



## 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 DUE TO BE HELD ON TUES 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 AT 9.30AM**

**The guest speaker for the day is Brian Mullan his subject “A taste of salt” Introduced by Bala Balasundram; Thanked by John Brown . Our club speaker will be Bryan Wentworth**

#### President's Message



My dear fellow Rebus Club Members  
Welcome to your first Bulletin of the  
New Year as we plan to launch  
ourselves into another year of club  
activity designed to provide you all with  
friendly social interaction amongst others of like  
mind through a wide range of interests and  
activities.

I wish I could say that we are more certain that  
Covid is going to relax its destructive drive, but I  
am hopeful that this will be so. We need to watch  
the Omicron variant and as usual our government  
and health agencies will do this for us.

We will have held our first Committee Meeting  
for the year by the time this reaches you and as  
you can see this bulletin announces that our first  
Club Meeting since August last year is expected  
to be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February at the usual  
place, The Bridge Club Edith Hopper Park,  
Ladies Mile.

Some activities have continued throughout the  
holiday period, namely our informal coffee  
group on Fridays at 1000 hrs at Café Manly but  
also our Ramblers Walking Group under the  
expert organisation and guidance of Peter

Odendaal of the Gulf Harbour Club. If you wish  
to come to coffee, just turn up; if you would like  
to be included in the Ramblers walking group,  
get in touch with David Gatland whose number  
is listed in the bulletin header.

As I mentioned in last year's bulletin, the Club is  
preparing for its Annual General Meeting in  
March when amongst other objectives, the new  
Committee will be elected to run the Club's  
affairs for the next year. We would very much  
like to see someone step forward to fill the Vice  
President position (would ordinarily be President  
for the 2023 year), so please contact either Garth  
Dutton or myself. With a long history of  
members in the club including office holders,  
there will be plenty of guidance and  
encouragement should it be required.

I look forward to seeing you all again at our  
meeting or at the Bowls Day and BBQ or the  
summer BBQ picnic, both about which full  
details have or will be circulated. Let's all step  
up with enthusiasm to overcome the difficulties  
that Covid has caused.

Best regards *Phil Martell*

## Welfare:



Welcome to the new year from your Welfare team. David Webb is now in full time care and comfortable in Northaven. Many thanks to John Humphries for keeping in touch re David. Bruce Scott is in Evelyn Page also in 24hour care and our webmaster Les Wistrand is recovering at home after a short stay in Hospital.

If you know of any members struggling with health or welfare issues, please contact Kim or I

*Murray Paterson and Kim Hanna*

Ph: 09 424 1027

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## Trips/Events:

By the time of reading this you will be either sharpening up your bowling arm or have missed out on the opportunity to display your bowling skills. The annual bowls day is on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January at the Manly Bowling Club.

This will be followed by the summer picnic at Wenderholm Reserve. This is a popular outing and hopefully the weather will play its part. The picnic will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February starting at around 11am with a BBQ lunch available at 12:30pm. As usual you are required to bring along your own seating, table (if required), drinks and eating equipment. The cost will be \$10.00 per head. For catering purposes the number of those interested will be recorded at the club meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> February.

We also have lined up a mystery car trip hopefully in April and a combined bus trip with Rebus Gulf Harbour. This will be to Whangarei, visiting the **Hundertwasser Art Centre**. Details for these trips/events will be released closer to the time.

*Steve Waller*

## Treasurer's Report:



Once again there is very little to report over the past month. The current balance including \$300 held for the bowling day is \$5804.00. A good healthy start for the new year.

*Bryan Wentworth*

## Membership and 'Our People'

One major issue that Covid has delivered is to our membership numbers. Whilst we have only lost a small number of members, we have not been able to actively recruit new members. This will be the subject of a major effort by your committee, but as I have said before, one of the most effective sources, I believe, is by word of mouth and we can all play a part in this. Murray and I sadly attended another Funeral of a former member, Roger Myers who passed away after a mishap swimming at Orewa on 13<sup>th</sup> January. It appears that Roger was flipped over by a rogue wave most probably caused by the storm out to the east and despite being revived a number of times, ultimately failed to respond fully. His family commented that he died doing something he really liked. Roger was three days short of his 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday and had been a member for 7 years since joining the club at the age of 83. He was a well-liked, gentle and quiet man particularly well remembered by Trevor Penn who shared Roger's interest in all things vehicular. I was honoured to be given the chance to pay our Club's respects to his family.

**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*

## Walking Group:



The walking group of rambler/ambler and social coffee indulgers have enjoyed brilliant weather for their outings this last month.

There was plenty of opportunity to walk off the few extra pounds accumulated over the festive season. The first walk was on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January around the parklands of Unsworth Heights and

then a well-deserved coffee at Palmers in Greville Road. This was followed the on the 10<sup>th</sup> with a very hot outing around the urban area of Orewa where a very genuine 9km was covered. A social time was enjoyed at the Bake N Brew in Orewa afterwards.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> an eager group of 16 gathered at Wenderholm and keeping to the flat ground transversed around the reserve and along the



beach with some good surf coming in from the receding



cyclone. We once again adjourned to Bake N Brew in Orewa for some welcome refreshments.

The last walk of the month was to be at Sanders Reserve to observe the carnage where a large number of native trees were mown down by order the council. But fortunately, there was some precipitation which caused the track to become slippery and dangerous for some of the wobbly legs. As a matter of interest, I have included the news paper article regarding the demise of the native trees.

“A Upper Harbour Local Board member has slammed the decision to remove 13,700 trees planted by the community in a North Shore reserve because of concerns they would obscure views.

