

**Rotary**  
CLUB OF BURNIE



CLUB NUMBER - 18437

# THE BULLETIN

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**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

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Secretary - George Austin  
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## INVOCATION

For good food, for good fellowship, may the  
giver of all our blessings make us truly thankful.

ROTARY MONTH: MARCH – WATER & SANITATION

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 WIJESORIYA

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

Date	Event or Speaker/Topic	Venue
MARCH 28	Bel. Lynch – BCC Director Corp & Community Service	RSL
<b>Ideas for speakers? Contact George Austin</b>		

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES – MARCH 2022

	Birthdays	Wedding Anniversary	Club Anniversary
5	Dr Dilani WIJESORIYA		16 George Austin
21	Douglas FORREST		
28	John PEASE		
30	Amy BARTLETT		
31	Marie CLARK		

RAFFLE WINNER	Pres. Themba (who promptly handed the wine to the thirsty bloke seated next to him)
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ATTENDANCE	<b>73%</b>
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**Pres. Themba:**

- Welcome to our two guest speakers this evening, Shane Askew and Stuart Payne. Welcome also to visiting Rotarian, Leanne Cullin.

**Treas. David:**

- I estimate we might end up with a net income of \$4,000 from yesterday's Slime Run event. About 300 people took part.

They've had fun





Roopa in the centre of action!



Pres. Themba washes off slime

### PP Doug:

- The Golf Day plans (Sun. March 27 at Wynyard Golf Club) are coming together; we need more players, but there is often a late surge in applications. We could use more helpers, even if just for an hour or so in the morning.

### PP Allan:

- In George's absence, I wish to alert the members to the **Group 7 Forum** hosted by Wynyard Rotary Club on Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup>. It will be at the Wynyard Showgrounds and will run from 11:30 am to about 1:30 pm – lunch is included. These Forums bring together Rotarians from several NW clubs and there are always interesting speakers. Next Monday, we must take names of those who plan to attend.

### PDG Ken:

- ARH (Australian Rotary Health) has asked us to host a *Research Night* at which some ARH-sponsored researchers will explain their projects. One possible topic could be the use of nanoparticles in understanding blood diseases.
- We are seeking a suitable venue. There are two alternative dates: Sat. May 14 or Sat. May 21. [*Members present chose May 14<sup>th</sup>*]
- ARH is partnering with the St Kilda Football Club in supporting the Danny Frawley Brain Damage Research Study, for which there might be an auction held at the *Research Night*.

### Guest Speakers:

PP David McCarthy introduced the two speakers:

**Stuart Payne**, President of Surf Life Saving Tasmania (SLST).

**Shane Askew**, President of Burnie Surf Lifesaving Club.



Stuart and Shane flanked by Pres. Temba and David McCarthy

**Stuart** emphasised the ingrained theme of surf lifesaving – a “**Can Do**” attitude, which enables huge feats to be performed, with the saving of many lives as the end-result.

- Surf lifesavers are the largest volunteer group in the world.
- SLST oversees the 14 surf clubs, 7 volunteer marine rescue services and 2 jet boat rescue services in Tasmania. As well, SLST supports Tas. Police on flood rescue operations (i.e., *inland*).
- There are over 1,000 ‘nippers’ in Tasmanian surf clubs and, while they have fun, they also learn about proper beach conduct and smart swimming rules.

[The 2022 City of Burnie Community Event of the Year was awarded to the Burnie Surf Life Saving Club Centenary. Mayor Kons said “The Burnie Surf Life Saving Club - Tasmania's oldest - celebrated a century of service to the community during its 2020-21 season. Today, the club is still considered Tasmania's foremost club, with a membership close to 400, maintaining patrols ... amounting to hundreds of hours annually to keep our beaches safe, and competing successfully in local, state and national competition. Few other organisations can boast a voluntary contribution of this magnitude”.]

**Shane** pointed out that from December to March each year, the Burnie club has about \$60k worth of rescue equipment at the beach and this needs around \$10k per year to maintain. The club receives no regular income, so this is a challenge. Given that the Burnie club must patrol *both* West Beach and *also* the beach to the east of the Yacht Club, their existing IRB (Inflated Rescue Boat) is indispensable, but unfortunately this boat is 15 years old now and the club is very keen to obtain a new IRB. Their efforts to this end have been very credible, but the club is short of the final \$6,000 needed to buy a new boat.

Close 7:40 pm