

Rotary



2019 - 2020 Annual Report

Mundingburra Rotary



Making A Difference

Rotary Club of Mundingburra - Chartered 21 June 1958





The 4 Way Test

Of all 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 of fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.



Club Changeover

occurred

Thursday 25 June

via a Zoom meeting

Celebration

of the 2019-2020 Rotary year

and a

Welcome

to the 2020-2021 Rotary year

held Friday 31 July 2020

Board for 2019-2020

President	Sue Lloyd
Immediate Past President	Miriam Owato
President Elect	Shane Smith
Secretary	Jim Baker
Treasurer	Aloisia Ferfolja

Directors

Club Administration	PE Shane Smith
Rotary Foundation	Brydget Barker-Hudson
International	Robyn Jones
Service Projects	Peter Kaye
Membership	Neil Andrews
Public Relations	Alan Nelson
Club Trainer	Jan Johnson
Vocational Service	John Hall
Youth	Karl McKenzie

Club Positions

Sergeant Coordinator	Bill Barber
Bunnings BBQ Coordinator	Katanya Lee

President's Report Sue Lloyd

Fellow Rotarians and Friends of Rotary

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your President during the past Rotary year.

When I attended the 2019 Rotary International Convention in Hamburg, Germany, I was inspired by our Rotary International President for 2019 - 2020, Mark Daniel Maloney. He is a real family man; a man of deep faith and he encouraged all the Presidents of his year to look after our current members. *Keep them connected and by doing this they will feel of value.* This past year I have tried to ensure, that no matter what was thrown our way, each member has felt valued, and part of the family of Rotary in Mundingburra.

Our year together has given us numerous opportunities to support young people, be there for others who needed assistance, operate a twice weekly barbecue at Bunnings with proceeds assisting local community groups and organisations and open our hearts to the youth of the world through the Youth Exchange Program and support some local students through many of our Rotary programs and activities.

Locally we have been able to support the Wee Care Residential Service - emergency crisis accommodation for young children and family support agency. Through the generosity of RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Service) Wee Care were able to replace their CCTV Surveillance equipment thus ensuring the children in their care and their staff, are safe. As a club we provided new blind coverings for all their windows and doors, and repaired their front entry fencing and gate. They are so humbled by the support of Rotary to help them get back into full operation after the Townsville Major Water event of February 2019. A special thank you must also be given to our friends in Japan who donated towards this project.

Rotarian Alan worked tirelessly for our club to ensure Simon is now able to drive independently - another amazing project of helping a family who might have slipped through the system.

Rotarian Peter and his team were there organising practical assistance when the calls came through - cleaning yards, painting walls, clearing rooms etc. Again, Rotary making a difference for someone or someone's family.

Internationally, we applied for and have been granted a Global Grant of \$AU5,000 for Victoria Porter's project in Kenya, we have supported Augustino from St Judes in Tanzania Africa during his gap year before he heads to his University studies, and we donated money for the "The Rotarians Helping Timor" Food Relief in East Timor. We also acknowledge the work of Rotarian Jan Johnson during her overseas travels with Rotary. Amazing work, networking and flying the flag for Mundingburra.

We have also been able to support communities badly effected by drought, bush fires and floods - three natural disasters which our country has again experienced over the past 12 months.

Each of the Directors for 2019 - 2020 have given so much in service and I thank you most sincerely for your commitment, skills and passion. You have made a difference - thank you.

I must also sincerely thank the ladies of Townsville Inner Wheel. They asked me to be a guest speaker and share with them the fish & chip baby jumpers project our club is involved in with East Timor. Whilst we have not been able to deliver our completed items as yet to Dili, we have as least 2 large suitcases full of items for newborn babies, a great partnership which I value. I will be attending their Changeover Meeting in July and present them with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Club.

I must sincerely thank each of our Host Families for taking exceptional care of our Youth Exchange Student Maria from Italy. Debbie & Quentin, Cathy and Mark, Norma & Steve thank you so much for all you have done. You opened your homes and gave Maria a family life here in Australia. A very special thank you to Aloisia - we appreciate all you did as Maria's Club Counsellor as well.

It was a privilege to support our own District Governor's wife Vicki with her project of End Trachoma. Another way which our club was able to contribute to improving the health and hygiene of those with this infectious eye disease.

