



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.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUES 6th July 2021 AT 9.30AM

The club speaker is

Our Guest speaker Darryl Dorrington - My Tokyo Experience

Introduced by David Gatland, thanked by John Salmon

Club Speaker John Simons

Host for the day Julian Joy

Presidents Message



The year is racing past, and we are now on the way to longer days again. Your Bulletin is a vital communication in keeping you informed about the club's activities and Garth does a great job. He is always looking out for contributions and would welcome a call from you.

Your committee is keeping busy so that the Club's affairs run seamlessly to meet your wishes. Our funding position is quite strong, but we do face areas where some expenditure will be needed. To this end, we need to have collected your current year's subscription and if you have not paid yet, would you attend to this as soon as practicable and certainly before the end of the month.

The club's Trip Convenor, Steve has run another great activity with his Car Mystery Tour. 26 members, partners and guests enrolled and set out in 7 cars on a rather grey day but full of

boisterous enthusiasm, clip boards and driving gloves at the ready. The route and the clues to be found were well set up and imaginatively compiled by Steve and Tessa with morning tea provided by them at



Sanders Reserve after steering clear of Paremoremo! Lunch sometime later was at The



Riverhead Tavern and an excellent meal was enjoyed in convivial company with

plenty of fun and laughter! Inhabitants of the neighbourhoods we drove through could have been forgiven in thinking that there were three times as many cars as numerous 'u' turns were carried out. The best spotters on the day were Paul Robinson's crew of his wife Glennis and their guests Colin and Irene Robertson.

Although reasonably well attended, more participants could have been fitted in and it would have taken little more organising effort. I commend Steve and Tessa's efforts on your behalf. He has more trip and events to come, so make sure you avail yourselves of these opportunities to enjoy your club's fellowship. Our speakers' 'corners' are an important aspect of our club's activities and I'm sure you will all have contacts whose stories would interest us. Just let David or Julian know. On that subject we all enjoyed the presentation at our last meeting

from Jenny Hanwell who is the Project Manager for Forest and Birds Pest Free Hibiscus Coast Project. She gave us a great insight into just what has to be done to eradicate predatory pests from our peninsula.



The task as a part of New Zealand's aim to make our country pest free by 2050 is daunting and will need everyone's attention. She had excellent props to illustrate these pests and also the equipment which F&B make available for the community to help in their destruction.

Again, on speakers' corner, don't forget too, that we'd love to hear from you also in the club speaker spot. Just let David know.

It has been pleasing to see more visitors coming along - remember that new members will be the life blood of the club. Keep an eye out for newcomers to your neighbourhood pointing out that membership of Rebus will bring them into contact with other likeminded folk to become friends with.

We are still working on collecting the responses to our survey. Paul Wilkinson has been able to create an on-line form to fill in and submit electronically. You will receive instructions and the on-line link by separate email per kind favour of John McColl. But in the meantime, if you have completed the hard copy, bring it along to the next meeting and hand it to a committee member. We do want to hear from you!

Phil Martell

Welfare:



Earlier in June Trevor Penn and I visited Bruce Scott at Aria Gardens, It has been a long

rehab for him however during our visit Bruce Took his first steps in at least 3 months not many

steps but there were lots of handshakes to celebrate. Address for Visitors is 11 Bass Road Albany.

Also, this month Kim Hanna and I went Maygrove and spent time with David Flavell who is looking forward to coming to the Clubs July meeting, hopefully David will have a car sorted by then.

We also spent time with Johnson Birdsall who is having rehab after an operation and is confined to the hospital wing at Maygrove and again any visits by members would be welcomed.

Bill Cobb is recovering from a short stay in hospital and very much looking forward to catching up at our next meeting.

If you know of any members who are unwell, hospitalised or may need transport to our club meetings, please let Kim or I know and we will do our best to contact them and have their needs met.

Murray Paterson and Kim Hanna

Ph: 09 424 1027

Ph: 09 424 0350

Treasurer's Report:



The club's account is currently \$7623 (including funds received for trips functions (\$1705) with 57 subs now paid. If any members are owed

refunds, please advise your bank account details, as we can no longer process cheques.

Invoice 2021 Club Subscriptions
Subscriptions for 2021 were set at \$25.00 and are now due. Please pay to our account
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Bryan Wentworth



Trips/Events:

The next function is the Mid-year Lunch on 20th July at Hello Café, Manly village. Please book your places now.

Details below.

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.

