

Rotary

CLUB OF BURNIE

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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

President – Themba Bulle
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INVOCATION

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

ROTARY MONTH: SEPTEMBER – BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY

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

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

Date	Event or Speaker/Topic	Venue
September 20	Simon Overland (BCC's GM) + presentation of PHF medals to deserving residents. <i>Partner's night!</i>	RSL
September 27	Allan Jamieson – Results of Member Satisfaction Survey	RSL
October 4	Stephen Dowling	RSL
Ideas for speakers? Contact Paul Kearney or Dean Chamley		

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES – SEPTEMBER 2021

	Birthdays		Wedding Anniversary		Rotary Anniversary
14	Nigel MORGAN	11	Robert/Kathy BENTLEY	11	John GLEN
15	Dorothy MUIR				
22	Dr Wing Sze LAU				
27	Ken MOORE				

RAFFLE WINNER	??
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ATTENDANCE	20 ... 77%
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President Themba:

- I will commence visiting other Rotary clubs next week to seek donations to our Plumtree project.
- Graeme Muir broke his reading glasses; that's why he is not here tonight.
- Concerning the 'cinema in the park' fundraising event, I now have names of two more people able to help us in planning the event.
- Allan was asked for an update on the Member Satisfaction Survey. Allan replied; 'eleven members have not responded.'

Secretary George Austin:

- Volunteers needed for:
 - Covid Clinic on 2nd October. *Need two volunteers for each of two sessions (4 volunteers in total)*
 - Bunnings BBQ on 23 Oct. Doug Forrest, Wayne Licht, Nigel Morgan, Dilani, Wayne Richards. *We need more!*
 - Burnie 10 on Oct. 24 – *need four volunteers for crowd marshalling plus three (minimum) for our BBQ*
- Meeting on 20 Sept.: Speaker Simon Overland *plus* presentation of PHF awards to three members of the community. [This is a partners' night!](#)

- TSO evening: Event locked in for Oct.14. The TSO will provide us with a small ensemble (3~5 musicians) to perform live at the Cinema, prior to us viewing the videotaped concert.

National Youth Science Forum: Brielle Gardam (our NYSF candidate)

Paul Kearney introduced Brielle, who told us that she has been *accepted* to attend the event from Jan. 10 to Jan. 21 next year [*Congratulations*, Brielle]. Due to Covid, she said, it remains unclear how the event will be organised; probably partly online and partly face-to-face 'somewhere' [Canberra?]. At present, Brielle is studying psychology, chemistry, biology, and sports science. She intends to go to university, so the NYSF event will be of great assistance to her in deciding which university course to choose.



Brielle expressed gratitude to Burnie Rotary club for nominating and sponsoring her.

Fines Master: John Pease

John will be absent for the next two meetings, so he regaled us with one very long story that does not deserve to be repeated!

Guest Speaker: Michael Cherry

Dean Chamley introduced Michael, by saying that Michael and he often have long debates and end-up agreeing to disagree.

Michael comes from a long and proud family connection with *The Advocate* newspaper.

Three years ago, David Cherry – one-time *Advocate* editor – passed away; “I’m still sorting through piles of stories left by David”, Michael said.

Michael read for us a speech written by David in 1987 and delivered to a Rotary Club of that era, titled “*The Media and Local Government*”. David was worried by the trend evident over some years for local people to refrain from speaking out on matters of direct interest to their communities. Who will speak out when things don’t go our way; when state governments don’t seem to know we exist; when the prospect of the NW



coast becoming one united force to be reckoned with is shot down by one local council after another along the coast putting up fences to shut out its neighbours, etc.?

David asked if our local government leaders were to talk, would it help? The NW coast IS one of three areas in Tasmania, yet who would know when we are not heard? More to the point; DOES ANYONE CARE?

What if *all* people here pooled their energy to argue *for* something publicly? The community is lost if there is no organised *pressure*!

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Michael brought David's perspective up to date when he observed:

- *The Advocate* is but a shadow of its former self
- The recent Council decision *against* the arts has not been *challenged*!
- People who try to lead public opinion receive immediate criticism – social media is outlandish!

[From the floor, Allan mentioned that the consultants, McKinseys, had come to a similar conclusion; that local regions sink or swim on the impact of their local leaders. Below are some extracts from the McKinsey report "*Lead Local Compete Global*" (publ. in 1994).

- McKinsey's team examined over 1,800 businesses and interviewed 200 regional leaders throughout Australia.
- Increasingly, the reality is that **regions** compete – not countries! Regions compete with other regions around the world to provide the best environments for their existing businesses and to attract new businesses.
- Regions are becoming the natural units of making change happen.
- **"Given the task of rejuvenating a region and the choice of either \$50 million, or \$2 million and 20 committed local leaders, we would choose the latter."**]
- Leaders don't have to be charismatic: Committed 'ordinary' people make the best leaders. Their first action must be to "create a Vision having a noble *purpose*, a sense of *urgency* and clear *boundaries*". The preferred starting point is to generate an agreed **Vision** *before* developing a strategy.]

End: 7.45 pm