



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.

OUR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUES 5th April 2022 AT 9.30AM

Guest speaker Mike Campbell “The Tale of Milton Harris” Introduced by President Garth and thanked by George Tregidga Host – Phil Martell

President’s Message



Hello fellow members. It has been yet another challenging month, not knowing what one can do or where to go for that critical relaxation and socialising which is important to

maintain our sanity.

We did manage to get our AGM completed without incident and as far we know without being responsible for spreading the dreaded omicron. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those within the club who attended the AGM and especially those who have continued to put their names forward to serve on the committee or continue to offer their services to make club activities possible.



The important roles of Secretary, Treasurer, Welfare, Trips and Functions, and Speakers are

well covered but we are still looking for someone to join the committee and take up the position of Vice President. Also, Paul Wilkinson, who has done an excellent job coordinating our IT and presentation requirements at our meetings, wishes to step aside from that role. If you would like to fill that position the committee would love to hear from you.

I am fortunate to follow on from IPP Phil Martell who has left the club in a strong position and acknowledge that he will be a hard act to follow. Our immediate challenge will be to maintain club activities while the country works its way through Omicron and what follows this strain of covid while applying the necessary restrictions where required.

My mission statement is to exceed the expectations of our members and to assist me in achieving that I would ask all of you to advise me what your expectations are. Please don't hesitate to contact me directly on garth269@gmail.com or mobile 02040060844 if you have anything you wish to discuss.

Best Regards

Garth Dutton

Welfare:



Not a lot to report. I have spoken with David Webb who is at North Haven and with

Verna Scott (Bruce Scott's wife) who says he is well looked after at Evelyn Page 24 Hour Care and enjoys receiving the Bulletin. Both Evelyn Page and North Haven 24 Hour Care are in lockdown. Please advise one of us if there is a member who may require assistance with supermarket shopping or other matters. John Sarcich is back home and Frank Coggan is keeping in touch.

Murray Paterson and Kim Hanna

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TRIPS AND EVENTS

UPCOMING TRIPS

April 12th Car Mystery Tour

We are holding our annual Own Car Mystery Tour on Tuesday 12th April. Start is at Edith Hopper Park at 9.15am The trip will be available to all. If you don't have a car or don't wish to drive we will arrange car sharing, so do not be put off.

Car Mystery Tour Lunch Menu @ \$25

Choice of Mains:

Beef Teriyaki Salad. Garden salad, mushrooms, crispy noodles & teriyaki sesame soy dressing.

BBQ Pork Ribs. Fries and slaw.

Battered Fish and Chips. With fries, salad, tartare & tomato sauce.

Pasta.

Creamy smoked chicken pasta **or** Creamy vegetarian pasta. Each with onion, garlic mushroom, spinach and pesto.

Asian Platter.

Samosa, spring rolls, prawn twister money bags, sweet chilli & aioli sauce.

Plus ONE of the following:

Ice cream sundae, Tea/Coffee, glass of house beer or glass of house wine.

Anything else other than your main and choice of extra you order and pay on the day.

previously the trip goes as follows:

We use our own cars but car sharing is encouraged as it allows more observers, allowing the driver to concentrate on the road and it is more fun .

You *hopefully* follow route directions looking out for and recording clues as you go.

The team with the most correct clues wins a bottle of wine (to be drunk at home, not on the way home!).

We finish the tour at our lunch destination. After lunch you receive the answers to the clues.

You will require a clipboard, or something to write on, and a pen. Instructions, directions and answer sheets will be issued on the day.

This year we have devised a circular route that finishes not too far from home to eliminate a long drive back after lunch, therefore saving time and fuel.

THE COST OF THE MEAL IS \$25.00 PER HEAD WHICH MUST BE PAID BY TUESDAY 5th April. Other costs are subsidised out of club funds.

Please book your places with Steve at stevejwaller49@gmail.com AND pay on line and email Steve your menu choices by Tuesday 5th, as the lunch venue needs to know numbers and choices. There is a limit of 40 for lunch so secure your places early.