20th July
MID YEAR LUNCH

At Hello Manly

Guest speaker, Christine Platt, on her life and book 'Tales from East Timor'.

Roast chicken, ham and trimmings. First drink included. \$45 pp

Form for the day;

Arrive 11.30 for 12.00 Lunch at 12.15

Expect to finish about 3pm or earlier

Menu:

Finger food on arrival

First drink beer, wine, soft drink, included

Entrée:

Garlic Bread

Main:

Sliced champagne ham on the bone

Rolled Turkey

Vegetables:

Gratin potatoes, Kumara beetroot medley, Fresh green beans.

Salads:

Garden green salad, Greek salad.

Dessert:

Selection of mini desserts: Slices and Chocolate cake.

Tea and coffee: Your choice from the bar.

Please contact Steve to book

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**

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

Steve Waller

Survey:

You all should have received a message advising that an online survey was available for your input as to how your clubs is run. Please time to complete this if you haven't already done so.

<https://forms.gle/o6BV4EytnehECmwzx6>

Spot the Deliberate Error in the bulletin

The answer with a chocolate for those who spot it at the next meeting

Membership:



We have another new member to be inducted at our next meeting and 6 guests at our last club meeting. 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



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

Les Wistrand

Walking Group:



We finished up in May with a walk from Gulf Harbour shops up through the Country Club and back to The Cherry Café for refreshments. Where top muffins were enjoyed.

The next walk was to be at Millwater but the elements had something to do with that and it was postponed until the 14th

June when the same trail was taken up by 12 of us through



the housing and bush areas around Millwater. Yes that's right finished off with coffee and sticky bun at Millies Café.

On the 21st June a similar sized group headed down to Greenhithe where we enjoyed a stroll through the beautiful housing and bushland.

The final walk of the month was around old Albany Village and Massey University area 8 brave souls did the walk and met at Palmers Garden Centre for coffee.

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



For the July meeting we will be entertained by Darryl Dorrington who will speak on his experiences working in Japan. Darryl has had an extensive association with broadcasting in New Zealand and Japan. Our club speaker will be John Simons. The Club is 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

Classic Vehicles Interest Group

As a result of a discussion over a cup of coffee a group (outside the umbrella of the Rebus Clubs) took on a trip to the Packard Museum in Maungatapere. An enjoyable day out with a huge range of vintage machinery, motorcycles, firearms and motor vehicles, including approximately 40



Packard motor vehicles were available to drool over. Everyone had a favourite vehicle.

During the visit we had lunch at a local cafe.

Not all attending were members of Rebus but after discussing the trip it was decided that we should form special interest groups at both

Rebus Hibiscus Coast and Rebus Gulf Harbour with a view of organising further trips.

At this stage a further trip to a European car museum north of Whangarei is being planned for later in the year. If you wish to be included in this interest group and if you are interested contact Trevor Penn (09 424 4366)

Birthdays for July



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.

Gary Roxburgh
Michael Watson
Fergus Small
Dennis Wait
Mike Peake
Tom McClelland
Alan Menzies

Editor's Ramblings

I was trying to avoid the issue that is causing consternation to so many members and friends of our age group.

That is the one of the overuse Maori language in the media. I will attach three websites which I invite you to read for the reasons behind this somewhat new development and you make your own minds up.

Government Strategy: [tpk-maihi-karauna-en-2018-v2.pdf \(wordpress.com\)](https://www.tpk.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/tpk-maihi-karauna-en-2018-v2.pdf)

Who is paying for it:

[Media must lie about treaty “partnership” as condition of funding ...](#)

Journalism Guide lines:

<https://theredbaitercom.files.wordpress.com/2021/05/public-interest-journalism-guidelines.pdf>

Enough of that, as I say make your own minds up.

This month we have had some more ingenious policy proposed by the Government in the form of penalising those who drive petroleum or part petroleum powered motor vehicles. Once again there are various opinions on this subject and depending on whose barrow you have chosen to ride on the outcomes are widely different.

