



# REBUS CLUB of HIBISCUS COAST

## May 2021

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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 1st June 2021 AT 9.30AM**

**The club speaker is Murray Paterson – “My Grandfather and Railways”**

**Our Guest speaker Jenny Hanwell of Forest & Bird**

**Introduced by Paul Wilkinson, thanked by Robert Mann**

**Host for the day Julian Joy**



### Presidents Message

It is my pleasure again to write some words to hopefully engender more engagement from you all.

Our new Welfare team of Murray Paterson and Kim Hanna are doing a great job in contacting our absentees. Sadly, we have lost another of our older members, Tom Beale at almost 97, the oldest in fact since the death last month of Tim Cocks. Both funerals were well attended and I spoke briefly to pass on your club's condolences to the families. Both funerals reflected the differing personalities of these members. Tom's funeral highlighted his quirky personality as he had recently recorded a video of himself having the 'last word' at his own funeral. One aspect of these losses of loyal long serving members to the Club is that attendance was becoming increasingly difficult with hearing and sight losses and lack of transport being the causes. Loneliness was a particular factor in Tom's last few years. These are areas where I firmly believe we can reach out to help with such issues.

I would also like to acknowledge the effort of Steve to get trips and events underway now that we have the freedom to do so. The first of these was a moderate success with only half attending from those who indicated they would. Steve has some interesting events and trips on the horizon and hope that they are well attended to acknowledge the work that goes into organising these social opportunities.

Membership will always be an important factor for the club and we need new faces, new blood and some younger men to help keep our average age declining! Look out for incoming retirees, neighbours or anyone else who you think will 'fit'. Bring them along to try us out.

The committee has more to do in the design of the survey we are keen to conduct to find out better just what you want to do and what you expect from your membership.

PS Don't hesitate to get in touch with me should you want to discuss anything.

*Phil Martell*

## REBUS NZ AGM IN SUMMARY

Our club was very well represented at the Rebus NZ AGM in Taupo on the weekend of 7-9 May hosted by the Taupo Moana Rebus Club. A social get together was enjoyed on the Friday night followed by a bus trip around Taupo on the Saturday morning.



Members attending the meeting took part in a workshop prior to the formal part of the AGM. This workshop gave all members attending an opportunity to discuss and voice ideas on the future of Rebus NZ. Results of that workshop will be circulated to members in due course.

The AGM was followed by a social evening and excellent dinner at the Taupo Cosmopolitan



Club. On the Sunday morning a boat trip on Lake Taupo was organised.

This was well attended and included a cruise around the western bays of the lake, coffee and muffins and a viewing of the Maori carvings.

Overall the weekend was very well organised and the social time



provided opportunities to meet others and to hear of other clubs' activities. Congratulations to Graeme McIntosh and his team for a winning formula and to Taupo Moana Rebus Club for being such fine hosts.

## Welfare:



Kim and I visited David Flavel yesterday 19th, he is good considering what had happened at the weekend so our visit was timely and much appreciated.

Bruce Scott is in Rehab at Aria Gardens 11 Bass Road Albany and likely to be for 1 - 2 months. Have

spoken with his wife Verna re visits no worries there, visits best between 10am and 3pm due to school times. There is a contact person there for directions to see Bruce.

Also some members phone numbers have changed it would be good to get an update on those to enable us to keep in touch.

Thank you to members for assisting fellow members with transport to our meetings.

*Murray Paterson and Kim Hanna*

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## Treasurer's Report:



The club's account is currently \$6318.98 after payment of all known creditors. Subs continue dribble in with just under half of members having paid at this stage. Just remember that we cannot process cheques any more so either pay on-line or at the next meeting by cash if you don't have online facilities.

