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Dear Club Officers,

Our second Information Day was held on the 10th February in Remuera for Clubs in Districts 9920 and the northern section of 9930. We were pleased to welcome a number of clubs whose delegates had travelled long distances from the Coromandel, Bay of Plenty and the Waikato. There was much interest in what **REBUS** has achieved during 2016, illustrated by our Powerpoint presentation.

Delegates were able to view a Statement of Income & Expenditure for the year to 31 December which showed a surplus of \$1400.60. Budgeted surplus for the 2017 year estimates a doubling of that surplus given the increased number of Clubs indicating their intention to affiliate with **REBUS** and the non-recurring nature of some of our “start-up” expenses incurred in 2016.

The very nature of the **REBUS** structure as strictly a **Service Centre**, enables modest provisioning for future expenses. Items such as legal fees need no such provision.

How to affiliate with REBUS. There are two options – the first as a full **Affiliate** and the second as an **Independent Associate**. The latter is useful for those clubs who may have already changed their name and wish to retain it. They then become “accredited” and may also keep their own Constitution provided it enshrines the principles to which we have all become accustomed. **Fees at \$2 per member** are the same for both categories.

For Clubs who wish to come to **REBUS** and are currently affiliated with an alternative organization – or are presently fence sitting, - there is a procedure to be followed which involves putting to their membership, appropriate Motions for consideration. **REBUS** has already assisted some Clubs with this process. **Sample Motions, should your Club feel that might be helpful, are available upon request.**

The ongoing use of the Probus name issue. It has become clear to us that there are a number of Clubs whose identity has not yet come to the attention of A J Park, the Trademark Attorneys acting for Probus South Pacific. In the absence of any specific instruction to cease using the name, some of these Clubs understandably feel that they may safely continue.

Whatever the legal situation, PSPL in a very recent letter replying to a Club seeking to clarify the position, has made it crystal clear **that only Clubs which are affiliates of PSPL, may continue to use the name.** If your Club has yet to hear from either PSPL or A J Park, it is now only a matter of time.

At **REBUS**, we are only a phone call or an email away. Please get in touch if there is any question or matter we can assist you with.

The Team at REBUS.