



HIBISCUS COAST

**60's UP MOVEMENT OF NEW ZEALAND (INC)
HIBISCUS COAST BRANCH**

**MEETINGS HELD MONTHLY (3RD WEDNESDAY) 10AM
HIBISCUS COAST COMMUNITY RSA
43A VIPOND ROAD, STANMORE BAY**

Newsletter – 15th April 2026

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2025 – 2026**

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PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Greetings to members and guests to this our monthly get together for April 2026. The 1st of April sees the customary review of our National Superannuation Benefit which this year sees us receive a 2.9% rise based on the increase in the cost of living stats. If you have not worked it out yourself the outcome is \$1110.08 F/N single living alone and \$1708.16 F/N per couple (both qualifying). As a matter of Interest the Aussie retirement benefit payable at age 67 is tax free whereas our benefit is considered as income and as such taxed. One nil to Aussie.

Due to the current fuel crisis our trip transport costs will increase by 10% plus GST. This is to be expected with the future in this area very unpredictable. How we will react to this will be discussed by your Committee members.

Our guest speaker today is Professor Julian Paton of Auckland University speaking on innovative treatment for heart failure. Nga Mihi

Frank

TRIP REPORT:

On Wednesday 6th May we will visit Couldrey House, an historic Victorian/Edwardian family home at Wenderholm. A tour and presentation will be given, following the talk, morning tea will be served. Then it is off to Puhoi for a lovely lunch at the historic Puhoi Hotel. Following lunch, you are free to explore the grounds and wander through their interesting museum.

The bus will leave Puhoi at 2pm to return to Orewa. Cost of this trip will be \$30.00 per person. Please register and pay at this meeting.

Any queries, contact me at 027 451 0696.

Colleen

Welfare Report. To those members who are unwell or are in hospital, we wish you a speedy recovery and hope you will soon be out and about. We look forward to seeing your smiling faces at our Meetings. Let Marguerita know if you are unwell.

Apologies. Members to give Evelyn all apologies for General Meetings. They can be emailed to evstraka@gmail.com – or texted or phoned to 021 0241 8429.

April Happy Birthdays: Graham Heard, Christine Hull, Janet Leighton, Maureen Lewis, Christine MacKenzie, June Nicholls, Jenny Niven, Andrea Norris, Lynette Rodgers, Janet Sharrock and Sigrid Thompson.

Payment Options. Our ASB bank account No is 12-3084-0086844-00. ASB Bank are requiring our full name which is:

60's Up Movement Hibiscus Coast Branch.

Subscription Renewal: This is now due, and has been set at \$20.00, the same as the current year. Subscription renewal forms are available, please fill one out and return to Peter.

DIARY DATES 2026

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| 15 April
Wednesday | General Meeting. 10.00am, RSA, Vipond Road. Guest speaker will be Professor Julian Paton talking about innovative treatments for heart failure. |
| 15 April
Wednesday | Committee Meeting. Follows the General Meeting at the RSA. |
| 6 May
Wednesday | Couldrey House & Puhoi. A trip out to Wenderholm Regional Park, morning tea included and lunch at Puhoi Hotel. Register and pay today, cost \$30.00 . |
| 20 May
Wednesday | General Meeting. 10.00am, RSA, Vipond Road. This will be the Club's AGM and election of officers. Following the AGM, is there a member who would like to give a short talk on their interests/life. |
| 20 May
Wednesday | Committee Meeting. Follows the General Meeting at the RSA. |
| 10 June
Wednesday | Mid-winter lunch. RSA Vipond Road. Further details next month. |
| 17 June
Wednesday | General Meeting. 10.00am, RSA, Vipond Road. Guest speakers will be 3 members of Hospice giving a talk. |