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Greetings to you all.



Addition to the REBUS Committee. We are delighted to announce the appointment of Prof. Harley Gray to the committee of REBUS. Harley is a retired Orthopaedic Surgeon, is well known in the Auckland area and will make an excellent Ambassador for **REBUS**. As a former President of the Probus Club of Mt Hobson, (now re-named the **REBUS** Club of Mt Hobson), he is very much aware of the issues facing Probus clubs in determining their affiliation options. Prior to retirement, Harley was a Director of Southern Cross Health Care Group and a Board Member of the Medical Insurer, the Travel Insurer and the Trust including the Hospital Company. He has been a Member of the Institute of Directors and on the Medical panel of the

Auckland Rugby Union and a Club instructor for the NZ Yachting Federation. Recently, the Clinical Services block at Middlemore was re-named the Harley Gray Building in recognition of his services to the Hospital. Harley's full CV can be viewed on our website.

Yes, we know that to date, our committee is all male, but be assured that no one is excluded from membership because of gender!

Affiliation procedures. In addition to those Clubs who have already become an Affiliate or Independent Associate of **Rebus** NZ Inc, correspondence from others indicates that many are still finalizing their affiliation options for 2016/7. If your Club is one of these and would like to join the others who have come on board, we are attaching an updated Application form for your convenience. The recommended Constitution form on the website www.rebus.nz has also been updated. Remember, our affiliation fees are set at only \$2 per member.

Travel Insurance for Seniors who may have pre-existing health conditions (PECs). We have just finalized a renewal of this valuable facility on the same terms and conditions as previously applied. Access to it through our website is available to all members of **Rebus** Affiliated or Independent Associate Clubs.

Timely communication between Clubs and their Affiliation provider. Rebus believes that all Clubs should be able to rely on prompt responses to any matters raised by its accredited Clubs. The very nature of the **REBUS** structure has to date, enabled us to respond either on the same day or within 24 hours to any letter, email or phone call. We have received many compliments for achieving such an objective and the **REBUS** committee is determined to maintain this standard.

Will a Club lose its funds should it affiliate with REBUS? This is a question that has been causing some anxiety to Clubs who are considering coming to **REBUS**. It seems that *someone* has been spreading misinformation which has given rise to these concerns. The answer is a positive **“definitely not”**.

In most Clubs’ constitution, there is an Article – usually No IX. It will likely read:

ARTICLE IX – WINDING UP.

In the event that for whatever reason, a decision is made by the Members that the Club shall cease to function and that its affairs be wound up, such funds and property as it may then possess shall be transferred to another Probus Club or similar organization or donated to an appropriate charitable purpose. No Member of the Club shall be entitled to benefit directly from such disposal of Club assets.

From this it should clearly be seen that **only the members of a Club** can make a decision to “Wind Up”. No third party such as Probus South Pacific Ltd could do that. So unless a Club is planning to cease functioning and wishes to take that course of action, Club funds are absolutely safe. Changing the name of a Club is a totally different matter and does not require a Club to be wound up in order to do so. Therefore, Article IX has no relevance. As well, when 273 Clubs disaffiliated from PSPL in 2014/5, no Club was wound up for that reason. We hope that sets the record straight.

Recommended Constitution for a REBUS Affiliated Club. Following on from the question of Winding Up, we are attaching a copy of this document which is also available on the **REBUS** website. You will note that Article XI b) deals with the need to preserve the non-profitability status of a Club. This wording conforms with the latest IRD requirements.

REBUS regalia. As mentioned in Newsletter No 11, our supplier is gearing up to supply the primary items of Regalia likely to be needed in the immediate future. More will be added when a survey of accredited Clubs’ needs are known. Clubs yet to be accredited by **REBUS** will need to rely on existing stocks of Probus regalia, as Rotary Downunder, the previous supplier of regalia to NZ Clubs, has been instructed to withhold supplies to those Clubs not affiliated to Probus South Pacific Ltd.

From the **REBUS** team – our very best regards,

Graeme McIntosh (Chairman)