

*Rotary Club of Mundingburra Inc.*  
*Chartered 21 June 58*



*Changeover Dinner*  
*Thursday 29 June 2017*





**Changeover Dinner**  
**29 June 2017**  
**Master of Ceremonies - Neil Andrews**

6.30	Welcome, National Anthem, Rotary Grace	
	Introduction of Guests	MC Neil Andrews
6.35	Welcome	President Jim
6.40	Toast to Rotary International	DGN Ron Degenhart
6.42	Response	DG Robert Tardiani
6.45	Reports	President Jim Secretary Peter Treasurer Aloisia
7.00	Dinner and music	
7.30	Rotarian of the Year Award	President Jim
	Nominated by the Board as the most effective non-board member for the year (sponsored by the Kimlin family).	
7.35	Membership Award	President Jim
	Nominated by the Board for the most new members introduced (Sponsored by PP Geoff Maidens)	
7.40	President's Award	President Jim
	Nominated by the President for outstanding service	
7.45	Recognition of Service	MC Neil
	Wes Ryland and George Kimlin	Peter Kaye & Ron Degenhart
7.50	PHF Recognition	President Jim
	Paul Harris Fellow Recognition by the Rotary Foundation	
8.00	Dessert & Music	
8.30	Handover Ceremony	Peter Kaye, Jim Baker, Alan Nelson
8.35	Presidential Address	President Alan Nelson
	Address, thanks to outgoing Board, introduction of new Board	
8.45	Mundingburra making a difference	DG Robert Tardiani
8.50	Close of Formalities	MC Neil
	Stay for Music	

## National Anthem

Australians all let us rejoice;  
For we are young and free;  
We've golden soil and wealth for  
toil; Our home is girt by sea;  
Our land abounds in nature's gifts  
of beauty rich and rare;  
In history's page, let every stage  
Advance Australia Fair.  
In joyful strains then let us sing  
Advance Australia Fair.

## Rotary Grace

We break Thy bread of  
Brotherhood,  
And thank thee Lord  
for all things good,  
May we, more blessed  
than we deserve,  
Live less for self and more to serve.

## Rotary Club of Mundingburra Vision Statement

"To become more visible within the community with a focus on diversity of gender and culture as a community service club whilst embracing the avenues of service of Rotary International".

### "The 4 Way Test"

*Of the things we think, say or do.*

- 1. Is it the **TRUTH**?*
- 2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?*
- 3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?*
- 4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?*

### "The Object of Rotary"

Is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

**First:** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

**Second:** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

**Third:** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;

**Fourth:** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace, through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

# President's Report

Jim Baker

Well the end of another Rotary year, which means we look back at the past year's events and also celebrate the handover of the Presidency, to Alan Nelson.

A major strength of this club is the personal qualities of our members and the friendship and assistance they freely provide, all of which makes me proud to be a member. As I can only comment on so many things, it makes it difficult to prepare this report without overlooking something, or someone who has provided a service that I appreciate, but might not have mentioned. If I have done so, please accept my apologies as the help of everyone in the club has been truly appreciated.

The year has not been without its ups and downs, the passing of Wes Ryland, and the illness of Fred Gillham, have been some of the lows experienced. However, we have had some wonderful achievements including a record contribution to the Rotary Foundation in its 100<sup>th</sup> year.

## The Outgoing Board

As President, you are really only the Chair of the Board, and I thank my Board for the work they did during the year to ensure the club maintained its high standard of operation and commitment to the community and members. You made a wonderful team and I appreciated each and everyone's contribution.

## Board Members for the year were:

*Secretary - Peter Kaye*

*Past President - Paul Barker-Hudson*

*Director Service Project - Frank Griesau*

*Director Foundation - Peter Holmes*

*Director Membership - Jim Foley*

*Treasurer - Aloisia Ferfolja*

*President Elect - Alan Nelson*

*Director Youth Services - Jan Johnson*

*Director Public Relations - Shane Smith*

*Sergeant - Bill Barber*

Whilst I had excellent support from Board members, I need to comment on two specific people who I had very regular contact with between meetings. Secretary Peter Kaye has provided me wonderful support all year, and put up with many phone calls, often on a daily basis and I am truly grateful for your unwavering support. And Aloisia, again my thanks to

you, ever smiling and happy to take on any of the financial challenges I might ask. After four years as club Treasurer, I both thank you Aloisia for the work you have done, and hope you enjoy the break from the role as you hand over to Peter Holmes.

