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Dear Club Officers,

NEWSLETTER NO 10.

General Liability Insurance. As mentioned in Newsletter No 9, protection for \$10m has been arranged and automatically covers each Club as it affiliates or becomes an independent Associate of Rebus NZ Inc. You may view this Certificate by visiting our website and looking under the Rebus Documents button. May we again remind you that ACC **does not** provide protection for any liability a Club, or any Club member may incur, caused by a negligent act which results in loss or damage to a third Party's **property**. ACC deals only with personal injury. (See full details in Newsletter No 9)

Sample Certificates of Affiliation or Independent Associateship may also be viewed under the same documents button. Regardless of which degree of affiliation a Club chooses, the same benefits apply, including access to the "fit to Travel" Insurance facility. Visit www.rebus.nz.

Three former members of the original Steering Group, Murray Dunbar (Christchurch), Russell Tether (Wellington) and myself are assisting the **REBUS** Committee with the knowledge and contacts made during those exciting times, when together, the Steering group assisted over 2/3rds of all NZ Probus Clubs to achieve independence from Australia. It is good to be working together again for what we view as still "work in progress".

The Rebus Philosophy. Rebus sees itself as strictly a "Service Centre" much as the early days of the original Probus Centre- South Pacific Inc, before it morphed into a limited liability company (and then incurred significant tax liabilities).

We do not see the need to set up formal regional structures which become an unnecessary layer of bureaucracy and hinder communication between Clubs and our Service Centre. Such structures inevitably become somewhat political in nature and it is our view, that the least time spent on these aspects, the more time to enjoy the three "Fs" we all value so much. ***We are meant to be autonomous aren't we? – and let's keep it simple!***

Whilst at present, the Rebus committee has only two members outside of the Hibiscus Coast, interest is being expressed by others to join us with the ultimate intention that Committee representation will extend to further parts of the country – and perhaps there will be lady members who might be willing to add a feminine perspective to what a Service Centre should be doing.

What are the pros and cons for Clubs who decide to “go it alone” for the meantime? Until faced with a threat of legal action, some Clubs have decided to continue using the Probus name for the immediate future and keep their options open. By choosing not to affiliate with either FNZI or Rebus, they are saving on affiliation fees, but locking themselves out of affordable Public Liability cover and access to specialized “fit to travel” insurance coverage. Additionally, this isolates them from the family of Probus type Clubs.

We believe it is inevitable that re-affiliation with Probus South Pacific Ltd is the only way Clubs can with any certainty, remain a “Probus” Club into the future. (See letter from PSPL CEO previously circulated). **REBUS** offers you an immediate alternative.

REBUS database. To help us maintain the accuracy of our database and thereby ensuring that up to two of your officers receive our email communications, kindly advise any changes to your President or Secretary following your AGM, by returning the attached form – either by post or scan, then email.

Absence. For the period 8-16 April, please direct all phone calls or emails to our Secretary, Peter Odendaal on 09 424 7759, or email him at rebus.secretary@yahoo.co.nz. (I shall be out of the country for these few days).

Warm regards,

Graeme McIntosh (Chairman)