**Invoice 2021 Club Subscriptions**  
Subscriptions for 2021 were set at \$25.00 and are now due. Please pay to our account  
**12 3084 0176946 00**

*Bryan Wentworth*



## Trips/Events:

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May we had a trip to the Navy Museum in Devonport. Everyone who went seemed to enjoy the trip due, in no small part, to the excellent guide Ewan. When explaining about the models of Navy ships and related artefacts,



he brought the exhibits to life by his detailed knowledge of the battles each ship was involved in. Although not large, the Museum is well laid out, colourful and informative but is definitely far more interesting when explained by such an enthusiastic and confident presenter as Ewan. We had lunch at the museum café, three of us ate healthily with very nice salads, while most couldn't resist the fish and chips which I must say looked very tasty. The meals were ready for us and served immediately we sat at our pre-booked table, straight after the tour, and was

great value for money. All in all a great trip. It was a pity more people didn't attend the trip. We had 16 booked places, far less than indicated at the last club meeting, two had to cancel due to unforeseen circumstances and one person didn't turn up. We initially arranged for this trip to be by public transport, to include some trips that are less expensive, where this method is feasible. However as several attendees stated they were going to drive to Devonport, I quickly arranged for car sharing so everyone travelled by car. However, as this is something we are going to look at for future trips, it did provide us with a model we can use again. For those non drivers, the trip only cost the price of lunch, about \$20 each. However for those who drove they had the additional cost of using their car and I think that compensation for this is a factor we need to consider in future. We made a moderate donation to the Museum which is to be met by club funds, but altogether a very inexpensive and enjoyable first trip of the new committee year.

Two upcoming trips are The Own Car Mystery Tour and lunch on 8<sup>th</sup> June, and the Chelsea Sugar Factory tour on 17<sup>th</sup> of August, which is a coach tour with lunch included.

I will be sending details of both these trips any day now but just a reminder they we will have to pay for these in advance and that the number of places are limited, so don't hang around. Book these trips early as I expect both of them to be popular.

*Steve Waller*

### Membership:



We have received one new application to join our club as a result of public access to our website. We are also still trying to get an article in the Hibiscus Matters publication. If you have someone you know who is newly retired, semi-retired or is new to the area bring them along.

**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*

### 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](mailto:hibiscusrebus@gmail.com)

*Les Wistrand*

### Walking Group:



The walk of May was around Sanders Reserve near Paremoro Prison followed by coffee etc at Black Cottage Café in Coatsville. This was followed by a stretch of the legs around and along Stanmore Bay with the customary stop Beans 'n Bites in Whangaparoa Road.



Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> took us on a new walk in the Torbay area. This took in Waiake Beach, Winstone's Cove and through to Long Bay, returning to the Torbay shops for the regulation

coffee at Scouts Café.

The 24<sup>th</sup> saw us visiting the four beaches of Little Manly, Matakatia, Tindalls and Manly before settling in for – you guessed coffee and sticky buns at Beans 'n Bites.



Remember that this group is co-ordinated by Peter Odendaal of Rebus Gulf Harbour, and if you wish to be included in the weekly mailout contact David Gatland.

### Speakers Corner



Our External Speaker for June is Jenny Hanwell of Forest & Bird Society who will speak on the current situation with initiatives on the Whangaparoa Peninsula. She will be introduced by Paul Wilkinson. Our Club Speaker is Murray Paterson speaking of his grandfather and his time

in the railways. 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*

### **Birthdays for June**



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.

Graeme Darby  
Nigel Poole  
George Tregidga  
Paul Robinson  
Graeme Newton  
Bernard Reinen

### **Editor's Ramblings**

I don't want to be negative about what happening in our country so I won't say anything at all. But I do feel obliged to comment on the Covid-19 vaccination rollout.

