



## 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 Harold Bennett, who will speak on The Moth Worlds – hosted by the Manly Sailing Club in January 2025. Harold is introduced by Frank Coggan and thanked by Earl Brookbanks. Because of time constraints there will be no Club speaker this month.

**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.

For those of you who were unable to attend our first meeting for this year, we started with a bang in February by bestowing our ultimate accolade to a member, by inducting three new members, and by gaining support for the club to offer to host the Rebus NZ AGM in May 2026. And that doesn't include two fascinating addresses – the first from club member Tim Jones, and the second from Bev Smith on her life as a rock climber, paraglider, overseas aid volunteer, and Manager at the Outdoor Pursuits Centre.

By unanimous decision, the club conferred the award of Life Member to David Gatland for rendering outstanding service to the club.

David joined in December 2015, was Secretary for 2016 and 2017, President for 2018, Immediate Past President for 2019, Ramblers Convenor 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, and Speakers Convenor 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024. In carrying out these roles, he has been on the Management Committee continuously since 2016. Following the use of a suitably devious ruse to require his presence elsewhere, David was greeted with acclamation when he returned to our meeting from a short absence. We have received his letter –



*President Paul and fellow Committee Members*  
*I was totally surprised and overwhelmed to be awarded Life Membership of our Club at the recent February meeting. I very much appreciate that the Committee, and then the wider Club promoted and then approved my award. Thank you all.*  
*A strong feature of our Club is that, over the time of my membership, I have received very helpful support and guidance from senior experienced members in the roles that I have served in - in*

*particular, the earlier ones.*

*I look forward to continuing to provide support to our Club – in whatever form is needed and appropriate.*

*Thank you all very much for my award.*

*Yours in Rebus*

*David Gatland*

Members also considered, and approved, a proposal from the Committee to offer to host the Rebus NZ AGM in April/May 2026. The approval was either for the meeting to be hosted jointly with the Gulf Harbour Rebus Club, or solely by Hibiscus Coast. The offer will be conveyed to Rebus NZ at their AGM in Palmerston North on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Finally, our meeting next week will also be a bit different from the norm because we will hold our AGM. This will start at 9.30am and finish before 10.30 – all the relevant papers were sent to members by email on 10<sup>th</sup> February. There will be no club speaker this month, but we will have a very interesting guest speaker at the club meeting after morning tea.

Take care out there,

*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 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.

**Keep Whangaparāoa's Green Spaces.**  
Healthy Communities Need Space

One remaining Volunteer Day will take place on **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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**Outline of trip:** Operated by Red Boats. We cruise to Motutapu Island, have about one and a half hours on the island to explore and enjoy our own picnic lunch, before returning to Westhaven. Total trip about five hours.

**Lunch and refreshments:** Bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee provided on the boat, which also has a microwave oven.

**Transport:** Make your own way to Westhaven, either by car or carpooling or take the NX1 bus to Auckland, getting off at Fanshawe St / Victoria Park and walking for about 10 minutes back along Fanshawe St onto Westhaven Drive. Pier Z is just after Swashbucklers Restaurant. There is plenty of parking. Fees apply.

**All welcome, including friends, just pay for the number attending.**

**We join members of Hibiscus Coast friendship Club, who have arranged the trip and invited our club along.**

**Payments: \$29 per person paid into Rebus Club of Hibiscus Coast Bank account: 12 3084 0176946 00, Reference Boat trip and notify Steve on [stevejwaller49@gmail.com](mailto:stevejwaller49@gmail.com)**

**Closing date for booking and payment: 11<sup>th</sup> March.**

*Steve Waller*

**Humour**



## **Trips and Functions**

### **Recent function BBQ Picnic**

The weather was perfect for our annual summer picnic/BBQ at Shakespear Regional Park on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Forty-two attended and enjoyed very tasty snapper, supplied by Graeme McIntosh and freshly cooked by him assisted by Bill Anderson, followed by BBQ chicken and sausages and a tasty variety of salads. Garth organised, and set the rules for, a great individual competition of croquet boules. Each player had to toss a boule from a distance through the croquet hoops in the fewest throws. This game proved to be highly enjoyable and gave us a little exercise after our plentiful lunch and a drink or two.

Thank you to all who contributed to the event, you know who you are, for supplying and cooking meat, preparing salads and providing and serving the fish.

### **Trip to Motutapu Island on 19<sup>th</sup> March, organised by Hibiscus Coast Friendship Club.**

As notified by email on 12<sup>th</sup> February, main details below:

**Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> March.

**Leaving:** Pier Z Westhaven, Auckland at 10.30am, be there, ready to leave, by 10.15.



I accidentally  
swallowed some  
Scrabble tiles and now  
I'm experiencing  
constant vowel  
movements. The next  
trip to the bathroom  
could spell disaster.

It's OK to talk to  
yourself...and ok to  
answer yourself. But  
sad when you have to  
repeat what you said  
because you weren't  
listening!!

I was at lunch with an  
old friend & pointed  
at two elderly ladies  
across the room and  
said "That will be us  
in 10 years". She said  
"That's a mirror".



From left to right; President Paul, Phil Brooker, Hans Wouters and Marty Davis. We extend a warm welcome to these new members and I further invite them to approach David Gatland to set a date when they can, as club speakers, give us an informal and more complete introduction to themselves.

With the beginning of a new club year commencing at the AGM, may I remind you all as members that we need to keep our membership growing or at least the introduction of new members keeping pace with retirements. We have generally managed to achieve this in recent times although it has been higher. Keep a watch out!

