



## 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> November 2025** at **9.30 am**.

Our Guest Speaker is Riley Bell on NZ Forces in France. Bill Cobb to introduce, and thanked by Tim Jones.  
Our Club Speaker is Rod Klarwill.

**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

Good afternoon from the land of the rising sun. Glenis and I are in Takayama, Japan where we have joined a Wendy Wu Tour group for a few weeks. So far, we have visited Osaka, Nara, Himeji, Hiroshima [the Memorial Museum there was quite haunting], Kyoto, Kanzawa, and Shirokawa-Go and the weather has been good. Unfortunately, I will miss our November meeting, but Tim and Trevor will ensure everything goes smoothly.

We had a good crowd for the Eden Park visit, which was most enjoyable. The stadium really does have a remarkable story to tell, and it was related amusingly by their resident historian. We finished with a pleasant lunch at Citizen Park in Kingsland. It looks as though we will have plenty of players at our lawn bowling morning at Manly on November 20th - see the details below from Steve.

One other matter – it looks as though a scammer has been trying his luck within our club. At least three

members [plus a Rebus person from another club] were sent emails purporting to be from “Paul Robinson” but using a sender address: [presidentchairman842@gmail.com](mailto:presidentchairman842@gmail.com) on Tuesday 21st October. Two of our members rang me [5am in



Japan!] to check the veracity of the email, but the third did as was requested in the email before contacting me. Fortunately, we sorted it quickly and he was able to cancel the transaction immediately. Rebus NZ was alerted to this event, and at this stage I am not aware of any other issues arising

from the incident.

I have been watching from afar the weather at home last weekend, wondering when the warmer days of summer will arrive.

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. 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.

*Paul Robinson*

## **Couldrey House Administation -Letter to the Hibiscus Rebus Club**

Hello

My name is Sarah, and I am the Operations Manager at Couldrey House, Wenderholm. We're delighted to invite your group to visit a special exhibition – Edmonds & Couldrey House - From Recipe Books to Family History.

Step inside this charming heritage home and uncover the fascinating personal connection between Brenda Couldrey and the iconic Edmonds "Sure to Rise" brand. Through treasured Edmonds recipe books, vintage advertising, and nostalgic memorabilia, you'll explore a unique slice of Kiwi history that touches on family, food, and the enduring legacy of one of New Zealand's most loved brands.

This exhibition offers a warm, welcoming experience that's perfect for senior groups – whether you're interested in history, baking, or simply enjoying a leisurely day out in a picturesque setting. The weather is getting warm, the gardens are blooming, and Wenderholm is the perfect destination to enjoy the Spring sunshine. A visit to Couldrey House offers not just a journey through

history, but also a chance to relax in one of Auckland's most beautiful park settings.

We would be happy to help arrange a group visit and make your outing as enjoyable as possible.

If you'd like to book a visit or learn more, please don't hesitate to get in touch – by email or phone.

## ***Bulletin Editor***

### **Humour**



Sitting by the window of her convent, Sister Barbara opened a letter from home one evening.

Inside the letter was a \$100 bill her parents had sent. Sister Barbara smiled at the gesture.

As she read the letter by the window, she noticed a shabbily dressed stranger leaning against the lamp post below.

Quickly, she wrote, "Don't despair. - Sister Barbara," on a piece of paper, wrapped the \$100 bill in it, got the man's attention, and tossed it out the window to him.

The stranger picked it up, and with a puzzled expression and a tip of his hat, went off down the street.

The next day, Sister Barbara was told that a man was at her door, insisting on seeing her. She went down and found the stranger waiting. Without a word, he handed her a huge wad of \$100 bills.

"What's this?" she asked.

"That's the \$8,000 you have coming Sister," he replied. "Don't Despair paid 80-to-1."



## Trips and Functions



### **Recent trip**

On the 16th of October 20 members and partners visited Eden Park Stadium for our private guided tour.

We were lucky to have Graham as our guide, who has been associated with the ground for about seventy years having seen and been involved in many of the changes and modern developments of the iconic stadium. He is also the official historian of Eden Park, so not surprisingly he reeled out hundreds of facts and statistics during our two-hour tour. He took us into a VIP suite, with access to the stand with private seating. We went into the All Blacks changing room and through the players tunnel as well as many other parts of the Stadium and adjacent cricket ground. After the tour we all met up at the Citizen Park Pub for a craft beer and lunch. I have spoken to most of those that did the tour, and all said how great it was, not least about having such a good and knowledgeable guide.

### **Next event**

Bowls and BBQ lunch at Manly Bowling Club on 20th November starting at 10am.

