



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 7th October 2025 at 9.30 am.

Our Guest Speaker is Peter Townend on kayaking, canoeing and the environment. Peter will be introduced by Trevor Weal and thanked by Garth Dutton. Our Club Speaker for October is Bob Clarke.

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!

I have been fortunate enough to enjoy a late spring. Glenis and I spent four days with friends at their property in Kaitoke [just north of Upper Hutt] last week working for them at Blossom Valley <https://www.blossomvalley.nz>



which they have landscaped and planted over 30 years principally with cherry trees.

Every September when the trees are in full blossom they open the venue to the public for two-three

This is a 14-acre estate on which they established Aston Norwood Gardens as a café and garden centre, and

weeks. They have several day sessions and an evening/night session where the gardens are fully illuminated – it is a beautiful spectacle.

I also enjoyed two club experiences this month – a trip to Rotokauri on the Te Huia train and a visit to Warkworth Men's Rebus to listen to Sir Graham Henry. There were ten of us on the train and eight at Warkworth. There was plenty of convenient and inexpensive parking at The Strand, and the train was clean and comfortable. We popped into The Base shopping mall at Rotokauri for lunch before returning to Auckland – a pleasant day out.

Sir Graham spoke about the current situation with the ABs, and about his earlier career as a coach in NZ and Wales. He was easy to listen to, and answered many questions from the floor.

Planning for the 2026 Rebus NZ AGM in Whangaparaoa is more-or-less complete. We are still keen to hear from any club members who are willing to host out-of-town participants to this annual event, which will be held in our clubrooms on May 14th, 2026. If you think you would like to

assist us by being a billet host, please advise Neville Drower either at club or by mob 021 886 130 or via neville.drower@outlook.com I urge you all to check out the Home page on our website to see information regarding this event.

Finally, Ken Daniels from the Gulf Harbour Rebus Club has extended an invitation to our members to join them in a discussion group at 10am at 38 Kensington Terrace, Gulf Harbour on Thursday 9 October. They talk about anything people would like to share, but, if there are matters of special interest to discuss, let Ken know at the beginning of the meeting or, if you prefer, just give him a call in advance [021 621 411]. He confirms that no records are kept!

Stay safe, and enjoy the warmer days as summer approaches.

Paul Robinson

Membership and “Our People”

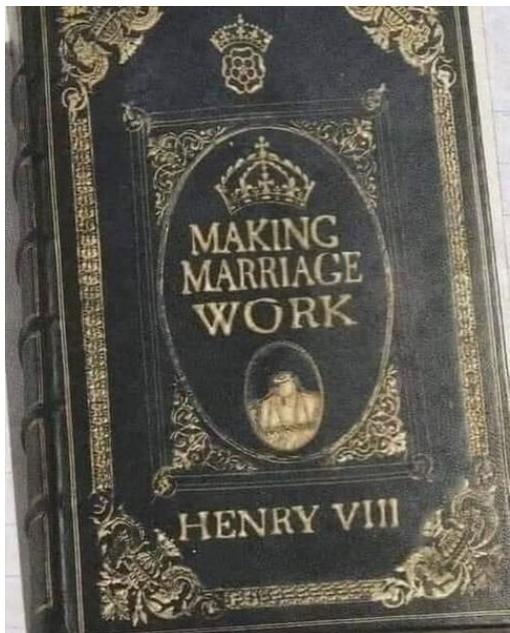


A special welcome to Hal Smith who was inducted last month. Hal was introduced by Rod Klarwill – his professional background was in architecture.

Welcome on board Hal.

Paul Robinson

Humour



**Nobody told me
that when you
get a husband
the ears are sold
separately.**

I was mugged by a thief last night
on my way home.

Pointing a knife at me ... He asked
me "your money or your life!"

I told him I am Married... so I have
no money and no life...

We hugged and cried together.

It was a beautiful moment...

**HUSBANDS ARE THE BEST
PEOPLE TO SHARE
SECRETS WITH.
THEY'LL
NEVER
TELL ANYONE,
BECAUSE THEY
AREN'T EVEN LISTENING.**



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 has now been extended to include polo shirts.