Having recently made a road trip to Wellington and return I decided to do my own research on the merits of EV versus petrol. To get a level playing field I chose a make of car which had both options available in the same body shape and ended up choosing the Volkswagen Golf options. **I must make it clear this is not a reflection on the vehicle or my preferences but merely two vehicles with the dealer's specifications available on-line.**

The vehicles chosen were the VW e-Golf and the Golf TSi Life (both have the same body). (Full analysis page 5 with calculations bases.) (* details)

The basic base data was:

	<u>Golf TSi</u>	<u>e-Golf</u>
Purchase price:	\$37,990.00	\$69,490.00
Engine Power	110kW	100kW
Interior Capacity	1395	1231
Range F-tank/battery	862Km	220Km
Price (full tank/charge)	\$115*	\$11.28*
Price per 1000 Km	\$133.40	\$51.25
Fill/charge time fastest	5Min	5Hr30Min
Tare Weight (Kg)	1258	1615

With this information I calculated that a trip from home to Wellington (688 Km) the e-Golf would require 3 re-charging stops of (4Hr:45Min; 4Hr:21Min and 4Hr:20Min) which totalled 13Hrs 26Mins. The time without overnight stop over being 8:30hrs travel plus 13Hr:26Min recharge time a total time of 21Hrs 56Min. Whereas the Golf TSi would make the whole trip without fuel stops but allowing 3 30Min stops for refreshments and comfort in 10 hrs.

When you add on the obvious need for the EV driver to make an overnight stay the additional food and accommodation costs the one-way trip costs would be approximately: -

	<u>Golf TSi</u>	<u>e-Golf</u>
Fuel	\$91.78	\$35.26
Accommodation	0	\$150>
Refreshments	\$30	\$100
	<u>\$121.78</u>	<u>\$285.26</u>
This example plus the initial cost difference:	\$37,990	\$69,490
Minus proposed rebate;		\$8,628
	<u>\$37,990</u>	<u>\$60,862</u>

To me anyway is a persuasive reason to stick to straight petrol or Hybrid in the meantime until while we want to continue travelling around this magnificent country of New Zealand.

Puzzle Corner

Last month's Puzzle

Cannibals ambush a safari in the jungle and capture three men. The cannibals give the men a single chance to escape uneaten.

The captives are lined up in order of height and are tied to stakes. The man in the rear can see the backs of his friends, the man in the middle can see the man in the front and the poor chap in the front can't see his friends. The cannibals

show the men 5 hats, three black and two are white.

Blindfolds are then placed of the three captive's eyes and a hat placed on each man's head. The two hats left over are hidden. The blindfolds are then removed, and the men are told that if one of them can guess what colour hat he is wearing they can all leave unharmed.

The man at the rear, and in the middle both say, "I don't know". The front man who cannot see ANYBODY'S hat says, "I know"

How did he know the colour of his hat?

The answer was:

The man in the front knew he was wearing a black hat because he knew the first man didn't see two white hats and he knew the second man didn't see one white hat because if he saw a white hat, the second man would have known that his hat was black from hearing the first man's statement.

This month a little Sam Lloyd'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.

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.



Calculations for EV v Petrol analysis

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Fill/Charge Time (fastest)	5 minutes	5Hrs 30 m	(At fastest charging 3 phase outlet)
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		Recharge Time	% of capacity
To travel from Home to Wellington (688 Km)			
e-golf	Home to Cambridge) (191 km)	4Hr 45Min	0.87
	Cambridge to Turangi (178 km)	4Hr 21Min	0.78
	Turangi to Bulls (172 km)	4Hr 20Min	0.78
	Bulls to Wellington (150 km)		0.68

Time in Petrol car for journey with three 30 min stops		10 Hrs
Time in EV for journey with three recharge stops		23Hrs 15Min
Cost for journey (fuel)	\$91.78	\$35.26
Cost accommodation		\$150>
Other costs (food/drinks) p/p *	\$30	\$100
Est Journey cost	\$121.78	\$285.26

*Based on three hourly food/drinks

Summary on alleged pros and cons of buying EV

EV Pros	EV Cons
Cheaper fuel costs	62% dearer to purchase after applying proposed rebate of \$8628.00 ??
Can refuel at home	Shorter distance range per fill/charge
Quieter	Not recommended for towing
Less CO emissions	Heavier vehicle (harder on suspension/brakes)
Smoother engine	Smaller interior capacity
Less engine maintenance	Long journeys more expensive due to accommodation costs
No Engine oil	

Both Vehicles Require

WOF
Service checks
Tyres
Suspension

Study resources

Google maps
[Reasons to buy an electric vehicle | Gen Less](#)
[EV Models and Where to Buy | Drive Electric](#)
[The new Golf | Models | Volkswagen New Zealand](#)
[Volkswagen e-Golf | 100% Electric | Volkswagen New Zealand](#)