There were so many amazing activities and projects which our club was involved in - to you all - thank you for what you were able to do to make a difference.

I must sincerely thank Assistant Governor Trevor Hyatt - whilst he had fun giving me a hard time throughout this past year, I really valued his support and wisdom. A really special friend - thank you.

It has been an amazing year having our very own member Ron Degenhart as our District Governor. He has led our District with dignity, passion and wisdom. Thank you. I have been honoured to be a President in your year of office.

To each of the Board members who worked alongside me during this past year, my very sincere thanks. It was not an easy year for me personally, but you all supported me and together we achieved so much. Thank you. The COVID-19 pandemic certainly sent us all into a spin but being flexible, we found other ways of coming together through Zoom meetings. We also continued with the projects we were able to do - hence still making a difference where we could. Thank you to the Secretary Jim for keeping me sane during this time of huge change.

I will be recognising the Board's contribution to our community when we are able to have our Celebration Evening in late July. I must particularly thank both Jim and Aloisia for your incredible support and their dedicated commitment throughout 2019 - 2020. Thank you seems so little but ***Thank you.***

Finally, to Shane Smith and his Board for 2020 - 2021. I wish you every success, an amazing year and plenty of opportunities to put the Values of Rotary in practise. Whilst this past year was about Rotary Connecting the World, may your Rotary year truly reflect Rotary Opens Opportunities.

Thank you all for this privilege and honour.

Blessings always

Sue Lloyd

President 2019-2020

Rotary Club of Mundingburra

Secretary's Report

Jim Baker

I would like to thank President Sue, Treasurer Aloisia, and the Board, for the support they have given to me during the year. It was appreciated. The Board has been great to work with and made the role of Secretary a lot easier.

I have also been assisted by many of our fellow Rotarians during the year, for which I am grateful, however it would be remiss of me to not offer special thanks to Kat Lee, Kevin Strike, Peter Kaye and Bill Barber in particular for assisting me on many occasions with advice and support when needed.

During the year we trialed a process of having Directors provide written reports in advance of the Board meetings, in order that everyone had a chance to read and consider any items prior to us meeting in a formal manner. This was also to assist in reducing the length of our Board Meetings, and so that quality time was put into the actions needed, if any. It was partially successful when we met physically but assisted a lot more when meetings were conducted by Zoom.

A real positive outcome of the Coronavirus situation has been the way the club has managed to take on the Zoom video method of meetings, it's not as good as us all being together, however it has allowed us to now invite guest speakers from areas outside of Townsville and learn of other issues impacting the world. With the facilities the club now owns, (Powered Speakers, Projector, Microphones etc) the possibility exists to have interstate guest speakers on odd occasions during normal meeting conditions.

And finally I would remind members that communications is a major aspect of keeping everyone informed, and whilst I might have flooded your email systems at times, I appreciate and acknowledge the wonderful work of Trish Harley for her magic touch on preparing our Spinifex each week, and reminding me of things that I might have missed. And not forgetting our champion club photographer Dr Alan Nelson who ensured the weekly notes had ample photos to highlight in the bulletin.

Again, thanks to everyone who assisted me, and also a warm welcome to our new Secretary in Robyn Jones, who I am sure you will ensure is assisted in the same manner.

Jim Baker
Secretary

Treasurer's Report Aloisia Ferfolja

Wow what a year, while we have been unable to participate in the Bunnings Sausage sizzle for the last 4 months (our major source of income) we will end the financial year with approximately \$117,263.50 in the bank:

Current Accounts as at 30th JUNE 2020

• Club Account	7,421.96
• Community Account	65,214.82
• Visa Account	1,459.71
• Term Deposit	30,889.52
• Term Deposit	12,277.50
TOTAL	\$117,263.50

The Bunnings Sausage Sizzle continues to be our greatest source of income. As at the 05.06.2020, we have distributed \$26,255.51 to our Bunnings partners, retaining approximately \$13,127.75 in our community account to assist in our community and transferring approximately \$4,375.92 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 2019 – 2020 FY.

