



# REBUS CLUB of HIBISCUS COAST

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

**NEXT MEETING ON 7th September 2021 AT 9.30AM HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO COVID**

**Sorry about that folks but please enjoy this bulletin as a substitute**

### Presidents Message



As I write my thoughts for this month, we are again in the grasp of Covid lockdown and it looks most likely that we will not be able to hold our Club Meeting in September. We will also

have been constrained in having to hold our committee meeting via Zoom!

These changes will mean that even more importance needs to be placed on the part our Bulletin plays in the successful running of our Club. We will try to bring most of the material we would cover at our meeting to you in these pages, so I make a strong plea that you take the time to read it.

We had an excellent outing to the Chelsea Sugar Refinery and Steve will cover this in his report in some more detail. All I need to do is to thank Steve and Tessa for the great job they did on putting it together and the organisation on the day.

Covid Lockdown got in the way of an interesting outing to Hamilton that was planned for our Classic Cars interest group. Our Speakers Corner organisers are also doing a great job with a blend of general interest stories and advice sessions

which have kept our interest alive.

You will also be seeing more about the possible DC3 trip being planned for later in the year – so keep your internet connections open!

I want to endorse the request Garth has made in this bulletin regarding recruitment of members for service on the management committee. As Vice President this year, he stands – all things being equal – to be our President next year. It is vital that the new committee is identified and ready well before the start of the new Rebus year and I was very fortunate that this was the case for my year as President. I am also conscious that some of the committee members and other task-holders have been involved for longer than a year and in some cases, much longer. Your efforts are hugely appreciated by not only me, but the whole committee.

In the meantime, I hope you are all coping under the restraints that Covid imposes upon us and our freedom and please do not hesitate to reach out to your committee if there is anything we can help you with during this difficult time.

*Phil Martell*

## Welfare:



I was able to catch up with Lisa & David Webb Tuesday 17th.

David is in good hands as well as getting day care, I was able to spend some time talking to David which was great and that entailed talking about where he had lived and worked. Lisa is much appreciative of the visits from John Humphries, Bill Dowds & Pieter Hopkins.

Bruce Scott is now in full time care at Evelyn Page but unfortunately his wife Verna is unable to proceed until Lockdown is over with the finalising for the purchase of a unit.

We are keeping our fingers crossed.

We would like to know if there are any members, we should get in touch with to say Hi and also members who may need transport to our monthly meeting.

Regards from the welfare team

*Murray Paterson and Kim Hanna*

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## Treasurer's Report:



Out current bank balance stands at \$6165.83 which includes some small outstanding amounts to be paid and a deposit paid for the Christmas

function

*Bryan Wentworth*



## Trips/Events:

**CHELSEA SUGAR FACTORY  
PHEW!!**

We just managed to fit in the Chelsea Sugar Factory trip before lockdown!

Everyone seemed to enjoy the whole experience. We set off on the coach at 9.30am and went straight to Chelsea Bay as the driver was having problems with the coach and he wanted to ensure we got there. Having arrived earlier than expected we all found something to do before the tour. Most of us had a coffee, and more, in the excellent café. A few brave couples went for a walk around the grounds while others spent longer than expected in the Interactive Zone learning about sugar processing and baking virtual cakes on the computers - very Hi-Tec.

The tour took us around the site and into different factory buildings on a train (disguised tractor and trailer). The old buildings contained original processing equipment which, our guide explained, allowed them to process more materials and finished products than their more modern competitors. In spite of the traditional equipment, they are not behind the times on monitoring and process control, with very few operatives being employed and extensive use of computers to control the processes. We even had



to dress up, in Hi-vis, hard hats and goggles, so what more could we ask for. Our

excellent lady guide Joe explained everything in detail and the whole event was extremely well organised by the Chelsea Visitor Centre staff. The excellent Chelsea Café provided a very tasty lunch, and we provide great conversation. One thing we did miss was Bill Anderson and his stories during the coach ride home. Maybe someone could volunteer to substitute Bill when he doesn't join a trip. I know he is a hard act to follow but maybe someone can have a go. Any comedians amongst our members please step forward. Perhaps we could organise a talent show to find an understudy for Bill. Of course, Bill will have to be the chief judge. Our next event is the annual bowling experience at **Manly Bowling Club** on 14th October. This has proved to be very popular, and this third annual event should be no exception. We will receive some informal tuition followed by our own inter-club competition, then drinks and a club organised BBQ. It's all very low key and light-hearted and no previous experience is necessary or expected. Bowls are provided and the bar serves very reasonably priced drinks. Specific details of start time are to be notified nearer the time. We are accepting bookings and payment for this event by internet banking or at a future club meeting, assuming we can have one. The cost for this event is only \$10 per head including the BBQ, which is a subsidised rate. We haven't finalised any other trips as yet but have several options at the planning stage. More about this in future reports. I did try to arrange a

