

**Rotary**  
CLUB OF BURNIE



CLUB NUMBER - 18437

# THE BULLETIN

82ND YEAR - No 26 – March 18<sup>th</sup> 2024



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**in the WORLD**

President – Barrie Crawford  
Secretary - George Austin  
Treasurer – Paul Kearney  
Bulletin Editor – Allan Jamieson

## ROTARY MONTH: APRIL – MATRNL &amp; CHILD HEALTH

**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
Apr. 08	Allan Jamieson: Floor discussion Burnie RC's survival	RSL
Apr. 22	Ricky Charles: Organisation of Burnie West RC	RSL

**N.B.: See page 5 for our 2024-year calendar of meeting dates.**

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES – APRIL 2024

Birthday		Wedding Anniversary		Club Anniversary	
1	Aileen FORREST	24	Wayne/Sue-Ellen LICHT	6	Bruce CLARK
24	David BENNETT	28	Ken/Lois MOORE		

<b>Raffle Winner:</b>	Wayne Licht
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**Past-President Barrie Crawford:**

I am a proxy tonight, standing in for the absent President, Ian Guest.

**Secretary George:**

- I plead with our President (Ian) and our Past-President (Barrie) to meet and decide **who is our Youth Director?**
- As advised at our last club meeting, Burnie Council have asked us to run a BBQ at their "Easter Extravaganza" in the BAFC on March 30 (Easter Saturday). We still need volunteers!
- I have already appealed for one of us to represent our club at the Rostrum *Voice of Youth* awards night on April 11 at Marist College. Unfortunately, this date clashes with our fundraising movie screening at Metro Cinema "*The Boys in the Boat*". **Can someone undertake to attend the Rostrum evening?** Allan has produced 30 copies of a DL-size brochure listing all the Youth programs that our club participants in annually and these brochures are to be handed to the organisers of Rostrum on April 11.
- I have met with the Tas. Community Fund to discuss their grant to our club to help run the Don't Meth With Me ("DMWM") event at Parklands HS in 2020. Our plan had *always* been to put the event on in 2020 and 2021, but Covid put an end to that plan. The TCF is amenable now to us applying to access the unused money to help us run the second event in, say, 2025.

**Treasurer Paul:**

- Finances:
 

Service acct.	=	\$22,461
General acct.	=	\$10,354
Plumtree acct.	=	\$230

The Golf Day looks like contributing around \$9,000 to our funds – an excellent outcome! The Committee (Paul, David B., George, Barrie, Sharon and Mark) met to review that event and to plan details of the 2025 event.

Left over from the 2024 event were some unallocated prizes, viz.: Domestic Water Pump, value \$400; Radio/Light for camping, \$280; Senso Light, \$50; Gift card \$100. One suggestion is to place these items in a Silent Auction run on the Film Night (April 11). *Has anyone a better idea??*

**Wayne Licht** provided an update of the status of our joint Burnie RC, Burnie West RC and Somerset RC plan to install a public BBQ facility near the Burnie Yacht Club Carpark. *“Burnie Council is dragging its feet. In particular, there is no information coming out from the Council offices. We plead for an explanation of what the stumbling blocks are, but we get no response – and it is clear to me from my own enquiries that the elected Councillors are unaware of this situation.”*

From the floor, a member said that he surmises the real problem is that someone in the Council has declared that: “THERE SHALL BE NO INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF ASSETS HELD BY THE COUNCIL!”

The Bulletin Editor thought to himself – that makes sense; the Council seems to be spending big by creating foundations for the soon-to-be giant yellow Potato Chip display on the Bass Hwy, but *nobody* in their right mind would ever dream that these leaning towers could ever become an **ASSET!**

Heard from the floor; *“We must go public ... Contact **The Advocate!**”*

**Guest Speaker:** Our oldest member, Doug Forrest, did very well to cover his life’s journey, comprising 88 years in just 28 minutes!

Born in Launceston in 1936, Doug moved to Burnie with the Forrest family in 1939 and settled in ‘West Burnie.’ As a primary school boy, he recalls listening to wireless shows such as “the Sun-polishers Club” and several Serials, playing cops & robbers, marbles, and going to the pictures. He joined the Cubs and Scouts, and learned to be part of groups. In 1943, his father had a shack at Blythe Heads; fishing, skipping stones and fish traps were some memories he still has.

In 1948, Doug entered High School. The first principal was Charles Macfarlane, a remarkable man, and tennis, footy and cricket were played. After school hours, ‘we had our Bikes, swimming, cricket and Billy cart races down Queen Street. – GIRLS WERE NOT PART OF THE SCENE.’

During 1950-53, Doug joined the Air Cadets, which led to National Service in the RAAF. “I made many friends and am still in contact with some of them.”

