

Rotary
CLUB OF BURNIE



CLUB NUMBER - 18437

THE BULLETIN

81ST YEAR - No 36 – APRIL 3RD 2023



**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: APRIL – MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH

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
Apr. 10	NO MEETING – Easter Monday	--
Apr. 17	Jennie Kerrison – RAM West Timor	RSL
Apr. 24	??	RSL

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES – APRIL 2023

Birthdays		Wedding Anniversary		Club Anniversary	
1	Aileen FORREST	24	Wayne/Sue-Ellen LICHT	6	Bruce CLARK
24	David Ashley BENNETT	28	Ken/Lois MOORE		

RAFFLE WINNER	Leanne Cullen
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ATTENDANCE	16 (57%)
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Treasurer David: Current financial status.

Plumtree acct.	\$82,700
Service acct.	\$19,200
Working acct.	\$4,400
Funds available	\$16,400

Secretary George:

- A post mortem meeting after our recent Charities Golf Day event revealed one problem that will need to be addressed in future: There was a long delay (about 60 minutes?) from when the first playing groups finished and entered the clubhouse until the last groups managed to enter. Quite a few players went home instead of waiting – hence these missed out on the many raffle draws by which donated goods were handed to persons in the clubhouse and the Rotary club missed out on the raffle income.

As no Guest Speaker was organised, the podium was occupied by Secretary George, who gave a brief “Job Talk” to the members present.

Job Talk: George Austin

For most of his life, George has been a Chartered Accountant, in private practice initially for some 30 years before changing in the mid-1990’s and joining a few pri-

vate companies in the position of Finance Director. He had been retired just on three weeks when he was invited to become the Finance Manager for ***Ten Days on The Island***.

George has had a long-term interest in Taxation Reform. He referred to the launch of the GST legislation last century. He said the Gov't had intended to apply the tax to all services, but the Senate in Canberra *exempted* several services from the GST legislation.

In 2019, John Blackley asked George to provide assistance – initially for three days a week. Blackley had started his business in 2017 with 9 employees and about \$7.5 million. Nowadays, the turnover is \$17 million and there are 34 employees. It was clear that the critical financial input was how to fund the capital investment in the business.

George finished by describing his experiences with Rotary's Group Study Exchange. He was invited to apply to be a member of a team that was sent to North Carolina. More recently, he was the Leader of a team that went to New Zealand.