



REBUS CLUB of HIBISCUS COAST July 2021

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Committee and key roles

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

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUES 3rd August 2021 AT 9.30AM

The club speaker is Earl Brookbanks

Our Guest speaker Lisa Siddens Branch Manager ASB Orewa

Introduced by Bryan Wentworth, thanked by Ken Littlejohn

Host for the day Julian Joy

Presidents Message



Hello my Rebus friends. Once again, I am very happy to start the Bulletin this month with a message and an up-date on what I and your committee have been up to ensure a vibrant and active club for your enjoyment. Our membership numbers are thankfully on the way up again and we will be inducting four new members soon. So it is up to all of us to keep an eye open for opportunities to invite new people to join. Covid has been the underlying reason for many situations for which we might need an excuse. There is no doubt though in my mind that it was the cause of our club losing a little headway last year and it is therefore encouraging to see things on the up and up!

Your committee is very active and there are a number of initiatives underway which are designed to ensure our club moves forward. Our survey has yet to be closed off and analysed, but it is a little disappointing to find that only 17 responses have been received to date. Can I

encourage you to respond via the on-line version – here is the link again

<https://forms.gle/o6BV4EytnehECmwzx6> Your views are important and we are particularly keen to seek out new ideas.

Speakers are an important part of our club's activities and last meetings contributions by club speaker John Simons and guest speaker Darryl Dorrington were good examples of how effective these parts of the meetings are.

We need to have a forward plan and David Gatland and Julian Joy will happily take ideas for guests and offers from club speakers. We continue to look very hard at the quality of the equipment we use to make these presentations as professional as we can. A big thankyou is owed to Paul Wilkinson for his input.

The club's mid-year lunch was, by all accounts, a happy and successful affair. It was well attended and the venue – "Hello Manly" proved to be a very good location and the catering well



received. We believe it was good value for money!

There are more events coming up and again, new ideas are always welcome. All you need do is to draw your ideas to the attention of Steve Waller or any other committee member.

Last point, but not the least, is that payment of subscriptions has gone well so far, but there are still a small number who have not yet made the payment. If you require help as to how to do this now that cheques are not accepted by the banks, call our Treasurer Bryan Wentworth. Should subs remain outstanding, someone from our committee may call to enquire as to why.

Phil Martell

Welfare:



Bruce Scott is being transferred to Ryman Takapuna after leaving Aria Gardens to await a

vacancy at Evelyn Page Care facility Orewa. We will be keeping in touch with Verna Scott.

Johnson Birdsall's rehab is going well, he is hoping to be at home soon.

David Webb has been in hospital for the past week and is happy to be back home now. We will visit him once he has settled. David plus his wife and family are also very happy with the outcome.

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

Ph: 09 424 1027

Ph: 09 424 0350

Treasurer's Report:



Bank account sitting at \$6,559.63 reflecting recent events and also payment of a deposit for the Christmas Lunch.

Subs coming in quite well – 64 have paid so far, so another 20 odd to go.

Bryan Wentworth



Trips/Events:

Our next trip is to Chelsea Sugar Factory on 17th August. This includes a factory tour, light lunch and coach transport. This trip is limited to 36 people, which is the maximum the sugar factory can accommodate, and it is now fully booked. If anyone wishes to be put on the reserve list, in case anyone has to back out, please let me know.

stevejwaller49@gmail.com or phone **09 5588454 OR 02108640236 ASAP**. Payment now due for Lunch function & Sugar Factory trip. Please indicate with your online payment Sugar factory or Mid-yr lunch. **Pay into account 12 3084 0176946 00**

Any ideas for future trips please let me know or include in your members survey reply.

Steve Waller

Membership:



The committee will be considering 4 applications and we will induct these as soon as the correct formalities are complete and hopefully at the next meeting. There are others in the pipeline too. We are growing again, so as I said in my President's notes, keep a watch out from among friends and neighbours and newcomers to the area. It has also been approved by the committee to make an approach to retirement homes in our area plus a letter box drop to recruit further members.

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

Website



I am continually updating the website with photos and have also loaded on the 35th Anniversary Booklet which was produced for the club. If any members have photos or other material which they feel appropriate to be displayed on our website.

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If you have anything of interest please email them to hibiscusrebus@gmail.com

Les Wistrand

Walking Group:



June has been another disrupted month with weather playing a part and the fragility of some of the group also playing a part.

The first walk of the month was along Orewa Beach. This saw 14 brave walkers facing the fresh winter wind. This was backed up with social time at Bake and Brew for the coffee and sticky bun afterwards.

The next week had to be cancelled due to weather and the four brave souls who turned up still treated themselves to a cuppa and discussed the merits of being inside in the warm.

