



## REBUS CLUB OF HIBISCUS COAST

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**Meetings are held at the Bridge Club in Edith Hopper Park, Ladies Mile, Manly.**

Our **NEXT MEETING** will be held on **TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 9.30 am.**

Our Guest Speaker is Bev Smith, introduced by Julian Joy and thanked by Riley Bell. Our Club Speaker is Tim Jones.

**Quick reminder:** If you are unable to attend, please send your apology to our email address above, and if you are attending, please remember to wear your nametag.

### President's Message



Hello friends.

Well, our summer has been a bit hit-and-miss – warm enough with adequate rain, but far too much wind for comfortable boating!

Even our swims and occasional walks along the beach were less pleasant than expected due to blowing sand. I realize this is not a new phenomenon, but a prolonged period of balmy days would have been just the ticket!

Thursday 13th February at Shakespear Reserve. Steve and our Committee are busy planning the visits and events for the next 12 months.

Finally, I wish to serve notice of another annual event – our AGM will be held at the Bridge Club rooms at 9.30am on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Please give some thought to how you might be able to assist in building our club and the Rebus organisation this coming year.

Take care,

*Paul Robinson*

### **Rebus apparel**

Rebus NZ has organised a line of Rebus-branded hats for members to wear and hopefully trigger interest in our group from persons outside of the club. The promotional apparel available through our website <https://www.rebus.nz/apparel> has now been extended to include polo shirts.



The Jane Gifford charter on 6th of December was a most enjoyable day and a lovely way to end 2024. And now we start 2025 in our traditional manner with the annual summer picnic on

The hats come in several colours – navy blue, black, and white, all of which can be seen at <https://www.apparelmerchco.com/collections/rebus>

Rebus NZ has a few remaining items in stock at \$20 for the caps and bucket hats, and \$17 for the visors. If you wish to purchase one [or more] of these, they will be available at our club meeting next Tuesday or you can order through Bill Cobb.

## KEEPING WHANGAPARAOA GREEN SPACES MAINTAINED

Member Rod Klarwill has suggested that members might be interested in the information below as it pertains to our area and follows on from the presentation by Owen Paterson at our October club meeting. They intend to hold volunteer workdays from mid-December onwards,

### Keep Whangaparāoa's Green Spaces.

Healthy Communities Need Space

## 100+ Community Volunteers clean-up Gulf Harbour Country Club's abandoned Golf Course

A community-led initiative to mow the entire Gulf Harbour Country Club (GHCC) with a small team of helpers and support from local businesses got underway on Monday 21 October. On Sundays the 3rd and 10th of November a group of approximately 100 volunteers in total gathered on the golf course and undertook a major cleanup of the grounds. Following is a video showing the substantial impact the second volunteer day made. KWGS is not directly involved in this initiative but have played a supporting role to enable the team of mowers to get an action plan drawn up, gather resources to get volunteers on-board and devise a comprehensive clean-up plan and move towards establishing a “Gulf Harbour Community Trust” to run these initiatives. We are also collecting donations for the mowers’ operational expenses on behalf of the mower team at the point. The Trust will have its own banking arrangements in the New Year. Please support our fantastic local business sponsors and not-for-profit supporters. They are listed at the end of the video.

View the video  
here: <https://youtube/ZBVi4NpqiWs>

### Further Volunteer Clean-up Days

Two remaining Volunteer Days will take place on the following Sundays:

*16th February 2025; 16th March 2025*

If you are already registered to help with the Volunteer Days, the Gulf Harbour Community Trust team will be in touch with you by email with detailed instructions closer to those respective dates. If you would like to help with the clean-ups but haven’t registered your interest yet please email: [comms@kwgnz.org](mailto:comms@kwgnz.org) as soon as possible.