Organisation	\$ Amt Received
Guides Sth T'ville Guides	2,484.26
Guides QLD - 5th Tville	6,373.63
Umoja Kenya T'ville	3,502.42
Parks Hockey Club	1,797.57
Terry O'Brian	2,266.16
T'ville VET Golf	2,461.97
T'ville Outriggers Canoe Club	3,155.02
T'ville Central Rotary Club	1,507.74
T'ville RSL Social Golf Club	728.22
Bush Fire	1,205.89
St Anthony's Catholic College	772.63
TOTAL	\$26,255.51

In addition to the income generated from the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle we generated approximately \$11,275 from our participation in the rotary markets.

Detailed below is how we helped the community during the 2019/2020 Financial Year.

Topic	\$ Paid To date
National Youth Science Forum	3,000.00
YEP Costs	3,323.60
Guest Speaker / ARH	2,500.00
Rotary Timor Leste Support Fund	2,000.00
Rotary Timor Leste Office Support	1,000.00
Kit for kids, Cardiac Challenge, Beyond Blue Matching Donation	2,242.73
Street Soccer	1,333.33
Donation for Melbourne Cup Call	500.00
Christmas Gifts to the Elderly	139.00
St Judes	1,500.00
End Trachoma By 2020	1,000.00
ROMAC	1,000.00
Reef HQ	750.00
Bursary TLC Paul Barker-Hudson	1,000.00
Rotary Foundation	1,900.00
Food Relief (food bank)	1,000.00
New Generations Program	2,000.00
Major Project/Donation (Motor Vehicle)	2,000.00
Victoria Porter "No means No African project" Global Grant	5,000.00
Wee Care Residential Project	5,985.00
TOTAL	\$39,173.66

In May/June 2019 we received a donation from the Rotary Club of Iwaki Tai and Yuko to assist with the rebuild after the January 2019 Townsville Flood, of these funds \$5,985 was used to Assist "Wee Care Residential Services" with new blinds/awnings. Wee Care Residential Services building was severely impacted and while they were insured, not everything was covered. These new blinds/awning's will provide the young children and staff with additional sun protections.

The Rotary Club of Mundingburra Art Night organised by Peter Kaye & Alan Nelson raised \$3,445.88 for "End Polio.

The 2019 Golf Day was extremely successful raising \$5,000 for Guide Dogs QLD, these funds will be used to provide services and support who are blind or vision impaired. Helping people to gain independence, freedom and live life to the fullest.

Aloisia Ferfolja

Treasurer

Guest Speakers and Activities for our Rotary Year

July 2019

Lego Play from RI Convention by Sue
Farewell YEP Laura
Daniel Flynn - Thank you Products (U Tube)
DG Ron & Vicki's Visit

August 2019

Welcome Maria YEP from Italy
Emily Han Singer - Guest of Peter Kaye
Dr Alan Nelson - Polio Plus
No Meeting
Artesan & Eats Evening - fund raiser End Polio
Lawn Bowls Evening- Southern Bowls Club

September 2019

Baby Shower for Kelsie - Townsville South West Guests
Neil Andrews - 5 Photos
Cane Knife Debate - RC of Hinchinbrook
Maria's Presentation - also Induction Myles etc

October 2019

President Sue Lloyd - RYEA & Christchurch
Guide Dogs Golf Day
Gina Solario - Keeping up with Digital
Mickey McKellar - Polio Victim
Arthur Burchette - Allara Learning
Melbourne Cup Evening - Tony Wode

November 2019

Peter Kaye - report from Christchurch
Brydget / Alan - Rotary Foundation
President Sue Lloyd - Club Forum
Debbie Erswell - NQ St John Ambulance

