

Steering a safe course



through our retirement years

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We had not intended to issue a further Newsletter so close upon the last. However, Clubs tell us they are now anxiously considering what to do after receiving the 10th August missile from Probus South Pacific Ltd. The one that said **“STOP USING THE PROBUS NAME AND REGALIA”**.

A Patent Attorney who has a great deal of experience in these matters says that although the letter did not threaten legal action for failure to follow the instructions, be sure that Clubs who delay in choosing another name can expect to at least receive a “cease and desist” notice, if not eventually a fine.

So where does this leave you in the meantime? Is your Club prepared to tough it out?

It is our view that FNZI knew from the terms of the settlement made with PSPL on the 26th November last, that there was never an option for PNZI affiliated Clubs to safely continue to use the name. In fact, PNZI as it was then, committed in para 1b) of the Agreement, **“not to challenge PSPL’s Probus trademarks in the future”**.

In a letter written by PNZI’s Attorneys to PSPL of the same date, it said that **“it will be developing a new brand for Clubs which wish to affiliate with it”**. Some eight months have since passed with Clubs affiliated to FNZI, only now being asked to offer a permanent replacement name for consideration. ***Make of this as you will.***

A REBUS SOLUTION. We now offer any Club, whether currently affiliated to FNZI or not, the opportunity to affiliate with **REBUS** at a concessional rate of just ***\$1 per member*** covering the period to 31 March 2017. This recognizes that we are part way through the current year and respects the fact that Clubs who have already come on board with **REBUS**, paid the full fee of \$2 for the whole year.

In return, you will have immediate \$10m Public Liability cover, full access to our “Fit to Travel” insurance scheme, use of the Rebus name, access to Rebus regalia, a user friendly website and you can say “goodbye” to concerns over your Club name.

We attach an application form which reflects the terms of this offer and hope you, your committee and membership will give it your serious consideration.

Very best regards,

THE TEAM AT REBUS