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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 7	<i>Public Holiday</i> – NO meeting	--
NOVEMBER 14	Bess Clark, CEO of Marinus project – an update	RSL
NOVEMBER 21	??	

**Ideas for speakers? Contact George Austin**

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES – NOVEMBER 2022

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

RAFFLE WINNER	Steph
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ATTENDANCE	14? (53%)
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**President Roopa:**

[Roopa is a fast learner – Tonight she was able to switch on the microphone!]

- Ninety percent of the Milo tins have *gone!* About 25 tins were given away, but most of these went to worthy causes, such as the Salvation Army and breakfast clubs at several primary schools.
- *The Lost King*, our preferred fundraising movie to aid Polio-Plus, has been secured for showing in Burnie on Dec. 2.

This 2022 British comedy-drama film is a fictionalisation of the story of Philippa Langley, the woman who initiated the search to find King Richard III's remains under a car park in Leicester. The club will *not* provide wine and cheese this time, so a \$20 ticket price should suffice to yield a neat profit – **provided we sell sufficient tickets!!!**

**“Ready – Set – Go!” GET ON YOUR BIKES**

**Secretary: George**

- Fundraising for research into **gynaecological cancer** is a project of our Rotary District. When it next meets, our Board will consider supporting this initiative, so please give *your* views (pro's and con's) to any board member before Nov.14.

[See <https://burnierotary.org.au/rotary-tasmania-gynaecological-cancer-project/> or our Bulletin for Oct. 3, 2022.]

- Details for our Xmas lunch meeting? WATCH THIS SPACE!!!!!! We await information from the organiser – PP Nigel.

### Group discussion:

As penance for failing to provide a guest speaker, Allan was asked to oversee a discussion as to **how to revitalise our club**. He began by posing this question: *What is a Rotary Club?* There was only one response:- *“a group of people interested in supporting the less fortunate.”*

Well, yes, Allan said, but as a *club*, we will surely achieve more if *each* of us gets engaged in such activities. He is concerned that, too often, one or two people decide on an activity and then “drop this” on the other members – without first seeking the views of these members, who can then become apathetic.

The members present were divided into four groups and given 15 minutes to discuss ideas. Responses:

1. Need to utilise our personal experiences; *‘We don’t think outside the square!’*
2. We succeed in attracting many good speakers, but we miss the opportunity to invite members of the public to come and hear them. It is not necessary for us to consider our invitees as *desired* Rotary members; let the invitees decide this based on the insight they gain into our club.
3. At present there is a massive disconnect between us and our community. We need a BIG community project; one that might take years to complete, but which everyone sees as “Burnie Rotary’s project.” Agfest is a good example. This started as a small activity, but Rural Youth developed and it is now **huge**.

[111 exhibitors & 9,000 visitors in 1983; 700 exhibitors & 60,000 visitors now.]

4. Communion Brewing Co. exists right ‘downtown’ (cnr. Wilmot & Alexander streets!) One local Rotary club *used* to host an “Octoberfest” – not now. Bring it back and rope in other local boutique breweries.
5. We could put on (electronic) gaming competitions to attract this ever-growing group of devotees.
6. “Soggy Bottoms”

[Youngtown RC puts on a Soggy Bottom Cardboard Boat Regatta in Launceston each year, with proceeds going to nominated youth support groups, such as **Diabetes Tasmania** and **JCP empowering youth**.]

7. We’ve got a horse and cart situation. We are too few members and we are too old to be able to stage events. It is hard to commit to *doing* anything!
8. We’ve no structure (see over page), so nobody senses a responsibility.

In closing, it was said that we do not allocate sufficient time to internal discussion, such as tonight. In fact, RI grants each club an almost unlimited freedom to function in any way that suits that club’s specific situation. For instance, in Burnie Rotary’s case:

<u>Activity at a Rotary meeting</u>	<u>Required?</u>
Weekly meeting	No: two or more meetings per month
Rotary Grace	No
Fine session	No
Foundation Box	No
Raffle	No
Meal	No
Guest Speaker	No

