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 3 November 2026** at **9.30 am.**

Our **Guest Speaker** will be **Alan Clarke** whose presentation will be on his **voyage(s) around the northeastern USA's 'Great Loop'.** Alan will be introduced by Bill Cobb and thanked by Brian Mullan. Our **Club Speaker** will be **Graham Devitt**.

Quick reminder: If you are unable to attend, please send your apology to our email address above, and if you are attending, please do wear your name tag.

President's Message



Dear fellow members,

Naiome and I have just returned from family celebrations in Australia. This time, we could not help but notice how similar the mood was in both countries. The constant news cycles of cost-of-living pressures, fuel price aberrations, and the political shenanigans trying to address these – especially poignant with upcoming elections in New Zealand and Victoria.

Overriding this was the excitement and euphoria surrounding major sporting events – especially the All Black's Bledisloe Cup triumph, and the opening thriller of Rugby League World Cup New Zealand v Australia.

And as I pen this message, the focus has shifted to Halloween on October 31 with decorations appearing in shop windows, on garden fences, and around front doors – a celebration of what is essentially about horror and the macabre – and hopefully not a harbinger of results on November 7!

I can't help but reflect that, amid all this range and mayhem of emotions and events, we have an oasis in Rebus, where we can meet casually and informally with mates, enjoy each other's company, exchange stories – and listen to speakers (who are enlightening, witty and apolitical)!

I look forward to catching up on Tuesday November 3. Take care, and as always, please check this bulletin for duties, and upcoming events.

Regards
Tim

Zen teaching for October … There are two excellent theories for arguing with women. Neither one works.

Treasurer's Report



Our account remains strong with no major recent expenditure.

With meeting costs and those relating to the recent outing to the Stardome Planetarium, our upcoming near-term expenditure will be approximately $550.

Bryan Wentworth

Membership and "Our People"



No new members this month. Unfortunately, a few resignations due to ill health.



Ray Watkins joined Hibiscus Probus on 4th February 2014. He was a member of the Committee and Membership Convenor in 2015 and 2016. Unfortunately, Ray's health has declined recently to the point that he is no longer able to participate in our club.



Colin Cathro joined Hibiscus Probus on 6th May 2014. He was a cabinet maker by trade, and he made and donated the Honours Boards which are displayed at every meeting. Colin suffered a stroke in December 2025, and spent about 6 months in North Shore Hospital before moving to Evelyn Page Retirement Village in Orewa where he now resides.

Earl Brookbanks joined Hibiscus Rebus on 1st December 2020 from a career in town planning. He joined the Committee in January 2024 and was Editor of the Bulletin in 2024 and 2025.

Unfortunately, his health started to decline around the beginning of 2026, and he stepped down from the Committee and from his role as Editor in March this year. He has moved to the care facility at The Sands Retirement Village in Browns Bay.



We would like to thank Ray, Colin, and Earl for their company and support during their memberships and wish them well in their remaining years.

Paul Robinson.

Fathoming our legalistic brethren…

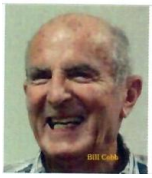
A young lawyer, defending a businessman in a lawsuit, feared he was losing the case and asked his senior partner if he should send a box of cigars to the judge to curry favour. The senior partner was horrified. "The judge is an honourable man," he said, "If you do that, I guarantee you'll lose the case!"

Eventually, the judge ruled in the young lawyer's favour. "Aren't you glad you didn't send those cigars?" the senior partner asked. "Oh, I did send them," the younger lawyer replied. "I just enclosed my opponent's business card with them."

Trips and Events



Recent Event



On Tuesday 13 October, twenty-four of us ventured to the Auckland Stardome Planetarium at 670 Manukau Road in One Tree Hill Domain. We had an excellent live presenter who talked us through images of the universe projected onto the Planetarium's large, domed ceiling-screen. After a brief look around, a play with the exhibits and reading of the fascinating information boards, we retired to nearby Little Urban Cafe for lunch. I can recommend the cafe, which is just opposite the Planetarium on





Manukau Rd, for good food and an efficient, welcoming service.

Upcoming Trips and Events

Thursday 19th November at 10am - <u>Bowls and BBQ Lunch at Manly Bowling Club</u>.

This is a fun day when all are welcome and no previous experience necessary. At 10am we will split into teams, receive some basic coaching on the rules of the game and how to actually bowl, then have some friendly competition accompanied by much merriment.

