



CLUB NUMBER - 18437

# THE BULLETIN

81<sup>ST</sup> YEAR - No 10 – SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> 2022



President – ???

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 – EDUCATION & LITERACY

**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
SEPTEMBER 12	Ian Edwards – Burnie Kommunity Kids	RSL
SEPTEMBER 19	Regionalisation project – <i>club to discuss</i>	RSL
SEPTEMBER 26	Pervis Marker – About Burnie's Penguins	RSL
OCTOBER 3	Lauren Harper – Rural Alive & Well	RSL
<b>Ideas for speakers? Contact George Austin</b>		

### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES – SEPTEMBER 2022

	Birthdays	Wedding Anniversary		Club Anniversary
14	Nigel MORGAN			
22	Dr Wing Sze LAU		11	John GLEN
27	Ken MOORE 1949			

RAFFLE WINNER	Wayne Licht
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ATTENDANCE	14 (54%)
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#### Past President: Themba Bulle

- All necessary signatures in support of our Plumtree hospital project have now been obtained and the Global Grant request is with RI for consideration. **HOORAY!!!**

#### Chairman: David Bennett

- Welcome to repeat visitors, Sharon and Mark Studdert.
- Welcome also to our guest speaker, Doug White, who will be formally introduced later by Wayne Richards.

#### Secretary: George

- **Our TSO concert on Friday (Sept. 9) has been CANCELLED – too few requests were received for tickets.**
- The Group 7 Forum will be held at Ulverstone Bowls Club (41 Water St,) on Tuesday, 27 Sept. (6:00 for 6:30 pm) – cost \$25 for two-course meal. Who wants to attend? Allan (only?) put his hand up.
- Burnie Council has asked if we could provide a BBQ at the opening of the much-renovated old tip site on Tuesday, Oct. 4. The response from the floor members was a resounding **“NO”**.
- Mark Smith (Burnie 10 Committee) said the Committee has received three pallets of Milo tins; he asked if we were prepared to hand out the (*free*) tins of

Milo at the race event on Oct. 23. A location for us on Wilmot St. was suggested. George replied that our Board will discuss this request tonight.

**Guest Speaker:** Wayne Richards told the members that Doug White was once the Regional Manager of TasNetworks, but is now Works Director for Burnie City Council. Doug also plays the bagpipes.

Doug said his talk would be: *"In Search of the Unknown Soldier of World War One"*, a task he commenced in Scotland at the age of ten, when his grandma passed away and Doug's mum had to take care of her mum's belongings. Included was a plain white card with a sketch on it. He asked what it was and his mum said; "that's in memory of the Unknown Soldier."

Doug gathered that his grandma's brother was killed in France.

Doug's research has taken decades, but he is now satisfied that he knows *where* his grand uncle died – and *how*.

The grand uncle joined the British Army very soon after he was old enough to do so, was assigned to the Seaforth Highlanders and arrived in France in early 1918. On 10 April that year, he took part in a battle against the Germans, which was renewed on the next day – April 11<sup>th</sup> – and he was killed during that day's fighting in Flanders, in what became known as the Fourth battle of Ypres (7-29 April) or Battle of Lys. Very likely, it was the first exposure in battle for the young Scot.

Doug told us of his research experiences in UK libraries and museums, which he managed to visit during short trips from Australia with one or more members of his family (wife and three daughters). He also made good use of Google maps and was able to locate and visit a 'pill box' in a field, which was an integral part of the area where his grand uncle died.

Along the way, Doug discovered one paragraph (typed) that described the events on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Later, he was able to read a 21-page handwritten description of the *same* events, written at the time by a senior officer.

Emotionally moved by all this, Doug decided to learn how to play the bagpipes. He revisited Flanders with his 18-year old daughter. Together, they went to the Tyne Cot Memorial to the Missing of WW One, which he learned was built to accommodate the "overflow" when the Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing became filled to capacity.

The Menin Memorial is to British and Commonwealth soldiers who were killed in the Ypres Salient of WW One, but whose graves are unknown. There are 54,395 names on stone panels. Tyne Cot now has a further 34,984 names.

While at Menin Gate, Doug was honoured to be the lone piper during one of the memorial services that are conducted *every day of every year*.

The members listened with intense interest to Doug's talk.



Close 7:47 pm