On the 19th 8 super fit walkers tackled the Orewa estuary walk and joined 4 others at Millies Café



afterwards. Even if you only make the coffee you have achieved something for the day! On the 26th we had to cancel again due to stormy weather.

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



Prompted by the removal of cheques together with the closure of the WGP Branch, our ASB Orewa Branch manager Lisa Siddins has arranged for her new Community Liaison Officer – also Lisa (Trist), to walk our members through the options for Personal Banking going forward via the “ASB Better Banking Workshop”. The ‘Lisas’ will be introduced by our Treasurer, Bryan Wentworth and Ken Littlejohn will thank them. One of our newer members, Earl Brookbanks, will take us on “An Epic Yachting Journey”.

The Club are seeking speakers for both normal meetings and Mid-Year and Christmas events – so, please send your thoughts and opportunities to Julian, David or any Committee member.

David Gatland

Mid Year Luncheon

On Tuesday 20th July 63 of our members and partners had a very pleasant and successful at Hello Manly restaurant. Thanks very much



to Steve and Tessa Waller for organising the function. Christine Platt

was the guest speaker and entertained us with her moving experiences in East Timor. Christine has made 18 trips to East Timor as part of an international group and related to us her observations of that country which has gone through decades of fighting and oppression.



Birthdays for August



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.

John Bell
Bruce Scott
Dave Betts
Bala Balasundram
Don Baverstock
Roger Leadbeater
Johnson Birdsall
John Adams

Editor's Ramblings

Having been introduced to computing in the 1980's at a basic level (DOS) and then progressing through the levels on Microsoft I suppose I, plus numerous others have committed ourselves to that IT platform. My whinge this month is the continuous interruptions that MS frequently put in our faces. It seems that every time you start up your machine there is yet

another update, security check, or what ever that stops you doing what you want to do. Ultimately you are led to the only conclusion, to get things done in a timely manner, to upgrade your machine to handle all the so called improvements. Its very tempting to go change over to Apple but then there is the fear that you can't do what you are used to.

I did like this light-hearted view of the IT world which was sent to me. (Sorry if you have already read it)

Dear Tech Support,

Last year I upgraded from Boyfriend 5.0 to Husband 1.0 and noticed a distinct slowdown in overall system performance, particularly in the flower and jewellery apps, which operated flawlessly under Boyfriend 5.0. In addition, Husband 1.0 uninstalled some of my other apps, such as Romance 9.5 and Personal Attention 65, and then installed undesirable apps such as: NBA 5.0, NFL 3.0 and Golf Clubs 4.1. Conversation 8.0 no longer runs and House cleaning 2.6 simply crashes the system. Please note that I have tried running Nagging 5.3 to fix these problems, but to no avail. What can I do? Signed, Desperate.

THE RESPONSE (that came weeks later out of the blue)

Dear Desperate,

First keep in mind, Boyfriend 5.0 is an Entertainment Package, while Husband 1.0 is an operating system. Please enter command: Ithoughtyoulovedme.HTML and try to download Tears 6.2. Also install the Guilt 3.0 update. If that app works as designed, Husband 1.0 should then automatically run Jewellery 2.0 and Flowers 3.5. However, remember, overuse of the above application can cause Husband 1.0 to default to Grumpy Silence 2.5, Happy Hour 7.0, or Beer 6.1. Please note that Beer 6.1 will download the Farting and Snoring Loudly Beta version

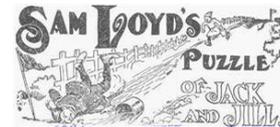
Whatever you do, DO NOT, under any circumstances, install Mother-In-Law 1.0 as it runs a virus in the background that will eventually seize control of all your system resources. In addition, please, do not attempt to re-install Boyfriend 5.0. That will crash Husband 1.0. Husband 1.0 is a functional app, but it does

have limited memory and cannot learn other new applications quickly. You might consider buying additional apps to improve memory and performance. Try Cooking 3.0.

Good Luck!! Tech Support

Puzzle Corner

Last month's Puzzle



Here is a tester from Mother Goose's story of Jack and Jill's race for a pail of water. The distance to the top of the hill was 440 yards, which is a quarter of a mile.

Jack got to the top first and was 20 yards on the return trip when he met Jill whom he beat home by half a minute.

The record of the race is complicated by the runner being able to run downhill one half faster than they ran up, so you are asked to figure out Jack's time for the half mile run.

The Answer:

It is clear that 60 feet down the hill is equal to 40 feet up the hill, we see that Jack accomplished the equivalent of 1360 feet and Jill 1260 feet when they met, which shows their speeds to be proportioned 63 to 68.

As Jack beat Jill by 5/63 of his time, which was equal to half a minute, 1/63rd of his time is equal to 6 seconds, and his whole time, therefore, would be 6 minutes and 18 seconds.

This month a relatively simple challenge

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 grate 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.

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.

