

**Rotary**  
CLUB OF BURNIE



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# THE BULLETIN

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**IMAGINE  
ROTARY**



President – Nigel Morgan  
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 & RESOLUTION

**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
Feb. 6	Judge Marcus Turnbull	RSL
Feb. 13	Ant Dry EVRG	RSL
Feb. 20	<b>NO</b> Meeting (Rotary Bowls night will be on Feb. 23)	BBC

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES – FEBRUARY 2023

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

RAFFLE WINNER	Wayne Licht
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ATTENDANCE	19 (73.1%)
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- Visitors:**
- Dr Fariba Sani from Iran and her husband Mohammed.
  - June Crawford was the guest of Dilani Wijesooriya.
  - Julie Harris (the Guest Speaker).

Owing to the absence of President Nigel, PP Themba chaired the meeting and did a good job (NOTE the unusually early finishing time! *Well done Themba.*)

**Slime Challenge:**

Leanne Cullen alerted us that the set-up on Saturday Feb. 11 will take place *in the morning* - starting 0930 - NOT in the afternoon as was incorrectly reported in last week's bulletin. Worryingly, a major sponsor is currently in Hobart Hospital in a coma!

**Secretary George:**

- Thanks to June Crawford and others for putting on the Aust. Day BBQ for the crowd at the Burnie Council's citizenship ceremony.
- The Burnie Library asked if we could put on a BBQ for them. We said "Yes – for \$500 *plus* costs!" This was way beyond the Library's ability to swallow.
- Mohammed had made a short video of our Aust. Day event. This will be uploaded to our Facebook page.
- Rotary "*Expo*" at Hobart: We need to decide what to display and how to do this. [Allan, supported by Ian, argued that the whole club needs to discuss these matters at a club meeting *devoted solely* to the topic]. George had noted last week that the Rotary "Bowls Night" is uncertain to go ahead, so Feb.

20<sup>th</sup> is a possible date, with March 6<sup>th</sup> being the next possible date for such a meeting.

### **Fines Session – PP John Glen:**

Judging by the laughter, this session must have been amusing, but the Bulletin Editor could not decipher what was said.

### **Guest Speaker – Julie Harris:**

Rot'n Wayne Richards introduced Julie, who promptly added that she is a part of the "Harris dynasty" and also a member of the Burnie Concert Band.

Julie based her talk on the activities of the *Friends of the Regional Museum* in Burnie, of which she is President.

'I am a retired Pharmacist, but now I am mainly interested in The Arts!'

The *Friends* were presented with an award at the recent Aust. Day ceremony, which was very gratifying.

The Museum opened in 1971 and at that time it was the only such museum in Australia – largely due to the initiative and hard work of Peter Mercer and his staff in the 1940's in setting up the well-known **Federation Street** built up of authentic 19<sup>th</sup> Century architecture.

What a shock it was when the Council closed the museum in 2020-21, including Federation St.. Relying solely on volunteers, the *Friends* managed though to keep the street open to visitors for a limited time each week. This surprised the Council!

- Federation Street reopened officially in March 2022 – *Success!!*
- On October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022, Federation Street celebrated its 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- Laura Courto started as Curator of the Museum in October 2022. Laura had recently graduated with a PhD from Cambridge University; her project – "Scrimshaw: unlocking the cultural and biological archive of sea mammal art."

Nowadays, we have good links with UTas and local schools and we often receive donations made directly to the Volunteers!

Julie predicted the Museum could well end up with more staff than before it closed down!

She listed some of the many significant collections that are housed in the Museum, e.g., those of APPM, David Chalk, Emu Bay Railway, Marine Board, VDL etc. *plus* around 1,000,000 photos from the Advocate archives and over



340,000 photos from Winter's Photo Studios. Many are glass negatives and the quality of the photos from these is simply astonishing! Some of these are currently on display in the Art Gallery – worth a look!

Julie finished by suggested our club could consider paying a visit to the Museum. [It was noted that such *had* been done, but this was many years ago, so it would be timely of the club to make another visit.]

Close: 7:35 pm