



# West Auckland Men's Rebus Club

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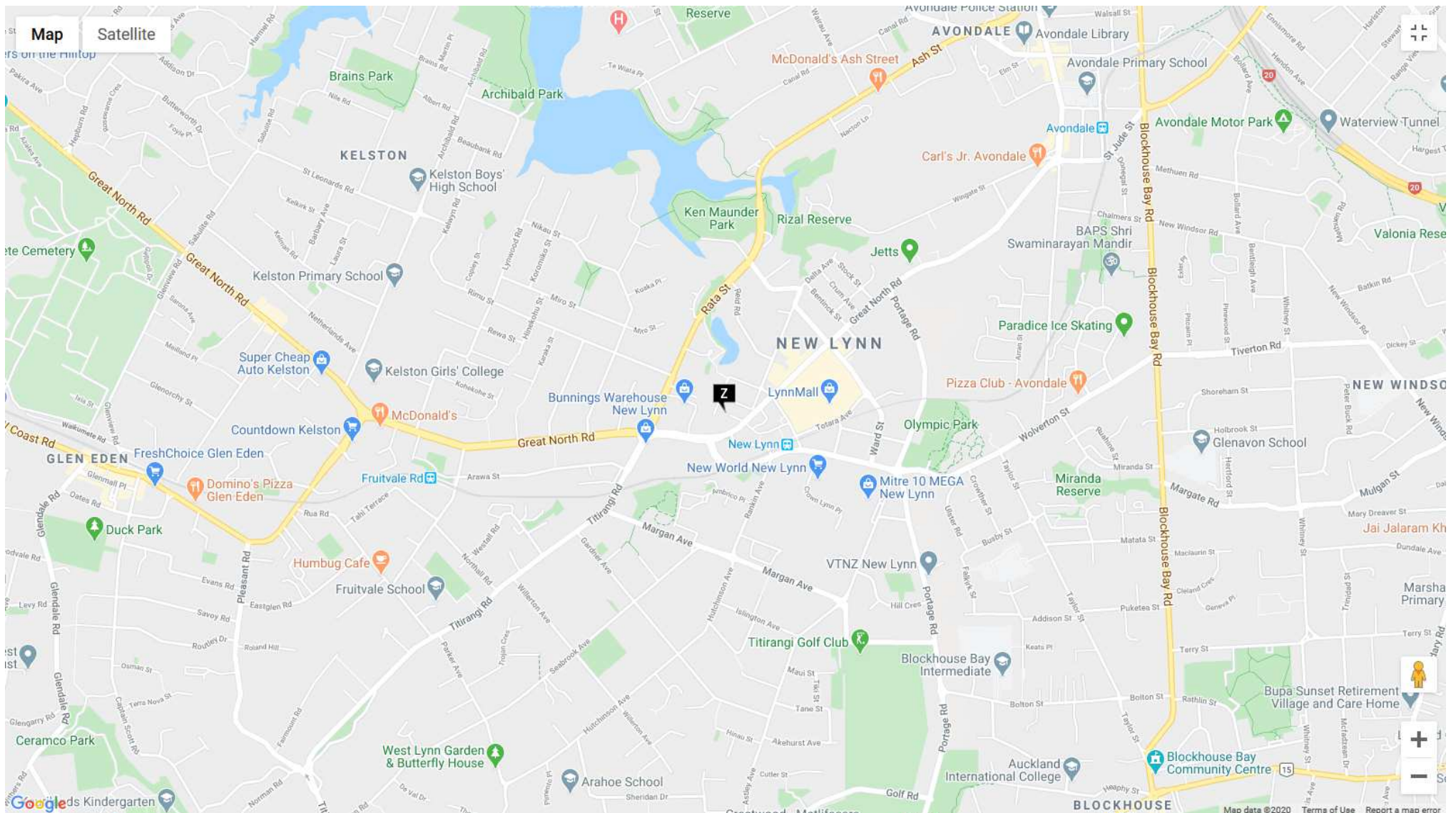
# Newsletter

## JULY 2020

**Meeting starts at 10 am Friday 10 July, at the New Lynn Friendship Hall, 3063 Great North Road, New Lynn**

**Please note that, from this month, the meeting starts at 10 am, not 9:45. This is to allow those members who come by public transport to start their trip after 9 am, and so avoid having to pay. Because the Hall is booked by others at noon, our meeting will still have to finish by then – so no mucking-around!**

For those still unfamiliar with our new venue and how to get there, Z marks the spot:



### 2020 COMMITTEE

We now have a new committee, with members from both New Lynn Men's Probus and West Auckland Men's Rebus. Note that three positions (Almoner, Hospitality and Attendance) each have two officers, one from each group, because each Almoner and Attendance Officer knows his own people, and to cope with the extra workload in the kitchen made necessary by the larger membership.

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Noel Rose has agreed to continue as Speaker Organizer. However, he would appreciate some assistance. Please contact Noel if you can do so.