### Donate to Mower Operational Expenses

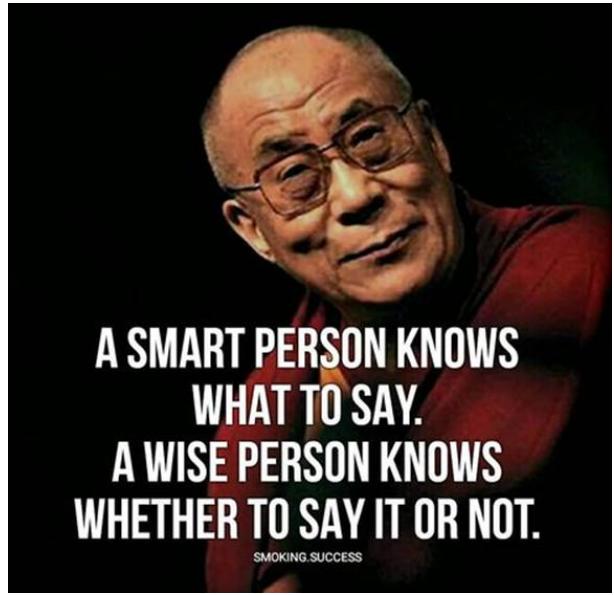
Thank you to everyone who has donated towards the mowers’ operational expenses. KWGS are co-ordinating donations on behalf of the mowing group at this stage. Use our bank account details to make a transfer or complete a Stripe Credit card donation on this

page: <https://www.kwgnz.org/donate.html>

For more information contact:

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Visit our website: [www.kwgnz.org](http://www.kwgnz.org)



## INTERNATIONAL MOTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024



I count myself as privileged to have contributed, as a volunteer (one of 115 volunteers), to the very successful International Moth World Championships held here at Big Manly Beach between 30 December 2024 and January 09, 2025.

The organising committee was headed by Harold Bennett and, to any Old Salts amongst us, a name well respected in yachting circles, particularly in relation to the Americas Cup. Harold was also the Principal Race Officer and team leader of the Management Team.

I was assigned to the On Shore Logistics team headed by Rod Dale. Our responsibilities were:

- Event Security
- Traffic Management
- Parking
- Beach Marshalls
- Tractor/Power Boat Launching Team.

Renowned as a stepping stone to America's Cup pending circuits, and SailGP's ever expanding circuit. Keen Mothies will get two bites of the cherry in 2025 – the just completed Moth World Championships 2024 and the 2025 Championships at Lake Garda, Italy in July.



Prior to the actual Moth Championships commencing Saturday 4 January, a series of races (the Oceania Championships) was held with Mattias Coutts (Russell's son) leading. Coutts finished the pre-worlds event two points clear of another Kiwi, Jacob Pye, with Riley Gibbs of the

USA taking third, and Ryan Littlechild of Australia fourth. Best placed British competitor was Hattie Rogers in 34th to claim the woman's title.

Following this warm-up event the 2024, International Moth World Championship commenced on Saturday 4 January, with 148 entries.

Mattias Coutts swept to victory winning eight races and despite surviving an underwater object strike in the final stages, missing a race to effect emergency repairs. He was pursued all the way by another 19-year-old, local resident Jacob Pye, who racked-up seven race wins and maintained the pressure all the way to his final race win. In third place was Australian Otto Henry, who finished tied with Kiwi Seb Menzies, with the top seven places going to Youth sailors. Britain's Hattie Rogers won the Women's PredictWind Moth World Championship Title.

I'm very grateful to have been a part of this event, the scale of which is the largest facilitated by the Mainly Sailing Club and very well managed. So I am pleased to advise that Harold Bennett will be our Guest Speaker at our March meeting.

I would encourage members to consider volunteer work that appeals to them. It could be a very rewarding experience.

### *Earl Brookbanks*



### Trips and Functions

#### Last trip of 2024 - Jane Gifford cruise

On 6<sup>th</sup> December nearly 60 of us boarded the old boat chugged down the Mahurangi river for about one hour. Sailing against the wind it was a little breezy and several of us almost lost our hats. We cruised past Robertson's boat yard, established in 1932, passing the large travel lift that is used to lift the Jane Gifford out of the water for its routine inspections and maintenance.