December 2019

AGM

Christmas Party - Seagulls Resort

January 2020

Social Picnic at The Strand - ANZAC Park

Special General Meeting - Annual Treasurer's Report

Peter Fry - Housing Industry Association

Grace Stanton - AITHM - TBC

February 2020

Combined meeting - RC of Port Townsville @ Yacht Club

Tomas Muguria - YEP - Return Presentation

Information Evening / Rotary Birthday

Geoffrey Saunders - Beyond Blue

March 2020

Bevin Irvine - Induction George Koulakis - Prostate Cancer Journey

Combined Meeting - RC of Magnetic Island on Maggie

April 2020

Dr Sam & Dr Shalisa - COVID-19 Virus

Easter social get together online

ANZAC Meeting - Neil Andrews

Sam Berns - lead by Kat Lee

May 2020

Katie Van Til (Canada) - former YEP student to club

Denis "Dingo" Dryden - Entertainer from NSW

Samantha Kentwell - Reef HQ Townsville

ROMAC & What is a Claudia - David Nutt & Claudia

June 2020

Italian Night - Maria YEP / Claudia

Induction Ian Jones

Maggie Hughes - Wild Life Carer

Virtual Changeover

Membership Report

Director: Neil Andrews

Firstly, my most sincere thanks to President Sue for giving me the opportunity to continue in the role of Membership Director. Wayne Haller, Ron Degenhart, Dave Dymock and Graeme Kenna graciously consented to stay involved in the Membership Committee and during the year we endeavoured to work to the membership aims President Sue set at the beginning of the year. These were to get to know more about each member, focus on member welfare including recognising hard work and achievements, endeavour to achieve a net increase in membership and conduct at least two Information Nights.



Getting to Know Our Members

In the early part of the year the Membership Committee continued with publishing information about members in the Spinifex each week as part of the 'Five Minutes with a Member' program. By all accounts the segment was a highlight in the Spinifex each week. Thank you to everyone for providing contributions in the manner and style which made the initiative a success. After some months of deliberations about what to do next the Membership Committee recently introduced a new segment for the Spinifex titled 'What About Me - One Picture'. Learning more about fellow members is still the intent. Each member is requested to make available a photo of themselves (humorous or serious) and briefly explain the context/significance of that photo to them and their life (and perhaps Rotary). Hopefully fun and frivolity for everyone over the coming weeks and months!

Member Welfare

President Sue asked the Membership Committee to continue with the 'care aspect' implemented last year by President Miriam. The intent is to maintain a very deliberate approach to taking care of fellow members who might be going through a tough time. We have endeavoured to do this through the following initiatives:

- Recognition of personal milestones and special occasions for members and their partner/ spouse. Cards were mailed out to members and spouses on these special occasions. This was operated in conjunction with and largely by President Sue.
- An informal program of welfare checks with the Membership Director endeavouring to contact members who had not been to meetings, involved in Club activities for a while and/or ill. This has been especially important during the

COVID-19 restrictions to ensure everyone was safe and well and was enhanced by the involvement of a couple of other senior (not old but experienced) members taking a proactive role to make telephone contact with every member. Thanks Jan and Peter.

- While not undertaken specifically by the Membership Committee, the club's decision and approach to maintaining contact and engagement with members by introducing 'Zoom' meetings at a time when physical meetings were not allowed, has been (in my humble view) successful in retaining stability in membership numbers at a very demanding and difficult time for everyone.

Information Nights

We managed to conduct two Information Evenings during the year. Both were considered successful in terms of the event but alas did not immediately result in an influx of new members (one with a couple of others still interested). The Membership Committee sincerely thanks those members who nominated people to come along to the Information Nights. Without this support Information Nights would stand no chance of success. While a number of those invited were unable to attend due to other commitments some have indicated an interest in Rotary and Mundingburra Rotary especially which may in due course extend to a desire to join.

The challenge on these nights continues to be a way to make the evening interesting and entertaining without being too overbearing on attendees about getting them to join. Ideas are always welcome.

Membership Status

At the time of preparing this report the nett outcome from a membership number perspective is positive. Early in the year we welcomed our youngest member in Myles McKenzie and more recently George Koulakis became a member of Mundingburra Rotary. Ian Jones became a member (via Zoom) on 18 June, and Robert and Sue Tardiani were inducted on 25 June (after the unfortunate decision by Townsville South-West to return its charter). The arrival of these new members means the club will have a nett increase of five members for 2019-2020. It is gratifying and a testament of the strength of Mundingburra Rotary that, notwithstanding the impact of coronavirus and our inability to physically meet for many weeks, club members have chosen to remain connected (mostly via Zoom) and engaged in the club and with each other. Our club is better for the experience and blessed to have membership growth in such difficult circumstances. New members Myles, George, Ian, Robert and Sue bring a wealth of new energy, skills and knowledge to our club and willingness to be involved in Rotary Service.