*Phil Martell.*



*Frank Coggan*

#### Welfare

No matters to report this month but his observation is that "Everyone must be up and running, and happy."

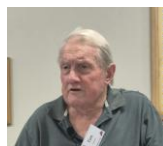


*Bryan Wentworth*

#### Treasurer's Report

Bank account still strong.  
\$5100.00 after known payments.

#### Speaker's corner



**Club Speaker:** Our February Club speaker Tim Jones started his talk telling us that he liked learning languages and was introduced to

#### Membership and 'Our People'

With the induction of three new members at our last meeting, our membership stands now at 73.



Japanese at Auckland University. After teaching this at Auckland Grammar for four years he decided to travel to Tokyo to teach English. He then joined a Japanese company that wanted his expertise in English.

On returning to NZ and getting married to Naiome, a chartered accountant, he was into business. They started selling souvenir food gifts - vacuum-packed meats and fruits 24/7 at the airport. Japanese students loved this product, which expanded to Asian and then Australian customers. At the height of their business, they employed twenty staff. The long hours involved became too difficult, so finally they sold and started a new business selling honey and honey by-products. The Asian immigrants liked the natural products and Tim joined with Comvita and manuka honey sales boomed as it was a natural health product - even healing wounds. This expanded and Tim was travelling to Hong Kong, USA, and Australia.

Expansion in the USA was needed but Tim decided to retire and assist friends import products from China.



**Guest Speaker** The Guest speaker was Bev Smith - introduced by Julian Joy. Bev told us that she went to a small Catholic school where she was introduced to rock climbing. Liking the

outdoors and mathematics, her dad sent her to Auckland Girls Grammar where in her last year she was made head prefect and completed a Park Ranger course. Loving this, she went to university finishing a BSc and then to Teachers Training College in Christchurch where she was introduced to mountaineering and bushcraft. After one year of teaching at Tamaki College, she was off overseas for a year of rock climbing in the US and Australia. Back in NZ, Bev became an instructor at the Outdoor Pursuits Centre. She then went to Britain on exchange, working with 10 – 14-year-olds during the week and off rock climbing in the weekends. Having a wonderful life came to an end, so back in NZ and while climbing in 1988 she decided that Mt Cook was too hard; she sought to start another challenge, a three-day course on paragliding. Bev showed slides on how easy it was to take-off as you lay out your glider with ropes attached with the back close to you then pull up the front to fill with air, then run until you gain enough lift and off you go. Back at Outdoor Pursuits, Bev brought paragliding into the Tongariro National

Park being the first to jump off Pukeonaki - 20 seconds, then Tongariro even in snow using nails to hold the back down, then Ngauruhoe - 6 minutes, and finally Ruapehu, although the wind was in the wrong direction and consequently, she did not make a safe landing, badly injuring herself. In a new job, teaching Taranaki students the outdoors, she decided to paraglide off Mt Taranaki. This brought a lot of publicity as the local Māori were not all in favour of allowing this activity on their mountain and especially by a woman. Sitting down talking with them overcame their concerns provided this was not to be encouraged. Gaining her 3GP licence, Bev was off overseas again to the Lake District and on to France for competitions which involved hill-town-town-hill using thermals to gain lift and carrying a camera. She attended the World Championships representing New Zealand in Spain where the local town had parades and fully supported the paragliders. Then on to Turkey for the World Air Games with a NZ Team. From there it was off to Tanzania where Bev did voluntary work teaching English and undertaking a house building project for a single mother with a daughter. Bev finished her career as the Operations Manager at Outdoor Pursuits.

Riley Bell thanked Bev for her fascinating presentation.

*David Gatland.*



### **Ramblers-February 2025**

We only completed 3 Rambles this month – inclement weather interfered.

The last week of January saw a keen bunch of walkers take on our longest regular walk - around the Orewa Estuary from Millwater. 12 completed the whole walk with another three opting for shorter journeys. All was good though as we all landed up at Millies for the compulsory coffee and sticky bun. The following week we walked the hallowed turf of the former Gulf Harbour Country Club, with great news also this week about that venue as the current owners have been placed in liquidation with a high court ruling on 5th Feb 2025. Refer the KWGS website.



*At 8<sup>th</sup> Green, Gulf Harbour Country Club, 2 February 2025*

This is another step towards restoration of the course. Anyway, for those non-golfers we enjoyed the walk with 22 turning up at the Cherry Café for the refreshments phase.

Last week we had a very interesting walk through the recently re-opened Kauri Forest at Northcote. Twenty turned up after battling the heavy traffic; three taking the shorter walk on the Kauri Glen walkway and the remainder the full 7Km walk from Clarence Street Eatery where we later partook of our customary coffee and treats.



*Kauri Glen Treetop Walkway, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025*

If you would like to join us, just let Ramblers Fisherman's Rock Reserve to Manly t me know and I will add you to the mailing list. Partners, friends and prospects are all most welcome.

*David Gatland*



## Birthdays for February

Our congratulations to the following members for having successfully navigated another year – Paul Wilkinson, Wayne Pointon, Earl Brookbanks, Des

Fox, Jim Mitchell, Colin Cathro and Marty Davis.

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

## Donation/Sponsorship



We sincerely thank Allan Yeo of **Booster Wine Group** for their ongoing donation of New Zealand fine wines. These will be given to our guest speakers as appreciation for their presentations. *Learn more about Booster here.*

<https://boosterwinegroup.nz/our-story>

