

Rotary
CLUB OF BURNIE



CLUB NUMBER - 18437

THE BULLETIN

80TH YEAR - No 24– DECEMBER 13th 2021



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

President – Themba Bulle

Secretary - George Austin

Treasurer - David Bennett

Bulletin Editor – Allan Jamieson

INVOCATION

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

ROTARY MONTH: DECEMBER – DISEASE & TREATMENT

Apologies: please call before 1:00 pm Monday

Dr Themba Bulle on 03 6432 2222

or 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
DECEMBER 20	B-fast meeting, 7:30 am for 7:45 <i>plus</i> AGM	Food & Brew
JANUARY 10	Barbecue	Oakleigh Park
Ideas for speakers? Contact Paul Kearney		

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES – DECEMBER 2021

	Birthdays		Wedding Anniversary		Club Anniversary
12	George Austin				
16	Lois MOORE				
21	Kuniko JAMIESON				

RAFFLE WINNER	Ken Moore
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ATTENDANCE	18 (72%)
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President Themba Bulle:

Themba expressed his gratitude for the number of members and partners who attended last week's Xmas function at Blue Hills Honey, Mawbanna.

Secretary George Austin:

- Our AGM will be held at our *next meeting* - on **December 20**.
- Five students who will commence at the Rural Clinical School in 2022 have applied for our 2-year scholarship. Selection of 'the winner' will take place in late Jan. or early Feb.
- The Murray O'Conner sports award was presented to Ridgley HS Year Six student Mia Jones this morning. As usual the School arranged the whole presentation session very well.
- Our recent BBQ at the Pharmacy on Mount St. was financially very disappointing – *despite us receiving a \$20 donation from one young boy!* We also had great help from Jennie O'Connor as a member of our crew. Consequent upon the poor financial return, we have cancelled our plan for a second BBQ at this location on Dec. 18.
- We will seek to meet with Yvette Radford this week to learn of her needs in putting on a Slime Fun Run to raise funds for the community.
- Two local boys had crewed on the tall ship *Windeward Bound* from Devonport to Hobart recently. We had sponsored one of the boys. Apparently one boy had been 'difficult' at school, but is now a very positive and changed person.

Treasurer David Bennett:

As a result of cancelling the bus for our Xmas meeting at Mawbanna, we have some unused funds. David said he could return money to those members who had paid in advance, though we could allocate the money instead towards one of our Club Projects, such as Plumtree. *[From the floor, PP John Glen suggested we choose one or more local community needs instead, e.g., the local food van or the ABC Giving Tree (if this still exists), etc.. The suggestion was approved by acclamation.]*

Fines Master, PP John Pease:

One conversation was worthy of a fine:

George said to Chandra; *"I see you've got a nice new car!"*

Chandra replied; *"It's not mine!"*

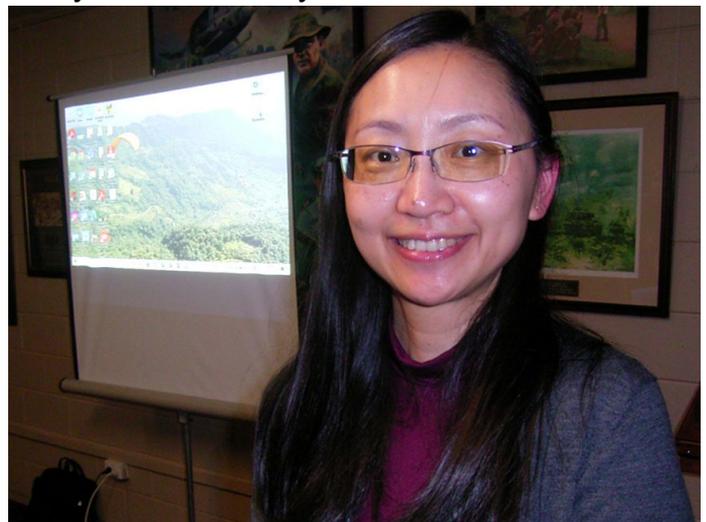
Dilani explained; *"It was a birthday present."*

Well, who to fine?

Guest Speaker: Dr Pui Ling Lau was introduced by Paul Kearney, who noted that Pui Ling is a very caring doctor who is liked by all and sundry.

Pui Ling explained that she comes from the very populous Hong Kong:

	Hong Kong	Tasmania
Pop'n/sq. km	6,800	8



Thus, it is almost one thousand times denser than where she now lives.

Hong Kong's standard school system is 12 years: Primary 6 yrs, Junior Sec. 3 yrs, Senior Sec. 3 yrs. When 40,000 students graduated from Senior secondary school, 15,000 of them entered University.

In Pui Ling's case, her medical studies extended for six years; two years of intense study at university, three years of clinical studies (working at four different hospitals), and one year as an intern (with very long hours and intense exposure to patients). She also underwent vocational training to become a GP; in all a further six years of study. Fortunately, her Hong Kong qualifications meant she was able to move to Australia as a doctor, though this easy entry avenue is no longer open.

The changing political environment in Hong Kong was a key reason why Pui Ling and her husband chose to leave and come to Tasmania. Her husband was a paediatrician in Hong Kong. They have three children, aged 13, 10 and 8 years. In Hong Kong, Pui Ling still has her parents and two brothers.

Pui Ling is very happy to be living on the NW Coast and we are pleased to have her as a member of our club.

Meeting closed at 7:45 pm