

Rotary

CLUB OF BURNIE

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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

President – Themba Bulle

Secretary - George Austin

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INVOCATION

For good food, for good fellowship, may the giver of all our blessings make us truly thankful.

ROTARY MONTH: NOVEMBER – ROTARY FOUNDATION

Apologies: please call - Dr Themba Bulle on 03 6432 2222

or call - George Austin on 0438 450 801

Duty Roster: Graeme MUIR & Dilani WIJESOORIYA

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

Date	Event or Speaker/Topic	Venue
November 15	DG Heather Chong's visit – NOTE: Partner's Night	RSL
November 22	??	
Ideas for speakers? Contact Paul Kearney		

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES – NOVEMBER 2021

	Birthdays		Wedding Anniversary		Club Anniversary
13	Wayne LICHT			27	Wayne LICHT
22	Glenda				
25	Bekithemba BULLE				

RAFFLE WINNER	Graeme Muir
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ATTENDANCE	19 ... 76%
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President Themba Bulle:

- PP John Pease has had a fall, but is recuperating "OK".

Secretary George Austin:

- A warm welcome to Claire Griffiths, our RCS scholarship winner, who will speak to us later.
- The late PP Murray O'Connor's ashes were placed on West Park Oval yesterday by his wife, Jennie, PHF. Several members supported her in this act to remember Murray.
- I visited both Sandy Bay and Salamanca clubs recently, but was unable to make a full presentation of our Plumtree project for various local reasons.
- I plan to visit RC of Ulverstone in January to talk about Plumtree.
- We *might* choose to revise the Proposal we had intended to make to RI for our Plumtree project, to lower the ambition – dollar wise – to fit the likely amount of funds we can raise in the time remaining.
- Our DG, Heather Chong will visit our club next Monday, Nov. 15th. **Partner's night!**
- I was given a February date for our Charities Golf Day at Seabrook GC. We feel this is a month too early, so we are considering our options.
- It is likely we will cease to plan for a Film Night at Metro Cinema in December and also for the 'Open-Air' cinema in 2022.

PDG Ken Moore:

- Australian Rotary Health (ARH) seeks to have us join with Somerset RC to conduct a “Research Night”, during which some PhD students funded by ARH will talk about their studies in combating various health issues. This is intended to take place in April-May 2022 and would be a Partner’s Night. The Burnie Civic Centre might be a possible venue.

PP Barrie Crawford:

Barrie explained that our Fines Master John Pease was “off on Worker’s Compensation”. Barrie did a good job of standing in for John.

Guest Speaker:

PP John Glen introduced Claire Griffiths to the members. Claire has a five year old son and a nine week-old daughter. Her graduation from the Rural Clinical School (RCS) is only a few weeks off. She said:

- My family home in Strahan St., South Burnie is where I grew up (Infuse Coffee is now located there).
- I certainly intend to live and work on the North West Coast, even if I have to leave for a period of time. In January, I will start as an intern on the Coast.
- I’m a palawa (Tasmanian Aboriginal) woman, and the entry pathway to university that I used is called the ‘Aboriginal entry Application Process’. During my third year at Hobart, a few of us were able to move to the RCS at Burnie, ahead of the usual intake at the start of the fourth year.
- I have always been active in ball sports, especially rugby, touch football and “Aussie Rules”.
- During my studies, I went on a cultural exchange to USA and investigated Native Indian medical concepts.
- During my course, I conducted a survey of the potential for applying “Social Prescribing” concepts in Tasmania. Social Prescribing is in use in UK and it enables GPs, nurses and other primary care professionals to refer patients to a range of local, non-clinical services to support the health and wellbeing of these patients. I found ‘rural’ GP’s here were mostly in favour of these concepts, though there was concern about the need for the non-clinical representatives to have some particular skills and to be accessible over time (such people are typically provided by voluntary and community sector organisations that often have a limited tenure due to time-limited funding agreements). One risk in this situation is a potential lack of trust between the GP, patient and local non-clinical persons.
- I sense a lack of awareness of Rotary’s community role in the Burnie area. An implication of this would be to reshape Burnie club’s scholarship scheme. For instance, stipulate that the successful applicant must attend club meetings on



some frequency. On the other hand, Burnie club members should make an effort to attend RCS events, such as end-of-year dinners, etc..

- It is quite likely that a student who does end up working as a doctor in rural communities was born in a rural area, not in a city. This could influence your scholarship selection process.
- Also, your recent satisfaction survey revealed that your members realise the club's membership "does not reflect the demographic mix of our area's business, professional & community leaders." [*Bulletin editor*: the score by the members for this survey question was -1, compared to the maximum possible score in support, which would have been +32 points!]. What would you like people to know about your club? Who is Rotary for and who would it benefit? Do you have clear information available online, with a nominated member as contact person?
- I seek to be a rural generalist GP, that is with extra skills which I can apply when circumstances require, such as to work in an emergency department or to be able to carry out certain surgical procedures. As well, I see it as important to have skills that would complement activities in whichever local community I might find myself working.

Claire was readily applauded for her presentation.

7:35. End of meeting.