### **Rotary District Support**

Another aspect of our club, that many may not fully understand, is the level of support this club provides to the District administration. Our club is a major contributor to the success of Rotary within our District and I say thanks to these people who take on this additional task. The list below shows you the members putting in that little bit extra and adding to the backbone of Rotary in our District.

*Youth Exchange Chair - Frank Griesau*

*Youth Exchange Secretary - Katanya Lee*

*Youth Exchange Treasurer - Aloisia Ferfolja*

*Youth Exchange Trainer - Jan Johnson*

*Group 3 District Trainer - John Hall*

*District Protection Officer - Peter Kaye*

*District Insurance Officer - Peter Kaye*

*Rotary Friendship Chair - Brydget Barker-*

*Group 3 Public Relations Officer - Ron Hudson*

*Degenhart*

Secretary Peter Kaye not only does work for our club, and the District, but provides a lot of support to all Clubs/Districts within Australia on insurance issues to some degree you could call him Mr. Rotary. A fantastic commitment to Rotary and humanity, and clearly service above self.

### **Membership**

Our membership growth has had its challenges in that whilst we had the pleasure of inducting a number of new members, we also have lost a number due to relocation, and instances where business needs have prevented continuation in the club. The end result leaves the goal of building our membership to 60 by our 60<sup>th</sup> birthday in June 2018, a little more challenging. I am sure Membership Director Jim Foley will have more to say in his end of year report. I would like to acknowledge the participation of our newer members in various activities by their contribution to the club, and consequently our community.

### **Hosting**

We are also very lucky to have a number of people within our club who give part of their personal time to host exchange students. Being a Rotarian allows you to assist others to have a 12 month exchange in

another country, and to bring a student from overseas to come and be hosted in Townsville. The program is very life changing for both parties, and if you talk to any of the host families, you learn that they also gain a wonderful insight in to the incoming person's home culture, whilst building a life-long friendship. Many of our members have visited past students when travelling overseas, catching up with those who have become a part of their extended families.

To those members who have hosted, we owe you a vote of thanks for helping to enrich the lives of these inbound students, and making it possible for our outbound students to go overseas on exchange.

This year the club also assisted in hosting some members of the USA Group Study Team, and our thanks to Wendy and Bill Muguira, and Katayna Lee, who provided accommodation as contribution by our club.

### **Financial**

Our club is in a very sound financial position for the incoming Board due to the decision at the start of the year to adopt a conservative approach expecting to lose the Cotters Markets revenue. Fortunately the Townsville City Council delayed the decision to go to tender until later in the year, allowing us to raise additional income. The original uncertainty however might have stopped us from undertaking other projects during the year.

Our financial position is primarily achieved by the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle days (75%) and the Markets (25%). This of course does not come without some considerable effort by various members who are magnificent in taking on the management roles of these two projects.

We all owe a lot of thanks to Bill Barber for the tremendous work in his administration of Bunnings BBQ. Similarly the likes of Kevin Strike, Bill Muguira and Chris Heath, are major players who commit a lot of their time on Thursdays and Fridays. Not forgetting the cooks, who without you all, it would not be possible to operate this project. I cannot overstate the financial assistance this provides to our club. It's also an enjoyable time, confirmed by a number of past Rotarians who continue to assist us during the year, and their contribution is also very much appreciated.

These BBQ days not only assist us with revenue, but also the charities that we enlist to work with us on the days earn 60% of the profit for their own particular cause, to which they are most grateful. Sadly some charities are missing out due to their inability to find staff. A shining example of appreciation for the opportunity to raise money is the Mt Fox Fire Brigade, whose volunteers get up at 4am, and travel well over 130k's to participate in this fund raising activity.

Our Markets Director is John Hall, who not only represents us on the Markets Board, but ensures we have many helpers to take on the market day responsibilities as required. Many members have assisted on the Markets roster during the year, and with the expanded Riverway involvement, the load has been substantial, and I thank each of you for the contribution.

### **Rotary Foundation, END Polio & Australian Rotary Health**

The Rotary Foundation is a huge worldwide charity that does enormous work both locally and internationally to assist various humanitarian causes. This year is the centenary of the Foundation and I am pleased to advise that our club reached a record in its donations to the Foundation in this special year, with a commitment of over \$8000. We should be very proud of our own Charity and how it enables so many humanitarian projects to be undertaken around the world, and remembering that 50% of our contributions are available by way of District Grants for use on worthwhile projects.

