



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.

**NEXT MEETING DUE TO BE HELD ON TUES 2nd November 2021 AT 9.30AM
IS CANCELLED DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS**

Presidents Message



As I turn my thoughts to what messages I should bring to you in this bulletin, Covid-19 still causes confusion as to what we will be able to achieve with meetings and functions for the

remainder of this year. Be assured though, as soon as we have a clear view ahead you will be first to know.

We will have had to hold our committee meeting again by Zoom and whilst this type of process is becoming more popular out of necessity, it is not as effective as a room full of friendly faces. Our focus will be on just how we can plan and prepare for a re-start when able.

One aspect of Covid management will need some discussion in the wider club. As the Government's policy moves to controlling Covid primarily by vaccination rather than by lockdown, we should decide whether we need to develop our own policy around vaccination as it affects our club gatherings. We will commence this discussion at our committee meeting.

We trust you found our phone-tree call of some merit – it was certainly meant to provide some 'connection' and present opportunities to

keep in touch and seek help if needed. If you didn't receive a call, then it possibly means we do not have your correct contact details in our Database. If you suspect that this might be the case, then please get in touch with me so I can check this out.

On another lighter note, it has occurred to Garth and I that it would be a good idea to seek some input from members to share any new ideas you may have come up with to get through the extra time Covid is keeping us at home. Any new hobbies, any new skills, any amazing literary experiences to share, creative DIY – anything that others might relate to!

In the mean-time – on a more positive note, it is pleasing to feel the temperatures rising and enabling thoughts of summer. Keep well and stay safe,

Phil Martell

Welfare:



David Webb is now at home after a stay in hospital, he is doing well and is having daily

Rehab with caregivers and family support. Phone calls are welcome preferably in the afternoons. I am fine and so is Kim so that's good news.

Between all committee members everyone on our membership list should have been contacted over the last month. Those contacted without exception were in fine fettle and coping with our current situation. We are keeping our fingers crossed that we will be able to do visits in the near future but in the meantime if you know of any member who is struggling, please advise Kim or myself.

Regards from the welfare team

Murray Paterson and Kim Hanna

Ph: 09 424 1027

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Trips/Events:

Remember the days when every month we'd meet

Listen to interesting speakers and each other greet.

Remember the days when we'd go on a trip

Then have a meal and a drink to sip

Remember museums, factories, car tour

Marine reserves, sculpture trails and so much more

Remember BBQ picnics in the sun

Club lunches. bowling and having fun

Remember talking over biscuits and tea

Putting the world to right jokingly

Remember life as we know it. Will it ever be the same?

Be strong, have faith and try to keep sane!

We were disappointed not to be able to put on the bowling day as planned. Be assured we will re-

schedule this popular fun event as soon as we possibly can. Make sure you read future editions

of your bulletin for updates. Let's hope the

Christmas lunch can go ahead as planned. We all need something to look forward to.

Steve Waller

Treasurer's Report:



Since our last state of the nation's financial update, we have only had one deposit for the bowls event. This leaves our current balance at

\$5925.03.

Bryan Wentworth

Membership:

This key aspect of the Club's status is also under strain from Covid-19. It is hard to be driving for new members when we are not meeting. We are still working on the idea of a letterbox dop to draw attention to the merits of membership. Summer should bring new households to the peninsula and thus opportunities to canvass these folk directly to point out the benefits of joining as a way of meeting likeminded people for companionship.

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. 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

Speakers Corner



Courtesy of Vincent Reidy, our Guest Speaker for November was scheduled to have been Associate Professor

Jennifer Frost from the University of Auckland, speaking on 'The Treaty of Waitangi'. Our Club Speaker would have been yet another golden opportunity for the erstwhile Rod Klarwill to present his wife's book "The Gulf Harbour Canal Waterway, the history of the development". No need to fret - the canal is not set to disappear just yet.

David Gatland

Walking Group:



Its been another month where fitness has been an individual endeavour Most of the walking group are getting some miles in but are suffering from the deprivation of coffee and sticky buns.

Fortunately, none of us have been following Jacinda's "Road Map" and definitely don't worry too much about traffic lights so we should make it through the current fiasco without getting lost.

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. Believe it or not but we will make it out there as a group again someday.

Birthdays for October



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 one of our nonagenarian Max Edward



Bill Cobb
Robert Mann
John Sarcich
Ken Littlejohn

Boy we will need a big bag of chocolate fish the next time we have a club meeting

Members Contribution

Hi Fellow Rebus members, once again we have invited another speaker to explain to us, how global warming has nothing to do with us. Further that we should carry on burning all types of fossil fuels as there is nothing, we can do about it, as global warming is a natural phenomenon, completely out of human control or influence.

So, let me first examine some of the latest global warming extremes.

Extreme forest fires all over the world, plus record breaking temperatures year on year everywhere, throughout the world even in the north and south poles.

Temperatures of 50 C plus were once considered a freak event now the Middle East, Pakistan, India, Australia, US and Canada are regularly approaching or passing that extreme 50C temperature. A temperature that humans' animals and plants have great difficulty surviving in.