New Members Project

During the year the Board agreed to allocate \$2,000 in the budget to fund a project identified, developed and managed by the newest club members under the guidance of the President, Service Project Director and Membership Director (and facilitated by the Membership Director). In 2018-19 agreement was reached that the project should focus on identifying a practical and useful way to assist disaffected youth. Unfortunately, a variety have issues led to suspension of this project in 2019-20 but it is intended to progress the project in 2020-21.

Bunnings Information Presentations

In response to a request from the Community Coordinator at Bunnings the Membership Director was honoured to represent Mundingburra Rotary by delivering presentations on 3 and 4 March to members of the Bunnings Team approaching retirement. The intent was to introduce them to the opportunity of being involved in community service in retirement.

Annual Charity Golf Day

The Membership Director, in conjunction with Secretary Jim, Graeme Kenna and Jonathan Hall from Guide Dogs QLD conducted a highly successful Charity Golf Day in October 2019. Utilising a new model for conducting the event and with the support of many members of the club a profit of \$5,000 was achieved. Well done everyone.

Conclusion

Thank you all for your support especially my fellow Membership Committee members. Congratulations to President Sue on a great year. In my view Mundingburra Rotary continues to go from strength to strength and that is entirely due to the efforts of all members of the club, not just those on the Board or Committees.

Neil Andrews

Membership Director

Rotary Foundation Report

Director: Brydget Barker-Hudson

This year has not been the most active or productive of money Foundation. However, some events have been stand-outs - all before COVID-19 shut almost everything down.

The contribution from the film premier of the excellent film "Ride like a Girl" were much less than expected at a little over \$200. The Cannon Park Event Cinema were generous in supporting the showing, as the cinema used in previous years, the Warrina, was unavailable. All who attended thought this a very good Australian film but sadly the event clashed with several others in town that night.

A brilliant success was our 'Artisan and Eats' night at St Mathews Hall. Peter Kaye donated many of his elegant, artistic and beautiful wood turning vases, platters and containers which were great money-spinners. Alan donated beautiful photographs printed on metal and they were eagerly sought by patrons. Beautiful eats were organised by the Nelson family. This very social and successful evening contributed about \$3,000 to our Foundation.

The Degenharts tried twice to hold a garden party at their house as a fund-raiser, but both times their plans were thwarted - hopefully they will try again to repeat their high successful event next year.

We had only just resumed after the Christmas break when COVID-19 stopped us meeting together. The Zoom meetings have been very successful but not allowing us opportunities for fund-raising. Some money has been raised 'in lieu' of our meetings but in no way making up for our usual amount raised for Foundation.

For exact amounts raised please look to the Treasurer's report.

We can look forward to having a more 'eventful' and excessively good fund-raising year in 20/21.

Brydget Barker-Hudson
Rotary Foundation Director

Public Relations Report

Director: Alan Nelson

Public relations continue to be a challenge for Rotary. From the Club level to District, Zone and Internationally, Rotary is extraordinarily well respected for all the amazing achievements but sadly not a household word.

Public relations' is a challenge for all Rotary Clubs. The Rotary Club of Mundingburra is no exception. We live in a period of extraordinary changes and disruption and we have yet to hit upon the right formula to capture the public imagination. Most of the publicity gained in the last few years has been from a good social media presence. A well-maintained web site too has proved important. Thanks go to Jim Baker and Charmaine Binnie for having taken on this role during the year.

The Townsville "Defence Welcome" has been a regular feature of the PR calendar for Mundingburra. This falls in February. Our booth was staffed by President Sue, Neil Andrews and myself. As has been the practice in recent events, copies of Rotary Down Under magazine were handed out as an alternative to brochures. These have the club details on them and provide a lasting memento. We hope these are kept and hang around people's homes and spark an interest in that organisation called Rotary.

Similarly, a large number of labelled copies of Rotary Down Under have been placed at Townsville Day Surgery and Bamford Medical. The speed that these disappear from waiting rooms have been impressive. Who knows, we may be increasing knowledge of our great organisation. The current Covid-19 situation has prevented this continuing. That is expected that this will resume at some point in the not too distant future.

