



## CLUB OF HIBISCUS COAST

### March 2025

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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 1st April 2025 at 9.30 am.**

Our Guest Speaker is Phillipa Pitcher the Educator for Macular Degeneration New Zealand. MDNZ is a charity that supports people with macular degeneration (MD) and their families. MDNZ has a strong focus on raising awareness about MD as in many cases early intervention can save sight. MD is the leading cause of blindness in New Zealand, affecting 1 in 7 people over the age of 5. Phillipa will be introduced by Jim Mitchell and thanked by Dave Betts. Our Club Speaker is Marty Davis.

**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 AGM last month, we passed a few minor amendments to our By-Laws including deleting the category of Non Active membership [we didn't have any] and removing the previous restrictions around extended and/or successive terms for the election of Officers and Committee members.



We elected a full Committee for 2025-26 and I especially wish to welcome our new Vice President Tim Jones into the "sausage roll" group.

A little tomfoolery –

Our March trip saw 21 Rebus participants catch one of the Red Boats at Westhaven for an adventure to Mouta Island in



the Hauraki Gulf. We were invited to join the Hibiscus Friendship Club on this outing. During lunch, a number of photos were taken of a couple of very good-looking dudes showing off their new

super-cool Rebus apparel on the catwalk in front of one of the old baches next to the causeway between Rangitoto and Motutapu.



I am sure we look just as good as Liam Lawson does on the cover of GQ. In the process of editing these photos, our juvenile sense of humour came to the fore – not good really for grown men! Overall, our trip was very pleasant and was not spoiled by

the untimely arrival of a heavy rain shower just as we pulled into Pier Z at Westhaven and had to run to our parked cars.

I promise my contributions for the year will get better!

Take care out there,

**Paul Robinson**

**Committee for 2025-26**



Left - right: Steve Waller, Peter Fava, Trevor Weal, Garth Dutton, Paul Robinson, Tim Jones, Earl Brookbanks, David Gatland, Bryan Wentworth. Far right: Bill Cobb.

**Trevor Weal**

### **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. At this stage there are caps, bucket hats, and visors. The promotional apparel available through our website <https://www.rebus.nz/apparel> has now been extended to include polo shirts as modelled by our cool dudes on page 1.



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.

## **TRIPS AND FUNCTIONS**



### **Recent trip: Motutapu Island, Wednesday 19th March.**

This trip, organized by Hibiscus Coast Friendship Club, went very well. It was our first joint venture with HC Friendship Club, and I am sure it will not be our last.

Forty-six of us, twenty-one from our club and twenty-five from Friendship, met at Westhaven Pier Z ready to depart at about 10.30, for the boat cruise to Islington Bay on Rangitoto near the narrow causeway adjoining Motutapu.

Most of us took the short walk from the landing to the causeway and had a picnic lunch on the beach looking out into the bay. We walked to a high point overlooking the bay before returning to the boat. The cruise to and from the island was very enjoyable and gave many of us an opportunity to interact with members of both participating clubs.

### **Next Trip/Event:**

**Our own car mystery tour**, Thursday 10th April. For a full description of the trip, refer to the notice circulated to all members on 14th March.

The main points are as follows:

#### **Meeting point**

Thursday 10th April at 9.15am. Orewa Surf Lifesaving Club car park.

#### **What you need on the day**

Car, minimum of two people per vehicle or team up with friends.

Clipboard, or similar, pens, phone/camera.

#### **What is provided?**

Directions to follow and arrive at our lunch venue, including clues to collect on the way.

#### **What is it about?**

You follow a mainly rural route, collecting clues along the way, ending up at our lunch venue. After lunch we reveal the answers to the clues and have a friendly get-together.

#### **Who can join in?**

Anyone, including friends/guests.

If you do not drive, let me know and we will arrange to collect you and team you up as required.

#### **Lunch:**

See the previous notice for the Gold card menu.

Email me if you prefer to see the normal menu or need full information. Gold card menu \$25 including a drink or ice cream.

#### To book:

Pay \$5 per person in the club bank account and email Steve, with your choices of gold card menu, by Monday 7th April. stevejwaller49@gmail.com Phone 02108640236 or email if you require more information.

