

March 2023 Newsletter



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**Welcome to the Hibiscus Rodders Inc Newsletter.
Please contact any Committee Member or the Newsletter
Editor if you have anything to discuss or to submit for the
next issue. All input is greatly appreciated. We take this
opportunity to thank all those who do submit articles and
ads for the newsletter and to welcome those new members
to the Club. It is great to have you on board with us.**

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***MORE INFORMATION
NEEDED PLEASE!!!!***

MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

MARCH 8th, MULDOONS, OREWA.

Presidents Report

Hi All

March already, scary to think we're heading into Autumn, what happened to summer, oh that's right we skipped it. And as I type this tomorrow's forecast is thunder storms, super.

Still we are much better off than those further south, with that in mind Sharon's brain started ticking, wondering what she could do to help while looking at a pile of past years Beach Festival shirts and came up with idea we could send them to the Hawkes Bay to help those down there that have lost everything. And that's what we have done, Zane from Ze Build was putting together a truck load of stuff to send down and our shirts are part of that. I think that's something we can all be proud of.

A busy couple of months coming up for the club as you'll see below plus also in the mix will be Beach Hop and Easter. Lots of petrol to be burned and wipers will be an unnecessary optional extra, trust me.

On page 11 of the latest Petrol Head there's a photo of someone you should recognise but probably shouldn't when they look like that.

Beach Festival

We made it happen, thanks everyone for your efforts to get our festival over the line under what would have to be described as trying circumstances. Sharon in particular but also the rest of the Beach Festival committee had to work extremely hard to get our postponed date to work, a brilliant

effort. However it would all have been for nothing if we hadn't had all you volunteers there to man it.

And the best bit is we raised \$52,000 for the Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust, that is some achievement, well done everyone. Something else we can all be proud of.

Cheque Run

Which brings me to the cheque run except we don't have cheques anymore.

For those that haven't been before we take a symbolic cheque and present it to the Helicopters Trust at their Ardmore Air Base. We take lunch with us which they cook and we spend some time with them, have a look at the choppers and they give us a few insights into their work.

They are such a dedicated bunch you can't help but be inspired and it reinforces if you have any doubts how important our donation is.

Apart from that it's a nice cruise, Sunday April 2nd, meet at Victor Eaves Park 10.30 to leave at 11.

March Club Night

Muldoon's at 7.30 Wednesday March 8.

March Club Run

Sunday March 12. Many thanks to Sheryl Brokenshire for organising this, we're staying close. Meeting in Victor Eaves Park at 11 to leave at 11.30 and we are headed for Bar Africa for lunch and music from 1pm.

AGM

It's that time of year again, our AGM will be at the Hibiscus Coast RSA 7.30 Wednesday April 12.

If you have any suggestions, gripes or queries this is a good time to bring them up for discussion. This is your club let us know what you would like to be happening.

We are going to need new committee members to come on board as some of our long standing committee members are deservedly taking a step back. Now's your chance to get more involved in the club, anyone is very welcome to stand for any position so don't be shy.

Our Money Honeys, Janine and Rebecca, are both standing down as is vice President Gavin. All three have given years of service to the club, the sort of service that a club like ours can't do without. Thank you guys your dedication will be missed and on a personal level from me thank you for your support and help.

Fees

Our annual club fees are due in by May 31st, the membership renewal form will come with a separate email.

Stragglers and Te Awamutu R & C come to town

We're still working on the finer details of our Waikato Cousins visit but we're looking at April 29 - 30. The plan so far is to take them on a shed raid or 2 with lunch in between and then at night meet up for a dinner together.

That's it from me, Cheers guys

Grant McKechnie

CLUB MERCHANDISE FOR SALE



Club night at the RSA

Another great turnout and an update given by both Grant and Sharon M. on the new date for the Orewa Hibiscus Rodders Beach Festival confirming it would be on Friday 10 and Saturday 11 February. We came out to a beautiful sunset.



Shane and Melody Cowell

Mothers Members Of the Month

Where do you live – *Gulf Harbour*

When did you join Hibiscus Rodders and what attracted you to the club –
August 2022

Tell us about your special car/cars, what is it, what attracted you to it, year, engine, how long you have had it. *We have a 1923 replica T-Bucket built in 1979. It has a 383 Chev engine. We brought this January 2022. We also own a 2013 Ford Falcon and Melody's 2015 MX5.*

What was your first car and how many have you had since. *My first car (Shane) was a Ford Courier Ute. I have had many cars, but this is our first hot rod. My stepfather and I built a Lotus 7 kit car, built and drove a stock car. Melody's first car was a Holden Commodore.*

What was the worst car you have owned and what was the best. *I have not really had a bad car they have all served their purpose. Best car would have been our 1992 single cab, short wheel base Hilux ute that had the body lifted, with huge wheels. Stainless roll bar (it was redneck as).*

If you won Lotto tomorrow what car/cars would you buy. *Shane would like an early 30's coupe. Melody – 56 Belair (from dirty dancing).*

Who taught you to drive and how many times did you sit your licence before you got it. *Shane – my mate taught me to drive, and I only ever sat my licence once. Melody – my stepdad taught me drive. Took me up the Port Hill in Christchurch and put coke cans behind the wheels and made me do hill starts and if I crushed them he told me I would be paying to get someone's car fixed.*

What was your best road trip. *It was in our Landcruiser when we drove from Auckland to Queenstown. We had no plans but had to be in Christchurch for two events, the rest of the time, we cruised. Had camping gear in the back so we could stop and have a cuppa in the middle of nowhere. Was fun.*

What sparked your interest in cars. *Stepfather was an ex-mechanic / race car driver.*

Any motoring misdemeanours or prangs we should know about.

Apart from cars what other interests do you have. *Shane is mastering smoking on his many BBQ's.*

What is your vocation. *Shane – Marine Engineer and works for Riviera NZ. Melody – Medical Booking Scheduler for Canopy Cancer Care.*

Anything else of interest. *We are the proud parents of two Maine Coon Cats called Moose and Boo, only fur babies for us!*







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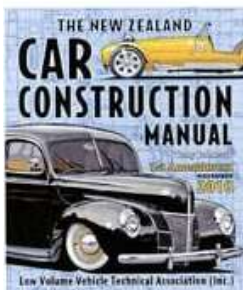
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