In a similar vein, we have developed a book mark as a brochure alternative for the Bunnings Sausage sizzles and other events. President Sue has been instrumental in creating these to date. Thanks Sue! Time will tell if these generate any interest in the Club. Again, we are aiming for a lasting, "non-instant rubbish" reminder of Rotary.

We had planned a Birthday and Anniversary Calendar of Townsville to raise money for End Trachoma 2020 and as a publicity tool. The Photos have been taken and selected. Sadly, this has been kicked into touch for the time being due to Covid-19. As it transpires, Covid-19 may mean that there is a greater demand for these once

we emerge from the current climate of uncertainty. With luck we may have a money spinner on our hands. Time will tell.

Traditionally, a deal of publicity has been gained through events like the Golf Day with proceeds to our long-term partners Guide Dogs Queensland. Our event in 2019 was no exception.

One project that Mundingburra should be proud of is 'Project Simon'. Mundingburra lead this project gaining financial supports from Townsville Sunrise, Port of Townsville, Townsville Central and Ross River, Rotary Clubs to supply a new car to Simon Eggins. Simon has Cerebral Palsy from a stroke at birth. He relies on a modified car for mobility around town and his old car had become hopelessly unreliable. In early May a new Kia Rio with modifications was supplied to Simon in May with the aid of Rotary Australia Benevolent Matching Grant with the NDIS covering the cost of the modifications. Due to the Covid-19, we have yet to have a media hand over, this is anticipated once the restrictions ease further.

It is too easy to see Covid-19 had been a hinderance for Rotary, but it may just prove to be one of the best things to happen to Rotary. It had forced us all to think outside the square. Meetings continue, relationships have been maintained and strengthened as we all look after each other. If nothing else it proves that Rotary is not simply a string of Clubs and Districts and the like but is a living, breathing and vibrant community. With the world as it is today, Rotary can only go from strength to strength as we are needed more than ever.

Alan Nelson

Public Relations Director

Simon's Car

Simon and his New Car



Modifications made



Service Projects Report

Director: Peter Kaye

There were two hands-on projects this year to assist victims of the Townsville floods.

The first project was to repair flood damage to a home at 7 Ransome St Idalia. The home owner, a single mother of two, was uninsured.

The project commenced Saturday 19th October 2019 with a team of eight club members who set about a yard clean up removing rubbish, trees, grass, with the aid of a skip.

On subsequent weekends, repairs were made to downstairs internal walls and replacement of internal door, and front door followed by painting.

New vinyl flooring was laid in the affected areas.

The second project involved support for the Wee Care centre which suffered damage to their CCTV security system and fencing. The security system was replaced by Voltec services. Fence repairs were carried out with the assistance of Vince Nielsen who fabricated reinforcing brackets for the fence posts. Some internal blinds were replaced in conjunction with the project.

Financing of the projects was made possible through the RAWCS flood Appeal fund thereby saving club expenditure of around \$10,000.

I wish to acknowledge the support and assistance of members, and more particularly Bill Barber, Vince Nielsen and Neil Andrews.

Collectively the projects incurred approximately 150 hours of service

Bunnings

The Bunnings BBQs continue to be the club's main source of revenue albeit suspended as a result of Covid-19.

We are fortunate to have a dedicated team of members consisting of setup and delivery personnel, cooks, and money counters.

A huge debt of gratitude must go to Kevin Strike and Kat who consistently ensure the smooth operation of this ongoing club project which has involved approximately 1,100 service hours.

Markets

Townsville Rotary Markets are also a main source of club revenue also a victim of Covid-19.

In spite of the disruption, the club has received \$9,075 to date for its participation.

There is also an opportunity for the club to increase its revenue by being involved in next year's Field Days.

A huge thanks to John Hall who has championed the Markets and encouraged our participation over the years.

Timor-Leste Food Project

Following the Timor-Leste Government imposing a state of emergency as a result of Covid-19, many local people have been prevented from travelling to obtain basic needs including food.

The RC of Dili Lafaek has launched a project to assist with basic needs for vulnerable people with the provision of rice, potatoes, eggs, and cooking oil to 100 households.

Our club has contributed \$2,000 towards this humanitarian service project.



Peter Kaye
Services Director

Wee Care Project

WeeCare Residential Services

Thank you Mundingburra and our friends in Japan for supporting WeeCare after they were so badly effected by theTownsville floods in February 2019.