Bowls are provided. A couple of members cook sausages and meat on the BBQ, and some of our wives prepare and serve up the buffet salads and bread rolls. A well-stocked and reasonably priced bar is staffed by a member of The Bowling Club. We provide the BBQ meat, salads and bread.

All are welcome to attend and try their hand at bowling or, as some do, simply come along to spectate and enjoy lunch.

The cost per person [below] needs to be paid into the club's bank a/c 12 3084 0176946 00 prior to the event. When doing so please enter the Reference 'Bowls/BBQ'.

- Bowling and lunch $25pp
- Lunch only $15pp

Thursday 10th December at 12 noon - <u>End of Year/Christmas Lunch</u> (see the menu on the last page of the Bulletin)

We are holding the Christmas Lunch at Gulf Harbour Yacht Club on 10th December at 12 noon. The Yacht Club is located in Laurie Southwick Parade, Gulf Harbour (it's the last building on the left before the ferry terminal). All are welcome to attend for the RCHC subsidised price of $48pp.

We need to advise the venue of numbers well ahead of the event. To book please notify Steve by email at **stevejwaller49@gmail.com** and pay $48pp into the club bank a/c 12 3084 0176946 00 **no later than Tuesday, 1 December.**

<u>Trip to Hobbiton</u>, near Matamata.

We are considering a coach trip to the Hobbiton Filmset Experience next year, possibly in March or April. All would be welcome; members, partners and friends.

The costs of attending would be as follows:

- $120 per person for a senior/gold card entrance fee, plus…
- a share of the coach fee which will be an additional $25 - $40 pp, depending on numbers which will determine the size of the coach and whether we need a professional driver.

Bookings need to be made several months in advance to secure the Hobbiton tickets and an appropriately sized coach.

If you think you would like to attend, please let Steve know by email at stevejwaller49@gmail.com as soon as possible. Once we know how many are interested, we'll be able to progress our planning.

Steve Waller and Bill Cobb

Welfare



I hope you have all been enjoying the good weather, keeping well and getting out and about.

I take it that no news is good news, where it concerns people's welfare. Some people are mentioned in the Membership Report and unfortunately will not be returning to Rebus.

Paul Robinson visited Peter Farrell at Evelyn Page, Orewa, and he is well.

Les Wistrand was admitted to hospital last month. He is home and waiting for an operation appointment.

Bland Liles was in hospital but is back home recuperating and receiving rehabilitative assistance.

Neil Douglas attended last month's meeting and is keen to continue doing so.

I haven't heard anything about Bill Anderson. Perhaps, Peter Bignall can update us about Bill?

If you know of any member who is unwell or needs assistance, please do not hesitate to let me know (021 560 925) and I will try to follow it up. Also, if you intend to visit members who are indisposed, please do check their availability before dropping in.

Peter Fava

Aircrew Comments Hasten A Decline in Tourism…

From an Air NZ flight attendant: "Welcome aboard Air NZ Flight 245 to Wellington. To operate your seat belt, insert the metal tab into the buckle, and pull tight. It works just like every other seat belt and, if you don't know how to operate one, you probably shouldn't be out in public unsupervised."

Speakers Corner

Club Speaker – Gilbert Peterson



Gibert introduced his presentation as being one of three parts; the first covering his early years growing up in Martinborough (a tribute to his father), the second dealing with his professional life, and the third a few words on his most recent adventure.

Gilbert grew up in Martinborough in the 1950s when it was a dusty and small rural town, not at all like the Martinborough of today boasting beautiful vineyards and tourist attractions. At that time all knew each other and each other's business. The town was largely dedicated to servicing the surrounding farms which were doing extremely well on the back of high demand and prices paid for NZ wool and meat.

Gilbert's father started out as a house painter working on buildings in town and on surrounding farms. He began buying and fixing up old houses and in the course of doing so embarked on an 'adventure' with a run down 80-year-old building in one of Martinborough's main streets which became their family home. Previously it had been a general store and before that a hostelry complete with stables. At some point a back shed on the property had been used for the storage of hazardous calcium carbide. Today the building is once again in the hospitality business offering boutique accommodation as Margot's of Martinborough.

With rural prosperity came increased demand for painting supplies which led to Gilbert's father opening a paint shop. He bought a 1937 van which had seen service as an ambulance during WWII. Once a week he would drive the van over the Remutaka Range to Wellington where he would load up with large drums of paint, turpentine, methylated spirits and other products needed to stock the shop. Once back in Martinborough the turpentine and methylated spirits would be decanted into smaller containers (including empties obtained from the local pub) to which he'd affix his own labels.