The club also gave around \$2500 towards the End Polio project which was pleasing. We need to ensure that whilst we have almost eliminated polio in the world, the pressure is still on to finish the job once and for all. If you are a senior, you will no doubt recall the terrible impact Polio had on many young people leaving them crippled or disabled, and often kept alive in an iron lung. (Google "Iron Lung" and you will appreciate the immense importance of this project). My thanks also to Charmaine for her assistance in managing the Movie night END POLIO fundraiser for the Rotary Clubs of Townsville. I was travelling at the time and she did a wonderful job coordinating the event with Townsville clubs ensuring its success. The importance of the Rotary contribution to this program is demonstrated by the partnership between Rotary and the Bill and



Melinda Gates Foundation which provides \$2 for every \$1 we raise for the eradication of polio project.

### **Australian Rotary Health (ARH).**

Our club presents its guest speakers with a Certificate of Appreciation, which notes a donation of \$100 to ARH on their behalf (if not from local charities). These funds are used by ARH to assist in mental health research particularly in young people, which has become a major concern in recent times. This year I expect our club's total donations to ARH will be in the order of \$6,000, and I am extremely proud that Mundingburra won the ARH award at this year's District Conference

As you can see the combined donations to Rotary Foundation, END POLIO & ARH are considerable, close to \$17,000 excluding other projects that we assist locally, either directly or via our Bunnings involvement. Over the last 10 years, our The Bunnings partnership has raised over \$600,000 for our community, making Mundingburra's contribution significant.

As a Mundingburra member you are truly **HELPING HUMANITY.**

### **Projects**

This year the demand for hands on projects has been very limited, and it has been difficult identifying issues that we can assist with. In many cases it has been financial support required to assist with a community problem instead.

We did take on some smaller projects, another at Bluewater is awaiting better weather. The club also teamed with other local Rotary Clubs to recover the unwanted equipment from the Pallarenda Garden Retirement Centre. This project has consumed many hours and is still ongoing.

Projects are an important aspect, not only in helping the recipient who clearly needs our help, but also in building teamwork and friendships with our members with the activities involved. They can be hard work at times, but also great for fun and good fellowship.

### **Special Thanks**

Each year our club holds a charity Golf day for the Guide Dogs QLD which has been championed by Graeme Kenna, and who has done a fantastic

job. His project management has been one of the major reasons the event's success, even in our tough economic times. Thank you Graeme.

I also give a special thanks to Trish Harley for her continued role in producing our weekly bulletin the Spinifex. We Rotarians are not always good at getting our data to her promptly, but in spite of this, Trish ensures that the publication is of high standard and always sent out on time. Is a big job and we are very grateful for Trish's wonderful effort.

And it would be remiss of me to not also say how pleased it was to learn that Ron Degenhart has been nominated for District Governor in the 2019-20 year. Ron has also assisted me throughout the year with his wonderful photos of the club nights. Thanks again Ron.

Before closing I would also like to thank my wife Kay for allowing me to give up some of our retirement time to fulfil this role for our Club. The caravan is ready to again hit the road to see more of this wonderful country.

I have enjoyed the role of Club President and sincerely thank the club members for giving me the opportunity this year.

Finally I wish Alan and Annette all the best for the coming year, and am certain he will get the same magnificent support that I enjoyed from our club members. Congratulation to the new Board, I am sure the club is being left in excellent hands. Have a great year.

Jim Baker

## **Secretary's Report**

**Peter Kaye**

Our club is extremely lucky that following the abdication of then President Elect Bill Sproul, we had a replacement in the calibre of Jim Baker. At very short notice we are grateful to have had the commitment of Jim to lead the club for 2016/2017.

Under his leadership, the club has continued to be an example by which other clubs aspire. This is evident by the number of Mundingburra members who hold District office, or participate at a District level.

An example is the District YEP Committee which would not be in existence if it were not for the ongoing commitment of our club, not only for the overall management of the Program, but for the club's own participation in the YEP.

From a secretary's perspective, the club has fulfilled its obligations in respect of RI requirements.

Properly managed meetings, with a variation in program content and speakers has been a contributing factor for good and stable attendance.

Each meeting has been recorded by the production of the Spinifex by Trish Harley. This bulletin highlights the club's activities on a weekly basis, and I take this opportunity to congratulate Trish for preparing and producing such an excellent publication.