#### *Steve Waller*



**IT STARTED WITH A KISS**

#### Membership and ‘Our People’

Paul Wilkinson has advised his resignation from our club. He and Janette have moved to Rangiora and he has joined the Papanui Rebus Club in Christchurch. Paul has been appointed to the Rebus NZ Board. Graeme Newton also resigned recently due to his long-term health issues.

Phil Martell has stepped down from this non-Committee role but will continue at Database Manager. If you are interested in taking on the position of Membership Convenor, please contact me for a chat.

#### *Paul Robinson.*



**Welfare** Our Welfare Convenor Frank Coggan is needing a bit of love himself this month. He had a fall at his son's place a couple of weeks ago which led to cellulitis in one leg.

Unfortunately, this has not responded to a course of antibiotics, so he has been admitted to North Shore Hospital for treatment to resolve the problem before it gets any worse. He is thinking about his “return to work” programme for Rebus.

#### *Paul Robinson.*



#### Treasurer’s Report

Annual subscription – the annual subscription for 2025-26 remains the same as for previous years at \$25 and is now due. We do not send an invoice for this subscription. Please pay online to our ASB account 12 3084 0176946 with the reference “ann sub” or by cash at our meeting on Tuesday April 1st [no this is not an April Fool’s Day joke].

#### *Bryan Wentworth*

Meanwhile work continues on the fence at the Canadian border.



#### Speaker’s corner

Due to the AGM, we did not have a March Club Speaker.

#### **Club Speaker:**



Our Guest Speaker was yachting legend Harold Bennett, introduced by Frank Coggan. Harold started off by telling us he had addressed our Club on a previous occasion on the America’s Cup in San Francisco.

He is now the Vice Commodore at the Manly Sailing Club heading up the racing and training programmes. The club has a number of young champions coming through the programme and recently the club hosted the Foiling Moth World Championships which was won by Mattias Coutts, and the runner-up was Jake Pye both local club members having come through the training programme.

It took two years to organise. First year planning, second year putting it into action. The most difficult part was waiting for permission from the Auckland Council to get underway.

They used the park across the road as there were 100 boats and were thankful that Traffica from

South Auckland did the traffic management for free. The budget was \$230,000 mainly raised through sponsorship from local firms in the boating industry.

There were 13 nations represented, 76 competitors, 20 from New Zealand. Foiling Moths are expensive - \$110,000 to set up with foils ranging from \$6,000 to \$18,000 each. Each race is approximately 15 minutes long with the competitors exhausted at the end of a race.

The two main problems faced by the sailors were the sharks they kept hitting and breaking equipment and the injuries resulting from falls at speeds of up to 39.8 knots. To overcome the sharks patrol boats were employed and to reduce the injuries, crash helmets were made compulsory, body protection suits used, and paramedics, doctors and nurses were on hand at all times.

Harold told the meeting that we had some of the best sailing conditions in the world and the local volunteers, Yachting NZ, Commodore Barry Thom, Russell Coutts, and the local industry made the regatta a tremendous success.

Earl thanked our guest speaker for a most interesting talk and presented Harold with a certificate and a bottle of wine.

*David Gatland.*

## Humour



**THE SHEEP WILL SPEND ITS ENTIRE LIFE FEARING THE WOLF, ONLY TO BE EATEN BY THE SHEPHERD.**

African Proverb



**KIND OF SCARY WHEN THE WEATHER MAN IS THE CLOSEST ONE TO TELLING THE TRUTH ON THE NEWS THESE DAYS...**

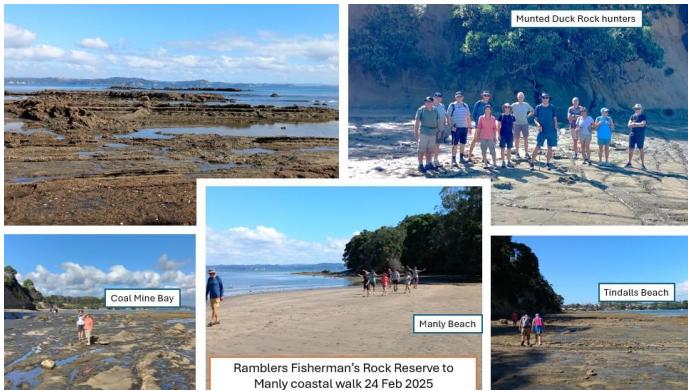
Wife crashed the car again today....  
She told the police the man she collided with was on his mobile phone and drinking can of beer !  
Police said he can do what he likes in his own living room !



