

Rotary

CLUB OF BURNIE



CLUB NUMBER - 18437

THE BULLETIN

80TH YEAR - No 11 – SEPTEMBER 6th 2021



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 13	Michael Cherry	RSL
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

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	Nigel Morgan
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ATTENDANCE	19 + 1 excused ... 77%
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President Themba:

- Themba welcomed our excused member PP Bruce Clark to the meeting.
- *Worth noting:* On Sunday, Aug. 29th, the Burnie West RC, which we helped start last year, held their famous Ferret Race Meeting. **They raised \$16,000.**

Treasurer David Bennett:

- Service Account: \$12,466
- Working Account: \$11,648
- Plumtree Account: \$6,791

Secretary George Austin:

- Volunteers needed for:
 - Covid Clinic on 11th and 12th September. *Nobody?*
 - Bunnings BBQ on 23 Oct. Doug Forrest, Wayne Licht, Nigel Morgan, Dilani, Wayne Richards. *We need several more!*
- Meeting on 20 Sept.: Speaker Simon Overland *plus* presentation of PHF awards to three members of the community. [This is a partners' night!](#)
- Hat night: 11 October. [This is a partners' night!](#)
- TSO evening: Possibly in mid-November

Fines Master John Pease:

- Ken Moore argued that John Pease should be fined for the outrageous joke he told the club last week. John replied simply; “the truth hurts”. [That’s outrageous too!]
- John asked Allan to tell him how many members have not yet responded to Allan’s questionnaire. Allan said 15 members. John then asked those 15 to each pay a fine. [Thanks, John.]

Guest Speaker, Shane Andrews:

Shane is the Officer-in-Charge of the Burnie Fire Brigade. He was introduced by Dean Chamley. Dean and Shane were members of a large convoy of dune buggy enthusiasts who travelled in far-north Queensland from Port Douglas to Cape York and return.

With the help of a great many photos, Shane told us of the trip. We in the audience gained a good appreciation of what the convoy members had to put up with, but without us having to taste the dust or feel the mud ourselves.

A lot of pre-trip work was needed to bring the buggies up to the technical standards required before the convoy’s members were able to obtain *permission* to tackle the tracks in far-north Queensland. This work cost around \$5,000 per buggy and was done mainly at AJL in Wivenhoe.

While there were sections of good *dirt* road, the bulk of the trip was on ‘tracks’ that would be hard to imagine if we had not seen Shane’s photos. They travelled 3,000 km in 10 days. The fuel cost \$1,000, which was quite low considering that the price per litre increased substantially the further north they went. A map of the journey is shown on the next page. Stopovers were at Lion’s Den, Cooktown, Musgrave Roadhouse, Archer River Roadhouse (twice), Portland Roads, Weipa, Loyalty Beach and Lakeland.

The many creeks and rivers that they had to cross were bad enough – bridges of any sort were infrequent – without the ever-present risk of a crocodile being nearby. Shane took a drone with him and we were able to see a video of a rather large crocodile that became quite annoyed by the presence of the drone.

A very interesting talk!

Our youngest Rotarian? (photo next page)

In 2010, Burnie RC began offering a two-year scholarship to students undergoing the final two years of their medical studies at the Rural Clinical School in Burnie.

Claire Whiteway was our selection in 2020 and she has done well in her studies. Claire has also been busy outside the school, having married and – recently (August 26) given birth to a daughter. On August 31, Claire advised the Club: “Scarlet Eva Jean Griffiths weighed 6lb 5oz, was 45cm in length, and had a head circumference of 34cm. I successfully passed my final exams two weeks to the day before I had her. I’m now writing up some research from home with a couple more weeks of placement to complete in October.”

Burnie Rotary Club is proud to have had Claire as an Honorary Rotarian for the past two years and we look forward to meeting Mum and Daughter soon.



Shane Andrews



Scarlet Eva Jean Griffiths