If you know, or know of, a possible speaker, please tell Noel. Many of us belong to other clubs, where we hear other speakers, who would be suitable for us. In this way, I have managed to hear one speaker no less than 3 times. First at Grey Power, then Rebus, then finally SeniorNet. No less interesting the third time than the first, and an important topic: Macular Degeneration.

### **CLUB EVENTS**

The situation has now improved to the point where we can now resume Club events, having already had one monthly meeting and no less than three outings.

June saw our Club return to its full roster of activities post Lockdown. As well as the regular monthly meeting, we also had a Coffee Morning and our Mid-Winter Lunch. All well attended. The future looks equally promising, with July's Guest Speaker and the Chelsea trip in August already arranged, and no doubt more to come at the capable hands of Ian and Noel. More on that later, but first June's events.

It is good that not only can we now resume trips, but because of our increased membership, we can now go on (hire) bus trips, which we have not been able to do for some time. Things really are getting back to normal. Long may it last.

Now that we can have meetings with up to 100 attendees (if only!), our regular monthly meetings resumed on Friday 12 June, with Bill Hohepa speaking on *Fishing*. See <https://www.fishing.net.nz/fishing-advice/maori-fishing-calendar/>. Please remember that we now meet in the New Lynn Friendship Hall, in New Lynn, not in the Kelston Community Centre. See above for a location map. Please note that the meeting now starts at 10 am, not 9:45 am, to allow those coming on public transport to start their journey after 9 am, and so not have to pay.

Webmaster Vince Middeldorp will soon have all our Newsletters available on our website (<http://www.rebuswestauckland.nz/>), so that we will be able to peruse them at our leisure.

### **MEETING**

As well as the usual Club business (reported by Secretary Vince Middeldorp) and a most interesting talk by fishing guru Bill Hohepa, we also had extra bikkies for morning tea, courtesy of Kitchen Co-Manager Trevor Pollard, to mark his birthday. Trevor was cagey as to which one, but we all wish him many more.

### **CLUB BUSINESS**

12 June 2020

Courtesy of Secretary Vince Middeldorp

Chairman Bill Mutch welcomed 33 members and one visitor, (Lyn Parris), to the meeting.

There were five notified apologies: Rodger Hallam, Tony Allen, Leo Nobilo, Tom Lowndes and Anthony Dennis.

The minutes of the previous meeting (13 March 2020), details of which were recorded in the April Newsletter, were taken as read.

Two items of correspondence were sent: Silvana Martignago (31 May 2020) re New Lynn Probus and Murray Young (31 May 2020) confirming removal of his name from all membership lists.

One item was received: an email (9 May 2020) thanking us for applying for a Smarty Grant from the Auckland City Council Grants Team.

Treasurer Justin Griffith informed members that subscriptions (\$25) can be paid today or at the next meeting. He asked those going to the Mid-Winter lunch to please fill in the form provided. The club's balance was stable and normal at \$1,200.

Regarding the Chelsea Factory Tour (Thursday 13 August) Ian Smith reminded members that the bus leaves at 9.15 am from St John's Hall & returns about 3.00 pm. Payment (\$35) can be made to Justin at the July meeting, but because numbers are limited and this is a combined trip, members need to inform him (Ian) today if they are coming.

Laurie Vincent updated details on the Mid-Winter Lunch at Ryder's Cinema on Friday 26 June 2020 at 10.00 am. Cost \$25 per head. Partners welcome. Minimum number required 25. No close off date – members can arrive on the day.

Barry O'Rourke, the Probus welfare officer, has been phoning ex-probus club members during the COVID-19 lockdown to enquire as to their wellbeing. Ray Hancock has been in hospital but is back today. Barry also phoned Neil Castle, Bill Fairs, Trevor Pollard, Andrew Geddes and Ken Watson. Barry has adopted Jacinda's "Be Kind" philosophy.

Trayton Wickens, the Rebus almoner, spoke about an accident in his garden which resulted in a doctor prescribing him the antibiotic Flucloxacillin. After six days of taking 3 tablets per day, Trayton felt he was at death's door and went back to his doctor's clinic. This time he saw his own GP who told him that the interaction between Flucloxacillin and his other medications was a deadly combination and ordered him to throw the last tablet away.

Bill Fairs showed members a copy of the top quality Rebus calendars which sell for \$10. Last year 800 were sold, enabling affiliation fees to be kept low. Bill reminded members that photos in the calendar resulted from the photographic competition and said it would be good if we could get a photo in this year's calendar.

John Mihaljevic moved, "That West Auckland Men's Rebus Club applies for a Smarty Grant to assist with the purchase of a projector and screen." Trevor Pollard seconded, and it was approved unanimously.

It was decided (consensus decision) to provide membership lists to those members who want them. Anyone who didn't want their name or personal details on the list to contact the secretary i.e. an "opt-out" system. Trevor Pollard said he used the list to contact members during the lockdown and couldn't understand why anyone would not want it circulated.

Long-serving secretary (25 years) Tom Lowndes was accorded Life Members privileges for 2020.

Noel Rose said he had a guest speaker (the butterfly lady), yet to be confirmed but very positive, for the July meeting.