We are then past Mahurangi Marina, admiring several boats and watching a few owners maintaining their craft. Then past the old Wilson's Cement Works, which was first established in the 1880s, being the first cement manufacturers in the country. At the point of the river where it widens, into the Mahurangi harbour, we turned around in a wide sweep ready to return up the river with the wind behind us so much calmer cruising. Most of us enjoyed our picnic lunch and bottle of wine on the way back, with the sharing of birthday cakes provided by George Tregidga to celebrate his wife Carols birthday.

Upon our return to the mooring, in the centre of the town, Daniel the cruise organiser, gave us a talk about the history of the boat and its current operation under the ownership of The Jane Gifford Trust. It was great to cruise in such an iconic boat brought back to life by much hard work and expense by the trust. Although it generally uses its engine on cruises, the skipper Chris, who happens to be the VP of the Warkworth Rebus club, told me that they generally take the boat out to sea, under sail, about once per year. I, for one, couldn't help but admire all the rigging used when it does get under sail, which I imagine would be quite a sight. About 15 of us travelled to Warkworth by bus from Silverdale, which is an excellent service taking only 30 minutes. Eight came by their village's minibus and the rest drove to Warkworth. This was a joint trip with fifteen members from Rebus Club Of Gulf Harbour joining our club members. This proved to be a great finale to our club activities during 2024.

### **Christmas Lunch at The Archer.**

Fifty-three members, partners and friends enjoyed our end-of-year Christmas Lunch at The Archer, Stanmore Bay. Your club sponsored the first drink, and the fixed price starter and main menu allowed

us plenty of choice. All the meals looked delicious. My chicken starter was very tasty, and my main roast lamb was the best lamb I have had for a long time. Everyone I spoke to enjoyed their meal too, so well done the chef and staff at The Archer. We had a free raffle of two lovely Christmas hampers plus a bottle of wine donated by Danny (the Archer).

It was good to see many of our new members and to catch up with club friends. Overall, it was a most enjoyable, special lunch.



### **Thursday 13th February BBQ Picnic at Shakespear Regional Park**

**To find us:** Drive into the park and turn Right towards Okoromai Bay, then turn left onto Bruce Harvey Drive, through the predator proof gate and continue past the picture frame, down the hill. Where the road divides, at the bottom of the hill, turn right and park. We set up our picnic camp on the grass area adjacent to the parking area. Shakespear Beach area on the grass near the car parking area. We meet at midday and have a BBQ of meat and salads. Lunch is about 12.30. We normally have a few lawn games, for those who want a bit of fun activity, plus a great catch up with other members after our break from club activities during the festive/January holiday period.

Bring your own chairs (and picnic table if you wish), drinks and plastic picnic glasses, plates, cutlery, and anything you wish to share, including your holiday stories.

All welcome including friends, but not your pets. Shakespear Park is a pet free zone.

Charge for lunch \$12.50 per person to be paid into the club account, ref: picnic.

Club Bank Account: 12 3084 0176946 00

We have a list of your suggestions for trips but always welcome more. Any good trips you have

been on or heard about or any types of trips you do not want included, let us know.

**Steve Waller**

## Humour

*So, this old lady lay dying.*

*She sent a message for a Tax Office Supervisor and her Lawyer to come to the hospital. When they arrived, they were ushered up to her room. As they entered the room, the old lady held out her hands and motioned for them to sit on each side of the bed. The dying lady grasped their hands, sighed contentedly, smiled and stared at the ceiling. For a time, no one said anything. Both the Tax Office Supervisor and the lawyer were touched and flattered that the old lady would ask them to be with her during her final moments.*

*However they were also puzzled because she had never given any indication that she particularly liked either one of them. Finally, the Lawyer asked, "My lady, why did you ask the two of us to come here?" With her frail hand the old lady beckoned to them to come closer, mustering all her final strength, and then in a low whisper weakly said ..... "Jesus died between two thieves, and that's how I want to go "*



## Membership and 'Our People'

Neil Garner passed away on Friday 20th December 2024 after a prolonged period of ill health. Neil had been a member since August 2021 and our condolences go out to his Partner Joyce and family.

