

Rotary

CLUB OF BURNIE

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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

President – Themba Bulle
Secretary - George Austin
Treasurer - David Bennett
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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 27	Allan Jamieson – Results of Member Satisfaction Survey	RSL
October 4	Stephen Dowling	RSL
October 11	Hat night! <i>Partner's Night!</i>	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	Two prizes, won by: Dilani and Jill Turner
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ATTENDANCE	21 ... 81%
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President Themba:

- Welcome to David Turner and Stuart Sargent, both club guests tonight, and to a former member (Past-President) Craig Brooks. Our Guest Speaker tonight, Simon Overland will be formally introduced later by Secretary George Austin.
- Themba also noted the presence of a fellow Rotarian, Leanne Cullen.
- Rotarians were asked to introduce their partners. In complying with this request, Wayne Richards introduced the man sitting next to him by saying the person was not his partner, but was rather a long-time acquaintance, Scott Clark, a volunteer fireman serving the Burnie-Ridgley area.
- Themba explained the club's international service project; "We aim to provide \$200,000 to aid the run-down Plumtree Hospital in western Zimbabwe. This area was largely destroyed during years of infighting and the hospital desperately needs equipment to allow the medical staff to carry on. Our club so far has raised \$5,000 and I am about to visit every Rotary club in our state, hoping to have each club donate up to \$2,000. Rotary International will match whatever amount our District raises, so \$200k is not out of reach."
- In November, we are aiming to hold an International Food Fair and in February next year, we expect to hold an Open-Air Cinema night (like the old 'drive-in' days of yore).

Secretary George Austin:

- Our forward program of events includes: Assistance at Covid clinics on 2-3 October; TSO evening at the Burnie Cinema on 14 October; BBQ at Bunnings on 23 October and assistance at the Burnie Ten race on 24 October. [The Bulletin Editor did not time George's segment, but it has to be the *shortest* of all time!]

PP John Glen:

- "Hat Night" will take place on 11 October. It is time to dig out that hat you might have forgotten about, but which could win you a prize at "Hat Night". All money raised will go towards research into mental health.

PP Nigel Morgan:

- Our Xmas function on 5 December will be at the destination of a 'mystery bus tour' departing from Wellers Inn at 11:30 am and returning there around 4:30 pm.

Fines Master: Barrie Crawford stood in due to John Pease being absent for two weeks. In his customary style, Barrie managed to provoke many laughs while extracting a goodly amount of money.

Stuart Sargent was introduced by PP Paul Kearney.

- Stuart has had over 50 years associated with the Scout movement, from being a Troop Leader to holding several major positions within the scouting movement.
- Paul then gave a **Paul Harris Fellow** award to Stuart. In reply, Stuart said his father, Charles, had also received a PHF from Burnie Rotary many years ago.



David Turner was introduced by PP Bruce Clark

- David is arguably "Number One" on the music scene along the NW coast, primarily as a music educator but also as a performer. David was born in Burnie and went to Parklands High, then to Hellyer College before gaining a BA Music degree from UTas in 1980. He began teaching music at Boat Harbour Primary School; later, he worked at just about every primary school, high school and college along the NW coast – and at Utas since 2017.



[To illustrate David's enthusiasm, his Facebook site currently has this appeal:

- I am running a **Junk Percussion workshop** in Burnie on Sunday October 10th and I am in need of some Junk instruments to use on the day. It will be a fun day and I anticipate 50 or more young people doing the performing; "grown-ups" are welcome to have a try!
- I particularly need a whole lot of broken drum sticks. I am keen to take these off your hands.
- I also need around 15 wheelie bins (with lids still attached); they need to be clean and can be returned after the session on the day. We won't damage them (probably). I am also in

need of some metal drums. I am really keen to get a number (15-20) of these as they are a key component. Then I could do with a variety of noise makers - pots, pans, plastic tubs, anything metal with some volume (not flat) that we can hit.

• If you can assist please send me a message.]

- Not content with a full career in music alone, David has had a long, high-level sporting career, carrying on from his father Ken Turner, who was a former member of Burnie Rotary club. Both father and son have had an outstanding record in Badminton. David was a State representative player for 16 years and umpired at Olympic level (Sydney in 2000 and London in 2012).
- Bruce then gave a **Paul Harris Fellow** award to David.

Guest Speaker: Simon Overland

- George Austin explained that Simon is the General Manager at Burnie City Council. He has a BA degree and a Graduate Diploma in Legal Studies. He has also a 'best & fairest' award from the days when he played Aussie rules in the ACT.

Simon has spent quite some time in Tasmania, working in both Hobart and Launceston, and during that time, he developed a liking for the NW Coast, so he is pleased to be here now. His wife has been kept out of Tasmania by the long lockdown period in Victoria.

Tonight, he said, he would focus on *The Future of Burnie*:

- There is an opportunity here. There's a great port, a proven business history, it is grounded in 'sustainables', etc. and the UTas establishment offers real potential for young people.
- Burnie is not seen as a tourist destination. I don't why this is, but it should not continue to have that reputation.
- The Council had a negative rates policy for several years, but at some point that had to change, rates would *need* to rise and cost savings would *need* to be initiated. We understand that such moves can hurt, but unfortunately the "Arts" *is* discretionary.
- I find it is very pleasant to be on the Liberal side of politics at present; *money is available!* Labor has never had money to give away!
- We must grapple with climate change. Australia is lagging in this situation, yet we should not drag our feet. There is a very good case for locating a hydrogen generation facility in Burnie.
- We need entrepreneurs! The emerging trend to remote working would enable such people to live here, enjoy the lifestyle and yet use the internet to 'work' in Sydney. *Why not promote this?*
- The market grows the economy, not government! BCC can help. Please give me *examples* of what to do, not *complaints*.



End: 7.51 pm [Congrats to Themba and George for the smooth running of this 'jam-packed' meeting; it shows what a help it is to have a 'run sheet' *and* to **follow it.**]