As a side hustle Gilbert's father obtained a real estate license and set himself up as an agent. Martinborough only had a population of around 1,100 at the time (and grew by only 100 over the following 5 years) which meant the real estate business was fairly slow. Vacant sections typically took long periods of time to sell and in the interim needed to be kept looking neat and tidy. Gilbert's dad saw an opportunity to turn grass grown on the plots into 200 – 300 bales of hay each year which he sold to surrounding farmers. He also tried running sheep on these properties but had limited success, amongst other things it proving difficult to move flocks around town from one piece of vacant land to another…

The Martinborough paint shop did well and led to the opening of a second shop in Featherston. In addition to the products sold in the first shop, the Featherston venture offered a range of toys which sold extremely well, particularly in the lead up to Christmas in 1961 and 1962.

Gilbert fondly remembered family summer holidays when the paint shop's van would be loaded up and driven all day over truly terrible, gravel roads from Martinborough to Mt Maunganui, a destination worth the effort.

Gilbert was educated in Martinborough until he started high school and began catching the bus each day to Greytown to attend newly established

Kuranui College. Following high school he left home, moved to Wellington and enrolled in Victoria University where he studied English Literature and Anthropology. During his first year at university he lived in the Halls of Residence and, in accordance with norms of the time, concentrated efforts on character building extra-curricular activities rather than high academic achievement, with predictable results.

Following graduation from Victoria (MA (Hons) in Literature) Gilbert took up a position with the Consumer Institute. His next role was at the head office of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research where he assisted the DSIR to better publicise its activities and achievements and to otherwise improve its public image. During this period Gilbert wrote articles on a wide range of subjects from the NZ weta to winter rugby grounds to ocean currents. He sent many of these articles to smaller publications and was successful in having a number of them published.

For 15 years Gilbert worked for the Employers and Manufacturers Association in Auckland where, in the role of Communications Manager, he was responsible for not only writing their communications but also founded, edited and published their membership magazine, Business Plus.

At the age of 67 Gilbert left the EMA and bought Dive Pacific, one of NZ's premier scuba diving and marine conservation magazines which he ran successfully until covid struck and ended the magazine's activities. Gilbert had thought this was the end of the story but happily that wasn't the case. The NZ Underwater Association approached him, and he agreed to sell to them Dive Pacific's back catalogue of articles which are now made available through NZUA's website and also a new Dive Pacific digital platform.

Most recently Gilbert embarked on a voyage aboard the 64', steel hulled ketch Catrina. He spent four weeks visiting 7 islands in the Vanuatu group including Tanna, Futuna, Aneitym and Erromango. On Erromango he joined a group on a tramp to visit the island's giant kauri trees however the excursion was cut short when their guides came across a wild pig which took precedence over the touristic needs of their overseas visitors; the pig was duly dispatched and carried off by the guides on their 10kms return-trek to their village. Gilbert's voyage was all the more enjoyable for the opportunity he had to troll a line and catch a number of large fish including tuna and mahi mahi.

An A Student's View of the Thermodynamics of Hell…

The following is an actual question given on a University of Washington chemistry mid-term:

Bonus Question: Is Hell exothermic (gives off heat) or endothermic (absorbs heat)?

Most of the students wrote proofs of their beliefs using Boyle's Law (gas cools when it expands and heats when it is compressed) or some variant. However, the following answer by one student was so "profound" that the professor marking it shared it widely… The student wrote:

First, we need to know how the mass of Hell is changing in time. So, we need to know the rate at which souls are moving into Hell and the rate at which they are leaving. I think that we can safely assume that once a soul gets to Hell, it will not leave. Therefore, no souls are leaving.

As for how many souls are entering Hell, let's look at the different religions that exist in the world today. Most of these religions state that if you are not a member of their religion, you will go to Hell. Since there is more than one of these religions and since people do not belong to more than one religion, we can project that all souls go to Hell. With birth and death rates as they are, we can expect the number of souls in Hell to increase exponentially. Now, we look at the rate of change of the volume in Hell because Boyle's Law states that in order for the temperature and pressure in Hell to stay the same, the volume of Hell has to expand proportionately as souls are added.

This gives two possibilities:

1. If Hell is expanding at a slower rate than the rate at which souls enter Hell, then the temperature and pressure in Hell will increase until all Hell breaks loose.