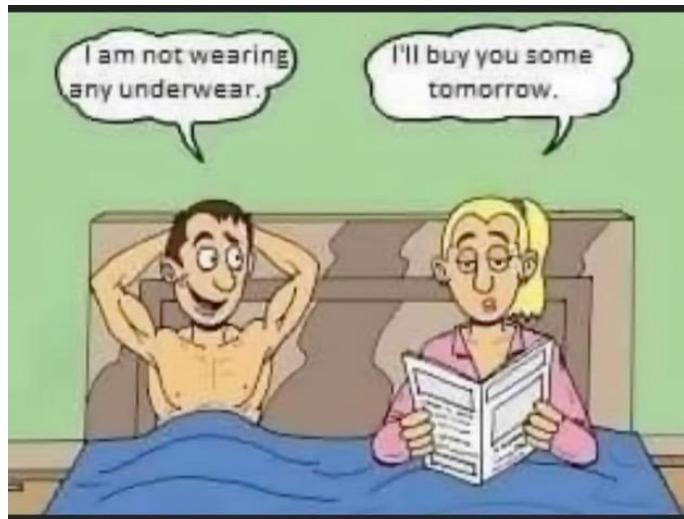
The hats come in several colours – navy blue, black, and white, all of which can be seen at <https://www.apparelmerchco.com/collections/rebus>. Rebus NZ has a few remaining items in stock at \$20 for the caps and bucket hats, and \$17 for the visors. If you wish to purchase one [or more] of these, they will be available at our club meeting next Tuesday or you can order through Bill Cobb.

Bill Cobb



MY WIFE MADE ME COFFEE THIS MORNING AND WINKED AT ME WHEN SHE HANDED ME THE CUP.

I'VE NEVER BEEN MORE SCARED OF A DRINK IN ALL OF MY LIFE.



Dirty Crude Jokes 2

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Turn a regular sofa into a sofa bed by simply forgetting your wife's birthday.



How did you meet your husband?

I'm a pharmacist, he come in to buy condoms, asked for XXXXL And only after we got married I realised that he stutters...



I got this puppy for my husband. I think it was a fair trade.



Why a woman needs a husband?



Woman: I don't want to marry. I am educated, self sufficient and satisfied with myself. But my friends all say that I should marry. What should I do?

Psychiatrist: You will no doubt achieve great things in life. But sometimes things won't go your way. Sometimes your plans will fail. Then whom will you blame? Will you blame yourself?

Woman: "NO."

Psychiatrist: "yes.. that's why you need a husband.."

Trips and Functions



Ten members and partners travelled from Auckland on the Te Huia train to Rotokauri near Hamilton on 11th September. More people were planning on joining this trip, including myself, but had to back out due to illness. By all accounts, those that did travel had a most enjoyable trip. I was disappointed not to attend, but intend to do the train trip in future, perhaps with our grandchildren. Anyone else who wishes to try the trip, remember, it is a public service train free with the Bee card which costs \$10 to obtain. For information on the train service and Bee card look up on the relevant websites or contact me.

Next trip:

Eden Park Stadium Tour Thursday 16th October.

This is a private tour booking for our club participants. Public tours are available at limited times and days, afternoons only. We have booked for the morning at the more convenient time of 11am, which means we can have lunch in a local pub after the 90min tour.

Getting there- we will catch the 9.05am NX1 bus from Silverdale to the city, then a train from

Britomart to Kingsland station, near the stadium, returning the same way.

Those that prefer may travel in their own cars, meet at the stadium at about 10.50am. There is free parking at the stadium.

Entrance - we meet and enter the stadium at entrance G on Reimers Ave, ready to start the tour at 11am sharp.

Cost of tour- the tour costs \$25 per person. We pay on the day individually, by eftpos preferably, so there is no need to pay through our club in advance. Public transport is free with your gold card and lunch is your own choice and at your own expense.

Lunch- we are checking out local offerings near the train station and stadium.

Website- for more information on the tour, check out <https://edenpark.co.nz> > experiences > tours

Booking- we need to notify the stadium of the number of people attending, so book with me at the next club meeting or notify me by email no later than Tuesday 7th October.

As usual, all are welcome to attend, including partners and friends, just let me know who is attending, whether travelling by bus/train or your own car. stevejwaller49@gmail.com

Future functions:

Bowling and BBQ lunch, at Manly bowling Club Thursday 20th November.