**Garner, Neil**



**Clift, John**

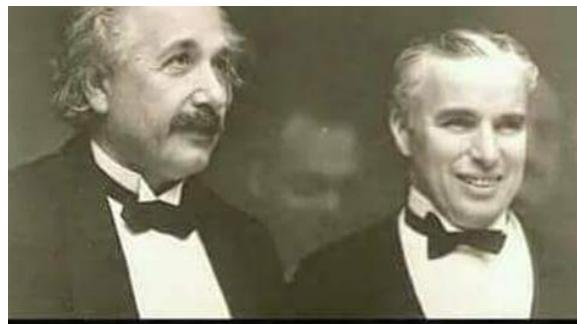


We also record the passing of John Clift on 28th December 2024. John had been a member since December 2005. John's health had suffered over the last few years and a decision was made that he could no longer live independently when he moved away from the Peninsula and resigned from the club in June 2024. Along with his wife Barbara, he was a regular attendee at events and their home baked bread rolls were legendary. Our condolences were made through his son Huw who

mentioned that Rebus was an important feature of John's later life.

Our current membership stands at 70, but it has been higher than this in the past. Whilst this might reflect the overall experience of other Rebus clubs, there is no reason why we should not aim to restore our membership to a higher level. Your committee will review this as the new membership year gets underway, but in the meantime we should all keep our recruitment hats on and eyes open for potential members.

**Phil Martell.**



**ALBERT EINSTEIN:** -What I admire most about your art, is its universality. You do not say a word, and yet, the world understands you!

**CHARLIE CHAPLIN:** -It's true, but your fame is even greater! The world admires you, when nobody understands you!

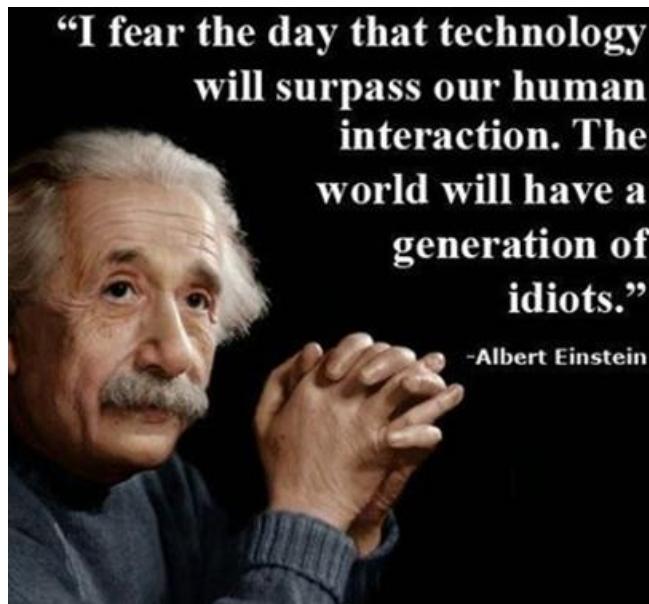


**Welfare** At our December meeting, the Committee sought volunteers to support members who needed assistance with transport to/from medical appointments and the like. If you need a hand with some transport, please call me on 021 932 811 at the first instance. If you cannot contact me, the following members have offered to assist –

Vincent Reidy Gulf Harbour	021 279 9292
George Tregidga Gulf Harbour	027 223 7953
Bryan Wentworth Gulf Harbour	021 210 1791
Neville Drower Manly	021 886 130
Pieter Hopkins Manly	021 963 464
Phil Martell Manly	027 497 0024
Paul Robinson Manly	027 2222 151
John Adams Orewa	021 620 111
Peter Boot Orewa	021 128 6764
Bill Cobb Orewa	027 292 5159
Brian Mullan Orewa	021 031 1232
Murray Paterson Orewa	021 0238 9252
You can ring them directly if you cannot contact	

me, and obviously the greater period of notice you can give will assist them in supporting you. If you hear of anyone that we can assist, or would like some help yourself, please call me.