visit to the private car collection at Milldale, an extension of the Millwater development. Unfortunately, the owner turned down our request, so no go there. Thanks to those members who put me onto this and supplied contact



details. Maybe better luck next time. Any suggestions for future trips and events are very welcome, so please let me know of your experiences and ideas.

*Steve Waller*

### Membership:

Last month at our meeting we welcomed four new members

*From left to right; President Phil Martell, Charles Surma, Neil Garner, Trevor Weal, Bob Finn*

The committee will be considering one application for membership this month and we will induct this new member as soon as the formalities are complete and covid allows us to have a club meeting. There are others in the pipeline too which is very encouraging.

**If you have had a change in your personal contact details please send the relevant changes to our club email. [hibiscusrebus@gmail.com](mailto:hibiscusrebus@gmail.com)**

*Phil Martell*

### Website

 I am continually updating the website with photos. If any members have photos or other material which they feel appropriate to be displayed on our website.

<http://www.rebus-hibiscuscoast.co.nz>

If you have anything of interest, please email them to [hibiscusrebus@gmail.com](mailto:hibiscusrebus@gmail.com)

*Les Wistrand*

### Walking Group:



The walking group started off August with a short walk on Stanmore Bay followed by a luncheon in Orewa. The luncheon has become an annual event



to celebrate Ngaire and Royce Norton's birthdays. Peter presented the couple with a

photo taken of them at Norton Reserve.

This was followed on the 9<sup>th</sup> August with a return trip to the Te Atatu Peninsula with the customary sticky bun and coffee at the Servo Café.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> 14 lively souls took on an urban walk around Orewa finishing up the Bake'N'Brew for some socialising.

Then along came Covid and "that's it folks!" for another month. Many of the regulars are out walking in their bubbles though.

This group is co-ordinated by Peter Odendaal of Gulf Harbour and if you wish to be included in the weekly mailout contact David Gatland.

### Speakers Corner



Our Guest Speaker for September was to be John Rofe on the topic of "**Is Anthropogenic Global Warming a Mistake or an Egregious Fraud**".

We will fit John in at the next opportunity but in the meantime will give you a taste of his presentation

John is an internationally trained, qualified and experienced "Certified Management Consultant" with considerable experience in the investigation of fraud. He has carried out a very thorough review of the science behind the current 'Climate Accord' to understand the basis for the globally agreed approach. He has come to some extremely disturbing conclusions that have resulted in his formally challenging the New Zealand Government's position through the normal legal channels on the following basis: "*I allege they are promoting for personal gain, the quasi-scientific theory of Anthropogenic Global Warming, with no empirical scientific evidential support for the debunked theory they promote.*"

His talk will cover the reasons why Human Carbon Emissions have little - if any influence on climate change and whether the New Zealand

Zero Carbon legislation is Mistake or Fraud. This is a 30-year fraud complete with sophistry to mask deliberate, official lies so it seems more complex than it is.

John's "20 shades of alleged climate fraud" contains some of the detail and is attached to this bulletin, so that you can preview key elements of his research [20 Shades of Alleged Climate Fraud \(rebus-hibiscuscoast.co.nz\)](http://20ShadesofAllegedClimateFraud(rebus-hibiscuscoast.co.nz))

*(Click to open)*

The Club Speaker for September was to be Rod Klarwill on the topic of his wife Karyn's book: "The Gulf Harbour Canal Waterway, the history of the development". Rod may even enlighten us with how he was material in resolving the Hammerhead ownership issue - as reported in Hibiscus Matters recently. We look forward to this presentation when we next meet face to face.

*David Gatland*

### Your Club

As you all realise it takes considerable organising to have a successful social club. The committee and a number of other volunteers make this all possible.

We are appealing to the members new and old to join the committee and add new ideas.

If you are interested in being an active member, please contact either President Phil or me. Our contact details are at the top of the bulletin.