Our annual bowling and BBQ lunch event has proved to be one of the most popular days in our events calendar. For those who haven't attended before here are the details.

Who is it for? All welcome including partners and friends. If you or your partner cannot make it to the bowling, just come to watch or for the lunch and a drink from the bar.

What's involved? We split up into teams and after a short coaching and practice session we play one or more fun competition games. **No previous experience is necessary nor expected, though laughter is compulsory.** After the game (about 12.30pm) we break for our lunch of BBQ, bread and salads. A very reasonably priced bar will be available from lunchtime. Drinks are extra to the price below.

What is the cost? The bowling is \$10pp and lunch is \$15pp. If you are bowling and having lunch pay \$25pp into the club bank account and notify me (Steve) by Monday 17th November. If only having lunch, pay \$15pp into the account and similarly email me.

To book your places - email me at stevejwaller49@gmail.com by 17th November, as we must buy sufficient food in advance.

Christmas lunch, 4th December at the Gulf Harbour Yacht Club, Gulf Harbour.

Date for your diary. More details nearer the event.

Steve Waller

Welfare



Malcom McCaskill, doing ok and intends to be at the meeting.

Don Baverstock is battling on. Thanks to Graeme McIntosh for his visit to Don.

Earl Brookbanks is presently awaiting a hospital appointment; he intends to be at the meeting.

As usual people, please call me (021 932 811) if you need help or just a friendly chat.

Frank Coggan

Treasurer's Report



The balance in the Club's Bank account stands at \$4558.93 - all good at this time of year.

Bryan Wentworth

Speaker's corner



In September we heard from Club Member Julian Joy. Julian spoke to us of the natural hazards that we face according to our Council. He explained that our natural hazards are covered by the Building Act and the Local Government Act and were based on the IPCC climate change models. Engineers and mathematicians had produced models that showed over the next 300 years a 0.75 metre rise in the sea levels at the bottom end of the scale and a 1.75 metre rise in sea levels at the top end of the scale. Apparently, our Council has adopted the very worst-case scenario but has yet to communicate this with the public.

Sea level changes do vary throughout the world, Alaska dropping, Japan rising and that Auckland was at about the average which is 1.5 mm per year or 15cm over 100 years.

King Tides is a committee funded by our Council to scare people on the rising sea levels using the worst-case scenario and have already forced the Surf Club back to the road and away from their beach site.

Property owners that have built on natural hazard land will have a warning notice on their Lim Report (costing \$187.50) and insurance may be difficult to acquire in these areas. Council strategies range from no active intervention to managed retreat. They have maps showing 0.5 metre sea level rise and the areas this would affect. EQC will not pay out for damage to properties in these areas.

Club Speaker:



Rod Klarwill introduced our September Guest Speaker, Wayne Brown, Mayor of Auckland. Mayor Brown gave his standard speech by starting off telling us that Auckland City had an \$8 billion turnover, the second biggest in New Zealand behind Fonterra and it was difficult to run the city and implement the changes he wanted.

His first policy is to stop wasting money. He told us that he had inherited a \$360 million shortfall at the start of his term and had delivered the lowest rate rise of any metropolitan area in New Zealand. He has implemented ten rules before spending ratepayer money and was always looking for new revenue streams like getting the people of Orewa to pay for their 10-metre sea wall as it enhances the value of their properties. He informed us that his swimming pool in the waterfront had saved ratepayers lots of money, and he had sold the airport shares to help finance the flooded properties from cyclone Gabrielle and create an investment fund with higher returns than the airport shares would have realised. He had improved the Ports of Auckland from a \$60 million loss to a \$100 million profit to provide much needed finance for Auckland.

His second policy is to get control of all the Council-Controlled Organisations (CCOs). Wayne has been frustrated with their performance and was sick of being blamed for their decisions and implementation without having any control over

what they do. He has finally got back under Council control Economic and Urban Development (formerly Eke Panuku) and was expecting to gain control over Auckland Transport soon.

The third policy involves the completion of the storm water tunnel and treatment plant and the City Rail Link, which is over budget by \$1.05 billion. He wanted to go ahead with the development of 15-20 story apartments near the new stations. Traffic needs to be sped up using more electronics to measure traffic flows, create more dynamic lanes for roads, and implement the eastern and western bus lanes.

The fourth policy was improving the relationship with the current Government and the removal of the “last man standing rule”. If the local government is responsible for 10% of the problem, it should only pay 10% of the resolution.

The fifth policy is to set up a tourism committee consisting of people within the industry charged with bringing big events to the city and using funds gained from a bed tax.

The sixth policy is to ease the seismic rules.

He asked for the election of councilors who would be realistic and support the development of the city, ones with practical solutions to problems.

Paul Robinson thanked the mayor for sharing his ideas with us and presented him with a certificate and a bottle of wine.

David Gatland.

Humour

Students were asked to author an essay on "THIEVES". This is what one student wrote:

Thieves are an important part of a nation's economy. They play a significant role in providing employment and contributing to the nation's development.

Safes, locks, lockers, cupboards, etc, are made only because of thieves. Many factories and workshops involved in making these items provide employment thanks to this profession.

Even in homes, masons and workers get work installing latches, locks, and grills on windows and doors.

Then, to protect houses, shops, schools, colleges, offices, and factories, security guards and watchmen are essential.

Companies that manufacture CCTV cameras, metal detectors, and security systems also generate jobs.

Because of thieves, police officers, court staff, judges, lawyers, and others are employed.

Purchasing barricades, weapons, bullets, batons, uniforms, vehicles, and motorcycles for the police helps to boost the economy.

Thanks to thieves - jails, jailers, and prison staff have jobs.

When items like mobiles, laptops, cars, motorcycles, electrical appliances, purses, or lipsticks are stolen, people must buy them again, which boosts business.

Famous and notorious thieves often enter politics, where even bigger thefts take place. Much more could be said, but overall, the contribution of thieves to a nation's economy is noteworthy."

The teacher awarded this research-rich essay full marks - **Perspective Matters** 😊

Ramblers September 2025

Over the past month the Ramblers have hit the footpaths and tracks around Auckland starting on the 1st at Te Atatu Peninsular when they invited the West Auckland Men's Rebus Club to join them. The walk took them around the estuary on Te Atatu Peninsular and back to the Delicious Café for refreshments.



This was followed on 8th September to extreme fitness test for the group when they took on the Orewa Estuary Walk. 13 completed this walk along with "Dexter" the dog. All enjoying a coffee break at Millies Café in Millwater.

On the 15th of September a walk around Northcote

Point was on the itinerary but only 4 turned up on the day so the walk was abbreviated into a comfortable 3.5 stroll and the compulsory coffee and sticky bun enjoyed at Palmers Plant Barn on Greville Road.



On the 22nd of September there was a good turnout including Sarah's two granddaughters on their scooters for the Arkles Bay to Weiti Boating Club and back then all adjourned to Beans N Bites in Stanmore Bay.



If you would like to join us on a Monday at 0900, just let me know and I will add you to the mailing list. Partners, friends, visitors and prospects are all most welcome.

Garth Dutton

Humour - Eating in the '50s & '60s

Curry was a surname.

A takeaway was a mathematical problem.

A pizza was something to do with a leaning tower

Rice was only eaten as a milk pudding.

Calamari was called squid - we used it as fish bait.

A Big Mac was what we wore when it was raining.

Brown bread was something only poor people ate.

Oil was for lubricating; fat was for cooking.

Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.

Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and was

regarded as being white gold. Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.

Fish didn't have fingers in those days.

Eating raw fish was called poverty, not sushi.

None of us had ever heard of yoghurt.

Healthy food consisted of anything edible.

People who didn't peel potatoes were regarded as lazy.

Indian restaurants were only found in India.

Seaweed was not a recognized food.

"Kebab" was not even a word, never mind a food.

Prunes were medicinal.

Surprisingly, muesli was readily available, it was called cattle feed.

Water came out of the tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than petrol for it, they would have become a laughingstock!!

But the one thing that we never ever had on our table in the sixties " Elbows or Phones."

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 11 November 2025 at Maison Thai Restaurant. Start time of 6:30 pm. 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

George Tregidga



Birthdays for September

Our congratulations to the following members for having successfully navigated another year – John McColl, Peter (Booty) Boot, Ray Watkins, Garth Dutton, Julian Joy, Graham Devitt and Roger Brentnall.

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>