

Rotary
CLUB OF BURNIE



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ROTARY MONTH: APRIL – MATRNL & CHILD HEALTH

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
Apr. 22	Ricky Charles: Organisation of Burnie West RC	RSL
May 6	??	RSL

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		

Raffle Winner:	??
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President Ian Guest:

- I am the Club President from now until Christmas.
- We have a guest tonight – Ryan Jones, who will tell us more about himself later on
- The “Easter Extravaganza” BBQ event, put on at request of Burnie City Council, raised \$800 (plus a \$50 donation) for the club. Well done, especially as we were quite short-staffed a lot of the time.
- The District Training Day is on the 5th of May at Deloraine. This day is designed for incoming club office-bearers, however, it is well worth any Rotarian attending, because you will certainly learn a lot.

Treasurer Paul:

- Finances:

Service acct.	=	\$23,141
General acct.	=	\$9,266
Plumtree acct.	=	\$230
- Does anyone support Sec. George’s suggestion that we run a silent auction on the Movie Night to dispose of left-over items from our Golf Day? **Deathly silence** was the response.
- The Movie Night ticket sales seem to be only trickling in. Can we boost sales in the next three days?

Pres. Ian then invited our guest, Ryan Jones, to the podium.

Ryan is 17 years old and currently in Year 12, after finishing his high school education at Burnie HS. He has been granted a place in the London International Youth Science Forum (LIYSF), a 15-day event held annually in London, England.

[LIYSF is an impartial, accredited not-for-profit social enterprise established in 1959 to provide students with a deeper insight into science (STEM) and how science can be applied for

the benefit of all humankind. LIYSF brings 500 of the world's leading young scientists aged 16-21 years old from more than 70 participating countries to learn about each other and our different cultures through a shared passion for science. LIYSF is held at Imperial College London and The Royal Geographical Society – with day visits out to other leading UK research centres and universities, including Oxford and Cambridge Universities. See <https://www.liysf.org.uk/about-us/about-liysf>

Ryan said the event itself costs \$6,000 (this includes meals and accommodation). On top, of course, is the travel cost of around \$2,000. He has raised approx. \$3,000 so far.

Ryan envisages attending Monash Uni, which seems to have very top-notch science facilities. At present, his interests lie in quantum maths, physics and chemistry.



Ryan Jones with Past District Governor Ken Moore

President Ian said to Ryan that the Club's Board will consider what support we can provide.

Allan Jamieson: "I will represent Burnie RC at the Rostrum Voice of Youth public speaking finals on Thursday at Marist College. I will supply those at the Rostrum event with brochures describing the many Youth service projects our club can offer." Allan then handed out a brochure to each of the 15 members in attendance.

David Bennett: "I believe I have secured a Vocational visit for us in June to Jayben Group (Durham Rd., Cooe). Jayben specialises in power train products and light to medium industrial plant and equipment. Jayben does its own R&D, engineering and manufacturing.

Allan Jamieson:

As forewarned as far back as early January this year, Allan has worked to establish a series of *discussions* by floor members on TOPICS that could arrest our club's longstanding trend towards irrelevancy and hopefully establish an ongoing life for the club in our region.

Allan pointed out that, despite our club existing in Burnie for over 80 years, we are next to invisible in our community. There is plenty of evidence that successful Rotary clubs have a prominent Community SERVICE project that is well-known in their community.

Tonight's TOPIC:
**Which one local, long-term Community Service project should
 Burnie Rotary be known for within our community?**

As a talking point, Allan noted that traditional Rotary clubs often behave as 'silos' and do not seek out the experience of other groups in their region. He then read out a comment from a club president in Mexico:

"We want to ensure we understand what the community's need is and not just rely on our perspective of it. Therefore, our club partners with more than 100 non-governmental organisations, so we can tap into their local knowledge and credibility."

Thus, Allan asked; "how many local organisations do we have good connections with?"

A report of what followed after this introduction will be distributed to all 28 club members, but Allan's summary follows:

- Of the 15 members present for the discussion, six contributed views and suggestions. The discussion expired after 22 minutes.
- The following community-based organisations were mentioned:- Burnie Works; Burnie Community House; Burnie High School (farm school); *non*-Rotary service clubs in our city; McKenna Park facilities (used by many sporting clubs). It was not implied that our club has specific arrangements with these organisations, but that we *should* seek to establish partnerships with them.
- The example of Deloraine RC was mentioned. Their long-running annual Craft Fair is well-known throughout Tasmania, but the *townspeople* see how the club works to maintain and upgrade the town itself. Thus, community service is the outcome of a serious focus by the club on fundraising.
- A Somerset RC project was also referred to: That club appealed to their community and other groups to find over \$155,000 to buy a 22-seat Toyota Coaster bus, which was modified to be wheelchair accessible and be used for students with severe physical and intellectual disabilities. This project was the initiative of a club member.
- Where is the Rotary Wheel? There was a time when prominent signs at the entrances to Burnie advertised the existence of the Rotary clubs in Burnie.
- The joint Rotary club project to construct a public barbecue facility near the Burnie Yacht Club provides an opportunity to publicise our existence.
- The ever-lengthening coastal walking path provides an opportunity for our club to install resting places along the Burnie section. The 'Pause Places' being installed along the Wynyard-Somerset section of the pathway are an example.

Allan sensed that very little of substance came forward during this initial discussion, thus we will need to revisit this TOPIC in order to come up with actions intended to ensure our continued existence.