

Rotary
CLUB OF BURNIE



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THE BULLETIN

80TH YEAR - No 22 – NOVEMBER 29th 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: NOVEMBER – ROTARY FOUNDATION

Apologies: please call before 1:00 pm Monday

Dr Themba Bulle on 03 6432 2222

or George Austin on 0438 450 801

Duty Roster: Graeme MUIR & Dilani WIJESOORIYA

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

Date	Event or Speaker/Topic	Venue
December 6	NO MEETING (Christmas Dinner on 5/12 at secret location)	/
December 13	Annual General Meeting	RSL
Ideas for speakers? Contact Paul Kearney		

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES – NOVEMBER 2021

	Birthdays		Wedding Anniversary		Club Anniversary
12	George Austin				
16	Lois MOORE				
21	Kuniko JAMIESON				

RAFFLE WINNER	George Austin!!!
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ATTENDANCE	16 (64%)
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[NOTE: This Bulletin was prepared in part by Mandy Lau.]

President Themba Bulle:

President invited one of our new members, Dr. Pui Ling Lau, to give us invocation. Guest Speaker, Mark Viner, the Executive Manager of Burnie Arts & Function Centre, was acknowledged.

Secretary George Austin:

1. Christmas Dinner on 5 December 2021
 - o Our coming Christmas Dinner is a Mystery Bus Tour
 - o Nigel didn't receive many responses from members on their meal choices.
 - o Members who are interested to participate, please pay in advance.
 - o Due to low numbers, a small bus may be arranged. Otherwise, members will need to provide their own transport.
2. Plumtree project
 - o 21 invitation letters were sent throughout the state.
 - o We have received some replies and donations already.
 - o Our target for fund raising is AUD140000
3. Thanks for the volunteers in helping the BBQ on 30/11/2021 at Burnie Art & Functional Centre

Treasurer David Bennett:

Our coming X'mas Mystery Dinner will be held on 5 December 2021 (Sunday). The bus would need to depart at 4pm.

The cost is \$65 per person, which includes the transport and a 3 course meal. David reminded members to pay into the Working Account at the earliest convenience.

Details are shown hereunder:

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Raffle:

Our dearest Secretary, George Austin, won the Raffle again! George was so glad to have wine this time and not the chocolate.

Fines Master, PP John Pease:

These included:

1. George for being the Raffle winner *again*
2. Wayne for returning from a trip

Guest Speaker: Mark Viner



This week, we were honoured to have Mark Viner (centre, above), the Executive Manager of Burnie Arts & Function Centre, talk about the Burnie Arts Live Performance Season 2022 and the reimagining of the Arts & Function Centre.

Mark graduated M.A. in History and History of Art at Cambridge University in 1987. He has extensive experience and achievements in the Art & Cultural industry.

He talked about the “Human Nature – People Get Ready Again 2022 Reboot”, “Leonard’s Beautiful Pictures” by the Ten Days on the Island and the classic musical – “Mamma Mia” by the Burnie Musical Society.

Since the 1970s, the Burnie Arts & Function Centre has served the local community as an event and performance space, as well as an annual performing arts centre for the state, national and international artists.

Despite of the high utilizing rate of 5,000 visitors per week, Mark identified there is still an inadequate cultural attraction at Burnie. Renovation of the Arts & Function Centre is scheduled to start in late 2022. The aim is to transform the Centre into a multifunction area for the local community. Regional gallery, museum, café, retail stores and possible indoor markets may be incorporated alongside vibrant live performances and a wide variety of community events.

Hopefully, this can increase the public exposure towards history & art, nurture the artistic atmosphere and eventually consolidate the Burnie Arts & Function Centre as the icon of local culture.

There were concerns about the funding of the renovations, availability of accommodation for international visitors and who would run facilities like the proposed café. Mark replied that his team are currently focusing on the visitor’s experiences but welcomes open discussion.

John proposed a photographic exhibition, in particular local Tasmania landscape, to attract international visitors.

Meeting closed at 7:30pm