Monthly Board meetings are a vital element in a club's administration and they have again been well attended by Directors.

The key to a successful club is good and regular communication between President and Secretary, which has certainly been the case with Jim and myself. Hardly a day would go by without a call from one to the other to ensure planned events were in hand.

The Mercure has proven to be a suitable and convenient venue, and conducive to prospective members. The hotel has been supportive of our variation in functions from time to time.

I would like to acknowledge the commitment of Trevor, George and Bill Muguira in their various roles to ensure the smooth running of our weekly meetings.

Our club is reliant upon the operation of the Bunnings BBQs, and a big thank you goes to the weekly cooking staff.

A huge thank you of course to Kevin Strike, who through rain, hail or shine sets up the operation every Thursday and Friday.

Perhaps we take Bill Barber for granted, and sometimes forget that he has been the driving force behind this vital fundraiser for a decade or more.

It has been a privilege to serve the club as Secretary for the past two years, and I will be pleased to support incoming Secretary Wayne Haller into his new role.

Finally I would like to congratulate President Jim for his leadership over the past 12 months. The club has achieved much under his stewardship, and continues to strive to provide programs for the interests of all members.

Peter Kaye

## **Treasurer's Report**

### **Aloisia Ferfolja**

The Rotary Club of Mundingburra continues to retain a solid financial position, while the Accounts are not yet audited, I estimate that we will end the financial year with approximately \$95,000 in the bank. This is an increase of approximately \$20,000 over last year. This increase is due to several factors. Firstly due to the uncertainty surrounding the future of the markets Jim and his team reduced spending to ensure that Alan and Miriam would have time to re-evaluate our position if the market income was lost. Secondly John, and his team of market volunteers have ceased the opportunity to increase our income while it was available. Market income has increased by approximately 74%.

Current Accounts as at 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017 are:

• Club Account	\$10,338.31
• Community Account	\$43,816.82
• Visa Account	\$ 1,243.85
• Term Deposit	\$28,740.65
• Term Deposit	<u>\$11,559.66</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$95,699.29</b>

Of these funds approximately \$40,000 is retained as our cash reserve in two term deposits. \$2,000 has been set aside for a district grant during the 2017/2018 FY and a further \$4,500 has been set aside for a project that will highlight the Rotary Club of Mundingburra's involvement with Bunnings BBQ and the money raised.

The Bunnings Sausage Sizzle continues to be our greatest source of income. As at the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017, we have distributed \$34,141.34 to our Bunnings partners, retaining approximately \$17,070 in our community account to assist in our community and transferring approximately \$5,690.22 to our Club Account to assist with the financial cost of running the Rotary Club of Mundingburra.

Detailed below is a list of Payments made to Bunning Sausage Sizzle Partners during the 2016-2017 FY.

<b><i>Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Partners 2016-2017 FY</i></b>	
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>\$ Amount Received</b>
Townsville Ladies Golf	1,497.25
Prostate Cancer	1,613.62
Rotary Club of Townsville	1,570.89
Terry O'Brien	1,720.32
Community Support Policing	660.84
Terry O'Brien	655.59
Townsville Ladies Golf	2,219.88
Salvation Army	2,075.76
Terry O'Brien	2,844.12
Parks Hockey Club	1,622.04
Cootharinga	1,581.22
Girl Guides	8,083.76
Mission to Seaman	1,779.43
Mt Fox Rural Fire Brigade	2,531.00
Townsville Ladies Golf	1,653.82
Inner Wheel	2,031.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$34,141.34</b>

In addition to the income generated from the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle we generated approximately \$17,400 from our participation in the rotary markets. Together with the \$17,070 these funds were used to assist our community in varies ways.

Detailed below is how these funds were spent.

