

Rotary
CLUB OF BURNIE



CLUB NUMBER - 18437

THE BULLETIN

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President – Barrie Crawford
Secretary - George Austin
Treasurer – Paul Kearney
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ROTARY MONTH: FEBRUARY – PEACE & CONFLICT RESOLUTION

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
Feb. 5	??	RSL
Feb. 19	??	RSL

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES – FEBRUARY 2024

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

Raffle Winner:	June
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President Barrie:

- Our guests tonight are from the Burnie Works organisation: Jim Cavaye (Interim CEO) and Olivia Lucas (Project Officer Collective Impact).
- First, though, I will ask Sec. George to seek the Club's approval for some necessary changes to our Club Constitution.

Secretary George:

- Given that we decided to meet only every second Monday from now on, we need to change the wording of some clauses of our Constitution and By-Laws that currently stipulate weekly meetings. [At this point, George read out the present wording and then spoke the words that need to be inserted instead.]
George then put a motion to the assembled membership; this was seconded and **carried** by the members on 'the voices'.
- Late in February, we will have four barbecue dates in just seven days:
 - Feb. 24 (Sat) North Terrace - Burnie Council Feedback to Community
 - Feb. 25 (Sun) Bunnings
 - Mar. 1 (Fri) Blackley - Golf Day at Wynyard GC
 - Mar. 2 (Sat) Burnie Rotary - Golf Day at Seabrook GC

Hence, we will need all members to help us to carry out our commitments!

Treasurer Paul:

- We had a very successful BBQ at Bunnings on Jan. 6 – taking around \$900.
- Finances:

Service acct.	=	\$15,036
General acct.	=	\$7,816
Plumtree acct.	=	\$230

Past President Themba reported briefly to the club following his visit to Zimbabwe, where he also visited the Plumtree Hospital. He will provide a more extensive report on the hospital situation soon.

Past President Allan put a proposal to the club:

That we plan on having a guest speaker only once every second meeting – thus effectively once per month.

Allan explained that he believes the club needs to make more use of the free-time that can occur at our meetings, saying; “Our club has been slowly approaching its **death** for several years and we are simply letting things **drift!**”

This proposal would free up a 30-minute time segment once a month, which we would utilise to conduct club-wide discussions on key TOPICS that are clearly necessary to energise Burnie Rotary and which would be known in advance by the whole club, so when a TOPIC is raised at a meeting, each member present will have had time to think about it in advance, hence we will not sit silent with a blank mind. *Burnie Rotary comprises all the members, not just a handful of them*, he said.

Here are some examples of TOPICS in no specific order:

- Which one **local**, long-term **Community Service** project should Burnie Rotary be known for within our community?
- Identify one major, **multi-year, International Service** project.
- Are there good reasons to occasionally vary our meeting times and formats to focus on “**Fellowship**”? E.g., breakfast-time or lunch-time with or without meal.
- Can we identify **one** significant *fund-raiser*, in order to reduce our dependence on BBQs?

Allan remarked that we are not such a large club that we cannot cope with a free-for-all conversation by the whole club, with every member present having an equal right to be heard. There could be a ‘moderator’ who would encourage ‘silent members’ to voice their views, while limiting *some* members from monopolising the discussion time.

Allan asked: What do you think? There were several murmurs signifying agreement, but no disagreements were aired.

Guest Speakers:

Jim Cavaye led off, with a brief outline of Burnie Works organisation, after which Olivia gave us more details, focusing on their project Books in Homes, an activity that Burnie Rotary donated funds to 2023.

Burnie Works is an independent, non-profit, community-based organisation. It has no direct link with Burnie Council, but has very close links with the Burnie Community. Some activities:

- “First 1000 days” – this emphasises the food needs in both pre-and post-birth lives of a baby.

- Assistance to those persons who get poor or no help from usual job agencies when seeking employment. 'Our aim is to address the specific barriers that prevent successful job-searching by certain individuals.'
- Community Knowledge Collection Project relies on persons interested in collecting information and stories that matter to the people in our community. Such details are often overlooked in usual 'opinion surveys.'
- Books in Homes: Burnie Works has been coordinating this Australia-wide initiative here since 2021. Community penetration by this activity is substantial. In one recent school term, 957 books were given to 319 children in 8 local schools and in one year, a total of 5,000 books were handed out to young children in our community.



Olivia and Jim

Close 7:44 pm