

Rotary

CLUB OF BURNIE



CLUB NUMBER - 18437

THE BULLETIN

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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: FEBRUARY – PEACE & CONFLICT PREVENTION

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
FEBRUARY 21	No meeting at RSL on Mon. 21 st	--
FEBRUARY 24	Bowls Night at Burnie Bowls Club	Burnie Bowls
FEBRUARY 28	Ben Hughes: "The Men's Table"	RSL
Ideas for speakers? Contact George Austin		

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES – FEBRUARY 2022

	Birthdays		Wedding Anniversary		Club Anniversary
8	Sue-Ellen LICHT	8	Bruce/Marie CLARK	2	Paul KEARNEY
				28	Barrie CRAWFORD

RAFFLE WINNER	George <i>again!!</i>
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ATTENDANCE	15 (60%) six apologies
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President Themba:

- *False start!!* We are supposed to begin our meetings at 6:20 pm, but Pres. Themba rang the bell at 6:14 pm. He had to wait for everyone to order their last drink and then make their way into the room where we were to meet. This might teach him a lesson: *Don't monkey around with the Club rules.*
- Nina Huang (Sorell RC) was in attendance again.

Secretary George:

- George began by saying he had been remiss last week in not promoting Ele's upcoming art exhibition.
- Tas. Networks had only *very* recently been made aware of that group's plan to involve young people (18-25 yrs) in discussing what their local community really needs.
- Bowls night: It seems that only 13 Burnie members intend to attend – down on past numbers!
- Golf Day: Members will soon receive a list of contacts for them to work through to seek donations.
- Slime Day: The organisers will attend our meeting on Feb. 28. Our Club is expected to supply volunteers on Mar. 20 (and on 19th?).

PP Doug Forrest: **MUNA**

Doug responded to Pres. Themba's request to explain what MUNA is about.

- MUNA = **Model United Nations Assembly**. It aims to have high school students learn about other countries, their history, politics and culture.
- Each school designates a team of two students, who are required to study the country they have been allocated.
- The teams take part in a weekend event hosted by Deloraine Rotary Club, during which various motions are put; each team will argue for or against the motion, based on what the team understands to be their country's world position.
- As many as 30 schools have taken part, but only 14 schools took place last year. The 2022 event has been cancelled.
- The cost used to be \$270 per team, paid for mainly by Rotary clubs.

Guest Speaker: Ian Jones

President Themba said that Ian (at right) had recently been chosen as Burnie's Citizen of the Year.

Ian was born in Burnie and attended the local State School and High School (during which he was named Junior Citizen of the Year in 1970). He then moved to Hobart and found work in an office equipment firm, before moving to Sydney and a job with NCR (National Cash Register).

The world beckoned and Ian went to Hong Kong, where he was offered a job in Shenzhen designated in 1980 as the *first* Special Economic Zone in China. Ian's job involved managing a hotel and restaurant.



He returned to Tasmania and was introduced to the Burnie Chamber of Commerce ten years ago by a former Burnie Rotarian, John Packham. Ian is now President of the Chamber. This position has put him in close contact with politicians of every stripe, as well as with the Burnie City Council. That the seat of Braddon in the Fed. Parliament is currently held by a Liberal member, he said, has been a great help to our community.

Ian can be found working in the RSL. "My father fought on the Kokoda Track and became a Life Member of the RSL, but – while I am not a member – I spend every Monday, Wednesday, Friday here *plus* many Saturdays and Sundays!

"The Citizen of the Year Award gave me a nice feeling – I think it is in my blood – but I am only *one* person: where are the other volunteers from among the younger generations?" Ian said we must *sell* the concept of volunteering to those generations.

Ian is encouraged that funding of over \$2 million has been obtained to take health services to veterans living in the North West, instead of sitting back and waiting for veterans to ask for help.

The members present gave Ian a solid round of applause.

Close: 7:35 pm