*Frank Coggan*



### **Treasurer's Report**

Very little activity over the Xmas period. Balance is \$4696.90 with all known bills paid.

*Bryan Wentworth*

### **Speaker's corner**



**Club Speaker:** Our December Speaker was Graeme McIntosh on his recent trip to the Chatham Islands. Graeme visited the Chatham Islands from the 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2024 booking a tour through Pukekohe Travel. You fly Chatham Air, Auckland to the Chatham's taking 2.5 hours in a group of 15. He told us the Chatham's were settled by the Moriori around 800 years ago with British whalers arriving in 1791 and Maori in 1835 nearly wiping out the Moriori. Tommy Solomon, known as the last full-blooded Moriori died in 1933. The current population of the Chatham's is 720 with a further 42 on Pitt Island. For the residents, it is hard work, but you can get ahead. Anything that breaks down is left to rust away as it is too expensive to remove.

Accommodation is at the Chatham Island Hotel right on the beach front with crayfish and blue cod

the usual dinner menu. Beautiful beaches abound and there is a large lagoon in the middle of the Island taking up 1/4 of the land area.

Graeme went on two charters: successfully catching blue cod and another charter to Pitt Island. The coastal scenery there was stunning.

The ATR 72 Air Chatham is essential to the Island bringing tourists and taking exports especially crayfish which all go to Japan for the best prices. The Island also farms sheep, produces honey, blue cod and paua. Electricity is mainly produced by a generator station with some solar.

The tour costs for Graeme were \$6,000 single and \$10,000 double for the 8 days.

Paul thanked Graeme for a very interesting talk.



**Guest Speaker** Our Guest Speaker was author Frances Hall, introduced by Brian Tracey. Frances gave an interesting talk entitled

"Scatterlogical Wisdom". We all wondered what this would be, and it turned out to be stories from her past employment as a tour guide. Frances was born in the Wairarapa, moved to the US, learned Spanish, had brought up four children on her own, and has written a book titled "Scatterlogical Wisdom". She has also been a writer for Grapevine for 20 years. Her talk was about "you haven't lived until ..." all relating to stories of her experiences while travelling. Starting off in the USA she acted as a tour guide through the Spanish speaking countries of Central and South America: Mexico, Cuba, Costa Rica, Bolivia, Chile and Argentina. Then on to Europe and North Africa: Spain and Portugal where you go to Gibraltar, Tangiers and Casablanca. Then back to Granada and on to Italy for the Cinque Terre (five lands) walk. Next was Venice and South of Florence, the Amalfi Coast, Sicily and the Greek Islands. These destinations were supplemented with little stories and what you should do if you haven't lived until ... Frances having mentioned a story of WW1 romance in her heritage, including notes inserted in hats from Scotland; our resident Scot - Bob Hagen, joked that her great grandfather was a wise man to go to Scotland for his bride.

John Adams thanked Frances for her entertaining talk and encouraged us to buy her book.

*David Gatland.*



### Ramblers – January 2025.

This week the Ramblers are heading back to a regular spot with a stroll around Orewa Estuary starting from Millies Café. Last week 15 hearty soles turned up for the walk around Hobsonville with various breakaway groups all finding their way back to the Catalina Café. The previous week 20 of us did a flat walk on a private track at Waitoki.