Full details of this popular annual function were sent to all members on 15th October so please refer to this for details or contact Steve.

In summary, we have a fun bowling competition between teams, following some basic coaching, after which we have a BBQ and salad lunch in the club room where there is a very reasonably priced bar.

All are welcome and no experience is required, just wear soft-soled trainers and be prepared for a fun time, much laughter, and a great lunch with old and new friends.

Pay \$25 per player into the club's bank account for bowling and lunch. For those that prefer to spectate or just joining us for lunch pay \$15 per person. Reference your total payment Bowling. Details of the club's bank account as above.

**AS USUAL THE FUNCTION IS OPEN TO ALL INCLUDING GUESTS.**

If you have not yet booked your place pay the fees into our account AND email Steve as to who is attending and whether playing and dining or having lunch only. Notify me by Monday 17th of

November, as we must let the club know numbers and purchase enough food for our self-catered lunch.

stevejwaller49@gmail.com

### **December function**

End of year/Christmas lunch at Gulf Harbour Yacht Club, Laurie Southwick Parade, Gulf Harbour.

(Turn right at the roundabout, on Gulf Harbour Dr, if travelling from say Manly, as though you are heading for the ferry. The Yacht Club is on the left on the bend just before the ferry car park).

Date and Time:

Thursday 4th December at 12noon.

Cost of lunch is \$48 per person, drinks not included. This charge is subsidised by club funds.

Who can attend?

All welcome including guests.

How to book:

Pay into club bank account AND email Steve including who is attending, by 27th November AND pay into the club bank account.

[stevejwaller49@gmail.co.nz](mailto:stevejwaller49@gmail.co.nz)

**Menu:** Refer to menu as an appendix to the bulletin. This is a popular function, and the Yacht Club is a comfortable venue with a bar. It is a few years since we had lunch there. They have always made us very welcome and catered for us very well.

### ***Steve Waller***

#### **Welfare**



All is quiet with no reports of any members requiring assistance, which can only be good news.

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 balance remains strong at \$4,870.32. A small surplus(\$103.89).

### ***Bryan Wentworth***

## Speaker's corner

### Club Speaker:



Bob Clarke had started out as a building inspector, health inspector, dog control officer working in the Egmont/Stratford area. He was then appointed to be the Senior Building Inspector for Auckland City where he served for 25 years and had a staff of 25 inspectors under him. This period involved the building boom, lots of different mayors, committees and rules and regulations to contend with.

He was involved with the Wellington City Council in designing the Building Act where his specialty was plumbing and drainage. Lots of Councils were not interested so this became a huge task.

On seeing all the small Auckland Councils being amalgamating into the Super City he decided to go to Sydney.

Bob then showed us a tape of a man dying in a Sydney Hospital from spraying his plants with insecticide and ending up getting this insecticide into his drinking water supply as the sprayer did not have a backflow stop valve. This was a real problem, so on returning to Auckland, Bob helped Wet & Forget design a backflow stop valve for their sprayers.

The Building Code now requires industrial sites to have backflow stop valves on all drinking water meters and these need to be tested annually.

Bob went on to tell us of cases of contaminated drinking water as all the complaints in Auckland came to him to solve. These involved a Fisheries business, swimming pool owners, well known people, police station, fire brigade, farmers and dentists all with contaminated drinking water.

Charging for water supply both into properties and wastewater leaving properties was a real problem. The Council will be introducing electronic water meters to allow them reading access from a central office and therefore no longer requiring visits to the meter onsite. Paul Robinson thanked the mayor for sharing his ideas with us and presented him with a certificate and a bottle of wine.

### Humour

#### **The Airbus 380**

**An Airbus 380 is on its way across the Atlantic. It flies consistently at 800 km/h at 30,000 feet, when suddenly an Eurofighter with a Tempo Mach 2 appears.**

**The pilot of the fighter jet slows down, flies alongside the Airbus and greets the pilot of the passenger plane by radio: "Airbus, boring flight isn't it? Now have a look here!"**

**He rolls his jet on its back, accelerates, breaks through the sound barrier, rises rapidly to a dizzying height, and then swoops down almost to sea level in a breathtaking dive. He loops back next to the Airbus and asks: "Well, how was that?"**

**The Airbus pilot answers: "Very impressive, but watch this!"**

**The jet pilot watches the Airbus, but nothing happens. It continues to fly straight, at the same speed. After 15 minutes, the Airbus pilot radios, "Well, how was that?"**