2. If Hell is expanding at a rate faster than the increase of souls in Hell, then the temperature and pressure will drop until Hell freezes over.

So which is it?

If we accept the postulate given to me by Teresa during my Freshman year that, "It will be a cold day in Hell before I sleep with you," and take into account the fact that I slept with her last night, then number two must be true, and thus I am sure that Hell is exothermic and has already frozen over. The corollary of this theory is that since Hell has frozen over, it follows that it is not accepting any more souls and is, therefore, extinct ... leaving only Heaven, thereby proving the existence of a divine being which explains why, last night, Teresa kept shouting "Oh, my God."

This student received the only 'A'.

Guest Speaker – Barry Thom, Commodore of Manly Sailing Club

Frank Coggan introduced Barry Thom to the club; businessman, champion sailor, sailing coach and Commodore of the Manly Sailing Club ('MSC').

Barry opened by telling us he'd like to firstly provide an outline of his personal life and then talk about the history of MSC before saying a few words about the clubs' current activities and the exceptional sailors that have and continue to graduate from MSC's training program.

In addition to his sailing activities, Barry's been a sail maker, boat broker and real estate agent at various times in his life. His history with the Whangaparaoa area goes back many years to when his father purchased one of the first newly subdivided sections in Vipond Road for $20,000. At that time visitors to the region had to either drive around the upper Waitemata or catch a ferry across Auckland harbour and then drive dusty metal roads northwards to the Whangaparaoa Peninsular. He feels his family's decades of occupation and the 40+ years he's been sailing local waters surely translate into Thom family special rights to local 'seashore and seabed'. As a child he was in his element sailing his P Class around the point to MSC.

Since its establishment in the 1950s, like all yacht clubs, MSC has had its ups and downs with membership increasing and decreasing from time to time. When Barry first got involved on the training and administrative side 12 years ago, the club had only 13 members and was at a low ebb. His involvement began when his long-time friend Russell Coutts told him his son Mattias didn't listen to his world champion father when it came to sailing, and asked whether Barry might train Mattias, which Barry was happy to do.

Following their participation in a training program for young Wellington sailors and a presentation given to the Paramatta Yacht Club, Barry and Russell discussed the establishment of the Russell Coutts Sailing Foundation ('the RC Foundation') which would utilise the resources of and work hand in hand with MSC. Russell agreed to lend his name to the initiative and act as Commodore of MSC for two years on condition that Barry be involved on the training side and, after Russell's initial two years, take over as Commodore. Russell's international commitments grew and after only six months Barry took over as Commodore of MSC, a role he has now been in for 12 years.

The RC Foundation and MSC have had remarkable success. The aim of the Foundation is simply to get as many kids as possible (of limited or greater means) onto the water and introduced to sailing. To date over 1,000 children have now completed one or more of the sailing courses on offer with a number of graduates going on to win championships on the international stage including Aimee Bright (gold at the 2024 iQFOiL Under-23 World Championship, Mattias Coutts (Russell's son) who won the 2024 Moth World Championship, Jake Pye who was runner up in the latter event and Sean Herbert who won the 2025 US wingfoil championship and more recently a bronze in the Wingfoil Racing World Cup held in Switzerland. Barry likened the process to an inverted triangle with a large number of kids being introduced to sailing at the top end and ultimately a number of excellent, world class sailors falling out at the bottom.

MSC's latest intake of 20 kids have just begun a course. The club provides sailing lessons in a range of small boat classes, both traditional and, following in the footsteps of Russell's Sailing GP, less traditional foiling craft. Barry explained that MSC is the first NZ sailing club to move in this direction (offering lessons in foiling, wing foiling and moth foiling) and that it's done so for a number of reasons. Firstly, traditional small yachts do around 7 knots whereas foiling yachts and boards travel at 20 – 25 knots which is more exciting for both sailors

and spectators. Secondly, sailors using the older, more traditional and slower boats take far more time to train and coach; each time they capsize it takes time to right the boat, empty it of water and get it underway again whereas modern skiffs and foiling craft are more easily and quickly righted and off again. In essence the more modern boats make for more efficient training allowing for up to three sessions per day. A third reason is that the kids themselves are keener on the more modern and exciting foiling vessels.

MSC is about to embark on a busy season with 20 race days on the calendar. The international and local sailors who attended the 2024 World Moth Championship's hosted by MSC found Whangaparaoa to be one of the best sailing venues in the world. As a consequence, the club continues to receive enquires from the governing bodies of various small boat classes potentially interested in holding their world champs off Manly Beach.