So, these temperatures not only affect us humans but also will destroy our food supplies. For at 50 C the normal way we cool ourselves is to sweat, as this sweat evaporates our skin gets cooler. However, starting at about 35 C sweating no longer cools our skin so our bodies heat up with at times fatal consequences, so 50cC is very dangerous. Add to this, as the oceans heat up hurricanes and all storms, are more intense with far stronger winds.

This also is another phenomenon that has become more prevalent throughout the world.

Temperature inversions are causing heat domes that slow down and trap wind patterns, these domes trap and hold weather patterns causing intense heat or extreme localized rainfall flood events.

So, these are just a few of the extreme weather events taking place year after year with ever increasing rising temperatures.

Another question often asked is if burning fossil fuels is causing our planet to heat up how long has this been known?

In Hibiscus Matters 27/9/21 there is a small article written in 1912. This states that the burning of coal all over the world is adding 7,000,000,000 tons of carbon dioxide to the atmosphere each year which acts as a blanket and traps the heat.

Since 1958 the oil industries own scientist, were telling their bosses that they had no more than 2 decades before some drastic action needed to be taken, to prevent and reverse global warming, caused by burning their products. All these oil companies needed to reduce and within a decade or 2 eliminate, the use of all fossil fuels. No

action was taken. In fact, these oil companies used their immense wealth to lobby all governments, to make sure no government action would be taken that might impact on their oil companies profit.

At the present time there are several States in USA suing Exxon Mobil, for using propaganda to deliberately hide the true facts, about how car exhausts burning their products have created a massive spike in global warming, which is causing sea levels to rise inundating their cities.

For those of my fellow members who still don't believe that the burning of fossil fuels, mostly by our generation has anything to do with these extreme weather events and that these events are all naturally caused. Then I invite you to look at our sister planet Venus, here we have extreme temperatures all caused as far as is known by natural events. Venus is almost identical mass and size as earth, although Venus day and year times are much slower, and is closer to the sun so one would expect it to get hotter. However, the temperature of Venus is far too extreme to be explained by these factors only. The surface temperature is 471C, hot enough to melt lead on the surface.

The atmospheric pressure is 90 times that of earth.

Venus atmosphere is composed of approx. 90% carbon dioxide.

So, if like Venus, the huge rise in temperature year on year on Earth is caused by natural events then there may be very little we humans can do about it.

So, in that case Earth is galloping toward the extreme temperatures and pressures as shown on Venus. Also, as humans and I suspect all other living entities on Earth cannot survive with temperatures above 50 C, then our world may be heading, in the very near future for another mass extinction event.

However, if this global warming event is as Scientist agree, caused by us humans burning fossil fuels, then if we all pull together, we have the technology to reverse this trend and so save our home planet for future generations from another Venus like event.

So even if you don't agree with this summation surely as we Retirees are all nearing the end of our lives, we can put our personal prejudice aside and all pull our weight together for future generations. With the goal of returning our home planet to temperatures enjoyed by our generation through the whole of our lives.

Yours sincerely

Des Fox

Editors Comment

Any and all material published in conjunction with a Club or Guest Speaker is provided solely for the purpose of Members comprehending that particular Speaker's point of view, and in no way reflects the views of the Club on any particular topic. In scheduling its Speakers, the Club endeavours to cover topics of likely interest to Members; and over time, to achieve a balance of perspectives upon such topics.

Des's contribution is welcomed but should not be taken as necessarily the opinion of your committee.

From a personal point of view, it caused me to do more research (googling) on the subject and I found many varying articles in support of Des's view including the following very credible website presented by NASA. One piece of misinformation was clarified and that was that volcanoes have more effect on greenhouse gases than our consumption of fossil fuels. This claim is apparently ill founded as the scientific opinion is that they only contribute 1% to the greenhouse effects..

[Is it too late to prevent climate change? – Climate Change: Vital Signs of the Planet \(nasa.gov\)](#)

The other thing that came out of my research that it is considered the cows belching caused more harm than farting. Now there's something worth knowing.

Thankyou Des for your contribution.

Puzzle Corner

Last month's Puzzle

Tim saw that his oven digital clock was showing 1:23 and noticed that each number was one higher than the number to its left. He wondered: of all the different clock times from 0:00 to 12:59, how many are like that? And what exactly are those clock times? Can you help Tim out?

Answer (I think I got them all)

0:12; 1:23; 2:34; 3:45; 4:56; 12:34

This 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?

The fate of the blackbird family Continued

After completing, what appeared to be a very comfortable home to bring up a young family there was no activity for three weeks. I can't imagine it was a shortage of materials to complete the job. Maybe a suitable suitor couldn't be found after the original one had a blow to the head.

Anyway, I am pleased to advise that the home maker has now returned and is making final touches to the nest.

In the meantime, the shrub has grown a little so she will have more privacy.

Watch this space for further developments.

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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