Doug’s employment at APPM covered from 1954 to 1993. He commenced as a junior draftsman, progressing through detail and senior design drafting phases for all areas of the Pulp and Paper Mill and the Hardboard Mill. Also included during this period was a term of almost 2 years practical work in the maintenance gangs and workshops.

Doug also attended Tech. College in Burnie on 3 OR 4 NIGHTS A WEEK.

In 1962, he gained promotion to Asst. Maintenance Engineer. Jock Arthur’s management style as Chief Engineer taught him a lot, such as; “the job’s the boss.”

Doug continued to study, got married and bought a house – where he and Aileen still live. He gained a Diploma of Mechanical Engineering and subsequently became a Chartered Professional Engineer of the Inst. of Engineers, Australia.

In 1974 Doug was appointed Pulp Mill Engineer responsible for maintenance of the whole Pulp Mill together with additional areas. Challenges were many! He was inspired by one quote; *“If you have never failed, you haven’t tried to do enough difficult things.”*

In the same year, he became Area Engineer for the Wesley Vale Pulp Mill Project – the feasibility and cost estimate study for a 700 tonne/day Pulp Mill at Wesley Vale, Tasmania. His specific responsibility was the direction and supervision of some mechanical and civil engineering consultants (ICI Engineering, Melbourne); based in Melbourne, he flew home for weekends.

Doug travelled overseas with other APPM personnel to visit Pulp Mills and check out plant and equipment in the U.S.A. and Canada, also visiting manufacturers who tendered for major equipment.

Economic circumstances at the time (the AUD/USD exchange rate in particular) caused the Project to be “shelved”.

In 1977, Doug became the Area Engineer for the Burnie Mill Expansion Project. Following management approval, the Project was proceeded through the final design, construction and commissioning stages. It was a successful project!

In July 1980, Doug became Senior Project Engineer, responsible for the Mill’s Project Engineering Section, design office and activities of all project engineers. In 1986, he was seconded to the Capital Projects Department as Senior Project Engineer – responsible for all engineering aspects of work associated with Major Projects to the value of \$40 million.

In that role, Doug travelled overseas with other APPM personnel to visit Paper Mills and inspect operating plant and paper machine equipment in the U.S.A, England, Germany and Austria. He also visited the manufacturers in Germany, Italy and Finland who tendered for the major equipment items.

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In 1988 Doug was invited by Jim O’Hern, a Rotarian and former Burnie Mill Manager, to join East Burnie Rotary Club. *“I felt honoured; Rotary is highly regarded as a great worldwide service organisation.”*

*“Why do I stay a member of Rotary? Check this website that says it all; <https://www.rotary5960.org/about/rotary-annual-themes/> Effectively, making things happen, rather than watching things happen or wondering what happened. I enjoy Rotary, fellowship, supporting the community and youth.”*

As Albert Schweitzer said, *‘Real happiness can only be found by serving others.’*

#### Doug’s progress in Rotary

Treasurer, Secretary, President, Bulletin Editor, Programme Manager, Ass’t Treasurer, Golf Day Chair. *“I prize my Paul Harris Fellow Award”,* he said.


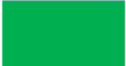
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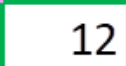
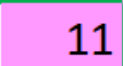
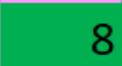
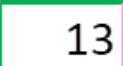
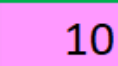
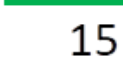

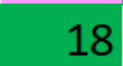
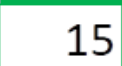

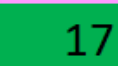

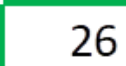


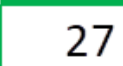
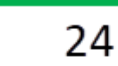
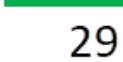
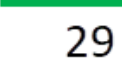
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## Rotary Meetings in 2024



Basic rule: Meet every second 'normal' Monday  
 - ignoring 'abnormal' holiday Mondays



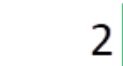

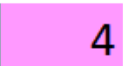
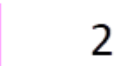



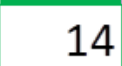
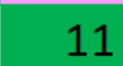


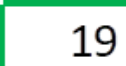
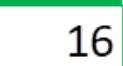

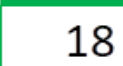
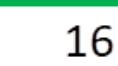









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 = Public Holiday Monday  
 = Club Meeting Monday

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 22	 26	 25	 22	 27	 24
 29			 29		

JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC

 = Public Holiday Monday  
 = Club Meeting Monday

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 15	 19	 16	 21	 18	 16
 22	 26	 23	 28	 25	 23
 29		 30			 30