*Waitoki 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025*

The Springford track is around private property and through native bush areas created by the owner in the process to subdivide. Garth got permission from the owner to do the walk which was followed by refreshments at DD's Café in Waitoki. We assembled for the walk at The Chocolate Factory which is on the left as you come into Waitoki.

Last week we had an impressive group of 20 who took on the full 4 beach walk with some opting for the shorter walk. The walk started out from the Bridge Club at Edith Hopper Park, Ladies Mile and visited Manly Beach via Lawrence and Cross Streets to avoid the eclipse of Moths that had taken over part of the beach.



*Hello Manly Café after 4 beaches walk*

Not all ventured around the Manly Beach to Tindall's headland but those who did had to scramble past some trees. Low tide rather than half tide would be better option for that part of the walk. Everyone gathered back at Hello Manly for timely refreshments. The previous week Senior Apprentice Neil took a group around Alice Eaves Reserve as a shake down after the big Xmas festivities and enjoyed the hospitality of the Bake

N Brew. We took a vote on whether to walk on Monday 23rd and there was enough interest, so we did the cliff tops (missed out earlier due to bad weather) starting from Fishermen's Rock Reserve. This attempt to complete the two-cliff tops walk from Fisherman's Rock Reserve Pacific Parade, through Everard Park and Okoromai cliff path, was disrupted by a heavy shower (rain). Two of us completed most of the walk with the remainder (10) doing various shorter walks. Coffee and sticky buns were enjoyed at The Manly Café. Our Christmas Walk was disrupted with very inclement weather on Monday resulting in a Tuesday Walk instead. It was a shorter walk than normal (approx. 4.5Km) followed by Xmas lunch at the Northcote Tavern. It started out from the Tavern back up Queen Street to Clarence Road then around past the lovely old houses in a big loop back to and under the motorway to Sulphur Point beach back under the bridge returning to the Northcote Tavern for an early lunch.



*Sulphur Point before Christmas lunch*

19 turned out for a very pleasant stroll. Our first December Ramble was the hill climb through Shakespear Reserve past the waterfall with its new platform - the resident eel was there waiting for us - then up to the viewing platform and back via the paddocks. Coffee was at the very pleasant Cherry café. Last week a group of 11 of us travelled to Oteha Valley and did the Lucas creek track around the back of Albany shops and onto Massey University. Refreshments were enjoyed at Columbus Café (Mitre 10). The Ramblers – and a few Amblers – meet on Mondays at 0900 in conjunction with Gulf Harbour Rebus for home and away rambles of up to 9 km, followed by refreshments. If you would like to join us, just let me know and I will add you to the mailing list. Partners, friends and prospects are all most welcome. If you would like to join us, just let me know and I will add you to the mailing list. Partners, friends and prospects are all most welcome.

*David Gatland*

## Combined Club Dinner Nights



This group comprises members of both the Hibiscus Coast and Gulf Harbour Clubs. The next combined dinner is confirmed for 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at Mainsail restaurant in Gulf Harbour with a start time of 6:30pm. This is the night of our first dinner engagement of the year and, going on bookings, 49 people have indicated a desire to attend, making the event the largest since George initiated the dinner arrangements. If members have any ideas of restaurants in the area that we can try, please give me a call. Any member who wishes to be added to the email list please email me at [gandc@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gandc@xtra.co.nz)

*George Tregidga.*

## Donation/Sponsorship

We wish to express our sincere thanks to Allan Yeo of **Booster Wine Group** for their ongoing 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 visit their Site  
<https://boosterwinegroup.nz/our-story>*



## Birthdays for December and January

Our congratulations to the following members for having successfully navigated another year – Bill Anderson, Bill Carter, Fred Elley, and Graeme McIntosh – *December*; Phil Brooker, Bill Dowds, Peter Farrell, Bob Hagan, Rod Klarwill, Malcolm Macaskill, Murray Paterson, and Graeme Wake – *January*.

We hope that you were able to enjoy your birthday with family and friends.