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>\$ Amount</b>
Country Cousins	370.00

Australian Rotary Health (guest speakers)	2,315.00
Disaster Aid	800.00
Jan - Cambodia Donation	200.00
East Timor Liaison Officer	500.00
Donation of Desk to Heatley High student no hands	299.00
Purchase of a Cushion to assist burns patient with Transport	225.00
Donation for Anvil - for Senior Elder of Uncle Alfred's Men Group	299.00
Kits4Kids	1,000.00
UN National Finals (Zachary Judge)	200.00
Ross River Golf Day	200.00
Street Soccer	2,000.00
Mayors Christmas Tree Appeal	500.00
Chocolates for Christmas	899.00
The School of St Jude Sponsorship	1,440.00
Donation to ROMAC	1,000.00
Bursary to TCLC	500.00
Helping Hands	1,000.00
End Polio Donation	205.00
Battery for wheel Chair	523.40
YWAM (speaker donation)	100.00
Foundation	960.00
Breast Cancer Donation (speaker donation)	100.00
Flying Doctor Donation (speaker donation)	100.00
Cervical Cancer Donation (speaker donation)	100.00
Rotary Foundation Centenary Donation	1,609.87
Rotary Foundation	400.00
Donation on behalf of Wes	100.00
Gilham Garden	128.00
Rob Aickin studio project	252.00
Youth Exchange Student	2,635.00
Parth Jhamb (Queensland Junior Physics Olympiad)	250.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$21,210.27</b>

In addition to this The Rotary Club of Mundingburra Trivia Night raised \$3,000 for Australian Rotary Health, \$2,270 was raised through our World's Greatest Meal and Donated to "End Polio", \$3,508 was raised for Guide Dogs through the Rotary Club of Mundingburra Golf Day and Ron and Vicki Degenhart raised \$1,700 for Rotary Foundation with their Mad Hatters Garden Tea.

Overall the Rotary Club of Mundingburra has contributed over \$31,000 to the international, local community.

Aloisia Ferfolja



# Rotary Foundation Report

Director: Peter Holmes

Before I comment on the past year as Director for the Foundation in our club, we should reflect on the achievements of the world's largest privately owned humanitarian charity. Something we should all be very proud of in this its centenary year.

Our Rotary Foundation is a non-profit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs. It is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

In 1985, RI President Clem Renouf, a Queenslander, launched perhaps our most ambitious undertaking to eradicate Polio from the world through the Polio Plus Program.

From its beginnings in 1917 with a donation of \$26.50, the Fund is now ranked within the top 50 charities in the USA by Forbes. And in 2016 CNBC ranked the Foundation as the No 3 in its list of **Charities changing the world**. They went on to say our Rotary Foundation was noted for connecting 1.2 million members from more than 200 geographic areas to tackle the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges, including projects that focus on disease prevention, water and sanitation, and maternal and child health. The ranking also recognised Rotary's role in the effort to eradicate polio.

*And as a member of Rotary you are part of this achievement.*

We started this year's Foundation fundraising with our World's Greatest Meal event, a fantastic night at the Nelsons, that raised an impressive \$2,270 for the END Polio Project. Thanks to Annette and Alan for hosting such a successful and enjoyable evening.

Thanks to the wonderful support from MGM, Rotary was given the opportunity to hold a pre-release film night. Mundingburra picked up the challenge of coordination for the combined Rotary Clubs of Townsville which was a great success, with all profits going to the END POLIO project.

Thanks to Charmaine for her work, which she loves to do, in ensuring the event was so well supported.

The end result of our END POLIO contributions for 2017 saw the club reach a magnificent total of \$3,221.00, which when matched by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation at \$2 for every \$1 we raised, is a significant contribution.

In addition, club members can contribute to the Foundation in a number of ways, either directly or indirectly:

- By a direct donation through the club
- By a direction donation to the Foundation and,
- By attending Club Foundation functions

*Mundingburra has many members who make tax deductible donations via the club which are recorded in their name. We also have some who make direct annual contributions, which are also recorded and appreciated by RI.*

The support for the Rotary Foundation, in its 100<sup>th</sup> year has seen Mundingburra raise an impressive \$8,074.00 to support this important Charity.

Members' voluntary contributions, Club direct contributions and Social Functions combined, attained the highest result recorded by the club in the past five years, and a clear indication of Mundingburra's support for the Foundation in this special year.

The social night at the Yacht Club was enjoyed by everyone who attended whilst celebrating the Foundation's birthday. A "spare change" tin was introduced on the night, which we hope will add to the continuing support of the Foundation each year.

Perhaps the most memorable came from the generosity of Ron and Vicki Degenhart, who provided a magnificent afternoon in the gardens at their residence in Aitkenvale. They, together with a very hard working Jan Johnson produced The Mad Hatter's Tea party; and what a party it was. The effort that went into the setup, the food and displays, were unbelievable and created a wonderful atmosphere. The function raised

\$1,700, which was an outstanding success as a result their hard work. We thank you sincerely for the day, with the bar having been set so very high.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent club in the position of Rotary Foundation Director and I wish my successor all the best for the new Rotary year.

