

**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 WIJESOORIYA**

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

Date	Event or Speaker/Topic	Venue
Feb. 19	Steph. Prendergast	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

<b>Raffle Winner:</b>	Laura – our Guest! <i>Aren't we a friendly mob!</i>
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**President Barrie:**

- Our guest tonight is Laura Sliskovic, who is the newly chosen recipient of our two-year Rural Medical School scholarship. I will ask her to say a few words later.

**Secretary George:**

- Each member should have received an email from me today containing the five undertakings we have between Feb. 17 and March 2 inclusive. Use the form to enter the times when you are able to assist and promptly send the sheet back to me!

The events:

- Feb.17 (Sat.) & Feb. 24 (Sat.) Sell Golf Day raffle tickets in Burnie
- Feb. 24 (Sat) BBQ on North Terrace - Burnie Council Community Feedback
- 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 these commitments!

**Fines:** June did not quite manage to fine everybody, but she had us all in stitches anyway. Good performance, June.

**Treasurer Paul:**

- Finances:
 

Service acct.	=	\$15,564
General acct.	=	\$5,624
Plumtree acct.	=	\$230
- Letters have been sent out to potential sponsors of our Golf Day.

### Guest Speaker: Laura Sliskovic

Laura, seen here with Rot'n Wayne Licht, demonstrates how any budding medico should behave – turning her back on alcohol!

Laura hails from Bicheno and has found Burnie to be 'just right'; a quiet town, with friendly, welcoming people and great beaches. She says she is glad to have escaped from Hobart. [*You've come to the right place, Laura! Hobart does not know that we exist up here.* – AJ]



Last week, Laura was chosen from four applicants to receive our club's two-year scholarship to attend Burnie's Rural Medical School.

Laura studied school up to year ten in Bicheno, but then had to travel to Hobart to study years 11 and 12 and undergo the first four years of her medical degree at UTas.

Laura likes swimming, cooking and travelling – with an overseas trip a hoped-for event sometime after graduating – **but Tasmania is 'home.'** [*With luck, Burnie might see you again as a qualified doctor* – AJ].

Laura showed us her very 'bubbly' personality, though clearly she is absolutely no fool! Laura is welcome to attend any of our fortnightly meetings and we will ask her back at some future time to give us an update on her experiences at the Rural Medical School.

We are very pleased that Laura was selected by President Barrie and Secretary George.

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Given that there was some 'free' time left, Barrie invited Allan to talk more about his proposal to have important TOPICS – of *relevance* to our club – discussed at whole-of-club meetings.

Allan said that by deliberately scheduling a Guest Speaker only every second club meeting, we should utilise the 'freed-up time' to conduct club-wide discussions on key TOPICS that are clearly necessary to energise Burnie Rotary. A TOPIC would be known in advance, he said, so each member present will have had time to think about it and ought not to sit silent with a blank mind when the occasion arises.

Since there was no such TOPIC advised ahead of *this* meeting, Allan simply invited us to spend time thinking of local service activities that could bring our club to the attention of the whole community. He pointed out that an immediate purpose of this is to make our club more attractive to a potential new member; af-

ter all, who wants to devote their time to a group that seems to be dead and the 'good side' of which the community does not know about?

Allan explained that he had read some very useful advice from the President of a Rotary club in Mexico:

Start with an assessment. *"We want to ensure we understand what the community's need is and not just rely on our perspective of it."* Therefore, we collaborate with local organisations. Our club partners with some of the area's more than 100 non-governmental organisations. That helps the club tap into their local knowledge and credibility.

Hence, when we do discuss this Community Service TOPIC in a controlled way, it would be important, Allan said, for us to list the many local groups that deal daily with sections of our community; not to see ourselves as the sole source of knowledge.

At tonight's meeting, the following was mentioned:

- A "Rotary Market" held every week and of a high standard, not like Burnie "Farmer's Market". [In Melbourne, the Balwyn RC (40 members) has run the weekly Camberwell Sunday Market since 1976. See <https://camberwellsundaymarket.org/cause/community/> Since then, over \$5 million dollars have come from this market and in 2023-28, the club will commit approximately \$1,000,000 to aid other Rotary Clubs in Australia.]
- An 'overseas' project will not only benefit people in another country, but it will substantially influence 'fellowship' within our club and *a/so* give us credibility within our own community. [One of our members, John Glen, and his brother personally-funded the building of a village school in Nepal and we know this village would benefit greatly from additional support of this kind.]
- Gardens for kids. Stephanie briefly described her experience from managing a farming activity for school kids who simply do not want to sit in a classroom all day, but who willingly participate in growing of vegetables and raising of animals. [Farmers are another forgotten (invisible) group like Rotary clubs! In Burnie, we live in a World Class agricultural environment, yet we queue at supermarket check-outs to buy food grown God-knows where by farmers who only receive 'peanuts' for their efforts. Surely, the vocation of 'farmer' is begging to be filled in our community!]

Close: 7:35 pm