The guest speaker was Bill Hohepa, an icon of the good New Zealand bloke. Bill talked about his varied life and, of course, catching fish.

As a result of this meeting, two changes are being made to the way the club is run.



We started late because Justin was inundated with members wanting to pay him for the mid-winter lunch. The fact that we then managed to get through club business in half an hour has resulted in 10.00 am being made the new start time for monthly meetings. This change will assist those using public transport - the Gold Card can't be used until after 9.00 a.m.

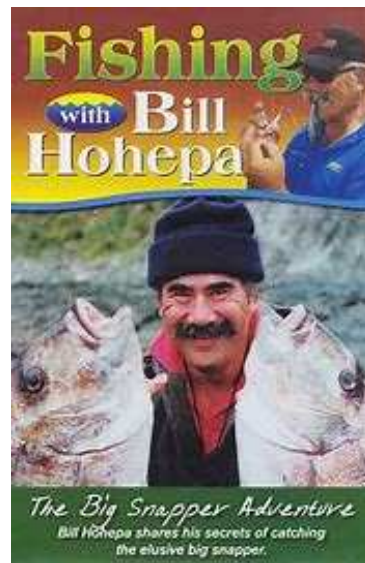
It was a real coup getting Bill Hohepa as the guest speaker and more people could have enjoyed his talk had we opened the meeting up. Future meetings will welcome wives/partners; men and woman casual visitors who want to hear the guest speaker.

### GUEST SPEAKER

June's Guest Speaker was **Bill Hohepa**, on *Fishing*. He was introduced by Noel Rose. As it happens, Noel's wife, Merilyne, went to school with Bill; through all three Avondale schools.



In Person



The Persona



Linda & Bill

Noel noted that Bill's fishing shows, which go way back, may currently be in recess (they seem to have been supplanted by a rival with political connections), they will be back. Watch this space.

Noel brandished his 'Fishing Bible' (written by Bill, of course), from which he had learned two valuable lessons:

- 1 Fish don't like a boat with a yellow bottom
- 2 The smell and the sight of ground bait to a fish is like the dinner gong to Billy Bunter

Bill began by admitting that his name is actually Wayne Wills. Back in 1968 he was a 22-year-old reporter for the now long-gone Saturday evening sports newspaper, the *8 O'Clock* (remember that?). The powers-that-be decided that it needed a fishing correspondent: Wayne was volunteered for the position. He decided that *The Wayne Wills Fishing Column* did not sound right, especially to the prison inmates who he visited regularly in his regular line of work, who would find it most amusing. On the spur of the moment, he decided on *Bill Hohepa* – a fat little guy with a bucket on a rock with fish.

In 1975 he took his weekly fishing column to the *Sunday News*, then to the *Truth* in 1978. He and his weekly column went back and forth for 40 years.

By 1975 he had researched and developed his *Maori Fishing Calendar*. He keeps a detailed record of his fishing activities, to further develop it.

Initially, he turned-down invitations to speech in public, because he was too young to project the necessary gravitas. It was not until 1986, when he was 40, that he began speaking in public. As he demonstrated to us, he now has it down to a T.

Also in 1986, he established *Bill Hohepa Enterprises*, to teach fishing.

In 1979 he wrote a book on fishing, now in its 5<sup>th</sup> edition. By 1986 he had written 4 books. These were published by Rugby Press. Everyone else involved – publishers, printers, book sellers – did well out of it. The print runs of 5,000 sold for \$22 per copy, of which Bill got 70 cents.

In 1986 he self-published *Fishing and Stuff Like That*, selling the 2,000 copies for \$20 each at talks, all of which he now got. Much better.

In 1979 the school his children attended started a school holiday programme, which included fishing. Bill took this on, taking 20 children to Spirits Bay ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piwhane / Spirits Bay](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piwhane/Spirits_Bay)). Council provided a tent (actually, a marquee, which was all that they had left) and a van. The marquee leaked in the rain, but Spirits Bay was well-supplied with (rainproof) concrete toilets, which Bill used to accommodate everyone.

One of the children on that first camp was Tangata, a shy Pacifica lad from Otara. When asked what he would buy if he had a million dollars, he opted for a PA Vauxhall (<https://www.driven.co.nz/lifestyle/classic-cars/classic-cars-1960-pa-vauxhall-velox/>). Tangata said that he couldn't do it (fish), but he did – with a vengeance. With almost his first cast he hooked a 22lb (10kg) snapper. He went from nobody to anybody: the effect of just one fish.

These annual school fishing camps continued until 1993. Care Hohepa Incorporated was set up to run them, employing 15 people to do so. Camps were held in various parts of the country: Kapiti Island, Napier, Coromandel, up North and Auckland. The main base was Kawau Island ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kawau Island](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kawau_Island) and <https://www.kawauisland.org/>), a centre of the fishing industry.

