



CLUB NUMBER - 18437

# THE BULLETIN

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## INVOCATION

For good food, for good fellowship, may the  
giver of all our blessings make us truly thankful.

ROTARY MONTH: MAY – YOUTH SERVICES

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
May 29	Roopa Mulik – Nepal hiking	RSL
June 5	Sharon & Mark Studdert – Who are we?	RSL

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES – JUNE 2023

Birthdays		Wedding Anniversary		Club Anniversary	
7	Philipa KEARNEY	3	David/Robyn McCARTHY	21	Allan JAMIESON
				22	Ken MOORE
				28	Jay KOTAY
				30	Ian GUEST
				30	Douglas FORREST

RAFFLE WINNER	Fariba
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ATTENDANCE	15 (53 %)
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**PDG Paul was acting-chairman in Nigel's absence**

**Secretary PDG George:**

George noted that it was very appropriate that Roopa be our speaker tonight because at 17:45 (AEST) on 29th May, 1953, Mt Everest was climbed for the first time, the climbers being Edmund Hillary and Tensing Norgay

- Annual Report needs to be organised with sections on Plum Tree, RYDA, Science & Engineering challenge, *Windward Bound* plus other segments that make up the Report..

- Suggestion made that maybe chocolates should be made available as one choice for raffle; not just wine! [Bulletin Editor (Allan): This was introduced a couple of years ago. Why did it drop out?]

- Dr Bulle, Senzeni and Leanne went for the weekend to Melbourne to attend part of the World RI convention. They talked about how wonderfully set up the event was. 20,000+ people were expected. On Sunday morning at Rod Laver Arena, they listened to a very inspirational talk from RI President Jennifer Jones, who mentioned that the number of women in Rotary has increased by 30%. The minister of sport and mayor of Melbourne spoke of many cosmopolitan things about to happen in Victoria to bring money into the state.

Leanne spoke of the House of Friendship hall, which had many exhibits from all over the Rotary world. One exhibit demonstrated how to take photos to pro-

mote Rotary to the Max and 4-Way Test cards were given with many ideas to help promote our club. Leanne ended her talk saying Rotary is a massive organisation and we are not alone. Peace was promoted extensively.

### **Treasurer PP Paul**

Plum tree \$83708

Service \$17712

Work \$4329

### **Guest Speaker**

Roopa gave an awesome talk on her trek in the Himalayas, starting 23rd April calling it "*Walking into thin air*"

Nepal is a landlocked country between India and Tibet, population 30 million, capital Kathmandu; its most famous son is Buddha. The Himalaya is a 2,500km long mountain range, with 14 peaks over 8,000+ mts, highest being Mt Everest, many peaks have never been climbed and are sacred. Roopa's trek followed an old salt trading route. In 2015, an earthquake caused massive damage to many villages on the trek; many have been slowly rebuilt. The trek is known for its spectacular views and her photos did not disappoint,

Day 1 -150km 7 to 8 hours by 4wd

Day 2 -19km walking gain 1,234mt

Day 3 -21km elevation gain 1,718km

Day 4 -11.7km gain 1,004mt

Day 5 -18.4km gain 1,896mt

Day 6 -4.4km gain 620mt

Day 7 -4.3km gain 620mt

Day 8 -8km gain 670mt

Day 9 -6.5km gain 933mt

Day10 -16.4km gain 982mt

Arrived at Larke Pass at 5,106mt. Now heading down

Day 11 -15km down 648mt

Day 12 -4km down 400mt

Day 13 -175km bus back to start point of Manaslu

- At sea level there is 21% oxygen in the air; at Everest (8850mt), the oxygen pressure 7%.
- Usually blood oxygen level 98-100%, but her pressure dropped to 84%
- Roopa said she had very, very good gear and sleeping bag as a lot of cold weather and snow; a porter carried the bulk of her gear. Roopa is going to go to Everest base camp next year.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm