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## NEWSLETTER NO. 5

### **The Palmerston Nth meeting of 9940 Clubs, 29 January 2016.**

This meeting, chaired by David Scott, a former President of Upper Hutt Probus, was called out of concern at the dismissal of Russell Tether, the elected member for that District, from the FNZI Council, Some 31 Clubs were in attendance with a total of 65 delegates. The meeting also considered the future affiliation options: 1) remain with FNZI, 2) return to PSPL, 3) affiliate with REBUS – 4) or go it alone. There appeared to be little support for option 2. Over the next few weeks, Clubs will make up their own minds. The REBUS option seemed to be well received.

As an invited guest, REBUS was represented by myself as Chairman and Murray Dunbar as our new committee member from Christchurch. Murray is the President elect of Aotea Combined Probus and until his recent resignation, was the Administrator for FNZI. *(See photo)*

FNZI were also invited but because of a conflict in meeting dates, had agreed to respond in writing to any written questions submitted prior to the meeting. The questions (23) and FNZI's answers to them were an agenda item. At the conclusion of the meeting, a **Motion** calling upon the resignation of all Council members and their replacement by an Administrator was passed unanimously. Readers will need to draw their own conclusions as to the degree of satisfaction the meeting took from FNZI's replies. (Copies of the Q&A's are available upon request)

### **Affiliation to REBUS.**

Clubs attending the Palmerston Nth meeting were informed by us that affiliation with REBUS could be in two ways. **The first** is a straight out adoption of the word REBUS in a new Club name (soon to become obligatory as result of PSPL having successfully trade-marked the name Probus) **The second** is to choose another name for the immediate future, leaving open, the option to use REBUS at a later date but noting on Club letterhead and other material, that the Club is affiliated to Rebus NZ Inc. Both options do of course involve payment of the \$2 affiliation fee, upon receipt of which, Public Liability protection \$10m will apply as will access to "Fit to Travel" Insurance.

An application for affiliation to REBUS, which contains the two options, *is attached to this email.*

### **Our Website in development ([www.rebus.nz](http://www.rebus.nz))**

Work is continuing on the design and content of the REBUS website. **It is not yet "live"** but we are hopeful to have something up and running in the near future. Watch this space.

**Our logo.** We have been asked to give some background on our selection of a ship's wheel. It can best be described as **"STEERING A SAFE PASSAGE THROUGH OUR RETIREMENT YEARS"**

**FRAGMENTATION.** In Newsletter No 4, we mentioned that we had been asked if we were prepared to sit down with FNZI and discuss ways in which possible fragmentation could be avoided. We responded that we were willing to do so – but have yet to receive any contact from FNZI.

A letter dated 1st February from the Chairman of the Northern South Island Association, Graeme Pierson, was just been sent to all member Clubs. It set out to discredit my name and by association, REBUS. In particular, he was referring to the time I spent as the Administrator for the initial Steering Group. He was of course not involved during the time the Group worked so effectively to ensure over 65% of NZ Clubs voted to affiliate to a NZ organization. He was relying upon hearsay and has been provided with a copy of a letter written to myself signed by all the Steering Group members which totally debunk his allegations. *(Attached)* Graeme Pierson is also the new Deputy Chairman of FNZI and again, readers may draw their own conclusions as to his motivation.

I hesitate to bring any mention of negativity into this Newsletter as I think Clubs are likely to be suffering "fatigue" with all this personalization. But it does bring into question, just how much more difficult an "accommodation" between FNZI and REBUS, is made with all this character assassination floating around – something, we have ourselves have never initiated – but only responded to in defense.

**Our Pledge to Clubs which affiliate with REBUS.**

*An attachment to this email* outlines the key commitments we make to you. Please read them and we hope you will give us the opportunity to deliver on those promises.

Very best regards,

*Graeme McIntosh* (Chairman)