

Rotary

CLUB OF BURNIE

CLUB NUMBER - 18437

THE BULLETIN

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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: OCTOBER – ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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

or call - George Austin on 0438 450 801

Permanent Duty Roster: Graeme MUIR & Dilani WIJESOORIYA

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

Date	Event or Speaker/Topic	Venue
October 11	Hat night! <i>Partner's Night!</i>	RSL
October 18	???	RSL
October 25	DISCUSSION: Dealing with Member Satisfaction Survey	RSL

Ideas for speakers? Contact Paul Kearney or Dean Chamley

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES – OCTOBER 2021

	Birthdays		Wedding Anniversary		Rotary Anniversary
6	Senzeni BULLE	2	Paul/Philipa KEARNEY	18	David McCARTHY
9	Allan JAMIESON			20	Graeme MUIR
				22	Nigel MORGAN

RAFFLE WINNER	Themba – <i>again!!</i>
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ATTENDANCE	19 ... 73%
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President Themba:

- Welcome to Stephen Dowling, who is our Guest Speaker this evening.
- Themba praised Mandy for her delivery of our Invocation. It was word perfect, with the proper intonation as well. [Shall we ask her every week?]
- Themba had visited Somerset RC last week to seek that club's support for our Plumtree project.
- Next Monday is our ***Hat Night***.
- Themba alerted Chandra, Mandy and Pui Lin that they are soon to give short (3 min.) talks to the club on RYPEN, Shelter Box and RAM [?] respectively.

Secretary George Austin:

- Tickets for TSO – come and get them tonight!

Wayne Richards:

- The Rhodo Gardens are planning a big day on Sunday 28 November. It's their 40th anniversary and the local pipe and brass bands will both be playing (it's their 80th and 130th anniversary years respectively).
- Our Rotary club has the opportunity to assist with promoting the day through social media and getting attendees; assisting with car parking; ticket entry sales. Perhaps we could run a sausage sizzle too, although the Gardens will likely prefer to use their own catering.

PP David Bennett:

- The total of our three bank accounts is approx. \$28,000. There are *still* some (about six) annual subs *due!!!*
- It seems that the members who expect to receive *The Rotarian* magazine from RI each month have not received anything from RI since the July edition. If this applies to you, you will need to email RI data@rotary.org with the following info.: NAME, POSTAL ADDRESS and MONTH BULLETIN LAST RECEIVED.

Fines Master: PP John Pease is *back*.

Guest Speaker: Stephen Dowling was introduced by PP Paul Kearney.

- Dowling McCarthy Tyres (DMcC) has been going for 44 years, after “Tiger” Dowling and “Putt” McCarthy put their heads together. Back then, there were several other tyre outlets in our area, such as Brown’s Vulcanising; Goodyear Tyres, etc. “We started in Cooee and we are still there. We are fortunate to have very loyal employees, who have sometimes continued without pay in tough times.”
- DMcC set up businesses in Hobart (1997), Launceston (2003) and at one time had an office in Melbourne Port as well; all up, we had 60 employees. Now we have seven outlets and 40 employees. Truck tyres and re-treads are the main driver of our business (That’s not surprising when a milk tanker can travel well over 1,000 km each day!)



Stephen (L) and Dean (R)

- At one time, there were six tyre manufacturers in Australia, all reliant on high tariff protection. When Federal Labor cut protection, this changed drastically. Now? **None!** All our tyres come from China. Worldwide, there are only four manufacturers: Michelin (Clermont-Ferrand, France), Bridgestone (Kurume, Japan), Goodyear (Akron USA), Continental (Hanover, Germany) in that order. Getting tyres into Australia is not cheap; prices of containers *skyrocketed* recently.
- Stephen said that the third Dowling generation is now involved in the business. The firm has consistently made donations to sporting clubs – tens of thousands of dollars annually.

Allan Jamieson

- Allan had been given a camera & charger by the senior nurse at the Covid vaccination clinic last Saturday. These items had been forgotten by a Burnie Rotarian who volunteered at the Surf Club.
- *Nobody at the meeting claimed these items!!* Allan will hold them a while.

7:25 close.