MSC's programs currently cost up to $90,000 per annum to run. Around $20,000 of this is covered by club membership fees which leaves a balance of up to $70,000 to be covered by sponsorships and charitable donations. Barry told us of one local who was selling his tractor for $5,000 but following a chat with Barry donated it to the club. Another gentleman Barry met on the beach revealed he was a great supporter of Forest & Bird. A subsequent chat over a cup of coffee led to him writing a cheque on the spot. Barry stressed that MSC is always in need of funding and any donations from Rebus club members would be very much appreciated.

Barry's grandchildren are involved in the MSC programme, and he finds it 'wonderful that it's gotten them off their devices'. He recounted how sailing was similarly partly responsible for getting him out of having to spend entire days rowing his father out from the coast to fish. On one occasion he told his grandfather he'd had enough and wanted to go in. His grandfather told him if he wanted to leave, he could swim ashore which, being a poor swimmer, he was unable to do. He made a point of learning to swim and the next time his grandfather told him he could return home by way of a swim, he did just that and ended his days fishing with his grandfather, which he could then devote to sailing. Barry's known Russell Coutts since he was a boy and has lived through Russell's ups and downs, including the Black Heart campaign. He made the point that no one knows the true story behind Russell's move to the Alinghi Americas Cup Team, a story Russell himself refuses to tell. Barry was effusive in his praise of Russell Coutts, all he has done to establish the RC Foundation, his generosity in funding the purchase of boats otherwise beyond the reach of kids without means, his commitment towards making the training initiative with MSC work and the manner in which he will still fly in from his international engagements and, the next day, be out on the water helping train young sailors.

During a lively Q&A Barry reiterated the advantages of using more modern skiffs over older Optimists which are more difficult to sort out following a capsize and more troublesome and expensive to maintain. He assured us his relationship with his grandfather survived his swim to shore with both of them accepting he was a sailor, not a fisherman. As regards the future, Barry and MSC managed to convince the recently held National Youth Trials to include 3 classes of foiled boats in their program. Barry is sure the future of sailing lies in the faster, more exciting and interesting foiled vessels.

Tom Hipkiss thanked Barry for his interesting and highly informative presentation.

Any inaccuracies, exaggerations, distortions, errors or omissions in respect of the above presentations are down to your editor…do let me know.

Neville Drower

Comprehending accountants…

Three accountants and three engineers are traveling by train to a conference. At the station, the three engineers each buy tickets and watch as the three accountants buy only a single ticket. "How are three people going to travel on only one ticket?" asks an engineer. "Watch and you'll see," answers an accountant.

They all board the train. The engineers take their respective seats but all three accountants cram into a rest room and close the door behind them. Shortly after the train has departed, the conductor comes around collecting tickets. He knocks on the rest room door and says, "Ticket, please." The door opens just a crack, and a single arm emerges with a

ticket in hand. The conductor takes it and moves on. The engineers saw this and agreed it was quite a clever idea. So after the conference, the engineers decide to copy the accountants on the return trip and save some money (knowing that accountants are clever with money) . When they get to the station, they buy a single ticket for the return trip.

To their astonishment, the accountants don't buy a ticket at all. "How are you going to travel without a ticket?" says one perplexed engineer. "Watch and you'll see," answers an accountant.

When they board the train, the three accountants cram into a rest room and the three engineers cram into another one nearby.The train departs. Shortly afterward, one of the accountants leaves his rest room and walks over to the rest room where the engineers are hiding.

He knocks on the door and says, "Ticket, please."

Upcoming Speakers



6 November Meeting

Club Speaker: **Graham Devitt**

Guest Speaker: **Alan Clarke** – a presentation on his recent voyage(s) **completing the northeastern USA's "Great Loop"**
Introduced by: Bill Cobb
Thanked by: Brian Mullan

David Gatland

In the nature of engineers…

An engineer, a priest, and a thief were each sentenced to death by guillotine. They bring out the priest first, and he says "Please. Allow me to lie in the guillotine facing up, so that I might face towards God as I am about to join him." The guards allow it and place his head through the slot. The guard pulls the lever, and the blade comes slashing down but stops just inches short of the priest's head. It's regarded as such a freak occurrence that the priest is pardoned and set free.