May 25th Hundertwasser Arts Centre, Whangarei. A joint trip with Rebus Gulf Harbour Club.

There are still places on this trip but the coach is filling up so book your place early. When the coach is full we will put your names on a reserve list. If we still have places available by 3rd May we will offer the places to non-members.

We will travel by coach to Whangarei Town Basin where the centre is located. There is lots to do at the Town Basin, as well as visiting the Arts Centre - restaurants, cafes, shops, galleries, marina and, if you want to walk off your lunch, there is a short level sculpture trail.

On the return back to Whangaparaoa we will call at a dairy farm just in time to observe milking of a large herd on an automatic, roundabout, milking system. This has been arranged by member Kim Hanna, so thanks to Kim for his contribution.

The price of the trip is \$35 per person which includes the coach fare and entrance to the

For those that haven't participated in this

Arts Centre, which has to be paid in advance. Lunch and morning coffee is not included in the \$35 so you can make your own food choices.

We are planning to stop for morning tea on the way to Whangarei. Orders will be taken on the coach and **cash** collected to save time at the coffee venue. Tea/coffee and muffin/scone \$10pp in cash.

Pay your \$35 or \$70 per couple ASAP, and email or phone me to book your place.

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Steve

Treasurer's Report:



Once again there is little to report over the past month. The Bank account holding well – balance at \$6,051 after payment of all accounts. [Subscriptions of \\$25 as set at the AGM are now due. Please pay directly into the Club's account.](#)

Bryan Wentworth

Membership and 'Our People'

A letter box drop with a flyer was conducted by Paul Robinson and Murray Paterson over an area bounded by Stanmore Bay Road and Whangaparaoa Rd with a target of some 500 houses. With two reactions already, we are hopeful that when completed we might have attracted a number of new members. Thanks for the effort, Paul and Murray.

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

Speakers Corner



Following our Pieter Hopkins-sourced Guest Speaker for March – Winsbury White's fascinating exposition of "The Life of W.O. Bentley"; this month we have a change of style to the Garth Dutton-sourced private investigator Michael (Mike) Campbell. Mike was one of the first ex-NZ Police detectives to start a business in the private investigation world. He quickly realised he was dealing with a 'better class of crook' and to demonstrate this he will tell the tale of Milton Harris which was one of his many significant cases. Mike will be thanked by Dave Betts. Our Club Speaker is Rod Klarwill introducing his wife Karyn's book on "The Gulf Harbour Canal Waterway, the history of the development". Rod was credited in Hibiscus Matters with 'saving The Hammerhead' – and will cover this along with the Canal development.

As you may have noted, "sourcing" is a key element of Guest Speakers – so, we are always very pleased to be pointed in the direction of possible candidates.

David Gatland



Ramblers – April 2022

The most recent Ramble was cancelled due to forecast rain – however Murphy prevailed, and the rain cleared by 0900! Fortunately, a special ramble to the Gulf Sculpture Trail on Waiheke Island had been scheduled for the Thursday – and 8 of us were able to enjoy that - just in time before the path was closed due to the rather strong SW wind creating hazards with some of the taller sculptures! The shuttle took us on to Oneroa where we eventually found a delightful Italian restaurant still open mid-afternoon. The good news about the bus that replaces many of the Gulf Harbour ferry sailings is that it runs straight through – so is as fast as or faster than by car.

Earlier rambles made use of the Manly Café's new Monday opening. Starting at Fisherman's Cove we walked along the cliff-top reserve to the restored (very steep) wooden stairs; and then along the shoreline to Army Bay, through to Okoromai Bay and back to our cars via the road.

With the many varieties of terrain and views, this is a most enjoyable ramble. The Greenhithe ramble – meandering through the leafy suburb, across a photo-shot bridge, through the pony paddocks and back to The Collins café is always relaxing. The first ramble this month set out from Arkles Bay for the Weiti Boating club – where Secretary Katie invited us in courtesy of Brian Holgate’s widow’s friendship with her. We did not avail ourselves of the offered coffee, and returned to pick up our cars at Arkles, and then on to Manly Café to celebrate their Monday opening.