*Garth Dutton*

Vice President

### Birthdays for September



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. With special recognition for our nonagenarian of the month Royce Norton



Roger Brentnall; Garth Dutton; Ray Watkins; John Lee; John McColl; Earl Trass; Julian Joy

### Editor's Ramblings

My subject for this month is WHY

Like why, are we all encouraged to get vaccinated for covid when we know that a percentage will not have it done and in the event of one or more of those unvaccinated catching Covid we will All have to suffer the effects of a lock down.

Surely, we are approaching the time when everyone has been given the opportunity to be vaccinated, then the response to any further outbreak is not to lock-down the country or a region. Boost up the health systems to deal with sick people rather than punishing the whole country!

Like why, do we keep sending huge volumes of timber overseas when we are short of timber in our own country. In a recent visit I made to Tauranga I was amazed at the volume of timber sitting at the port awaiting exportation. Surely in any other country facing timber shortages this supply would be acquisitioned by the Government for local supply

Another question which has been raised by the lockdown process is that for us golf fanatics we can't get a fix for our disease. Very stressful, but then we should consider some of these classical quotes as to why, we play the game in the first instance.

- 'The most important shot in golf is the next one.' – Ben Hogan
- 'Golf is a game whose aim is to hit a very small ball into an even smaller hole, with weapons singularly ill-designed for the purpose.' – Winston Churchill
- 'Golf is a day spent in a round of strenuous idleness.' – William Wordsworth
- 'If you're caught on a golf course during a storm and are afraid of lightning, hold up a 1-iron. Not even God can hit a 1-iron.' – Lee Trevino
- 'Golf is an awkward set of bodily contortions designed to produce a graceful result.' – Tommy Armour
- 'To find a man's true character, play golf with him.' – PG Wodehouse
- 'They call it golf because all the other four-letter words were taken.' – Ray Floyd
- 'The more I practice the luckier I get.' – Gary Player

- ‘If a lot of people gripped a knife and fork the way they do a golf club, they’d starve to death.’ – Sam Snead
- ‘Golf is a good walk spoiled.’ – Mark Twain
- ‘Golf is so popular simply because it is the best game in the world at which to be bad.’ – AA Milne
- ‘If you drink, don’t drive. Don’t even putt.’ – Dean Martin
- ‘If you watch a game, it’s fun. If you play it, it’s recreation. If you work at it, it’s golf.’ – Bob Hope
- ‘Golf, like the measles, should be caught young, for, if postponed to riper years, the results may be serious.’ – PG Wodehouse
- ‘Golf is a fascinating game. I’ve taken nearly 40 years to discover that I can’t play it.’ – Ted Ray
- ‘They say golf is like life, but don’t believe them. Golf is more complicated than that.’ – Gardner Dickinson
- ‘If you are going to throw a club, it is important to throw it ahead of you, down the fairway, so you don’t have to waste energy going back to pick it up.’ – Tommy Bolt
- ‘I’d give up golf if I didn’t have so many sweaters.’ – Bob Hope
- ‘Why am I using a new putter? Because the last one didn’t float too well.’ – Craig Stadler
- ‘Don’t play too much golf. Two rounds a day are plenty.’ – Harry Vardon

## **Puzzle Corner**

### **Last month’s Puzzle**

I have ten boxes, with a total weight of 75 kg.  
15kg, 13kg, 11kg, 10kg, 9kg, 8kg, 4kg, 2kg, 2kg, 1kg

I want to pack the boxes into three crates, but each crate can carry a maximum of 25kg.

How can I pack the boxes into the crates?

There may or may not, be more than one way.

{Crate 1}, {Crate 2}, {Crate 3}  
 {15,10}, {13,8,4}, {11,9,2,2,1}  
 {15,10}, {13,11,1}, {9,8,4,2,2}  
 {15,10}, {11,8,4,2}, {13,9,2,1}  
 {15,10}, {11,9,4,1}, {13,8,2,2}  
 {11,10,4}, {15,8,2}, {13,9,2,1}  
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 {13,10,2}, {15,8,2}, {11,9,4,1}  
 {13,10,2}, {15,9,1}, {11,8,4,2}  
 {13,11,1}, {15,8,2}, {10,9,4,2}

## **This month’s puzzle**

Tim saw that his oven digital clock was showing 1:23 and noticed that each number was one higher than the number to its left. He wondered: of all the different clock times from 0:00 to 12:59, how many are like that? And what exactly are those clock times? Can you help Tim out?

## **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.



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

