



CLUB NUMBER - 18437

# THE BULLETIN

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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: JULY – CHANGEOVER

**Apologies: Before 1:00 pm Monday, call **George Austin** on **0438 450 801****

**Duty Roster: Dilani WIJESORIYA**

**Club website: <http://www.burnierotary.org.au>**

Date	Event or Speaker/Topic	Venue
July 3	Allan Jamieson: Rotary World Convention in Melbourne	RSL
July 10	??	RSL

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES – JULY 2023

Birthdays		Wedding Anniversary		Club Anniversary	
22	Steph. Prendergast				
23	Barrie CRAWFORD				

<b>RAFFLE WINNER</b>	Themba
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<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	14 (54%)
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**Acting-Chairman PP Paul:** June Crawford will introduce our Guest Speaker, Belle Binder.

**June Crawford:** Belle is Managing Director of **Left Field**, which is successfully introducing changed concepts of people management on Tasmanian farms.

**Treasurer: PP Paul:**

Accounts: Plumtree Hospital = \$83,708  
 Service = \$17,711  
 General = \$4,309

**Secretary PP George:**

- President Nigel is now in Burnie (Private?) Hospital
- Next Monday, PP Allan will tell us about his experiences at the recent Rotary World Convention in Melbourne
- We will need to publish an Annual Report to document our various achievements during the Rotary year 2022-23, so everyone is urged to help us compile this report.
- Consecutive Mondays (July 24, July 31 and August 7): These are all 'open' on our calendar, with nothing arranged. Given that we do not have a President now for 2023-24, we can hardly hold a Changeover meeting, but perhaps one of these Mondays could become a "Partner's Night" in lieu at some venue. Allan will try to 'lock in' Grant Youd for another of the Mondays; Grant is a former TasRail train driver with a very interesting life story to tell. Finally, I am thinking of scheduling a 'workshop' meeting for one of these 'open' Mon-

days, so that we can develop firm plans for coping with several fundraising opportunities coming up in the next 6~9 months.

- I have invited Dr John Parker to speak to us on August 14 on the subject of “*From Cholera to Ebola.*”

[Dr Parker was born in Liverpool, UK and medically trained at Edinburgh University. He came to Australia to scuba dive the Great Barrier Reef and never returned to the UK. He commenced a medical practice in Queensland to follow a passion in diving medicine. Intermittently he has ventured with the Red Cross and Medicines Sans Frontieres in war zones, epidemics and in several refugee camps (including Australia’s detention centres on Nauru, Manus Is. and Christmas Is.)]

### Guest Speaker – Belle Binder:

In 2023, Belle was named an AgriFutures® Rural Women's Award State Finalist and received the Encouragement Award for Tasmania.

Rt'n June Crawford  
(at left) with Belle



Belle began by relating her quite remarkable personal story. In brief:

- Beginning; a teenager in Devonport, kicked out of home by her very self-centred and domineering father, she took to the streets and found drugs, moved to Newcastle NSW where the drugs were stronger; “*experienced ‘rock bottom’, which taught me resilience and empathy – these now fuel my entrepreneurial spirit.*”
- Now; 42 yrs old, living in Devonport again, twice married and with three children; founder and Managing Director of **Left Field**

She reckons that drugs arose from her being bored, but seeing that drugs dragged down the performance of people around her made her decide to change her direction and get her life in order. Along the way, Belle tried several jobs, such as radio broadcasting with CFM; this gave her self-confidence and a drive to market ideas.

She started several small ventures and while each was initially a success, this success attracted competitors, reducing thereby the scope for her ventures to grow.

Then, in July 2020, when Covid's impact was at its peak, Belle started **Left Field**, a labour hire organisation focussed on supplying the horticultural industry with dedicated and motivated farm workers. The firm supplies workers to farms in all parts of Tasmania.

*"We are dedicated to addressing the challenges faced by farmers in securing skilled workers and fostering strong connections between farm owners and job seekers."*

Belle said **Left Field** raises the importance of farm culture; *"culture permeates every aspect of farming – the habits, assumptions, traditions, and acceptable behaviour on a farm – affecting productivity, employee retention, and profitability."*

Close: 8:05 pm