Rambles typically depart from the Bridge Club at 0900 Monday morning – with carpooling as needed. Contact me if you wish to be on the Ramblers List – organised by Gulf Harbour. Partners are welcome.



Photo above- the start of the Waiheke sculpture trail and below- the wooden steps at Army Bay.



David Gatland.



Birthdays for March

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 of our latest nonagenarian



John Simons

Lance Morrow
Pieter Hopkins
Riley Bell
Trevor Weal
Neil Garner
Steve Waller

Puzzle corner:

Last Month:

We had Addition and Multiplication are different!:

You will know that $2 + 2$ (plus) and 2×2 (times) both equal 4.

• Can you find 2 different whole numbers that do this? **ANSWER: There are no others.**

• What about 3 numbers:

ANSWER: The numbers 1,2,3 is the only possible combination (the common answer is 6, which is the lowest “perfect number”).

This Month....

This is **topical: Who is bilingual in our “official” two languages?**

Question: Of those people in an Aotearoa New Zealand country town, 10% speak Māori and 94% speak English,

- how many can speak **both** Māori and English? (Scary but realistic).

Graeme Wake

A Story!

A father, son and grandson went to the country club for their weekly round of golf. Just as they reached the first tee, a beautiful young blonde woman carrying her bag of clubs approached them. She explained that the member who brought her to the club for a round of golf had an emergency that called him away and asked the trio whether she can join them. Naturally, the guys all agreed.

Smiling, the blonde thanked them and said, "Look, fellows, I work in a topless bar as a dancer, so nothing shocks me anymore. If any of you wants to smoke cigars, have a beer, bet, swear or tell off-color stories or do anything that you normally do when playing a round together, go ahead. But I enjoy playing golf, consider myself pretty good at it, so don't try to coach me on how to play my shots". With that the guys agreed to relax and invited her to drive first.

All eyes were fastened on her shapely behind as she bent to place her ball on the tee. She then took her driver and hit the ball 270 yards down the middle, right in front of the green The father's mouth was agape. "That was beautiful," he said. The blonde put her driver away and said, "I really didn't get into it and I have faded it a little."

After the three guys hit their drives and their second shots, the blonde took out a nine iron and lofted the ball within five feet of the hole. (She was closest to the pin.) The son said, "Maam, you played that perfectly." The blonde frowned and said, "It was a little weak. I've left a tricky little putt," before tapping in the five-footer for a birdie.

Having the honors, she drove first on the second hole and knocked the hell out of the ball, and it landed nearly 300 yards away smack in the middle of the fairway. For the rest of the round the statuesque blonde continued to amaze the guys, quietly and methodically shooting for par or less on every hole.

When they arrived at the 18th green, the blonde was three under par, and has a very nasty 12-foot putt on an undulating green for a par. She turned to the three guys and said, "I really want to thank you all for not acting like a bunch of chauvinists and telling me what club to use or how to play a

shot, but I need this putt for a 69 and I'd really like to break 70 on this course. If any one of you can tell me how to make par on this hole, I'll take him back to my apartment, pour some 25-year old Glenfiddich Scotch in him, fix him dinner and then show him a good time for the rest of the night."

The yuppie son jumped at the thought. He strolled across the green, carefully eying the line of the putt and finally said, "Honey, aim about 6 inches to the right of the hole and hit it firm. It will get over that little hump and break right into the cup."

The father came up, knelt down and sighted the putt using his putter as a plumb said, "Don't listen to the kid, darlin', you want to hit it softly 10 inches to the right and run it left down that little hogback, so it falls into the cup."

The old grey-haired grandfather walked over to the blonde's ball, picked it up and handed it to her and said, "That's a gimme, sweetheart. Your car or mine?"

AGE WILL TRIUMPH OVER YOUTH AND SKILL EVERY 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.

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