The groups taken were divided into teams of four, each in a bunk room. On the first night, Bill told the kids to tip the contents of their bags onto the floor: they would end up there anyway, so they might as well start that way! This had unexpected repercussions. A few weeks later, one mother asked Bill what had happened. Fearing the worst, Bill was relieved to be told that her son was now tidying his room. Camp Hohepa continued until 2010, when it was stopped by Health & Safety issues. It was replaced by 'Dads and Lads' weekends, where Dad could take responsibility for Lad.

Bill's efforts were recognised when he was made of *Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit*, for services to recreational fisheries and the community, in January 2014 (<https://nz.linkedin.com/in/bill-hohepa-08a6983>).

In 1987 Bill set up Bill Hohepa Enterprises (<https://www.nzlbusiness.com/company/registered/Bill-Hohepa-Enterprises-Limited>). He persuaded in boat-building company to provide 3 12-foot dinghies, 3 15hp outboard motors and a trailer to carry them all, for his charter business, in return for a monthly demonstration seminar at their showrooms. The first such seminar, in Hamilton, saw long queues, with 15 boats sold on the first day and another 12 on the second. All concerned were happy.

Similar deals with Kilwell ([https://www.marine-deals.co.nz/fishing-tackle/fishing-reels/?pop=true&sb=popfgst&bsb=popfgsb&o=bing\\_fishing-reels&msclid=81e59d03f4311c190064c3f832137b13&utm\\_source=bing&utm\\_medium=cpc&utm\\_campaign=Categories&utm\\_term=kilwell\\_reels&utm\\_content=Fishing\\_Reels](https://www.marine-deals.co.nz/fishing-tackle/fishing-reels/?pop=true&sb=popfgst&bsb=popfgsb&o=bing_fishing-reels&msclid=81e59d03f4311c190064c3f832137b13&utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Categories&utm_term=kilwell_reels&utm_content=Fishing_Reels)) and Manukau Toyota (<https://www.toyota.co.nz/manukau-toyota/>) provided Bill with all the fishing gear he needed and a van to carry it all.

Bill was thus set up in business for free. He was even able to upgrade his 12-foot dinghies to an 18-foot boat. Even better, after 12 months the boat became his (he sold it) and he was given a new model, for the next 12 months.

At boat shows Bill stand in a boat and talk fishing. Such was his popularity that the other exhibitors were locked out.

Bill decided to do videos, on fishing at various places from the North to Invercargill. He discovered that it would cost \$120,000: too much for him. Through *New Zealand Fisherman* (<http://fishnhunt.co.nz/fisherman/>), for which he was writing, Bill persuaded each advertiser to donate \$10,000, in return for Bill using and promoting their products in the videos. 100,000 copies of the video were sold in 3 months, at \$39.99 each. Bill was supposed to get a share of the profits, but in the end there were none – Scotty (the boss) had absconded with the money!

When Bill was 12 he wanted to be a film maker. But when he was 14, his mother told him that she could no longer afford to keep him at school and that he would have to get a job. He was soon wielding a broom in a sharing gang in Tokoroa. One of the gang had a bullet nose Studebaker ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Studebaker\\_Starlight](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Studebaker_Starlight)). 30 years later Bill tried to find one himself – unsuccessfully. But, in 2015, a friend told him of the Studebaker Easter Cromwell ‘do’ (<http://www.studebakerdriversclub.co.nz/>), where Bill was able to find and buy one. Driving it back home was an adventure. First the radiator failed, because it was the wrong one. That was rectified and he continued. Then the alternator broke, but that was also fixed and the journey home was successfully completed.

While making videos, the camera man brought a young lady, as a ‘sound person’, he claimed, though he probably just wanted her along. Eventually Linda became a videographer and made videos. She is now Mrs Hohepa (or is it Mrs Wills?). This was 1993.

In 1997 Triangle Television (now Face TV - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Face\\_TV](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Face_TV)) started a weekly fishing show, with Bill. This lasted until 2003, when Bill moved to Southland TV (<https://www.facebook.com/southlandvibe>), a nation-wide channel on Sky. Based on sponsorship, there were 40 weekly shows per year, February to October.

In 2010 Bill stopped doing fishing shows. By then he had done it all and it had come to a natural end. But he had other interests to keep him occupied. One was South Island tracks. As well as videos and TV, there was a book, *The X Spot*, featuring 140 South Island Tracks.

Now he is into trucks. He drove them, and vans, doing deliveries (beer and coffee) in his youth. In the process, he acquired an HT licence and a job with Bob Martin at Reliance Transport (<https://www.facebook.com/reliancetransportltd>). Passing Western Springs, he saw that Ridgeway’s Circus (<https://jamesfaganhistoryblog.blogspot.com/2013/06/the-history-of-circus-in-new-zealand.html>) needed a driver. Bill started on Monday. He drove a 7-ton Bedford, towing a trailer with a lion cage (and lion) and a caravan. Going down a hill near Gisborne, Bill was stopped by a passer-by, who told him he had lost a trailer. The lion was still attached, but the caravan was gone. It had gone down a slope. When informed, Charlie Ridgeway accused Bill of having sold it, but then saw that he had not.

