

Rotary

CLUB OF BURNIE



CLUB NUMBER - 18437

THE BULLETIN

80TH YEAR - No 7 – AUGUST 9TH 2021



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

President – Themba Bulle
Secretary - George Austin
Treasurer - David Bennett
Bulletin Editor – Allan Jamieson

INVOCATION

For good food, for good fellowship, may the giver of all our blessings make us truly thankful.

ROTARY MONTH: AUGUST – MEMBERSHIP MONTH

**Apologies: please call - Dr Themba Bulle on 03 6432 2222
or call - George Austin on 0438 450 801**

Permanent Duty Roster: Graeme MUIR & Dilani WIJESOORIYA

PLEASE NOTE CHANGED INFORMATION ABOVE

Club website: <http://www.burnierotary.org.au>

Date	Event or Speaker/Topic	Venue
August 16	??	RSL
Ideas for speakers? Contact Paul Kearney or Dean Chamley		

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES – AUGUST 2021

	Birthdays		Wedding Anniversary		Rotary Anniversary
9	Dean CHAMLEY				
13	Robyn McCARTHY				
13	Ian GUEST			11	Bekithemba BULLE
17	Eleanor Austin				
19	David McCARTHY				
25	Paul KEARNEY				
26	Dr Roopa MULIK				

RAFFLE WINNER	John Pease
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ATTENDANCE	16 (incl. 1 make-up) 59%
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President Themba

- Welcome to Hon. Leonie Hiscutt MLC, who is our Guest Speaker at this meeting
- I will now distribute a list of jobs and functions; the intent of the list is to ensure that every member has a task and it is *their duty* to carry out their task. **Comments? Please bring these to me – otherwise I will assume the list is accurate** [see over page]
- We are accumulating a few ideas for fundraising events; we NEED to designate a cause for each event – experience shows that we *always* raise more money when the reason for raising money is *known* by the public. Please *think* and send examples of worthy local community causes to me or to George.

A reminder:

- **Make a note in your diaries:** We aim to make three Paul Harris Fellow awards at our August 23rd meeting – *partners' night*.

N.B.: Tasks shown in *italics* relate to managing specific *Club projects*

<u>Member</u>	<u>Designated tasks or functions</u>
George Austin	Secretary; RSL informant; <i>Plumtree Hospital</i>
Amy Bartlett	??
David Bennett	Treasurer; <i>DMWM</i>
Robert Bentley	Membership; Youth Director
Themba Bulle	President; <i>Plumtree Hospital</i> ; <i>Open-air Cinema</i> ; <i>Int'l Food Fair</i>
Dean Chamley	Programme (with Paul K.); <i>Open-air Cinema</i>
Barrie Crawford	??
Doug Forrest	??
John Glen	<i>DMWM</i>
Ian Guest	Sergeant-at-Arms
Allan Jamieson	Rotary Foundation; Rotary International; Club Bulletin
Paul Kearney	Programme (with Dean Ch.)
Pui Ling Lau	<i>Int'l Food Fair</i>
Wayne Licht	Raffle; <i>Open-air Cinema</i>
David McCarthy	??
Nigel Morgan	Public Image; <i>Int'l Food Fair</i>
Ken Moore	<i>Plumtree Hospital</i>
Roopa Mulik	Club Service (incl. President-Elect); <i>Plumtree Hospital</i>
Graeme Muir	Attendance (with Dr Dilani)
John Pease	Fines Master
Steph Prendergast	??
Wayne Richards	"Welcomer"
Dilani Wijesooriya	Attendance (with Graeme Muir); <i>Int'l Food Fair</i>
Mandy Wing Sze Lau	<i>Int'l Food Fair</i>
Chandra Wijewardhane	??
'Net' Wijewardhane	??

Included in Themba's draft list were two *non*-members; Yvette Radford and Resi Vant as assisting in managing the projects *Open-air Cinema* and *Int'l Food Fair* respectively.

Fines Master: John Pease

Did I hear John declare: "*Political jokes sometimes get elected!*"?

Dean's Birthday Party: Despite his real birthday being August 9th, the party is on Saturday August 14! Location: Dean's home – 1 Arlington Place, Heybridge. All welcome!

Guest Speaker: Hon. Leonie Hiscutt MLC

Leonie was introduced by fellow Liberal party supporter Nigel Morgan. She began by giving a short outline of her experience before being elected to parliament.

- Did a farm apprenticeship and *passed* (to the consternation of the *male* apprentices)
- Entered the Army Reserve and gained experience in driving heavy trucks. Leonie also has a gun licence, a motorbike licence, a chainsaw licence, a forklift licence and drives a tractor with ease

- Her father-in-law handed over his stock-buying business to Leonie; she attended stock sales in all parts of Tasmania
- Her interest in politics grew out of her involvement in the “Women in Agriculture” movement and the urging by strong-willed Ruth Paterson
- Leonie and her husband grew poppies and she became prominent in the “Poppy Growers’ Association”
- She became President of the Central Coast Chamber of Industry

Then in 2010, Leonie stood for election as a Liberal – at the urging of Brett Whitely. She did not succeed then, but in 2013 Leonie was elected to the Legislative Council for the electorate of Montgomery, the position she still holds.

Leonie is firm in stating that the bicameral system we have in Tasmania is **important**; the Legislative Council performs the essential task of reviewing proposed legislation (generated in the Lower House) prior to its being voted into Law. In doing this review task, Leonie is very definite in stating that the presence of independent members in the Council is essential and that their numbers must exceed that of any political party adherents in the Council.



L to R: John Pease, Hon Leonie Hiscutt MLC, Nigel Morgan

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[As Bulletin Editor, I have taken the liberty of inserting below two extracts from the *Royal Commission into the Tasmanian Constitution Act 1934*, Transcript of Proceedings – Volume 1, Hobart, Tasmania (22 December 1981 & 2-25 March 1982)

1. Hon. DA Lowe [Premier until November 1981 (ALP)]:
 ... the Legislative Council has remained predominantly independent due to the relative size of each single-member electorate, enabling close personal contact, and the annual fractional elections which reduce the significance of policy issues ... allowing the candidate to sell his name and his personal qualities for the job. [These aspects] provide a sound basis to fulfil a genuine House of Review function.
2. Hon GA Shaw [Upper House member (Independent)]:
 ... Given the opportunity most Governments of the day would be in favour of reducing the power of an Upper House, which would lead to its elimination. Therefore, the real question is – What is best for ... the people of Tasmania? I have repeatedly asked my electors – can you trust a Government ... without some checking device, some House of Review, some second opinion? Invariably the answer is NO. There must be an umpire and a watchdog...]

Meeting closed at 7:25 pm.