Peter Holmes

## **Service Projects Report**

**Director: Frank Griesau**

Another year that seemed to have passed quite quickly! My first year on the board of the club was a breeze, mainly thanks to all the individual coordinators, namely Bill Barber and John Hall doing a splendid job with the markets and sausage sizzle.

Our regular yearly fundraisers served as the focus points for the year. The Guide Dogs Golf Day was the expected success, thanks to Graeme Kenna and without any credit to myself. World's Greatest Meal, organised by Peter Holmes and Alan Nelson and the Mad Hatters Tea Party, organised by Vicky and Ron Degenhart (with a little help of Jan Johnson 😊) were a great success without my help. My focus was on the Trivia Night, which saw again a significant increase of people attending. Along with a number of club and family members, our own Wayne Haller mastered the ceremonies on the night brilliantly and with that contributed significantly to make the night a success. Wayne created an atmosphere that will lead to even more people attending next year, I am sure.

A smaller project, the supply and installation of some colourful artwork and "memory installations" at the Good Shepard Dementia Unit, will be finished shortly and leave a lasting memory of Rotary Community Involvement.

We were able to accept and organise some smaller hands-on projects. The supply and installation of a pool rail followed by the yard clean-up for Janet Gilham were seen as enjoyable projects by all participants. The building of a recording studio just recently will hopefully enable a community member that is not capable of working full time due to illness supporting his income significantly in the future. Personally I believe that these kind of projects promote not only fellowship within the club, it will also get the club recognised for "being out there and lending a hand" in the community, writing new chapters in the "Rotary Story".

Although there have not been too many projects this year I believe the club can be proud of the achievements. I would like to ask my fellow

Rotarians to help me with ideas and suggestions wherever possible to help me make my second year in the position even better.

Frank Griesau

# **Club Administration Report**

**Director: Alan Nelson**

Before I get bogged down in other things for this report I must offer my sincere and heartfelt thanks to a number of people who have made my life easier in the role of Club Administration Director and President Elect.

Firstly, President Jim Baker and Secretary Peter Kaye for suggesting speakers and a million and one other things including being a sounding board for a multiplicity of things. Thanks to both of you.

Secondly, to all the good humoured members of our wonderful club who fronted up week after week, and performed all the tasks each week to make our weekly meetings a success. Thanks for your humour, tolerance and perseverance. I certainly didn't get the Rostering right all of the time. For that I apologise!

Thirdly, the balance of the Administration Committee, I'm not going to name, for fear of omitting someone. Thank you one and all for your contributions to the Club and its ongoing vitality.

Fourthly, I owe an enormous debt of gratitude to President Nominee Miriam Owato who has unstintingly found speakers for each of our meetings, and filled the program throughout the year even though Presidents Jim and I complicated by wishing to move things and generally making nuisances of ourselves. Miriam, you're an absolute gem, and shining star! I know the program would not have been rich and interesting were it not your hard work. I thank you a thousand times and that will never be enough.

Despite of the meddling from President Jim and myself Miriam had produced a very diverse program for the year: as you can see below. I apologise for any omissions here too:

- The Year Ahead - J Baker
- Vocational Talk - Wayne Haller
- Joint Meeting with Inner Wheel Club
- My Experience as a YEP Student - Annette Nelson

- The Bendigo Bank Model - Ross Growcott
- Returning YEP Student Presentation - Ainsley Flood
- Rural Emergency Fire Service - Katie Mann & Gordon Yorke
- Club Christmas Party
- Breast Cancer Awareness - Claire Smith
- Red Cross Blood Service (Blood Bank) - Chris Proctor
- ARH St Patricks Day Trivia Night: Frank Griesau and Wayne Haller
- Visit to Ayr Club - The Tractor Debate
- Visit to Ross River Rotary Club
- Baby Shower Night for Dominique Collins
- The National Disability Scheme - Gerard Byrne
- Townsville Multicultural Support Group - Meg Davis
- Vocational Talk - Frank Griesau
- A Refugee Tale - Innocent Rwamuhizi
- Obesity is a Disease - Andrea McDonald
- Annual Melbourne Cup Night - Tony Wode
- The Rotary Foundation - Peter Holmes
- Common Eating Disorders - Vivienne Salu
- I have something to show you - Barbara Griesau
- Mobile Money for Developing Countries - Jonathan Kuttainen
- Fundraising Options through Kingpin - Megan Herring
- Australian Cervical Cancer Foundation (ACCF) - Fiona McCarthy
- Easter Breakfast Meeting: Fr Kent William
- Domestic Violence presentation - Janet King
- Advances in Dentistry - Dr Cameron Arnold
- Testing for Prostate Cancer - Alan Nelson
- Visit to Missions for Seafarers Townsville
- Drive It - Greg Fitzgerald
- District Governor Visit - Ida Portella
- Joint Meeting with Lions Club