Bill needed a trailer licence. No problem in those days. Much harder now. It was the same getting an ordinary driver’s licence. Very casual. He was also given his motorcycle licence at the same time. After all, he would need it at some stage. The police officer who gave Bill his licences was a very nice chap, but perhaps not as serious about his job and its responsibilities as his superiors would have liked. He was sacked for carrying a deer which he had been given in the back of his police car. The past really was a different country.

In 2010 Bill began to tap into the market for nostalgia; in this case for old trucks and those who had driven them. One story was of the owner-driver of a 6-wheeled Comer truck (<http://tardis.dl.ac.uk/ARCC/History/history/node18.html>) with two contracts, one requiring an articulated truck, the other an articulated truck. Judicious application of gas axe and welding gear facilitated conversion between the two modes, as required. Another story involved an Austin truck ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Austin\\_Motor\\_Company](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Austin_Motor_Company)) used to carry timber from Manganui to Rotorua. This involved going up a steep hill. The tactic was to race up the hill as far as possible, stop, offload some of the timber, then come back for it once the rest had been taken to the top of the hill. One time, it almost got to the top in one go. It made it all the way with the help of the starter motor. Another was a Mercedes truck ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_Mercedes-Benz\\_trucks](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Mercedes-Benz_trucks)). It was designed for German autobahns (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Autobahn>), not New Zealand logging roads. Adding elements of a Leyland truck ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leyland\\_Trucks](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leyland_Trucks)) enabled it to cope.

Once again, things were much simpler in the 1950s and 1960s, with rules and regulations nowhere nearly as strict as they are now. A different country, indeed!

By 2013 and after 160 shows (*Talking Trucks*) Bill had run out of trucks. No problem. He just widened the scope, to anything old (pre-1973) with a motor: bulldozers, tractors, graders, cars, motorbikes and, of course, trucks. This was *Low Gear*.

2017 saw the publication of *Talking Trucks* (the book), now in its second edition.

Bill had stopped making TV programmes in 2018, but resumed in 2020, with a new TV series 3)) of compilations of old footage: *Bill Hohepa’s Kiwi Life Magazine Show*. It is nostalgia about nostalgia, starting on Face TV (Sky Channel 83) on 3 August.

Bill still runs some fishing trips, and also speaks to the public. In these talks, to groups of 3-400 people, Bill asks the audience how many of them have fish finders on their boats. About half. How many know how to use their fish finder? 10.

These cost anything from \$500 to \$5,000. Bill offers the *Bill Hohepa Fish Finder* for free. Just keep an eye out for where birds are feeding, or where you have a ‘feeling’. Go there. The only equipment needed is a rod with bait and a sinker. The bait can be anything. Whatever fish start eating, that will be what they want, so do not change your bait. Then drift. When you catch a snapper, cut the line, tie a balloon to the end of it, and release it. The fish cannot submerge, so it goes sideways, to its mates. So just follow the balloon to the concentration of fish. Once you have caught a fish, do not get excited – that only scares the fish off. Just drop another line: once one fish takes the bait, the others will all want a piece as well.

Bill’s final piece of advice is to use tennis balls as floats: they are just as effective as the specialized commercial product, and much cheaper. Also, leave them at some distance from your boat, so that the fish are not distracted by the boat.

Bill’s final fishing story was of the time when, while fishing in Tolaga Bay, he and an orca disputed possession of a hapuka. They eventually settled on half each: the orca got the body; Bill the head.

Bill finished his talk with a, possibly apocryphal, story that had nothing to do with fishing, although it could be said that someone was caught. Back about 1980, a Japanese man came through Auckland Airport toting two large cases and got a taxi to his hotel. The taxi driver noticed that his passenger was talking into his watch. It transpired that the ‘watch’ was not only a phone, but also a radio and TV. The taxi driver was enthralled and, having had a good day at the races, bought the ‘watch’ for \$300. The taxi driver delivered his passenger to his hotel and was walking away with his new toy when the Japanese man called out: *Don’t forget the batteries!*

After the meeting, Bill, Linda, Noel and Merylyne Rose and I had had a most enjoyable lunch at Dennys.

### COFFEE MORNING

Our second post Lockdown Coffee Morning was on Thursday 18 June, at Huckleberry Farm, New Lynn. Despite the less-than-clement weather, 21 members and spouses attended. We had to spread our number over two tables, but still managed to make new acquaintances among the expanded membership, and a good time was had by all. I, for one, would not mind a return visit.





One Table ▲



Other Table ▼



One end of one table, with the other table in the background ▲



Roger chatting - Jewel looking the other way ►



Continuity and change:

The Hat ▼



The Hair ▼



The happy Couple ►

The \$64,000 question: when will Bill's hair be as long as May's? And will she mind?

