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MEETINGS HELD MONTHLY (3RD WEDNESDAY) 10am

HIBISCUS COAST COMMUNITY RSA

43A VIPOND ROAD, STANMORE BAY

Newsletter – 15 February 2023

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2022 – 2023

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings and a somewhat belated New Year's greeting to all members and visitors to this our first meeting in 2023. We have not had the best of starts to the new year with monsoon type weather, but hope springs eternal, and I trust as you do that the weather Gods will allow us to enjoy a full and active year. This year your annual subscription, payable on 1 April, will return to the customary level of \$15 of which \$5 is a capitation fee payable to our National Office. Our National AGM will be held in Parnell, Auckland on 17 & 18 June 2023 and an invitation to attend is open to all members. Our Secretary Gloria has all the details relative to the various costs involved in attending and further discussion will be held at our future general meetings. Even though we have been in recess for a couple of months I understand there has been some growth in membership which is a significant indicator of our standing in the community. Stay safe and stay well.

Frank Townley, President

TRIP REPORT

14 December 2022 – Christmas Lunch - Enjoyed by all despite the weather.

01 March 2023 – Belaire Ferries Cost \$40 payable today please. I have managed to get a 53/54 Seater Coach so this will allow a few more participants, but there is still a Waitlist. Belaire Ferries have confirmed the availability of the Rakino Island Sector. A bit of an early start compared to what we are used to. Coach leaves RSA at **8.00 am sharp**. All must have valid Gold HOP Card for free travel on the West Harbour to CBD Sector. Lunch @ Bay's Club.

29 March 2023 (replacing the April trip) 2hr Cruise on "Jane Gifford" out of **Warkworth. Cost \$35** for Coach and Cruise. Morning tea/Ice Cream and Lunch own cost. **Cruise only \$30**. I can only get a 49/50 seater Coach for this trip but there is more capacity on the Jane Gifford if people want to find their own way there and link up with the group. The coach will have a stop at the Honey Centre (northbound) where you can purchase Ice Cream, Honey (own cost). On to Warkworth, drop off in centre of town. Disperse and partake of lunch at numerous cafes. Re-assemble 12:30 pm to board the **"Jane Gifford" Sailing Scow** for a 2 hour cruise leaving at 1p.m.

Important: I have been supplied with the following advice from Jane Gifford Cruises - **"Please wear flat, soft soled shoes. We recommend you bring a jacket and sunscreen. You are welcome to bring your own refreshments. A shade awning above the central part of the deck provides some form of shelter from the**



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rain or sun however please note that the awning does not have sides. There are no areas below deck for passengers to shelter or sit. There will be plenty of seating available on deck.

For those with mobility issues, please note the following for your safety and comfort. Whilst most of the areas used by passengers at deck level are flat please note that toilet facilities are not wheelchair accessible and anyone with mobility issues may find them to be inaccessible. The toilet facilities are below deck and only accessible down steep narrow stairs. The boarding ramp is not flat, it slopes up to the boat from the pontoon at Warkworth Town Wharf. The ramp does not have side rails and there is a step up/down at each end of the boarding ramp. "

03 May and 07 June 2023 - "Te Huia" Commuter train trip to Hamilton. The same trip is planned for 2 consecutive months to cater for the huge response to this proposed trip. The capacity for each trip is 54 (using the jump seat). This is a commuter service so you cannot reserve seats and they will not add extra coaches to the train. The train is powered by a Diesel Locomotive. Cost will be \$35 for Coach, and 2 course buffet lunch. BEE Cards to be used to enable free Train travel. There is a cafe and bar on board "Te Huia".

Margaret Nieuwland, Trip Organiser

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Welfare Report. To those members who are unwell or are in hospital, we wish them a speedy recovery and hope they will be out and about at a General Meeting, or on a trip or at a show.

February Happy Birthdays. Julie Blackwell, Mary de Boer, Margaret Nieuwland and Kathleen Woolfe

Payment Options. Our ASB bank account No is 12-3084-0086844-00.

DIARY DATES FOR 2022/23

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| 15 February
Wednesday | General Meeting. 10am HBC Community RSA, Viponds Road. Entertainment by Steve Foster – Hear Again. Payment for Belaire Ferry Trip \$40.00 today please. Names today for " Jane Gifford " trip. |
| 1 March
Wednesday | Trip on Belaire Ferries – West Harbour/CBD/Rakino/CBD – coach uplift for lunch at Bay's Club Browns Bay. |
| 6 March
Monday | Committee Meeting. 10am Pohutukawa Room, Whangaparaoa Library. |
| 15 March
Wednesday | General Meeting. 10am HBC Community RSA, Viponds Road. Entertainment by Sam Webb – Community Constable. Payment for "Jane Gifford" trip \$35.00 today please. Names today for 3 May " Te Huia " trip to Hamilton. |
| 22 March
Wednesday | Operatunity, the ultimate 70's show, Centrestage Theatre
11.00am Cost \$35.00. Pay by 15 February. |