calls for 5500 sheep! The demise of the Wool Board in 2001 meant the loss of its facilities and personnel for training new shearers. In 2004, The **Wool Shed Museum** was devised to provide a home for the oral histories of past Golden Shears Champions, and focus on sheep and wool history in Masterton. Five days after Roger's address, club members visited The Wool Shed for a guided tour and an opportunity to interact with spinners, weavers and other wool crafters who meet there on Wednesdays.

David Woodhams, Newsletter Editor.



COMBINED REBUS CLUB OF PARAPARAUMU BEACH INC.



Our **Main Speaker** was **Janice Swan** from **Sort Out Service**. Janice explained the differences between too much stuff, clutter (which can be a fire and health risk) and hoarding (which often has more of a psychological element). She also explained that getting rid of possessions is hard, but planning and actively engaging with family members and friends are important first steps. Janice's talk certainly resonated with many, and I understand that some charity shops have already benefited from donations. *Steve Hutchison, Bulletin Editor.*

I don't like being told what to do - unless I am following a knitting pattern.

Housework is for those who don't know how to knit.

REBUS CLUB OF HIBISCUS COAST



Wendy Hampton was our September Club Speaker. There was great interest from members who were keen to avail themselves of handout material following the meeting. Wendy spoke confidently and authoritatively concerning a subject close to her heart - **Estate Planning**. Over the last 2 years Wendy has written two books: **“The First Home Buyers Guide”** and **“The Estate Planner”** and regularly presents at speaking engagements on these topics. Wendy retired as a senior partner at Anthony Horrocks & Associates in 2000 and in 2018 became a sole practitioner. She has since sold her practice and retired as a lawyer but is looking forward to taking on new challenges.



Ramblers: North Head Ramble, 2 September. 10 Ramblers, no amblers, 2 late coffee drinkers. *Earl Brookbanks, Editor.*

PUKENAMU REBUS CLUB INC.



Guest Speaker was Greg Osborne of Air Chathams. On leaving school he started work with NAC. “It was the best first job a young kid could have – and my mother was pleased it included a uniform,” he said. Air Chathams was started by Craig and Marion Emeny in 1984 when they first carried crayfish from Pitt Island to Gisborne (the shortest route). The airline supports local e.g. Supa Clean and Kapiti Coffee. And it now runs the cafe, which seems to occupy 80% of his time! And Mr Osborne commented that we should be proud of the airport, with its N-S runway that is very seldom closed.

September Outing: On a recent Sunday 12 members drove to the **Feilding Little Theatre Players’** production of the play, **“Keeping up Appearances”**, (followed by a meal at the Irish Pub.) *Helen Goldfinch, Newsletter Editor.*



TAUPO MOANA REBUS CLUB



Taupo Moana Rebus had a good turnout for our annual **Car Rally**, with 36 members participating. A course that wound through the Rakaunui Industrial area on through the backroads of Broadlands and Reparoa and finished at the Waiotapu Tavern where we all had a lovely lunch and presentations. We all saw parts of our local countryside that we never knew about! It was a fun day. *Christine Bailey, Bulletin Editor.*

If I knit fast enough, does it count as aerobics?

REBUS CLUB OF KHANDALLAH

FROM THE PRESIDENT: The first month of Spring was a bit disappointing weatherwise, especially since our **Warblers** had sung “Younger than Springtime “ so beautifully. However, I think Spring has just been finding itself and there is much more sunshine to come. Remember the quote



from Lady Bird Johnson **“Where Flowers bloom, so does Hope.”**

Sharon Major, Newsletter Editor.

REBUS CLUB OF HAMILTON will be celebrating their 30th birthday in October. Rebus Club News looks forward to hearing about the event, with lots of photos!!!

Ed.

KOWHAI REBUS CLUB OF BETHLEHEM



Wednesday 25th September:

Fourteen members travelled to the **Cider Factorie, Te Puna** for a tasty meal a glass of cider.

Marie Mabey, Bulletin Editor.

**Laughter isn't the best medicine, knitting is.
It will keep you in stitches.**

OMANU REBUS CLUB

We all enjoyed Geoff Brunsden's talk about Bumblebees. There was so much to learn about these busy little creatures that we take for granted and which do so much good. Unfortunately, they are under threat and need our support. The website for those who are interested is www.nzbct.org.nz or bumblebuzz@nzbct.org.nz Did you know that you can buy a box of little bumble-bees? They can be bought online, and I think would make an excellent Christmas present for the budding (pun) gardener.

Adrienne Wilson, Newsletter Editor.

And that is all the National News I have for you this month. I love reading what you have been up to, so please keep your contributions rolling in to rebusclubnews@gmail.com

The membership drive held at a busy Mall in August by the combined Rebus Clubs of Gulf Harbour, Hibiscus Coast and Red Beach Ladies, certainly seems to have been quite a success with a noticeable increase in visitors to our meetings. It is felt that we should repeat the exercise in the New Year, and keep the Rebus name out in the community. Membership renewal is crucial to any club's survival, but it takes some work.

As mentioned in my introduction, plans are afoot for a giant pumpkin competition. One of the Rebus Clubs on the Hibiscus Coast has run several in recent years with great success – it was a lot of fun, with great participation. The seed variety which has been used very successfully in the past is "**Atlantic Giant**". Here's a link which will tell you all you need to know about growing one of these beasts! See pics below.

<https://www.kingsseeds.co.nz/blogs/sowing-and-growing/so-you-want-to-grow-a-giant-pumpkin?>

So, why not give it a go? I look forward to hearing from you.



In the meantime, enjoy this wonderful growing season and warmer weather, and stay safe until our next get-together in October. Best wishes to you all,

Jean,

Editor, Rebus Club News.



PS. Plan B: Food for thought: Giant Sunflowers take up less space than pumpkins, for those folk with a small garden, and could be grown for a competition.