



## REBUS CLUB of HIBISCUS COAST

### November 2021

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#### Committee and key roles

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| Vice President:    | Garth Dutton    | 428 3673 |
| Secretary:         | Paul Robinson   | 424 8176 |
| Membership:        | Phil Martell    | 424 7733 |
| Trips & Events:    | Steve Waller    | 558 8454 |
| Welfare/Transport: | Murray Paterson | 424 1027 |
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\* Non-committee

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

**NEXT MEETING DUE TO BE HELD ON TUES 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 AT 9.30AM  
IS CANCELLED DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS**

### Presidents Message



Hello to my fellow Rebus Club Members

I face another month in which I address you via the Bulletin, rather than face to face. I need not draw attention to why as I'm sure that it is clear to everyone. At least it is becoming clearer now as to how our freedoms might be reinstated, albeit that the 'new class' of citizens – unvaccinated – might still have their freedoms curtailed.

I thank you all for your patience with your committee who are struggling in this time of uncertainty to keep things moving forward. We have several events planned – the Bowls outing and BBQ, our Christmas Lunch and our usual summer BBQ picnic. These are the main ones, but it will be our aim to bring our club back to the usual levels of activity we are all used to as soon as practicable.

Our Christmas lunch will be the closing highlight for the year as we will not be in a position to hold a normal club meeting in the remainder of this year as our Meeting Venue – the Bridge Club – have not yet been able to outline their terms for opening their premises again. Watch your e-mail

closely as we will be outlining the finer details of our Christmas gathering with the promise of interesting concessions in our bid to make it a truly happy and memorable occasion.

It is also time to start thinking and planning for our new Rebus year which commences following the AGM in March. We did ask the question in our recent survey if anyone was interested in taking an active role in the management and the running of the club. If you feel you would like to, please hold your hand up and let me, Garth or anyone else on the committee know as soon as possible.

So, it only remains for me to wish you all a happy festive season, especially those who sadly will not be at our Christmas function. Stay well and active and we should all look forward to a bright and busy New Year.

Best regards

*Phil Martell*

## Welfare:



This year has been extraordinary in more ways than one however the shining light for Murray & Kim were the visits we made to say Hi to members who were in hospital or were at home recovering. The committee also shared in the phoning of members during this lockdown, and this was much appreciated, also our thanks to members who undertook visits as well.

We do hope all members, spouses, partners, and their families will have a Happy Xmas and that 2022 fingers crossed is onwards and upwards for us all.

Regards from the welfare team

*Murray Paterson and Kim Hanna*

Ph: 09 424 1027

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## Trips/Events:

We have some positive news to share with you this month with the confirmation that the Christmas Luncheon will take place in the Upstairs Bar at Gulf Harbour Country Club (GHCC) level 2 180 Gulf Harbour Drive on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

There are conditions with which we must comply in order to hold the event on the GHCC premises which are that all attending MUST have covid vaccination passes/certificates available for inspection on arrival. Face masks must be worn on entry to the premises but can be dispensed with once seated. That as much as possible we must remain seated at our allocated tables for service of drinks. We will be called table by table to the buffet for our meals.

The committee have decided on a subsidised budget which will include a small package of 'Christmas Treats' for everyone attending, an opportunity to win one of three a handsome Christmas Hampers and all attending will receive their first drink free from the house selection of beer, wine and non-alcoholic options. This is all included in the entry price of **\$40.00** per head. The format for the day will be doors opening at the GHCC will be opened from 12 noon with festivities commencing at 12:30pm.

The excellent menu put together for us includes.

Honey-glazed Ham off the Bone

Roasted Free-range Chicken with homemade sage and onion stuffing.

Crunchy roasted potatoes

Cauliflower and Broccoli baked in cheese sauce

Mesclun Salad

Green Salad

Waldorf Salad

Bread rolls

Pavlova topped with Fresh

Cream and berries

Steam pudding with hot custard

Premium Vanilla Bean Ice Cream

Tea and Coffee



**Those wishing to attend should pay your \$40.00 per head to our bank account**

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**By 8<sup>th</sup> December. There will not be door sales.**

Let's make it a celebration of having survived an unusual year.

*Steve Waller*

## Treasurer's Report:



With minimal activity over the past month the Bank Balance as at 29/11/2021 is \$5830.28

*Bryan Wentworth*

## Membership and 'Our People'

We are still awaiting the opportunity to induct our newest recruit, so watch this space! The committee has also accepted, with regret, the resignation of Earl Trass who has moved away from the Peninsula. Earl has been an active member for almost 11 years, and we wish him and Jan a happy transition to their new lifestyle in Orewa. Also, with regret we have received the resignation of Gary Roxborough.

