



REBUS CHRONICLES

August 2019

Dear Presidents, Secretaries and Officers,

Car Windscreen Stickers. We hope you won't mind us banging on about Car Stickers. We just had to mention a report from one of our Clubs which decided to ask every member at their Club day, how many had cars in the car park? Many hands shot up not realizing the purpose of the question. The meeting was halted to enable everyone to attach a sticker ***there and then!***

Unfortunately, the Club had underestimated the stock they needed to give every member a free sticker- so a call was made to Rebus HQ for additional supplies. So, there is a great example for you and thanks to the initiative of that Club, the Rebus logo will be very conspicuous in their local community. *(Yes, we do still have some in stock).*

Can your district support a new Rebus Club? With some Clubs having difficulty in maintaining existing membership levels, I imagine that such a question will raise a few eyebrows. Even where Clubs have levels approaching maximum for the meeting venues, the option to start another Club presents certain difficulties. ***“But my friends are all here – why would I want to move away?”*** These are valid objections and any such move would need to be handled with care.

However, you may be able to identify an opportunity in say - a large retirement village which may be able to support a stand-alone Club, or a part of your District which may not be well-served with Clubs of our type. Here in the Rodney District, there may be such an opportunity and a Steering Committee which includes four Rebus Board members, is currently examining the viability of such a proposal. We hope to tell you more about this in the near future.

Photographic Calendar 2020. The countdown has started to the closing date for entries:

15 September. One Club has submitted no less than 16 entries and the overall total is now approaching 60! The quality of many of the entries which showcase unique scenery within each Club's district, is quite outstanding. Judging by the Rebus Board will take place soon after and the results will be issued in early October.

In the last issue of the Chronicles we asked if you would select an **energetic member** to promote Calendar sales and to become the liaison person with Rebus NZ. We hope you have done that. Attached is an example of a promotional item you may wish to include in your Club's next Newsletter.

Also attached is the Order Form which needs to reach Rebus HQ not later than the 30th September at which point, the total number to be printed will be calculated. Please remember that in addition to your own use, they will make excellent Christmas gifts. **Profits from the project will assist in keeping affiliation fees as low as possible.**

Annual General Meeting 2020. As previously mentioned, Taupo Moana Rebus Club has volunteered to host this event. The date has been confirmed as **Saturday 2 May.**

Whilst that date is many months away, Tina Tapa from the Taupo Club reminds us that already, some Motels in Taupo have good bookings for that weekend. She recommends that anyone who intends coming to the AGM, may wish to make their own bookings. We had explored the possibility of making a block booking but have ruled this out as Motels and the like need to know numbers and also require deposits. Not an option at this point.

To select your accommodation – (perhaps also consider AirBnB) here is the conference location if proximity is a consideration for you. ***Taupo Cosmopolitan Club, 5 Taniwha Street Taupo.***

Please put **1-3 May 2020** in your diary. Registration/program details will follow at a later date. It will probably include a “mix and mingle’ on the Friday night.

Change of Rebus NZ’s email addresses. On the 4th August, we wrote to you all outlining changes forced upon us by Google’s altered pricing policy. Thanks to all those who are using the new addresses which are repeated below for your future assistance.

The address for contributions to Club News has become **rebusclubnews@gmail.com**
(was chronicles@rebus.nz)

The address for Regalia orders has become **rebusregalia@gmail.com**
(was regalia@rebus.nz)

The current address for communication with us on Administration matters remains unchanged -
admin@rebus.nz

If you have not already done so, please circulate these details to any other member who might be affected.

Warm regards,

Graeme McIntosh (Chairman)