



REBUS CLUB of HIBISCUS COAST

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Where you will find Fun, Friendship and Conviviality.

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Meetings held at Bridge Club, Edith Hopper Park, Ladies Mile, Manly – first Tuesday of each month.

OUR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUES 3rd May 2022 AT 9.30AM

Guest speaker Bryan Jackson “Auckland Incidents, Accidents and Tragedies” Introduced by Bob Hagan and thanked by Graeme Newton – Club Speaker, Trevor Weal -Host Phil Martell



President's Message

Greetings members

Another month has slipped by and the orange light at the end of the tunnel has arrived. It doesn't seem to have a great impact on my life! What I have noticed though is that our friends and associates are venturing out more with their entertainment and travel. This may have some impact on the numbers attending our meetings as members catch up on their missed-out travel and socialising.

I hope that those who attended the last meeting enjoyed the guest speaker's presentation relating to fraudulent activities in 1985 of the American Milton Windsor Harris and his ultimate demise.

Read more

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/world/americas/9625524/The-fall-and-rise-of-Milton-Windsor-Harris>

My experience with this type of criminal activity in this country, was that the courts were far too lenient. That the resources which had to be applied and the impact the offending had on the victims was very disproportionate to the punishment handed out. As a result, it has always been treated as a low priority in Policing in New Zealand. (An old personal gripe of

mine).

We look forward to the club's activities coming up over the next month which are outlined below in Steve's report.

As a little challenge we are looking for the best photographs taken in our area which show reflections in the subject matter. The winner to be judged by the committee special recognition at the midyear luncheon/dinner. That's right we will be having a mid-year function, venue and date yet to be decided. We will be seeking some feedback at the next meeting as to what is preferred luncheon or dinner.

Please don't hesitate to contact me directly on garth269@gmail.com or mobile 02040060844 if you have anything you wish to discuss.

Best Regards

Garth Dutton

Welfare:



Info much the same as last month.

Bruce Scott at Evelyn Page, visitors allowed but must have a RAT test, 30 mins a visit.

Bruce goes out with others once a week and they have ice cream time while out.

Frank Coggan took John Sarcich to the RSA on Friday pm which John enjoyed very much, along with an ale. Good one John.

Good news is David Webb has recovered from Covid, also Lisa is able to take him out for an outing when it is okay to do so.

Please contact us if a member is in need of assistance e.g. shopping or transport.

Enjoy the sunshine and the lack of humidity everyone.

Murray Paterson and Kim Hanna

Ph: 09 424 1027

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TRIPS AND FUNCTIONS



Own car mystery tour and lunch trip on 4th May

We have 39 participants for this trip and bookings are now closed.

Participants should bring a pen and clipboard, or something to write on in a moving car.

The directions and list of clues will be provided on the day.

We are meeting at Edith Hopper Park, outside the Bridge Club, at 9.15, ready for a briefing and to set off, cars being staggered by a few minutes apart, at 9.30.

There are no public toilets on the route you are taking so make your last comfort stop before you set off or at the Plaza after setting off. It is not a time trial and there will be sufficient time to get to the lunch venue by 12.30pm if you do stop at the Plaza.

I have a copy of your lunch choice and will circulate this at the venue in case you have forgotten your choice.

The lunch includes your choice of main plus either ice cream sundae, tea or coffee or beer or wine. Any extras other than one of the above will be at your own expense and paid for at the bar.

Tessa and I are looking forward to lunching with you and revealing the answers to the clues.

Whangarei, Hundertwasser coach trip on 25th May

Joint trip with Gulf Harbour Rebus Club.

We have booked the entry tickets for this trip as we had to book in advance for a large group. We still have 5 places, between the two clubs, on the

coach. If any member wishes to go, or if you know any non-members who wish to join the trip, please contact Steve ASAP on 02108640236 and e-mail me at stevejwaller49@gmail.com

The fee for the coach and entry to the new Arts centre is \$35 and does not include lunch or other refreshments. These late bookings will be subject to us being able to book entry to the centre on the day and will be on a first come first served basis. We are keen to fill the coach so please act now if you, or you know someone who would, wish to join the trip.

We meet at Edith Hopper Park ready to depart on the coach at 8.30am or at Red Beach at 8.45.

I (Steve) will be out of action for several weeks so Garth, your President, has volunteered to look after trips and events for that period. Thank-you Garth on behalf of Tessa and me.

Steve Waller

Treasurer's Report:



55 have paid subs so far. Bank account sitting at just under \$7K, with trip costs to pay.

Subscriptions of \$25 as set at the AGM are now due. Please pay directly into the Club's account.

Bryan Wentworth

Membership and 'Our People'

The letter box drop with a flyer was continued by Paul Robinson and Murray Paterson over an area radiating around the Bridge Club. Hopefully when completed, we may have attracted a number of new members. Thanks for the effort Paul and Murray. Now that our club is back in full swing, you all have a role to 'sell' the benefits of membership to friends and neighbours and newcomers to the Peninsula.

