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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: NOVEMBER – THE 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
NOVEMBER 21	What is the Rotary Foundation	RSL
NOVEMBER 28	AGM	RSL
DECEMBER 5	NO meeting: Xmas lunch on Dec. 4th	--
<b>Ideas for speakers? Contact George Austin</b>		

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES – NOVEMBER 2022

	Birthdays		Wedding Anniversary		Club Anniversary
13	Wayne LICHT				
22	Glenda				
25	Bekithemba BULLE			27	Wayne LICHT

RAFFLE WINNER	???
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ATTENDANCE	(73%)
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**Acting President Nigel:**

PP Nigel will be standing in for Pres. Roopa, who has had to be elsewhere than Tasmania for the upcoming few months.

- Nigel distributed copies of the menu that will apply for our Xmas lunch [12:30 pm for 1:00 pm on Dec. 4] at the Boat Harbour Beach restaurant – \$50 a head. Starting tomorrow he will seek to know our ‘numbers’. Each person is to bring a gift of value *less than* \$10 to put in “Santa’s bag.”
- Nigel welcomed Mark and Sharon Studdert back to Burnie after their recent sojourn in Queensland.
- Nigel then welcomed PP Themba back to our club after his journey home to Zimbabwe. Themba said:
  - I travelled to several places between Cape Town and Harare.
  - It is very obvious: Health is *NOT* free; bring your own food and blankets to hospital!
  - My wife’s sister died of cancer while we were there.
  - **The US dollar is the REAL currency.** You will never receive any change, so plan ahead and bring with you lots of small denomination US dollars!
  - Police are well dressed and young.
  - The largest embassies in Zimbabwe and South Africa belong to USA.
  - I visited Bulawayo Rotary, which has had to deal with Zimbabwe’s COVID restrictions – they can’t meet as a club; only one-on-one meetings are allowed.

- Mobile phones are of very little value – there's no electricity in many places and no WIFI either.

### Secretary: George

- We have been asked to review our club constitution and by-laws to ensure these are in conformance with RI's standard documents.
- March 19 (Sunday) is now set for our 2023 Golf Day at Seabrook GC.

**Guest Speaker:** Given that November is Rotary Foundation Month PP Allan Jamieson spoke on the topic: **Rotary Foundation Exposed**. He said:

- The Foundation consists of three investment funds, each with its own specific investment strategy and purpose for being:
  - Annual Fund: The main source of funds to finance Rotary projects around the world.
  - Endowment Fund: A permanent, sustainable source of finance with contributions invested in perpetuity; this Fund is a 'back-up' source of finance in case the demands on the Annual Fund are such that this fund cannot cope.
  - End Polio Fund: Special fund with short-term investments, so that funds are always available to support vaccination teams wherever these are needed. This fund is backed by the Gates Foundation, which donates \$2 for every \$1 donated by Rotary clubs.
- Rotary Districts and Rotary clubs can draw on funds from the Foundation to help finance aid projects they want to carry out around the world. There are two main Rotary Foundation Grants available; **District Grants** and **Global Grants**. A District can apply to receive a *District Grant*, but the Foundation will limit the amount of money supplied to be only *one-quarter* of the amount that District donated to the Foundation three years earlier. Thus, District Grants are surrounded by rules that make such grants of limited attraction to districts. [For the financial year ending in June 2021, only US\$31 million was supplied as district grants, compared to US\$130 million paid as Global Grants.]
- Clearly, *Global Grants* are far more attractive. While there are rules applicable to making valid applications, the amount of money available (max. US\$200,000 per grant) makes them of far more interest than has been shown so far by most clubs and districts – *even* for a project in one's own community. The key rule is:

At least two Rotary clubs must join forces to implement a project in a designated community. One club will be termed the *Host Sponsor* (located in the project's community). Another club will be termed the *International Sponsor* (located not in the same country as the Host Sponsor).

**Example:** Ballston Lake in upper New York State has a population of about 11,000. Local children born with cleft craniofacial abnormalities had to travel to New York City or to Boston (each around 300 km away) for surgery. Ballston Lake Rotary Club (35 members) wanted a medical centre in Albany (pop'n 100,000) just 40 km away. Instead of asking their District Governor to apply to the Rotary Foundation for a *District Grant*, Ballston Lake RC searched for a Rotary club outside America willing to be the *International Sponsor*. In Zambia, the RC of Luanshya (114 members) agreed. The application by these clubs for a *Global Grant* was successful!

- Burnie Rotary's perspective has been that the needs of the Burnie community have 'first call' of on our resources; thus, the Rotary Foundation has been seen as of little value. Unfortunately, this 'flat earth' viewpoint reflects poorly on us – we are seen as *not worth joining!* It is high time we recognised that

the world is round and that the Rotary Foundation is a valuable assistance even in our own community!

End 7:38 pm