**MID-WINTER LUNCH**

Friday 26 June saw on Mid-Winter Lunch (and movie) at Ryders, Avondale. The movie was *Ride Like a Girl* (<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt7600382/> and [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ride\\_Like\\_a\\_Girl](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ride_Like_a_Girl)), the story of Michelle Payne, the first female jockey to win the Melbourne Cup. The movie was followed by a roast lunch. 41 people attended, mostly West Auckland Mens' Rebus members and spouses, but also from Waitakere Combined Rebus and the Historic Society, plus a friend of Vince's. A good time was had by all. Even the weather was cooperative.

▼ In the Dining Room, waiting to go into the Cinema



In the Cinema, waiting for the movie to start ▲





Laurie explaining the orderly procedure for lunch

Cook awaiting the rush

Actually, everyone was well behaved – Laurie runs a tight ship!



Collecting the food

Patiently waiting their turn – one table at a time



Well worth a return visit. Not only an excellent venue for our Mid-Winter Lunch, but perhaps also for a Christmas Lunch. Do Ryders do barbecues?

### **COMING EVENTS**

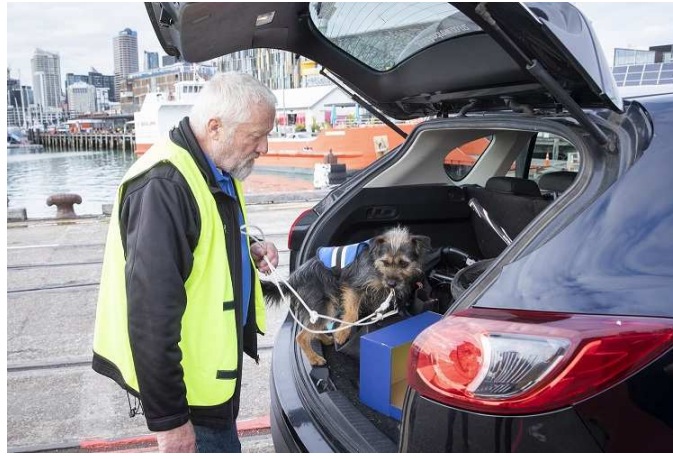
Four coming events known as of now.

This month's Guest Speaker will be **Jacqui Knight**, 'The Butterfly Lady'. She has featured on the cover of *New Zealand Woman's Weekly* (<https://www.nowtolove.co.nz/news/latest-news/why-im-saving-new-zealands-monarch-butterflies-33381>) and is one of TVNZ's *Good Sorts* (watch it at <https://www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/good-sorts-theyve-taken-over-my-life-auckland-woman-sharing-joy-butterflies>).





August's Guest Speaker will be **Brian Shields**, from Auckland City Council, who will be talking about pest control/eradication. See <https://ourauckland.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/articles/news/2019/08/biosecurity-and-bark-control-behind-the-scenes-at-auckland-council/>.



Seen here with Pipi.

Ian has organized another Coffee Morning, at **Whoa Studios** (<https://whoastudios.co.nz/>), 8 Henderson Valley Road, at 10 am on Wednesday 22 July.



Seems child-focused. Just the place for elderly gentlemen in their dotages!

Should be easy enough to find. Coming along Great North Road, turn into Henderson Valley Road, go under the railway bridge, then on the left. Also handy to the Henderson Transport Hub (trains and buses).



Information about the visit to the **Chelsea Sugar Refinery**, on Thursday 23 August, was detailed in last month's Newsletter. Anyone interested in going and has not yet done so should contact Ian Smith ASAP.



## MEMBERS CONTRIBUTIONS

As you know, I welcome contributions from members. These are usually of a humorous nature, but this month I begin with something more serious (fear not, several humorous contributions from members do follow).

**Charles Nicholls** is a JP, and has offered members his services as such, as per:

I am available to assist members with any documents that need a JP to sign. Our services are free. I can be contacted on this email [cdnich300@gmail.com](mailto:cdnich300@gmail.com) or on my landline 09 6293816 or as a last resort on my cell phone 02102551937.

If members cannot get to my house, I will visit people in their homes or meet them at one of our meetings.

Services are free. If members want a JP and for some reason I am not available they can access the following website

<http://justiceofthepeace.org.nz/>.

While all JPs can act, I recommend that clients go to one that has the word accredited by his/her name as that means she/he has kept up with recent training.

It is unlikely that Charles is the only member with knowledge/skills that might be useful to other members. If you can contribute in any such way, please write a short notice and send it to me, to include in the Newsletter, and to Vince, to put on the website.

Now for something lighter.

**Roger Laloli** has provided *Irish wisdom - Learning every day*:

The Irish have the lowest stress rate because they do not understand the seriousness of most medical terminology.

The chart will help us understand.....