What are we waiting for?  
End 7:52

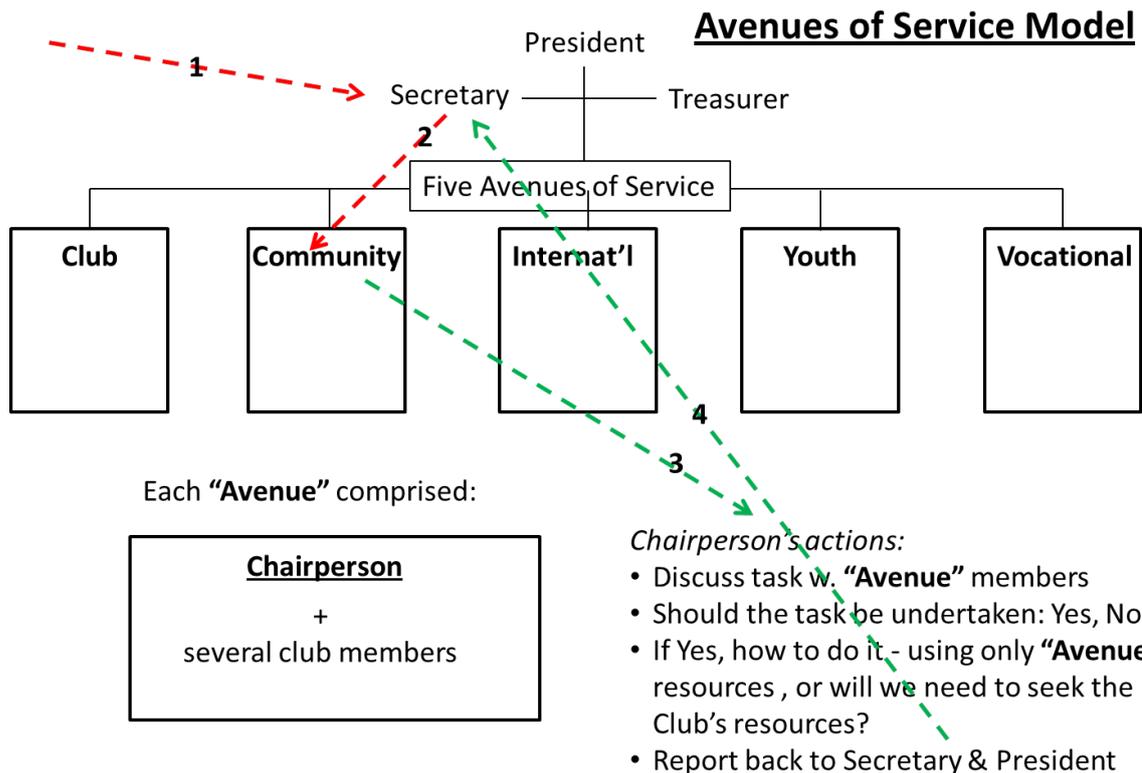
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## Getting the RIGHT structure for Burnie Rotary Club

A proposal by PP Allan Jamieson

### Prior to today!

For over 100 years, there used to be one “tried and true” Rotary club structure. It was based on five “**Avenues of Service**”. The red dashed lines (below) show that if the Executive – usually the Secretary – receives a request for assistance from the community, there is a direct line of communication to Floor Members; all the Secretary needs to do is decide which of the five “**Avenues**” is best suited to consider the request (say, the Community Service Avenue). The request then goes to the Chairperson of that “**Avenue**”.



The green dashed lines show that the Chairperson could consult with members in that “**Avenue**” – should the request be accepted or rejected? The Chairperson would then respond to the Executive. In practice this whole sequence could take place *during* a single Dinner Meeting.

The key point is that floor members were *directly* responsible for all decisions, other than gaining approval to ‘unlock’ the Club’s resources – chiefly financial control – which was rightly vested in the Executive and the Board.

The “**Avenue**” Chairpersons were important members of the club; they were routinely among the Board Members; thus they constituted a *second* direct link between the Floor Members and the Executive.

### Today!

In 2017-8, RI stipulated that all clubs were to conform to a new structure. From RI’s perspective, the emphasis had to shift from *Service to others* to *Survival of clubs* (and even of RI itself). The new focus was to be managed through five committees.