They moved back into their premises in late October 2019 and Rotary was there to repair their entry fence and gate as well as provide all windows with fresh blind coverings.



International Services

Director: Robyn Jones

International Projects

Victoria Porter and Jan Johnson were presented with a prestigious RDU: Highly Commended Award - “doing good in Kenya”. This Award was for the “No Means No” program, for “rape free” work providing a 6-week Self Defence Gender based program; programs on Puberty and Sexual Health and Against Violence. This award was presented on behalf of Past Vice President and RI Director Ken Scheller (dec).

Our Club also submitted an application for a Global Grant to assist in the work of Victoria Porter and her team in Kenya. Due to the COVID-19 virus and restrictions placed around the world, this Global Grant is still pending. The Club has donated \$5,000 through The Rotary Foundation Annual Giving Fund for this project.

Italian Night

Was held in May and hi-lighted by an amazing presentation by Claudia. She took us to many wonderful places to visit, talked about the Industries and the Primary Industries and the Social Life. The mountains, lakes and topography.

The highlight was the wonderful cuisine and making our mouths water with pictures of scrumptious Pizza's, especially Margherita.

New Generations Cultural Exchange

A proposed Vocational visit from Timor Leste unfortunately had to be cancelled due to restrictions on overseas travel (Covid-19)!

Overseas Travel

A “minor” mention to our Overseas meeting on Magnetic Island with Trudi Grice our Guest Speaker from the Rotary International Parramatta Office.

Visitors

A delightful evening was shared at the Carlyle Gardens Dining room where Peter Kaye presented a family friend's daughter ... regaling the meeting of her father on a plane home from Rotary Convention and the friendship that endured from his Rotary Business card.

Emily Han Singer was our guest speaker and was accompanied by her sister. She

gave us an interesting account of being from China as was her sister, along with their brother from Cambodia who were adopted by friend Jacques and his wife Nicole, French Canadians, from Quebec. Peter helped secure a 2-year scholarship for Emily to the British International School in Phuket, Thailand.

Peter and her father attended her Graduation Ceremony in May 2015 in Phuket where Emily topped her year with a very high score. Emily then went into Medicine. Peter felt this story was an amazing illustration of Rotary connects the world.

Robyn Jones

International Services Director

Knitting Project for Dili Timor Leste



Townsville Inner Wheel ladies joined with several members of Mundingburra Rotary to knit fish & chip outfits and small teddy bears for new born babies in Dili.

Dr Illa when she was in Townsville as part of the New Generations Project asked if we could knit for the babies in Dili.

And so our project developed. We have ladies on Magnetic Island, and ladies in Victoria all knitting for Dr Illa.

Unfortunately, the delivery of the items has been delayed until our 2020 - 21 District Governor Merewyn Wright travels to Dili sometime in the future and hand delivers them for our Club.

Youth Services Report

Sue Lloyd & Jim Baker

YEP Inbound and Outbound

Inbound Student **Maria Tenca** arrived in Townsville on 27 July 2019 and immediately settled in well to life in Australia.

During her stay with us, Maria had a number of host families look after her, and she enjoyed them all very well. Some moves were necessary due to the Coronavirus situations to ensure her safety. Her parents also wanted her to stay during this period to protect her from any issues in travelling back to Italy where the virus was still very active.

Whilst Maria loved being in Townsville, one of her loves was going to the Great Barrier Reef, and whilst up there gaining her diving license which she wants to pursue when home.

Maria gave her thank you presentation at our very successful virtual Italian Night in June (without Italian Food due to Covid-19), and we were blessed to have her parents and sister spend about 15 minutes with us all on Zoom. Maria provided us with a very well organised presentation on her time here thanking all her host Families and also the Club for making her stay so enjoyable, this was followed by a small gathering of Rotarians and Friends, in the gardens on The Strand, to wish her goodbye on Saturday 20 June. Maria leaves Australia on Friday 3 July. Thank you to her parents for entrusting her to our safe keeping during her exchange.

A very sincere thank you to Aloisia for being Maria's Club Counsellor and to her Host Families - Debbie & Quentin Oddy, Cathy & Mark Muguira, and Norma & Steve Hughes. Also thank you to our members and their families who have included Maria in their family activities.