Remember, if you have had a change in your personal contact details, please send the relevant changes to our club email.

hibiscusrebus@gmail.com

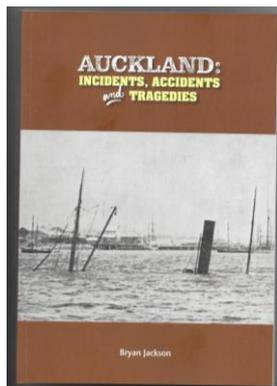
Phil Martell

Speakers Corner



Last month we heard from Mike Campbell on “The Tale of Milton Harris.” Mike is a retired private investigator who told the story of a man who attempted to fake his own death for his family to benefit from a large insurance pay-out. Rod Klarwill spoke re his wife Karen’s book on the development of the Gulf Harbour canal and marina. Rod also mentioned recent events concerning the “Hammerhead” and lobbied for Wayne Brown’s candidacy for Mayor.

Our May Guest Speaker is Bryan Jackson of Warkworth who has compiled a history of his wife’s Croatian family, along with many other fascinating incidents of history. We have a photo of the cover of his book - “Auckland: Incidents, Accidents and Tragedies”.



Bob Hagan will introduce Bryan, and Graeme Newton will thank him.

Our Club Speaker is Trevor Weal who will introduce us to “A person called Charles Upham”. In your brief – or extended - Club life, if you have not yet clarified where you are coming from, please volunteer as a Club Speaker.

As you may have noted, “sourcing” is a key element of Guest Speakers – so, we are always very pleased to be pointed in the direction of possible candidates. This month’s chokky bar goes to: Bob Hagan.

David Gatland



Ramblers

The most recent Ramble around the Orewa Estuary was cancelled due to forecast rain. However, earlier in April we tackled Milford to Takapuna – including a scramble over the rocks to be rewarded with an ice cream at the Takapuna Beach Cafe halfway point; around Lake Pupuke from the Pumphouse; and Stanmore Beach return with a record 22 turnout. We round the rambles off with a coffee – where those who have opted for a shorter walk also join in.

Rambles typically depart from the Bridge Club at 0900 Monday morning – with carpooling as needed. Contact me if you wish to be on the Ramblers List – organised by Gulf Harbour. Partners are welcome.



Stanmore Bay.
David Gatland.

Combined Club Dinner Nights



After a recess of 10 months because of covid it has been agreed to restart the combined club dinner night.

The next night out is on 10 May at Picador Restaurant in Stanmore Bay starting at 6.30pm, at present I have 26 attending. We usual have a dinner out every 7 to 8 weeks at a local restaurant. It is open to members and their partners

I organise the nights to be on a Tuesday night as with such big numbers it’s a night that restaurants can fit us in.

I require number by the Sunday night before or earlier if possible. Members are responsible for remembering what they have ordered and any drinks they have. Some of the restaurants are BYO.

I try and send out the restaurant menus in advance and if members would like to order through me, they can. I send the orders in advance so the chiefs can get a head start on preparing your meal.

If any member wishers to join the combined dinners out please email me at gwandcatregidga@xtra.co.nz or my other email address gandc@xtra.co.nz and I will add your name to the list.

George Tregidga

Happy Birthday

Birthdays for April

We would like to congratulate the following members for having successfully negotiated another year and hope that they are able to enjoy their birthday with family and friends. Special mention of our latest nonagenarian,

David Flavell.



Merv Reeves,
Phil Martell,
Neil Douglas.

Puzzle corner:

Mathematics



Last Month....

This is topical: Who is bilingual in our “official” two languages?

Question: Of those people in an Aotearoa New Zealand country town, 10% speak Māori and 94% speak English,

- **how many can speak both Māori and English? (Scary but realistic).**
- **Firstly, humble apologies for my mistake last month: 94% speak English, 10% speak Māori, means that $94 + 10 - 100 = 4\%$ speak both languages. This is the correct answer, leaving only 6% mono-lingual Māori-speakers and 90% mono-lingual English speakers. And so, $90 + 4 + 6 = 100\%$ as needed.**
- **This month: Two parts-**
- *** A jug is doubled in size in each direction. By what factor is its volume increased?**
- *** Two concrete pipes are stored side-by-side touching each other, The sizes are 70 and 30 cms in diameter, respectively. How high above the ground is their common touching point?**

Graeme Wake

My Apologies for these terrible (but clean) Jokes. ED

1. There's a fine line between a numerator and a denominator. (...Only a fraction of people will get this clean joke.)

2. What do dentists call their x-rays?

Tooth pics!

3. Did you hear about the first restaurant to open on the moon?

It had great food, but no atmosphere.

4. What did one ocean say to the other ocean?

Nothing, it just waved.

5. Do you want to hear a construction joke?

Sorry, I'm still working on it.

6. Did you hear about the fire at the circus?

It was in tents!

7. Why do ducks have feathers?

To cover their butt quacks!

8. What's the difference between a hippo and a zippo?

One is really heavy and the other's a little lighter.

Donation



We would like to express our sincere thanks to Allan Yeo of Booster Wine Group for the donation of a selection of New Zealand fine wines. These will be given to our guest speakers in appreciation for their presentations.

If you wish to know more about the Booster visit their Site

<https://boosterwinegroup.nz/our-story>