Burnie RC now has no structure (see a partial example below)

## Burnie Club Structure

(partial)

Secretary	President	Treasurer
Rotary Foundation - Allan Jamieson		Science Experience – Stephanie Prendergast
Rotary International - Allan Jamieson		Windward Bound – Stephanie Predergast
End Polio Now – Roopa Mulik		Student Exchange - ???
Plumtree Hospital Refurbishment – Themba Bulle, Ken Moore, George Austin, Roopa Mulik		Working with Vulnerable People – John Glen
RAM – Rotarian Against Malaria – Pui Ling LAU		Public Image - Nigel Morgan
Disaster Aid Australia & Shelter Box – Mandy Lau		Web Master – Allan Jamieson
Bulletin - Allan Jamieson		Facebook – Roopa Mulik, Ken Moore
Membership: Vacant.		Club Services-
Youth Director - Vacant		Programme – George Austin
MUNA – Doug Forrest		Attendance - Graeme Muir/Dr Dilani Wijesooriya
National Youth Science Forum – Wayne Licht		Raffle - Wayne Licht
RYDA – David McCarthy		Fines - John Pease
RYPEN – Dr Chandra Wijewardhane		Sergeant at Arms - Ian Guest
RYLA – Nina Huang		Welcomer – Wayne Richards
Science & Engineering Challenge – David McCarthy		Community Service – Don't Meth with me- John Glen, David Bennet, George Austin, Nigel Morgan
		Family Slime Challenge - Yvette Radford, Kayden Cooper, Themba, Wayne Richards, Mandy Lau and Dinali Wijesooriya
		Golf Day – George Austin, , Doug Forrest, Paul Kearney, Wayne Richards and Barrie Crawford

It is a 'dog's breakfast.' Every floor member stands alone; it is not easy to see how any member can call for help from another suitable member – by 'suitable' is meant a floor member with a similar service task in the club. *Gone* is the obvious source of suitable support from within an **Avenue of Service!** If the Secretary passes a task to a floor member nowadays, it is likely that the task will turn into a "dead letter."

### How did the club go wrong when changing to conform to the new RI directive?

Two separate communications were issued by RI; (i) a new standard club constitution, and (ii) a collection of statements describing how to set up the five new committees. Perhaps the two communications were not read as one. The then Executive concluded that RI had 'wiped' the **Avenues of Service** concept off the table.

### Relevant Extracts from Burnie Rotary's new (*current*) Constitution

#### **Article 3** Purposes (*italics* are mine)

The purposes of this club are to pursue the Object of Rotary, carry out successful *service projects based on the Five Avenues of Service*, contribute to the advancement of Rotary by *strengthening membership, support The Rotary Foundation, and develop leaders beyond the club level.*

**Article 6** lists the *same Five Avenues of Service* that existed prior to 2017.

**Section 7** Committees. This club should have the following committees:

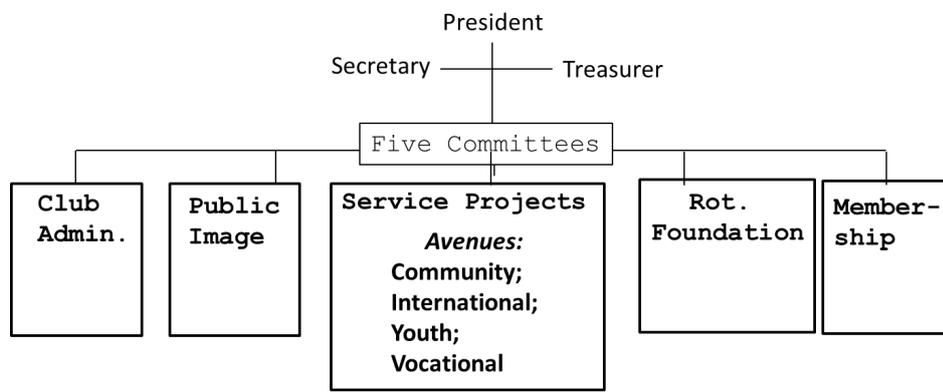
Club Administration	Membership
Public Image	Rotary Foundation
Service Projects	

Thus, RI actually envisaged that the five **Avenues of Service** would remain part of each club's structure and showed how this could happen *within* the Service Projects Committee, through the duties of the Chair of this Committee, viz:

Create subcommittees as needed  
(e.g., vocational, community, international,  
New Generations, fundraising).

There is nothing to say that these subcommittees cannot be formed in the same fashion as the old **Avenues of Service**, each with its own Chairperson and with several Floor Members in each.

### A NEW Burnie Club Structure



The present Burnie RC structure is a long way from this proposed structure!