Outbound Student **Thomas Muguira** arrived back in Townsville in January 2020 and gave his presentation in February on his wonderful exchange time in Denmark. It was very pleasing to hear him speak of the opportunities that he was able to partake in whilst overseas, and to build a list of lovely friendships with the Host families he met whilst away. He really enjoyed the experience and thanked Rotary for the opportunity to have this experience.

Mundingburra Rotary once again presented the annual **\$1,000 Paul Barker-Hudson Scholarship**. The recipient for 2019 was Joel Oakley from the Townsville Community Learning Centre. The award is made to a student, selected by the School, in their final year at the school to assist with opportunities to further develop themselves.

We also once again supported local students attend the annual NYSF (National Youth Science Forum) - an empowering opportunity for young people about real life science experiences.

Unfortunately, due to work pressures our Director, Youth Services, **Karl McKenzie** had to relinquish the role part way through the year. The Board managed the role for the balance of the year, but we sincerely thank Karl for his support of the Youth Services role over many years.

Sue Lloyd & Jim Baker

Special Project for Premie Babies



Mundingburra Rotary Helping in our community



Louise and Sarah
receiving the knitted
Octopuses
for Premie Babies at the
Townsville Hospital
Neonatal Unit



Mundingburra Rotary thanks Irene Hall for being our
Friend of Rotary and delivering the octopuses during
our social distancing

Wee Care Project RAWCS

WeeCare Residential Services

Thank you to PG Governor Robert Tardiani who through the RAWCS Benevolent Society was able to donate some funds from the Townsville Floods to completely replace the CCTV Surveillance Equipment at WeeCare when they returned to their restored premises.



Special Project June

Those small but very significant Moments where Rotary makes a Difference

Assistance to a lady from Far North Queensland

A member was contacted by a colleague concerning a lady from a remote far north Queensland location who needed assistance. Very sadly, her daughter who lived in Townsville had died suddenly and she needed to contact agencies to complete necessary 'paperwork' and clear the Unit in which the daughter had lived. The Unit was thought to contain items such as fridges and washing machines etc which she would like to distribute within her family or for her own use and so moving them north posed a logistical issue.

I was able to meet her from the train and take her to the Unit where we met a representative from the Housing Commission. The HC officer was very respectful and helpful, suggesting several options and services they could provide. Although the Unit was on the third floor, the building had a lift which proved very helpful. The Public Works Department provided a skip which also proved a necessity as the Unit was crammed with items and in a big mess.

David Nutt on the first day did a wonderful job of moving much of the bulky items onto the veranda, for other Unit holders to take, or into the skip. The next day Sue, Peter and Myles also assisted in clearing and cleaning the Unit. Myles was invaluable in being able to assist in explaining the workings of a mobile phone as the mother lives so remotely that they do not have mobile coverage and she was finding it hard to manipulate. I was able to take her around the different agencies to complete documentation etc. needed and thankfully arrange "Lifeline" to collect some items - this was the first week they were collecting again after the COVID-19 shut-down.

Many items were found useful by the other Unit holders in the building and they wonderfully made a collection to pay for some expenses. We did not have to hire a van as a neighbour with a truck and trailer was able to come to take the 'goods' back up north. The Housing Commission officer was helpful throughout and did an excellent job of support and assistance in these circumstances, which I suspect is not unusual for them.

I am grateful to fellow members of Mundingburra Rotary for their ability to come at a moment's notice and assist with this small project. Particularly David who did the majority of the 'hard' work in clearing the Unit. Myles for his mobile 'phone expertise, Peter for assistance and advice. Also President Sue for her openness to giving all needed support to this lady in great distress who was dealing with the unexpected death of her daughter, and the daunting task of administration and cleaning up and clearing for the Unit is a town where she knew no-one and which is many hundreds of miles from her home. She asked me to thank everyone who helped and the Rotary Club for their support.

Brydget Barker-Hudson

Bill's Award

Congratulations Bill

Well deserved



Bill Barber

being recognised for his valuable
Volunteer Service over so many years



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Ron Degenhart - District Governor

June 2020

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during our 2019-2020 Rotary Year

2020 - 2021



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