- Sausage Sizzle 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Night - Bill Barber
- Vocational Talk - Cathy McKenzie
- Annual General Meeting
- Youth with a Mission: an experience on outreach - Chris Kerr
- Water Sewerage Presentation - Gail Hamilton
- Vocational Visit - Townville Community Learning Centre
- The Royal Flying Doctor Service - Bruce Waller
- ANZAC Meeting - Neil Andrews
- Disengagement of Indigenous Youth - Karl McKenzie
- USA Group Study Exchange Team visit
- Kit4kids - Bruce Scott

Wayne Haller commented to me earlier this year that he was impressed with the quality of the speakers we're being treated to this year. I couldn't agree more with the sentiments Wayne expressed. With that I must thank all of the speakers who so selflessly gave of their time. Thank you one and all.

I must admit to a couple speakers whose presentation had a resonance for very different reasons.

Firstly, Gail Hamilton and her superb presentation on sewage and waste water. This is a topic that only crosses our minds when something goes wrong with the system. Gail brought to our consciousness this, the most underground of topics with class, elegance and good humour that few else could have achieved. Truly, a consummate performance!

Perhaps here is an example of infrastructure that is essential to our health and wellbeing that we, as a society absolutely take for granted with no thought as to how it contributes to our longer life expectancy. We need to acknowledge all the miracles that bless our lives yet we always expect to be there. There are more than a few unsung heroes here.

The other hand was Jonathan Kuttainen's talk on "Mobile Money for Developing Countries". Jonathan was every bit engaging as Gail's but he highlighted how mobile phone credits had become a store of value and a de facto currency in parts of the world with little or no



infrastructure and nothing in terms of banking services. With the clever use of the mobile phone network (pretty much the only major infrastructure is some part) it reduces the risks of carrying cash or other forms of value exchange and makes life easier in unanticipated ways. To me this ingenuity of humans, in finding novel solutions to complex problems using existing technology in unexpected way is a lesson for our time.

Lastly, I need to publically thank my beautiful, better half, Annette and our wonderful children for supporting this “Rotary thing” that takes me away from them all in a variety of ways and will do so for a while longer.

So, Annette, Sarah, Claire and Cameron, thank you for your love and everything that you do in keeping by head and feet grounded in the here and now, amid the relentless and sometimes chaotic life of a doctor and Rotarian. Those 168 hours in every week do get a bit cluttered sometimes!

Alan Nelson

## **Membership Report**

**Director: Jim Foley**

Membership has been steady and I'm very happy to say that we inducted seven (7) new members in this 2016/2017 year. This of course indicates the interest in our club and just how good our club is.

There is always the loss of members and this year we lost a few due to transfer, ill health and unfortunately the passing of a long-standing member Wes Ryland. Due to those reasons we did loose nine (9) members, and so the scale did slightly tip into the negative. The loss of those members does not reflect badly on the club as the reasons for their departure could not be avoided.

The new members this year were: Charmane Binnie, Karl McKenzie, Chris Heath, Melanie Costi, James Foley, Vic Reilla, Debra Stokes.

Exiting members: Kathryn Mansted, Scott Stewart, David Nutt, Jeanette Mackintosh, Andrew Swaney, Wes Ryland, Fred Gillham, Pam Low, Cathy McKenzie.

I am proud to say the commitment to Rotary from the new members has been outstanding.

Charmaine with the Markets and now on the Board, Karl also taking on a Board role, Chris helping each Thursday on the Bunnings BBQ, Mel and Deb already helping on working bee's and Vic who donates, and delivers, the ice each week to our Bunnings project. James is currently in Brisbane but will no doubt contribute if he returns to Townsville.

Jim Foley

## **Public Relations Report**

**Director: Shane Smith**

I would firstly like to congratulate Jim for a very successful year leading the club. I felt privileged to be part of a very friendly and active board. I enjoyed the board meetings very much and I think we achieved a lot through the year.

