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NEWSLETTER NO 8

Dear Club Officers and Members,

Prior to the meeting in Palmerston Nth of 9940 Clubs held on the 29th January, we were asked whether **REBUS** would accept applications from those Clubs who wish, for the meantime, to retain their independence – but for reasons of dissatisfaction with FNZI, were seeking an alternative “home”.

The **REBUS** committee gave their consent to this proposal and made amendments to the Affiliation Application form which has since been distributed. However, this option has not been fully understood by some Clubs and to make the position absolutely clear, we now reiterate that **REBUS** is pleased to offer accreditation as an *“Independent Associate”*.

This accreditation will provide Independent Clubs with all the benefits offered by the Rebus Service Centre, and the further opportunity to become fully accredited with **REBUS** if they wish, at some time in the future.

The terms of Independent Associate accreditation are as follows:

- Clubs will apply for accreditation on the standard Application Form ticking the appropriate boxes. (See copy attached)
- Clubs may retain their chosen name and existing Constitution if they choose, or they may use the "**Rebus**" name and logo.
- Clubs will be requested to acknowledge on Letterheads, Newsletters and other publications that they are "An Independent Associate of Rebus NZ Incorporated".
- At the time they apply for accreditation, clubs will pay the levy of \$2.00 per club member to **Rebus NZ Incorporated**.
- Clubs will then have access to all the benefits available through the Rebus Service Centre, including Public Liability Insurance for \$10m, "Fit to Travel" Insurance, appropriate Regalia, Newsletters including Club news and the Website.
- Clubs may at any future time apply to change their status to full accreditation with **Rebus NZ Incorporated**.

To apply for Accreditation as an "Independent Associate":

- Complete and return the **Rebus** Application Form attached to this Newsletter.
- Tick the appropriate boxes - **Motions A, and probably E and F** if you are seeking to retain your chosen name and your existing Constitution. You may use the name "**REBUS**" if you wish.
- Forward your application to **REBUS** along with your payment of the required levy of \$2.00 per member. **Should you wish to defer full affiliation, we look forward to welcoming your Club as an Independent Associate of Rebus NZ Incorporated.**

What has REBUS achieved so far?

- Designed a logo.
- Adopted the theme “Steering a safe course through our retirement years”.
- Arranged trade-marking of the name.
- Built a fully functioning website from which documentation can be downloaded.
- Created a database for Clubs who disaffiliated from PSPL.
- Obtained access to a “Fit to Travel” insurance policy with a quality international Insurer.
- Arranged Public Liability Insurance cover of \$10m for all Clubs effective from the date of affiliation.
- Outlined a Pledge to Clubs as to the services which will be available to all affiliates.
- Answered all email and phone inquiries either the same day – or following day.

During the days of the Steering Committee, we initiated a Question and Answer survey which was sent to all NZ Clubs who were considering leaving PSPL. The purpose of the Survey was to determine what Clubs would expect from a NZ Service Centre. We listed several possibilities and asked Clubs to tick which ones they thought would be relevant.

The survey was well supported and to our surprise only a handful of items were marked as necessary. It is on those perceived needs that **REBUS** has modelled its pledge to Clubs.

So where has REBUS got to as at today?

We are most encouraged by the response received from many Clubs who wish to demonstrate their displeasure at the way FNZI has failed to look after their interests – especially the unforgiveable act of passing up the opportunity to have our case heard in the Intellectual Property Office. That single act, done without any reference to affected Clubs was the ultimate betrayal of a fiduciary responsibility and irrevocably lost us the rights to use the name without fear of legal action unless re-affiliating with PSPL. (See PSPL email referred to in Newsletter No 7).

Even District Councillors who learnt of the PSPL offer in the 11th hour, were expressly instructed not to discuss the offer with anyone!

For those Clubs who may be wavering over their affiliation choice for the coming year, we ask you to carefully consider whether FNZI is to be trusted with your support?

It is important that **REBUS** is a viable alternative for NZ Clubs. Our committee has put in a huge amount of work (and our own money) to ensure you have a choice. Please give us the opportunity to demonstrate just how well we can serve you - whether by full Affiliation or Associateship.

Very best regards,

Graeme McIntosh (Chairman)