

**Rotary**  
CLUB OF BURNIE



CLUB NUMBER - 18437

# THE BULLETIN

82ND YEAR - No 4 – JULY 24<sup>th</sup> 2023



**CREATE HOPE**  
**in the WORLD**

President – 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 WIJESOORIYA**

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

Date	Event or Speaker/Topic	Venue
July 31	Club Meeting	RSL
Aug. 7		

### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES – JULY 2023

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

RAFFLE WINNER	Wayne Licht
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ATTENDANCE	17 (63%)
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**Secretary PP George:**

### ***ANNUAL REPORTS PLEASE!!!***

- Liz Bulman, D-9830 Director of Youth Projects, has provided details of programs for 2023-24. I will circulate the information. One program Liz mentions is not a Rotary program *per se*, but is an initiative of Burnie Works, a group within Burnie Council. Rotary clubs are being asked if they will participate.
- We continue to encounter difficulty in sending money to the company that supplied medical equipment to the Plumtree Hospital.

**Treasurer PP Paul:**

Our bank accounts:

Plumtree Hospital: ~\$37,700 (after the invoice is paid)  
 Service account: \$17,246  
 Working acct: \$2,440

**Fines *Mistress*\*: June Crawford**

\*A first for Burnie RC, I suspect!

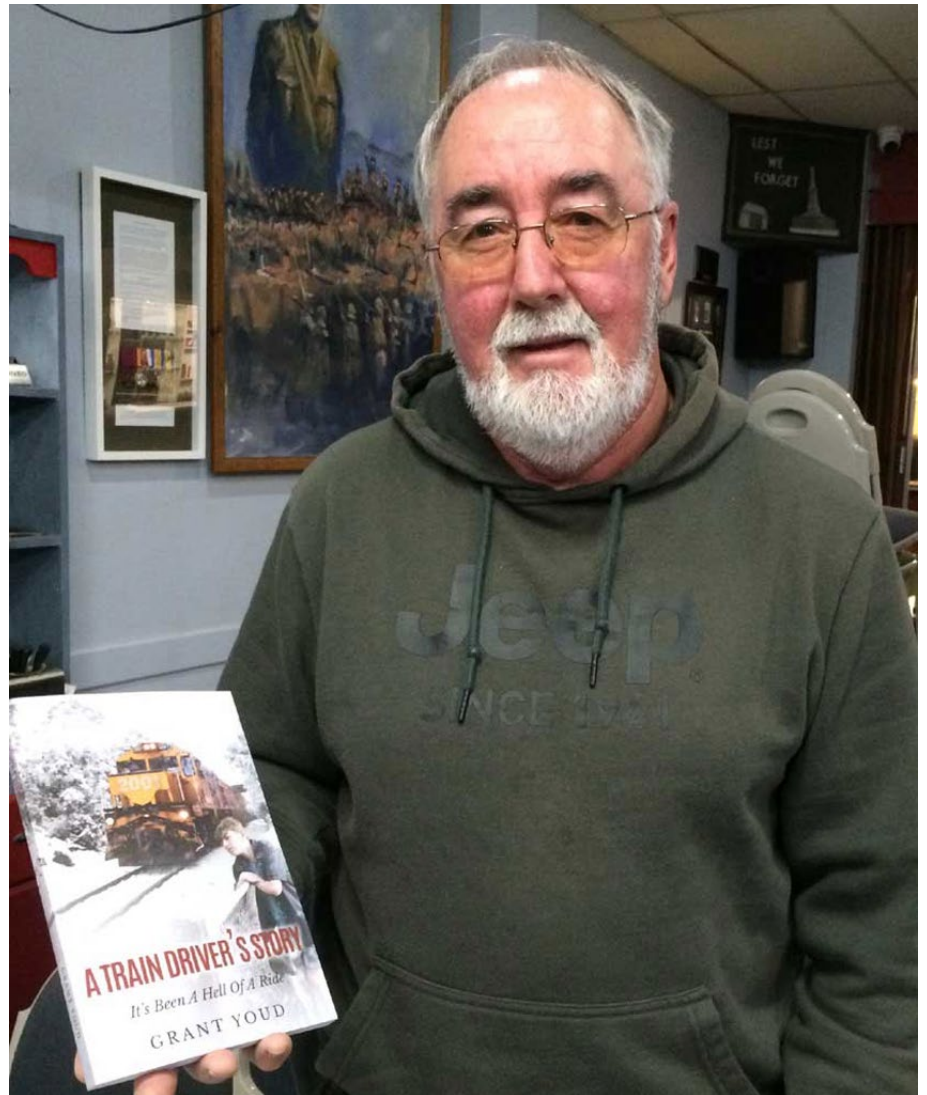
June came prepared with a list of fines on just about everyone in the club, then finished by saying that she thought everyone ought to be fined – thus, *nobody escaped!* Well done June!

### **Guest Speaker: Grant Youd**

Grant was introduced by PP Paul Kearney, who had known Grant since their childhood in Deloraine.

Grant comes from a 'railway family' – in all, he and other family members worked on the Tasmanian rail system for a total of 136 years!

Grant holding his book, "A Train Driver's Story" subtitled "It's Been A Hell of A Ride."



The book tells of Grant's 48 years on and around trains, beginning with the days when he wagged school to go ferreting by hitching a ride on his Dad's gang trolley up or down the rail line. The following day, his school teachers appreciated him supplying them with dressed rabbits (two dollars each).

Grant's long service on the railways enabled him to experience the changes in management style, from the early days when 'you could get away with anything' to nowadays, where everything is laid down in great detail and woe betide you if you don't follow the rules – which is how it must be to avoid litigation.

Grant was asked if he had killed anyone. He replied "No", but he had had several "messy" incidents, which clearly still trouble him today. He decided to voluntarily visit schools and talk to Year Ten classes about the dangers of rail crossings. Those students would soon have driving licences and he felt it was important to impress on them what to look out for near rail crossings.

What about suicides? Grant described one incident where he managed to stop his engine just feet away from a man standing unflinchingly in the middle of the train track.

For the last ten years Grant was TasRail's chief trainer of new drivers, a position that gave him much satisfaction.

Grant was thanked by acclamation.

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Close: 7:59 pm

After the meeting, Grant was kept busy selling copies of his book to club members.