**Confused, the jet pilot asks, "What did you do?"**

**The Airbus pilot laughs and says: "I got up, stretched my legs, walked to the back of the aircraft to use the washroom, then got a cup of coffee and a chocolate fudge pastry."**

**The moral of the story is: When you're young, speed and adrenaline seems to be great. But as you get older and wiser, you learn that comfort and peace are more important.**

**This is called S.O.S.: Slower, Older and Smarter. Dedicated to all my senior friends ~ it's time to slow down and enjoy the rest of the trip.**

### Club Speaker



Peter Townend started his presentation with an experiment. He had two bottles: one with sea water and one with mud water. He mixed these and added mussels to this mixture to demonstrate the cleaning power of mussels. He explained that Auckland City was experiencing salt, mud and clay foliation ending up in its estuaries from property developments throughout the city. Some developers add chloride to lower the PH level, but this must be carefully managed. He had organised Victoria University students to gather information to show that the Council was acting

illegally in allowing too much clay, mud and heavy metals run off entering the city estuaries.

He went on to tell us about Dacre Cottage and its restoration. This involved materials for the rebuild being all bought in by dingy as there are no road access and the planting of over 13,000 native trees that have brought back native bird life. The Kareapiro Beach and the Weiti Estuary have had mud and clay from developments mixed in with the sand stopping the natural formation of sand dunes that protect the beach as the mixture is heavier, not allowing the wind to blow the sand up the beach. The estuary becomes clogged with mud and mangroves and killing the shellfish life. A healthy estuary has 20,000 biomass per hectare whereas a mud clogged estuary does not produce any biomass.

The Hauraki Gulf has managed to increase fish stocks from 20% to 30% but these fish are now starving as the cockles, pipi and other shellfish, their food supply, have been drowned out by the mud. Mullet, cockles, and pipi do take mud out to sea but there is way too much mud for them to cope with. The problem is the mud generated by property and construction development that runs into our estuaries is enormous.

The Penlink development has tried extremely hard to reduce their mud being washed away but this is impossible. Peter is hoping that once development stops the environment will fix itself and come back to its original condition, but this is for our grandchildren but stopping the mud washing into our streams and estuaries needs to start now.

Garth Dutton Garth thanked Peter for sharing his knowledge with us and then presented Peter with a certificate and a bottle of wine.

*Trevor Weal.*

### **Ramblers**

Our intrepid ramblers, Dave Gatland and Garth Dutton are both away, so no report is available concerning recent ramblers & amblers experiences. However, we have photographic evidence of their experiences, and they are wide ranging!



*Ramblers at Alice Eaves Bush, Orewa, 6 October 25*



*Ramblers at Shakespear Reserve, Tiri Island, 13 October 2025*

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

### **Eden Park visit**



### **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<sup>th</sup> November. I have twenty-one members and partners who have at this stage indicated they will be attending. Any new members who would like to attend this dinner should contact me at [gandc@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gandc@xtra.co.nz) and I will add them to my mailing list. 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*

## **November Combined Rebus Discussion Group**

Thanks to all who were able to make the last Rebus discussion group.

It was great to hear the differing opinions on several topics. At the November meeting we will continue to talk about the issues of the world and life in New Zealand.

**The next meeting will be at 10am on Thursday the 13th of November at the home of Piet and Katey Theron, 1270 Whangaparaoa Rd., Army Bay.**

Everyone is invited and morning tea will be provided.

See you there

Ken Daniels (Convener) 021 621 411



### **Birthdays for October**

Our congratulations to the following members for having successfully navigated another year – Bryan Wentworth, Les Wistrand, Roy Adlard, David Gatland, Trevor Penn, Brian Stevens and John Humphries.

## **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>*

## Appendix

### Christmas Lunch, Gulf Harbour Yacht Club

#### Menu

**Meal at \$48.00 pp.**

Glazed Ham with condiments  
Turkey with stuffing and gravy  
Roast potatoes  
Roast Root Vegetables  
Cauliflower and Broccoli in cheese sauce  
Bulgur Wheat Salad with cranberries, Haloumi and lemon zest  
Green salad with tomatoes  
Christmas Pudding with sauce and ice cream  
Seasonal Fruit Salad

#### Liquor Prices:

##### Beer

Standard (Lion Red, Speights Gold)	7.50
Premium (all the rest)	9.00
Craft	12.00

##### Wine

Standard glass	11.00
Bubbles	13.00

##### Spirits

Single	8.00
Double	12.00
Premium single	11.00
Premium double	16.00

Juices	5.00
Soft Drinks	4.00
Bundaberg	6.00