Next up is the thief. He says "Heck, it worked for the priest. Put me in face up too." Again the guards allow it, and again they pull the lever. The blade comes hurtling down, but again stops just short of the thief's neck. Like the priest, the thief is granted a pardon and set free, due to the marvellously good turn of fortune.

Finally the engineer is brought out. He asks "If you don't mind, could you put me in facing up?" The guards agree and place him in the machine. The guard grabs a hold of the lever, but just before he can pull, the engineer points up and says: "Oh hey, I think I see where the problem is."

Ramblers



Apprentice Guide Neil led us, via carshare, to Rosedale Park to commence the Unsworth Heights ramble, following which, we refreshed ourselves at Palmers Albany garden centre.

Keeping local, for our next outing Neil guided us uphill through the Alice Eaves bush reserve at the northern end of Orewa - sharing his knowledge on local vegetation gained during his Tiri guiding days - before replenishing ourselves at Dear Coasties.



Mid-October saw a compact, determined group of men-only challenge the weather for a pleasant, and not particularly wet, flat ramble around Wenderholm. Ambler Jean then joined us at Dear Coasties.

The following week, with an accommodating tide, we traversed Stanmore Bay beach including the obligatory photograph taken from not quite under the western end cliff, and an inspection of the eastern end creek. Dave and his team accommodated us well at Café Manly.



Apprentice Guide Neil led us to complete October – and his stand-in stint for travel-weary Chief Guide Garth - with a serene Labour Day ramble up Shakespeare's Waterfall Gully earning our Cherry café rewards by

way of return via Okoromai Bay.

The Ramblers are a joint experience with Gulf Harbour and meet on Mondays at 0900 for mostly local, interspersed with occasional off-Coast, ventures. There is usually a less strenuous option for the Amblers. Do contact me if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

David Gatland

Combined Club Dinner Nights



The combined Rebus Dinner Club had its last dinner for the year on Tuesday 20th October at Maison Thai restaurant. Forty members and partners attended which is the largest group since I have been organising these dinners. The meals were great, the room of a size that allowed for talking across the tables. The wait for some was a little long but for others the service was quite quick. The longer waits allowed time for everyone to catchup.







The next dinner will be late January or early February next year, I will have details in next month's bulletin.

George Tregidga

Monthly Discussion Group

The Gulf Harbour Club discussion group meets monthly to discuss (and resolve) the full gamut of todays more vexing (if not vexatious!) issues. If you would like to attend please do let Ken Daniels know and he'll add you to the distribution list. Ken's contact details are:

Email: kendaniels007@gmail.com
Mob: 021 621 411

Neville Drower

IT Interest Group

The new IT Interest Group held its inaugural meeting on 29th October at the Mens Shed in Silverdale.

This group is for all members who wish to extend their IT skills or who have issues with their PCs, laptops, or mobile phones that they'd like to resolve. Assistance is provided by club members Brian Tracey and Garth Dutton. Anyone with an interest in IT is welcome to attend these meetings to share ideas and offer support.

Meetings will be held monthly at The Men's Shed in Silverdale. The Men's Shed can be found at 12 Hibiscus Coast Highway in Silverdale, immediately behind the Bunnings car park, on the old bowling club grounds at Silverdale War Memorial Park.

The date and time of the next meeting will be advised in due course.

Paul Robinson

Birthdays for October



…and our congratulations to the following members for having successfully navigated another year:

John Humphries
Brian Stevens
Trevor Penn
Les Wistrand
Roy Adlard
Bryan Wentworth
John Duncan
David Gatland

Many Happy Returns!



Hibiscus Rebus Christmas luncheon

1200 on 10 December 2026

Gulf Harbour Yacht Club

Menu

- Champagne ham with pineapple and condiments
- Lemon chicken with capers
- Aubergine parmigana
- Roast crispy herbed potatoes
- Chargrilled asparagus & courgettes (warm) with a French dressing
- Beetroot salad with a balsamic dressing with watercress and feta cheese
- Bulgher wheat salad with roasted pumpkin, cranberries, halloumi cheese, seeds, rocket and zest
- Bread basket
- Meringues with seasonal berries, passionfruit sauce and cream
- Trifle sponge

Cost: $48 per person – spouses/partners welcome.

The bar will be open from midday, and there will be two lucky draw Christmas hamper prizes.

Please advise Steve at stevejwaller49@gmail.com that you will be attending, and pay the cost into our bank a/c 12 3084 0176946 00 reference Xmas lunch.

Parking across the road or on the grass adjacent to the club house.



Steve Waller