### MEDICAL TERM

### REDNECK DEFINITION

Artery	The study of paintings
Bacteria	Back door to cafeteria
Barium	What doctors do when patients die
Benign	What you be, after you be eight
Caesarian Section	A neighbourhood in Rome
Cat scan	Searching for Kitty
Cauterize	Made eye contact with her
Colic	A sheep dog
Coma	A punctuation mark
Dilate	To live long
Enema	Not a friend
Fester	Quicker than someone else
Fibula	A small lie
Impotent	Distinguished, well known
Labour Pain	Getting hurt at work
Medical Staff	A doctor's cane
Morbid	A higher offer
Nitrates	Rates of pay for working at night, normally more money than days
Node	I knew it
Outpatient	A person who has fainted
Pelvis	Second cousin to Elvis
Post Operative	A letter carrier
Recovery Room	Place to do upholstery
Rectum <sup>†</sup>	Nearly killed him
Secretion	Hiding something
Seizure	Roman emperor
Tablet	A small table
Terminal Illness	Getting sick at the airport
Tumour	One plus one more

<sup>†</sup> Roger's favourite. I hope it is not because of any personal resonance. I do know that he has recently had a Cat Scan: I hope Kitty was found safe and well.

**Roger** has also provided this on *Social Distancing*:

Medical experts were asked if it is time to ease the lockdown.

Allergists were in favour of scratching it, but dermatologists advised not to make any rash moves.

Gastroenterologists had a sort of gut feeling about it, but neurologists thought the government had a lot of nerve.

Obstetricians felt certain everyone was labouring under a misconception, while ophthalmologists considered the idea short sighted.

Many pathologists yelled *Over my dead body* while Pediatricians said *Oh, grow up!*

Psychiatrists thought the whole idea was madness. While radiologists could see right through it.

Surgeons decided to wash their hands on the whole thing and pharmacists claimed it would be a bitter pill to swallow.

Plastic surgeons opined that this proposal would *put a whole new face on the matter*.

Podiatrists thought it was a step forward but urologists were pissed off at the whole idea.

Anaesthesiologists thought the whole idea was a gas and those lofty cardiologists didn't have the heart to say no.

In the end the proctologists won out, leaving the entire decision up to the assholes.



From **Herb Simmons**:

Two mates met in the street:

Fred: *G'day Doug.*

Doug: *How'd you be mate?*

Fred: *Could be better. By the way, Doug, I didn't know you were religious.*

Doug: *Eh! What ya mean?*

Fred: *I saw you coming out of the church last week.*

Doug: *Oh that, well ya see, it's like this;  
every time I pass that way I pay a little visit,  
so's when at last they wheel me in.  
The Lord won't say, Who is it?*

Some Words of Wisdom from Presidents Past and Present at the last meeting:

**Bill Fairs** gave us:

*A mask is better than a ventilator.*

*Home is better than ICU.*

*Prevention is better than treatment.*

*It's not curfew, it's care for you.*

**Bill Mutch** gave use:

His granddaughter asked him if he was meeting his 'old farts'. When he admitted it, she told him to always be positive; to turn a negative into a positive. He agrees. then goes downstairs, to do his laundry. His misses his step and falls down the stairs to the bottom. He points out that that was the fastest that he had ever got downstairs!

This from **Trevor Pollard**, on *Old Age*:

The chances of reaching your one-hundred-and-tenth birthday are about one in seven million. It helps a lot to be a woman; they are ten times more likely to reach 110 than a man. It is an intereting fact that women have always outlived men. This is a little counterintuitive when you consider that no man has ever died in childbirth. Nor, through much of history, have men been as closely exposed to contagions through nursing the sick. Yet in every period of history, in every society examined, women have always lived several years longer on average than men. And they still do now, even though we are subjected to more or less identical health care.

The longest-lived person that we know of was Jeanne Louise Calment of Arles, in Provence, who died at the decidedly ripe age of 122 years, 164 days in 1997. She was not only the first person to reach 122, but also 116, 117, 118, 119, 120 and 121. Calment had a leisurely life: her father was a rich shipbuilder and her husband a prosperous businessman. She never worked. She outlived her husband by more than half a century and her only child, a daughter, by 63. Calment smoked all her life – at the age of 117, when she finally gave up, she was still smoking two cigarettes a day – and ate a kilo of chocolate every week, but was active up to the very end and enjoyed robust health. Her proud and charming boast in old age was, *I've never had but one wrinkle, and I'm sitting on it.*

Calment was also the beneficiary of one of the most delightful misjudged deals ever made. In 1965, when she ran into financial difficulties, she agreed to leave her apartment to a lawyer in return for a payment of 2,500 francs a month until she died. Since Calment was then 90, it seemed a pretty good deal for the lawyer. In fact, it was the lawyer who died first, thirty years after signing the deal, having paid Calment more than 900,000 francs for an apartment he was never able to occupy.

The oldest man, meanwhile, was Jiroemon Kimura of Japan, who died aged 116 years and 54 days in 2013, after a quiet life as a government communications worker followed by a very long retirement in a village near Kyoto. Kimura lived a healthy lifestyle, but then millions of Japanese do. What enabled him to live so much longer than the rest of us is a question to which there is no answer, but family genes seem to play a significant role. As Daniel Lieberman told me, reaching 80 is largely a consequence of following a healthy lifestyle, but after that it is almost almost entirely a matter of genes. Or, as Bernard Starr, an emeritus professor City University of New York, put it: *The best way to assure longevity is to pick your parents.*

What a difference one more Y-chromosome and one less X-chromosome can make! Or fathers have a lot to answer for.