**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



I am continually updating the website with photos. 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*

## Speakers Corner



Our range of scheduled speakers that we still are waiting to hear fill me with emotions ranging from joy to apprehension to consternation ...

Some, possibly somewhat challenging for members to assimilate. Most of these speakers have been proposed by members - if you would like to contribute to stretching our emotions during whatever form our meetings take going forward – please bring your suggestions forward to myself or Julian. This goes for both Guest and Club Speakers. Maybe you know of a member who should share an experience with the Club – but who has been reticent to do so. Let us know so that we can approach them directly and apply some ‘gentle persuasion’.

I trust that you have all been preparing your Club and/or Guest Speaker presentation during your lockdown extra free time. When you sign into future club events your raffle ticket will go into a draw to decide whether you have won the opportunity to be the Speaker at that event. You will, of course, already have your presentation loaded onto your smartphone – and Paul has set the technology up to seamlessly stream your content. If you score the Guest slot, you will obviously receive a bigger reward from our wine sponsors than if you only capture the Club slot. A suggestion is that your Club piece should be about you/your life, whilst your Guest topic should cover a wider subject that you have some knowledge/expertise in. I am sure that every member will willingly conform to this mandate, as it will make the Speakers Convenor role for 2022 a dream - don't rush to stand for that committee role. Remember that Chatham House rules apply to Club events – so, do not be hesitant in what you cover in your pre-prepared speeches. Good luck with polishing the

speeches that I know you have each prepared. Looking forward to hearing many interesting, fun, and fascinating presentations.

*David Gatland*

## Walking Group:



The walking group sprung back into action this month, albeit with some restrictions, with many members dusting off their summer walking clothes and shoes and actually walking and talking with friends.

The first group walk was an easy stroll along Stanmore Bay beach on the 15<sup>th</sup> with 20 eager walkers turning up. Most of the group then when to Beans N Bites where a coffee could be purchased at the door and consumed outside.

This was followed by a walk around Milldale from Little Millie's on the 22<sup>nd</sup> when 18 turned up to enjoy a lovely day followed by the traditional refreshments at the pop-up café.



The final walk of the month was the ever-popular stroll along Orewa Beach and back, followed by a pleasant coffee at Bake N Brew.

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.

## Birthdays for November



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 for our nonagenarians

Max Edward



Robert Mann  
Bill Cobb  
John Sarcich  
Ken Littlejohn

We will need a wheel barrow to carry the chocolate fish the next time we have a club meeting.

## Puzzle Corner

### Last month's Puzzle

You are at an unmarked intersection. One way is the City of lies (Parliament) and the other is the City of Truth  
Citizens of the City of Lies always lie.  
Citizens of the City of Truth always tell the truth.  
A citizen of one of these cities (you don't know which) as at the intersection. What question could you ask them to find the way to the City of Truth?

I guess it was too easy, but the answer was.

**You ask. "In which of those two directions do you live?"**

**A Citizen of the City of Lies will point to the City of Truth**

**A Citizen of the City of Truth will point to the City of Truth**

### This month's puzzle

A poor woman and a rich woman are talking about music.

The poor woman says she has studied music and can find a song with any name in it.

The rich woman says "OK, if you can find a song with my son's name in it, I will give you a thousand dollars. His name is Hieronymus."

The poor woman gives her answer and is instantly \$1,000 richer.

What was her answer?

## The fate of the blackbird family Continued

Well, much excitement with our new neighbours Mr and Mrs Blackbird. On 30<sup>th</sup> October I happened to be cleaning the kitchen window (yes I know a little extravagant) and happened to notice that two eggs had been laid in their new home.



By the 1<sup>st</sup> November the number of eggs had risen to 4 and Petal (the mother) was regularly sitting on the nest



looking very proud of herself. Every day or so when she went for a break Scruffy (the male) would fly in and stand on the edge of the nest but obviously could not be trusted the sit on the eggs.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of November there was some excitement with our neighbours, and we got our first glimpse of two hatched chicks. Blind and with a little fluff they soon developed a healthy appetite keeping both Petal and Scruffy busy. By 20<sup>th</sup> November the new additions to the Black Bird family had a reasonably full kit of clothes and were leaving very little room in the nest for Petal. On



Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 6: 30AM, after a good feed from Mum and Dad there were first steps out of the nest and within the hour both took flight.



In the meantime, our garden was getting a

thorough going over in the search for worms, if only they would be tidy in their search!

It was very tempting to cut back the foliage between our kitchen window and the nest, but I resisted the temptation fearing I might cause the family to be abandoned. Anyway, we don't have to worry any more as we now have a vacant building next to our kitchen window.

### Other bragging matters

The editor and Graeme McIntosh headed out into the Hauraki Gulf for some recreational time on the water with great results.



### 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>