Recently I have speaking with two medical practitioners who both had issues with how the rollout was progressing. The first was a surgical specialist who rightly qualified for the vaccination and duly received his first dose and then had to go through the wringer to get his second subjecting his secretary to lengthy phone calls and being given the run around as to where he would receive it. The second was a physiotherapist who told me that the registered physiotherapists would offer their services free of charge to administer the vaccinations. This offer was turned down by the Ministry of Health who advised that may consider unregistered physiotherapists for the task. (These are people who potentially are unregistered for a good reason). Thirdly a care worker who was advised she qualified for vaccination in category 2 made enquiries with the Health Department where she could have her vaccinations and was told for Waitemata Health area there were only two places where they were administering the vaccinations and they were the old Highbury

Warehouse and somewhere in Henderson but not until late July. One would hope by the time they have sufficient vaccinations available for all New Zealanders that it won't take a lifetime of waiting on phones and overnight trips to the locations to get it done!!

I strongly doubt they the Ministry has the required doses available that they claim they have.

### **Puzzle Corner**

#### **Last month**

A car has to carry an important person across the desert.

There is no petrol station in the desert and the car has space only for enough petrol to get it half way across the desert.

There are also other identical cars that can transfer their petrol into one another.

How can we get this important person across the desert?

#### **Answer**

We need 4 cars (including the car with the important person).

All cars start full of petrol.

At 1/6<sup>th</sup> of the way, all cars are 2/3rds full. One car sacrifices itself and fills up the two other cars. Two cars are now full, one is 2/3rds full. (An empty car is left behind)

At 2/6<sup>th</sup> of the way, two cars are 2/3rds full. One car is 1/3<sup>rd</sup> full and sacrifices itself to fill up one of the other cars. One car is now full and the other 2/3rds full. (The empty car is left behind)

At half-way, one car is 2/3rds full. The other 1/3<sup>rd</sup> full And sacrifices itself to fill the other car which is now full again and can make the rest of the journey. (Yes I know what if it breaks down – it won't because it's a Toyota)

#### **This months 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 captives 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 following is a survey being undertaken by your committee - Please provide us with your feedback**

**REBUS CLUB OF HIBISCUS COAST**

**Survey of your preferences. Your chance to give us feedback.**

We want your feedback, opinions and your participation if you can contribute. Consider the following and give us any other feedback to increase enjoyment of our Club for us all.

1. **Membership: any ideas for publicising the Club and attracting new members?** Please enter suggestions below.
2. **Speakers: any suggestions for individuals to be a guest speaker?** If you have a topic in mind or contact details of a possible speaker please include below.
3. **Special Interest Groups: any suggestion for groups?** Suggestions or volunteers to run a group below please.
4. **Help out your Club.** Want to help with planning trips, functions or in any way, **let us know.**
5. **Club speaker: if you haven’t given a short talk at all or recently please volunteer.** Your career experience or any topic of interest. Your choice.
6. **Hearing:** Do you have difficulty hearing speakers or club conveners at meetings? \_\_\_\_\_
7. **Trips and events: any suggestions please provide below.** A meal in a pub or restaurant now starts at about \$25 for a main. RSAs are normally cheaper but are often not open mid-week. A coach can cost about \$15 per head or more. Entrance fees, if any, are \$10 plus. Altogether this means a typical trip can cost \$50 per head or more. Bearing this in mind. **How much would you be prepared to pay per head for a trip?**

**\$35    \$40    \$45    \$50    \$55    or more for a really good trip?**

**We will endeavour to plan inclusive coach trips where possible but consider the following options that will keep the costs down.** We have used public transport (ferry) in the past.

8. **What do you think about trips where we car share or use public transport?**  
**OK    OK sometimes but prefer coach    Other: please state opinion or suggestion**
9. **Would you be willing to use your car to take a member to meetings?\_Yes/No\_\_\_\_\_ To car pool on the occasional trip? Yes/No\_\_\_\_\_**
10. **How do you feel about not including a set-lunch.** Having a picnic lunch or buying lunch from a bakery / take away or buying your own lunch in a pub, **on the occasional trip?**

**Any other comments please** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name (optional)**

Continue overleaf if necessary

**This survey will also be conducted at our next club meeting on 1 June**