

Steering a safe course



through our retirement years

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Dear Club Officers,

Since our last Newsletter No 29 of the 21 May, we have been delighted to welcome additional Clubs on board from Tauranga, Warkworth, Havelock North, Waitakere, Mangawhai and the Hibiscus Coast. The Rebus family is growing and we are hopeful that there will be further additions as more Clubs finalize their research on affiliation choices for this year - **and 2018 to follow.**

The decisions taken by these and earlier Clubs when selecting **REBUS** as their preferred affiliation option, may have been influenced by an appreciation of some of the following factors:

MANY GOOD REASONS WHY A CLUB SHOULD BECOME A REBUS NZ AFFILIATE:

- Initial Rebus Committee (Steering Group) composed of Life members, Past Presidents and senior members of the Probus Club of Hibiscus Coast (in its 33rd year and later to become a Rebus Club):
- Selection of a distinctive name – which has been much admired:
- **REBUS** name successfully trademarked for security and logo designed:
- Mission Statement **“Steering a safe Course through our Retirement Years”** adopted:
- Establishment of an easily accessible and responsive website - **www.rebus.nz**:
- Design and production of quality Rebus-themed regalia and affordable pricing:
- Public Liability Insurance cover of \$10m protecting affiliated Clubs against any claim made on them by a third party suffering property damage as the result of a Club or a Club Member’s negligence:
- Access to “Fit to Travel Insurance” arranged for members of affiliated Clubs who have medical conditions uninsurable by other Travel Insurers:
- Strong emphasis on Rebus acting strictly as a **Service Centre** – providing a non-intrusive relationship and taking no income from sales of Regalia or travel insurance:
- The Rebus Board benefits from two valuable additional members of the original Steering Committee joining the Board, following their resignation from Probus NZ Inc. **Note:** Probus NZ Inc were handed 273 Clubs and some \$30K in funds from the Steering Committee at the time it disbanded. (The Rebus Chairman also served on the Steering Committee as its Administrator and so is fully conversant with the extensive history of the move away from Australia):
- Regular production of Newsletters (including **Rebus Chronicles** and monthly **Club News**):
- Dedication to maintaining 24/7 response to Club communications – email or phone:
- All undertakings to affiliated Clubs as outlined in the **Rebus pledge**, fully met:
- Affiliation fees set at a rate reflecting a **Service Centre** structure with lower overheads, prudent budgeting and clear objectives, ensuring excellent value for money:

- Presidents of affiliated Clubs become members of the Society with the right to attend and vote at Special or Annual General meetings:
- Transparency in prompt disclosure of Financial reports. (achieved 10 days after balance date) Modest income surplus in the first year ended 31 December 2016 of **\$1400.60**:
- ***Stability in Officers and members of the Rebus Board with wider NZ Representation.*** Two additions during 2016/7 from new Rebus Clubs, allowed two founding members from the Rebus Club of Hibiscus Coast to retire at the May 2017 AGM. As planned, the Rebus Board of eight now contains only four members from the originating Club - visit <http://rebus.nz/board/>
- Deputy Chairman from the Rebus Club of Mt Hobson appointed to ensure succession planning for future safety of the organization.

The REBUS NZ Incorporated website .

Our website is under constant revision with new items added as and when they occur. We believe that the test of a good internet presence is to ensure that any website promoting one's organization, needs to be seen to be alive and relevant. The Rebus Board have not found the need to restrict access by the use of a password. Anything which might be regarded as commercially sensitive, is freely available to our affiliated clubs upon request.

If you have not visited recently – or at all, we invite you to spend a little time as there are many items on the site which will give you an in- depth understanding about **REBUS**. Just click on the link which follows: <http://rebus.nz/>

Our Annual General Meeting 27 May. This was held in Remuera with Delegates from a number of affiliated Clubs represented from as far away as the Kapiti Coast and the Wairarapa. Where distance precluded attendance, apologies and best wishes were received with warm expressions of satisfaction with the services received since becoming Rebus affiliates.



Chairman's Address to the AGM



Outgoing Board Member John Humphries and recent addition, Norma Parker

Visit to your Club. Should a visit from any Board member to speak with your committee or membership be of assistance, please contact us and where possible, we will do our best to oblige.

Best wishes,

The TEAM at REBUS