For more on them see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jeanne\\_Calment](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jeanne_Calment) and [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jiroemon\\_Kimura](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jiroemon_Kimura).

**Neil Castle** provided these two from *Quips & Quotes* in the *NZ Listener*:

After World War II, Bader gave a talk at a smart girls' school. *So there were two of the f\*ckers behind me, three f\*ckers to my right, another f\*cker on the left*, he said. At which point the Head Mistress interjected: *Ladies, the Fokker was a German aircraft.* Bader replied *That may be, Madam, but these f\*ckers were in Messerschmitts.*

*I called my dog Fast Bowler because he has four short legs and can swing balls both ways.*

More about Douglas Bader, Fockers and Messerschmitts at [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Douglas\\_Bader](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Douglas_Bader), <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fokker> and [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Messerschmitt\\_Bf\\_109](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Messerschmitt_Bf_109). **Fast Bowler** is otherwise undocumented.



**Trevor Pollard** also provided this token, from the *Rotary Club of Pineville, Louisiana, USA*:



The Reverse reads:

4 WAY TEST

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it Fair to all Concerned?
3. Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
4. Will it be Beneficial to all Concerned?

Principles we might all usefully keep in mind. Unfortunately, not all Americans currently abide by – or even seem aware of - them.

See <https://www.facebook.com/pinevillerotary> for more on the Rotary Club of Pineville, Louisiana, USA.

**OTHER MATTERS**

The Rebus Federation is looking for photos for its 2021 Calendar. This information about that from the Khandallah Rebus website (forwarded by Vince):

REBUS NZ INC - Photographic Competition 2021 - for Rebus Pictorial Calendar.

We hope that some of you shutterbugs have already put aside your entry to this year's competition. As we like to have seasonal shots related to the months on which they appear, don't let the summer, autumn or winter go by without getting that special shot.

A copy of the 2021 Rules follow:

- Photos to be submitted in jpeg format to [admin@rebus.nz](mailto:admin@rebus.nz)
- Aspect Ratio 16:9 (not 4:3 as cropping to achieve 16:9 can eliminate photo from selection). Check your Camera/phone settings.
- Format to be Landscape NOT Portrait. (Horizontal width greater than height)
- They need to be reasonably high resolution for good reproduction – not less than 3 MB.
- Photo subject to be an eye-catching scene found only in your Club's district.
- The photographer to be either a member - or member's spouse.
- Date photo taken to be between 15th Sept 2019 and 15th Sept 2020.
- Entries closing date is 15th Sept 2020 – but feel free to send them in earlier please.
- Judging will be by the Rebus Board with any member who may have entered a photo, not participating in the selection.
- In addition to the 12 photos selected, 12 highly commended miniatures with attribution to the photographer, will be published on the rear page.
- Members' Photos may be submitted directly to Rebus, but if a competition is being run by a Club internally, a maximum of 5 entries will be accepted from the Club after local judging.

It is anticipated that the price per Calendar will remain at \$10 with orders being sought later in the year.

You can download the Rebus Federation Constitution at <https://www.rebus.nz/documents>, where it is listed under *Rules of Rebus NZ*. It was originally intended to append it to this Newsletter, but 13 pages is too long.

If you are not already in the habit of doing so, you should consult the SuperSeniors site (<http://www.superseniors.msd.govt.nz/>), where you can find much useful and interesting information, as well as sign-up to their Newsletter.

In the section on the Coffee Morning at Huckleberry Farm I included the bit on *Continuity and Change*: Andrew Geddes' hat and Bill Fairs' hair. This is not entirely frivolous. At a meeting earlier in the year, I came into the room and saw someone who looked familiar, but who I could not identify. I then realized that it was Andrew – hatless. I was so used to seeing him wearing headgear of some kind, that without it he was unrecognizable. Seeing him wearing a hat at Huckleberry brought home to me that, despite all that has happened recently, we, both as individuals and as a group, just carried on as normal. Similarly, the first time I saw Bill after the lockdown, at the Swanson Coffee Morning, I did not initially recognize him, because of his longer hair. I was so used to seeing Bill close-cropped. He demonstrated that, in the face of change, even adversity, we are flexible and adaptable. Unable to have a hair cut during the lockdown, he accepted the new situation, and has now even embraced it. As a club, we have also experienced major changes recently, but we have adapted to, and embraced, them. I think that we are all the better for that, both as individuals and as a collective. This adaptability and flexibility bodes well for our collective future and individual futures.

This Newsletter is rather more concise than usual. I could have dipped into my collection of such material to pad it out, but The Deadline looms. If you want more, feel free to contribute. I won't mind.

***The July meeting will be on Friday 10 July, at the new time and in the usual place.***



**If anyone has any views, opinions, information, requests or questions they want to share with members, please do not hesitate to send them to me, so that I can include them in the Newsletter. Remember, it is YOUR Newsletter: feel free to contribute to it as you will. I do not want to have to write it all myself – I'm too lazy for that!**

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