Since 2018, local volunteers have contributed 3450 hours of their time, which equates to more than 443 days, planting the trees at Sanders Reserve. The plants cost the council \$16,813 and a sizeable number were provided by the Mayors Million Trees, Rotary, and Trees for Survival.

But following a local board decision, all 13,700 native trees planted on the upper and mid sections of the slope below the kiosk at the reserve were removed over the weekend by mowing.

"I feel gutted for the community. So many hours have been put in by these local volunteers and this feels like we're just taking away a part of them," board member Uzra Casuri Balouch said."

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:

**Our Guest Speaker to blast off 2022 is our** (relatively) newly own Brian Mullan – on: “A Twist of Salt”. We look forward to the taste that he offers – remember: If your sense of taste is diminished, you are likely infected... Bryan Wentworth is our Club Speaker on “Eastern Life” ... he may lead us on a virtual journey past MIQ – which is possibly the closest many of us will now get to the Far East? I know – I must cease being wistful ... However, if incessantly re-scheduling Speakers is the biggest impact that I have thus far experienced from C-19 – then I am grateful.

As previously observed, we have a range of scheduled Guest Speakers that we still are waiting to hear that fill me with emotions ranging from joy to apprehension to consternation ... Some, possibly somewhat challenging for members to assimilate. Generally, these speakers have been proposed by members -in the spirit of “Fun, Friendship and Conviviality”. We will each have varying views on the message that a particular speaker portrays – depending upon our Weltanschauung or, World View informed by colour of the spectacles that one views the world through.

We took a calculated step when we attached a summary of John Rofe’s views on Climate Change on the topic of “Is Anthropogenic Global Warming a Mistake or an Egregious Fraud”. Club Member Des Fox followed up with the conventional view on Climate Change, and we now have – courtesy of Graeme Wake’s industry contacts specialist Climate Scientist comment upon Rofe’s theory. The salutatory lesson from this clarification is that even well-versed academics who are not fully immersed in the – in this case, Climate Change – detail, can find it difficult to spot the error in (e.g.) Rofe’s reasoning. Further – a general audience – such as our Club is unlikely to ‘stick with’ a full science exposition long enough to understand such nuances.

Graeme’s associate’s explanation is as follows –

for those that have focussed sufficiently to stay the course thus far.

“ ... Rofe is stating the obvious, i.e. that water vapour is the main greenhouse gas and that the effects of CO2 are insignificant. Yes, absolutely correct on the first point - water vapour is the main greenhouse effect. But on the second point in comes the pseudoscience – yes, the radiative effects of CO2 are small compared to those from the huge amount of water vapour in the atmosphere BUT increases in CO2 since industrial times are driving increases in water vapour, the main greenhouse gas. This is an amplification effect where a tiny signal drives a larger one much like a guitar amplifier taking the tiny (microvolts) signal from a guitar and amplifying it to the point where it deafens a large crowd in a stadium.”

As usual, I trust that you have all been preparing your Club and/or Guest Speaker presentation during your lockdown extra free time. Looking forward to hearing many interesting, fun, and fascinating presentations. Just contact Julian or me.

David Gatland

### Birthdays for January



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.

Malcolm Vincent  
Rod Klarwill  
Graeme Wake  
Murray Paterson  
Bob Hagan  
Peter Farrell  
Bill Dowds

### Joke Corner

Four old-timers were playing their weekly game of golf. One remarked how nice it would be to wake up on Christmas morning, roll out of bed and without an argument go directly to the golf course, meet his buddies and play a round.

His mates all chimed in and said "Let's do it. We'll make it a priority - figure out a way and meet here early, Christmas morning."

Months later, that special morning arrives, and there they are on the golf course.

The first guy says "Boy this game cost me a fortune! I bought my wife a diamond ring that she can't take her eyes off."

The second guy says "I spent a ton too. My wife is at home planning the cruise I gave her. She was up to her eyeballs in brochures."

The third guy says, "Well my wife is at home admiring her new car, reading the manual."

They all turned to the last guy in the group who is staring at them like they have lost their minds.

" I can't believe you all went to such expense for this golf game. I slapped my wife on the bum and said “Well babe, Merry Christmas! It's a great morning - golf course or intercourse?”.

She said, "Don't forget your hat."

### Last 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?**

**A CLOUD**

$$\text{🧸} + \text{🧸} + \text{🧸} = 6$$

$$\text{🧸} + \text{🎄} = 13$$

$$\text{🎄} - \text{📦} = 4$$

$$\text{🧸} + \text{🎄} + \text{📦} = ?$$

$$2 \text{ plus } 11 \text{ plus } 7 = 20$$

## Current month's puzzle

This month is far more difficult.

This “burning rope” problem is a classic logic puzzle. You have two ropes that each take an hour to burn but burn at inconsistent rates. How can you measure 45 minutes? (You can light one or both ropes at one or both ends at the same time.)

## 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 Group, please visit their site*

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



Garth asked me what I had been doing during the holidays. I told him holidays what holidays I've been working for and with my grandson and here is the proof. These are just some of the jobs we've been doing:



Crane Manufacturer



Swimming Instructor



Medieval Castle Builder



Outside Caterer



Loft Con-



Carpentry Instructor



Deck Scrubber and Painter



Steps Repairer. Having fallen A over T but fortunately not requiring ACC.



Farmer



**And finally**—Lone explorer. Where were all you other club walkers when I encountered an empty car park at Sanders Reserve?

Happy New Year to you all. Steve Waller