## Ramblers March 2025

Having missed a ramble due to inclement weather, the following Monday we set off from Fisherman Rock Reserve on Whangaparaoa Road at 9:30AM and walked from there around the coastline via Tindalls to Manly Beach and then up Beach Road for sustenance at the Manly Café. This walk

involved a little bit of rock work, but nothing was too arduous. A fellow Rambler's German speaking partner did take the opportunity to engage with the guy sunbathing on the beach below the farm – it turned out that he was the owner's son visiting from Cologne.



One of the features of this walk was to find “Munted Duck Rock” (check it on Google Maps) – this remains a mystery to encourage us on this coastal walk again in 2026. The reason for the later start was to fit in with the tides times as low tide was around 10.30AM. For one part of the walk, we had to take our shoes off and waded at no more than knee level. Certified Leader, Garth had a towel handy. Transport wise we left our vehicles at Fisherman Rock Reserve and hitched a ride back there later or took a bus - the 982 left at 12:01 from stop 4632 (by Z servo). Apart from wet feet - which was expected, and the use of the defibrillator as a cushion, it was a pleasant 2 hr walk with a deserving cuppa at the Manly Cafe. The Amblers group assembled at Manly shops outside the Manly café, for a walk down Beach Road to the beach and along the beach and back. The following week we took to the hills thanks to gentleman Jim who suggested it. We met at the picture frame in Shakespear Reserve and proceeded in clockwise direction up to the lookout, around past the Pink Beach to Te Haruhi Bay and then back to the Picture Frame.

A PESSIMIST sees a dark tunnel  
An OPTIMIST sees light at the end of the tunnel  
A REALIST sees a freight train  
The TRAIN driver sees 3 idiots standing on the tracks.



There were 20 for refreshments at Cherry Café.

The Amblers drove down to Te Haruhi to walk and enjoy the beach. The next week we ventured around the coastline from Stillwater to Dacre Cottage and back with one or two walkers experiencing moments of anguish. Nothing too serious but a lesson on putting your feet and head in the right place at the right time.



Twenty survivors turned up for the regulation coffee and sticky bun. We followed this with a Millwater/Milldale experience with a track that took us over the new bridge between the two suburbs.



The walk commenced at the Columbus Café at Mitre 10 Mega Collin Chester Drive, then went around and under the motorway and through Milldale and back over the new bridge to the café. About 5Km which can be adjusted to suit either way. 18 turned up for the coffee and sticky bun at Columbus café Mitre 10 Mega.

Any member or friend who would enjoy to Amble/Ramble on Monday mornings, can contact me to be placed in the distribution list.

*David Gatland*

### Combined Club Dinner Nights



This group comprises members of both the Hibiscus Coast and Gulf Harbour Clubs. The next combined club dinner is on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April at The Archer restaurant in Stanmore Bay. Start time of 6 pm.

As I had fifty-one attending the last dinner in February and so far, I have only five for the next dinner it makes knowing how many to book for so if members know they cannot attend please let me know. I would like numbers by the 8<sup>th</sup> of April. If members have any ideas of restaurants in the area that we can try, please give me a call or email at [gandc@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gandc@xtra.co.nz)

*George Tregidga.*



### Birthdays for March

Our congratulations to the following members for having successfully navigated another year – Trevor Weal, Brian Tracey, John Simons, Steve Waller, Riley Bell, Lance Morrow, Peter Brignall, John Gatland, and Pieter Hopkins.

Our special congratulations to **John Simons** who turned **95** on 7<sup>th</sup> March. We hope that you were able to enjoy your birthday with family and friends.

### 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.

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



**Bannock Brae**



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### **Snow Pants**