I was also very lucky to have energetic people in my group who help spread the load.

We were able help in the promotion of all the events we had through the year. Your club now uses Twitter, snap chat, Facebook to send out our message as well as the more traditional methods. Social media and especially Facebook has become a great way of promoting and communicating to the world the deeds and events of our great club. Your PR team has actively used our Facebook page to fly the Mundingburra flag.

A big thank you to all the people who have helped from my office, who helped the club with their projects.

I wish incoming President Alan and his Board all the best for next year.

Shane Smith

## **Youth Services Report**

**Director: Jan Johnson**

Once again Mundingburra can be proud of its commitment and contribution to the District YE Program, with our club providing the majority of the membership of District YEP Committee under the leadership of new Chairman Frank Griesau.

Kat has continued on in the role of YEP Secretary and Aloisia as Treasurer.

In July we farewelled Veronica from Brazil, and I wish to again acknowledge the wonderful support of the Nelson, Hall, Griesau, and Collins families in their hosting of Veronica.

We have since welcomed Miyuu Tomari from Japan, who we are hosting on a shared basis with Townsville Daybreak, and I wish to thank Rangi Day, and Ron and Viki Degenhart for hosting Miyuu, who will transfer to Daybreak in July.

Sponsored 2015 outbound students Ashlee Flood (France) and Laura Wicks (Belgium) returned in 2016, and our 2017 students Gemma O'Kane and Glen Teece departed on their respective exchanges earlier this year. Gemma is in Japan and Glen is our first exchangee to Taiwan.

Selections for 2018 took place at St Margaret Mary's college in May, and as a result Mundingburra will sponsor Johnathon Oliver for exchange in Sweden departing next January.

The Townsville Rotaract club was sponsored by Mundingburra, and received its Charter with 21 members from DG Ida 12 August 2016. This was the culmination of an initiative between Claudia Trave, Paul Barker Hudson and Peter Kaye, with Claudia being elected as Charter President.

The club meets at JCU, and with Claudia also being a Mundingburra Rotarian we also receive updates on Rotaract activities.

Our club has submitted two applications to participate in the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) and we are awaiting the results of selection.

I wish to Thank President Jim for his support throughout the year, and Karl every success in the position of Youth Services Director next year.

My thanks also to the club for the continuing support of our youth programs.

Jan Johnson

## **Rotary Club of Mundingburra Members 2015-16**

Neil Andrews PP, PHF\*\*

Bill Barber PP, PHF\*\*

Paul Barker-Hudson PP

Cain Bruhn-Tanzer

Dominique Collins

Michael Day PHF

Dave Dymock

James Foley

Fred Gillham RFB, PP, PHF\*\*\*\*\*

John Hall PHF, PP

Chris Heath

Jan Johnson PHF

Graeme Kenna PP

Katanya Lee PHF

Cathy McKenzie

Alan Middleton

Alan Nelson

Dominic Owato

Trevor Philipson PP, PHF\*

Vic Riella

Shane Smith PP, PHF

Debra Stokes

Claudia Trave

Jim Baker PHF

Brydget Barker-Hudson

Charmaine Binne

Dave Cole

Melanie Costi

Ron Degenhart PP, PHF\*

Aloisia Ferfolja PHF

Jim Foley PP, PHF

Frank Griesau

Wayne Haller

Peter Holmes

Peter Kaye PP, PDG, PHF\*\*\*\*\*

George Kimlin PP, PHF\*

Pam Low

Karl McKenzie

Bill Muiguirra PP, PHF\*

Vince Nielsen PP, PHF\*

Miriam Owato

Chris Reiterer

Mohammed Shorab

Graham Stephens PP, PHF\*

Keven Strike

Tony Wode - Honorary

**PHF** Paul Harris Fellow

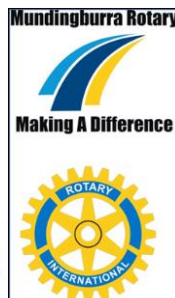
**PP** Past President

**RFB** Rotary Foundation Benefactor

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## Rotary Club of Mundingburra Sponsored Child

Augustino



## Rotary Club of Mundingburra Board 2017-18

President:	Alan Nelson
Secretary:	Wayne Haller
Treasurer:	Peter Holmes
Past President:	Jim Baker
Sergeant at Arms:	John Hall



