



REBUS CLUB of HIBISCUS COAST December 2021

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

NEXT MEETING DUE TO BE HELD ON TUES 1st February 2022 AT 9.30AM

Merry Christmas!



President's Message



I am thankful that Garth has decided to put out a 'bonus' edition of our bulletin as we approach the Festive Season and start to think about a new year. There are a few things I would like to say – in no particular order!

We had a very enjoyable Christmas Lunch at the Gulf Harbour Country Club as I'm sure those of you who were there will attest to. It is a great venue; the food was good and the company – of course – great fun! We missed those who were not able to be there. One highlight for me, was that outside the large landscape windows were two beautiful Pohutukawa Trees, our native NZ Christmas Trees, in full bloom, more than making up for the absence of one inside.

I was also very pleased to be able to present a surprise award to John McColl in recognition of 11 years of excellent service to the Club as Data Manager. This award was made in the style of a

'Life Member + Bar' as he was awarded one previously in 2016. We also recognised the support John has had from his wife Winis over his long term of office.



Special thanks need to go to Garth for the organisation of the event and particularly Ruth whose delicious hand-made chocolates packed very prettily for guests to enjoy there or take away, added to the decoration of the tables. Ruth also assembled the three excellent value hampers that were taken away by lucky ticket holders. There are operational issues to sort out as to how our club will meet next year. At present we are trying to see how we can fit into the requirements of the Bridge Club. We have a little more time to sort this as we do not normally hold a meeting in January. So again, keep your antennae tuned in.

It remains only for me to wish you all a very happy Festive Season amidst family and friends, stay well and look after yourselves. Put your

thinking caps on too as we will be keen to hear ideas for getting our club up and running again in 2022 with the usual pizzazz!

Best regards

Phil Martell

Welfare:



Merry Christmas members from your Welfare team of Murray & Kim.

We wish all members spouses, partners and families a relaxing and healthy Christmas and all the very best for 2022. Keep safe and we look forward to when our club can restart making cups of teas and coffee along with lots of 'Rhubarb'. Get in early with your vaccination top up and ensure we do our part to ward off the latest variant of Covid.



Murray Paterson and Kim Hanna

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Trips/Events:

A review of 2021

I can't believe another year is almost over, and what year it has been, with ups and downs and highs and lows. On the downside, being in lockdown for so many months and the uncertainty existing in periods of relative freedom, has impacted on our regular club activities including the trips we would like to have arranged. This was brought into sharp relief (in more ways than one) when, upon returning from our Chelsea Sugar Factory Trip, we went straight into lockdown at one minute to midnight that day. We were very lucky to have fitted in what turned out to be our last trip this calendar year.

On the upside we did manage to fit in three trips and two excellent lunches including the Christmas Lunch at Gulf Harbour Country Club (GHCC) on 9th December, which, despite Covid restrictions, was well attended and a very enjoyable event. This venue is open to the public as a bar and restaurant. You don't need to



be a member of the GHCC. They provided the venue to us and waived the normal venue hire rate, so we encourage members to use their facilities and support local business. Attached at the end of the bulletin are their opening hours over the Christmas period and usual hours. The other lunch we had in July was our mid-year lunch at Hello Manly. This was a slight departure from recent lunches, being at a restaurant, rather than a club venue, but I was pleased to get very favourable feedback from members who attended. This venue hosted a few of our committee meetings when we weren't locked down, opening just to accommodate us for the meeting.

We managed to fit in three trips, started in May, with a guided tour of the Navy Museum at Devonport and lunch in the Museum Café. Then in June we put on the Car Mystery Tour with much help from my wife Tessa. Thanks Tessa. As mentioned above our last trip was to the Sugar Factory, which included a site tour and lunch in their very impressive café. In fact, the whole experience was impressive, and I would recommend anyone who didn't make the tour to give it a try.

So, what next? We are still planning to put on the annual bowls event at Manly Bowling Club on 20th January 2022. (When conditions required at the bowling club are settled you will be advised), and the normal Wenderholm BBQ in February, so watch this space **and read your Bulletin.**

We are looking into a trip by coach to the Hundertwasser Museum at Whangarei, with the Gulf Harbour Rebus Club. We are also looking into a trip to Waiheke using bus and ferry. A few members have made suggestions that we will follow up and if you have any ideas, please let me know.

Well, that's what we did this year to date, let's hope that 2022 provides us with more certainty so that we can get together and have fun more often.

I would like to thank everyone who helped with club events and to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy, more certain New Year.

Steve Waller

Treasurer's Report:



The financial year in a snapshot, Santa's ski slope.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

Bryan Wentworth

Membership and 'Our People'

We need to pick up our recruiting drive just as soon as we can offer a clear idea of what are the benefits of membership of the Club. There are some plans already afoot, but again, we will be looking for ideas and assistance from our existing membership.

Murray and I attended the funeral of Bill Fotherby in December. Bill had been a member for 35 years and held several roles in the management of the Club, including Auditor for 6 years, President in 1997 and was awarded a Life Membership in 2009. Bill's Life Membership Plaque was given pride of place on his coffin. His daughter, Linda said that it was very special to him. It made it quite appropriate that Murray and I were at his funeral, and I was honoured to be able to pay a tribute to his very long membership of the Club. Being involved in the car business, he had run the first ever car rally for the club and they have



continued to be a regular feature!

I have also been asked to convey an apology from relative newcomer and 'Covid bachelor' Charles Suma for missing our year end celebrations but he left to go back to Brazil to re-join his wife so that they can plan their return to New Zealand to settle permanently in Orewa. We wish him well in these endeavours.

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

Walking Group:



The ramblers/amblers and social coffee indulgers have had an uninterrupted month enjoying each other's company. The first outing was in the Shakespeare Reserve up through the waterfall and back onto Okoromai Beach and through the wetlands. A hearty group of 18 took on the exercise with another 5 joining us for a welcome respite at Cherry Café.

This was followed the next Monday, 13th December, from the Gulf Harbour shops up Gulf Harbour drive and Island View Road onto the golf course and through to Pinecrest, then back to Cherry Café. Once again 18 ramblers made the journey and enjoyed the social time afterwards.



On Monday 20th a similar sized group took on the more demanding Hobsonville Point walk, revisiting the tree art along the way.

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.

Birthdays for December



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 for our nonagenarian



David Webb

- Graeme McIntosh
- Pat Lennan
- Des Brosnahan
- John Clift
- Bill Carter
- Bill Anderson
- Athol Agnew



Puzzle Corner

Last month's Puzzle

A poor woman and a rich woman are talking about music.

The poor woman says she has studied music and can find a song with any name in it.

The rich woman says "OK, if you can find a song with my son's name in it, I will give you a thousand dollars. His name is Hieronymus."

The poor woman gives her answer and is instantly \$1,000 richer.

Her answer was.

"Happy Birthday"

This month's puzzles

One for the Christmas cracker



**I can fly but
I have no wings
I can cry but
I have no eyes
What am I?**

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Upstairs Bar Gulf Harbour Country Club

The Upstairs Bar

Holiday Trading Hours

Christmas Eve	12pm - 4pm	
Christmas Day	Closed	No surcharge on public holidays and statutory days
Boxing Day	12pm - 9pm	
New Years Eve	12pm - 1am*	
New Years Day	12pm - 9pm	

*New Years Eve Party from 6pm - 1am - Tickets available from www.eventbrite.co.nz

THE UPSTAIRS BAR

Normal opening times are Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday 12 pm - 9 pm and Friday and Saturday from 12 pm – Late (Bookings required Fridays and Saturdays). Please book on 09 281 3880 or email: reservations@theupstairsbar.co.nz

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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