

# Rotary

CLUB OF BURNIE



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# THE BULLETIN

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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: 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 14	Ian Jones: City of Burnie Australia Day Citizen of the Year	RSL
FEBRUARY 21	NO General Meeting	--
FEBRUARY 24	Bowls Night	Burnie Bowls
FEBRUARY 28	Ben Hughes: "The Men's Table"	RSL
<b>Ideas for speakers? Contact Paul Kearney</b>		

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES – FEBRUARY 2022

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

<b>RAFFLE WINNER</b>	David McCarthy
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<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>19 (+1) = 20</b>
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President Themba:

- A special welcome to Olivia Eade, our new Rural Clinical School scholarship winner. We will hear from Olivia later on this evening. She will be an Honorary Rotarian in our club too.
- As well, we welcome Dr Lizzie Shires, Assoc. Prof. and Director, Rural Clinical School. Lizzie also has a GP's practise in Ulverstone – busy girl!
- Welcome too to Nina Wang, of Sorell RC – though we knew her as Wendy on her two previous visits (did we get our wires crossed?)
- On the minus side of the ledger, this will be the last meeting with us for some time for our bright, young member Nethmini Wijewardhane. "Net" will move to Townsville this week to commence her medical degree course at James Cook Univ.. You'll be welcomed back anytime, Net.
- I had a promising chat with the lady in Melbourne, who controls the warehouse where used medical equipment is stored. It seems likely that we can access some of this equipment to send to the Plumtree Hospital in Zimbabwe – however, right now the *very, very* limited supply of shipping containers as a consequence of Covid disruptions looms as a real problem.

Secretary George:

- *Slime Fun Run*: Yvette Radford and her committee have mapped out the course. There is a need for some club members to assist in delineating the exact course on the Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> March and to run the BBQ on Sun 20<sup>th</sup> March. Banjo's will donate the bread.

Roopa Mulik alerted us that **International Women's Day** will be on 8<sup>th</sup> March (a Tuesday) and it would be a good idea to make a special effort to note the importance of that Day when we meet on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> March: For instance, wear purple and invite women and girls to our meeting!

PP David McCarthy alerted members, especially those with a science and/or engineering background, that the Science & Engineering Challenge for high school students will take place soon. Two days are scheduled in Burnie. "It's a great experience," he said and it is time now to advise Susie Haley at UTas (the Engagement Events Coordinator [susie.haley@utas.edu.au](mailto:susie.haley@utas.edu.au)) if you are interested to volunteer to supervise the students' tasks. David is sure; "you will not regret doing so."

Short talks by club members

- Pres. Themba had asked members to describe what their Club task involves.

a) PDG Ken Moore: I am involved with RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Service). This is a registered charity in order to attract tax deductible donations to Rotary projects that benefit society. RAWCS funds both overseas aid projects and also some projects (directed towards disaster aid) within Australia. Funds exceed \$30 million and have come from three sources; Government, Philanthropists (such as Dick Smith) and Public Appeals. At present, RAWCS has 531 active projects; 375 overseas and 156 within Australia. Examples are funding of malaria eradication projects and supply of medical equipment to places in need.

Ken supplied everyone with a 22-page information pamphlet. Administration is remarkably low (just 2% of income).

b) PP John Glen: We are all members of Rotary International ("RI"), through our membership in Burnie Rotary Club, and some of our money goes there. RI practices "Civic Internationalism" through its 46,000 clubs and 1.4 million Rotarians. In return, RI provides some funds to assist Rotary Districts (Tasmania is one such District) and club projects – as co-ordinated through the Rotary Foundation which operates several investment accounts; since its inception 100 years ago, the Foundation has allocated more than US\$4 billion to life-changing, sustainable projects.

Next week, Doug Forrest and Wayne Licht will enlighten us and explain their tasks.

PP John Pease, Fines Master:

A special mention to our Excused Member, PP Bruce Clark, who is present this evening. Bruce turned 80 years of age last week and will celebrate 58 years of marriage to Maree tomorrow.

President Themba provided Olivia Eade with her scholarship certificate and also with her Honorary Membership plaque.

In return, Olivia gave us a brief address:

Though born in Burnie, I've subsequently lived in Ulverstone and then Hobart, where I eventually started my medical degree course.



{Pres. Themba, Olivia Eade and Lizzie Shires}

Now, I'm back where I began – and I'm enjoying it! I love surfing and I've discovered how great the surf beaches are along the coast; the water's much warmer than down south too. Oh, and I also play the piano.

I'm now starting my two years (yrs. 4 & 5) at the Rural Clinical School, which has a very good reputation. This can lead to me ending up as a Rural Generalist doctor – a GP who has broad knowledge, skills and attributes in primary, secondary and emergency care in rural and remote areas. Burnie's school ensures that the students will be exposed to a lot of practical training.

I believe rural areas end up providing doctors with *strong* ties to their patients, something that excites me.

Meeting closed at 7:35 pm