



50 Years of Service Above Self *Rotary Club of Mundingburra Inc.*

1958 – 2008



Club 17739 District 9550

Charter Date: 29 March 1958

Munding: an Aboriginal word meaning Spinifex or Long Grass

Burra: meaning People or Tribe

The origin of the Townsville suburb Mundingburra

PO Box 3142 Hermit Park, Qld 4812

R/I President: Wilfrid J. Wilkinson

District 9550 Governor: Joanne Schilling



"A Message from the President"

Neil Andrews 07/08



Fellow Rotarians, Special Guests and Friends of Rotary,

It is a privilege and great pleasure to have been able to contribute to the most recent seven years of the Mundingburra Rotary Club's fifty year history. In this short period I have not only had the opportunity to meet new friends and enjoy the fellowship of my fellow Rotarians but to join with them in serving the community, and to learn about the great work Mundingburra and similar Clubs do in the name of Rotary. I am greatly honoured by the faith my fellow 'Mundingburrans' have shown in me by not only inviting me to be President of the Club but to do so in the Club's 50th year.

The Club has in the past fifty years made a significant contribution to the community in diverse and varied ways. More affectionately known as 'Mundingbloodyburra' (so I learnt at my first District Conference) the Club has been a 'hands-on-can-do' organisation. This is best evidenced by the range of project activities the Club has undertaken over the years - Shade Shelters to Goat Tracks to Water Lifts to Motor Shows to Golf Days and the Traffic Training Centre to name but a few. In more recent times the same theme has continued with construction of a house, creation of Toddler Trails and participation in highly successful sausage sizzles at Bunnings.

In addition to its hands-on-can-do approach Mundingburra Rotary Club has also been a driving force in the establishment of a number of other Rotary Clubs and a very strong supporter of youth through the Youth Exchange Program. Thus, from its humble beginnings 50 years ago on 29 March 1958 with 20 members under the stewardship of Charles Butler, through the years where membership peaked at over eighty to a present day membership of thirty six, one thing has certainly remained constant - the ideal of 'service above self'.

As the 50th President of Mundingburra Rotary Club I extend my sincere congratulations to the Club and members (past and present) on the Club's significant achievements and contribution over the past half century. 50 years of service above self is a magnificent milestone and a record everyone associated with the Club should and can be justifiably proud of.

I hope future Presidents and members of Mundingburra Rotary Club are blessed with the opportunity to add to the proud history the Club has built since its formal charter in 1958.

Happy 50th Birthday.

Neil Andrews
President 2007-2008
Mundingburra Rotary Club



Mundingburra Rotary Club's

Sponsored Child

Augustino Dominic

School of St. Jude – Tanzania



"Charter Members & Program"

CHARTER PRESIDENT - JAMES CHARLES BUTLER

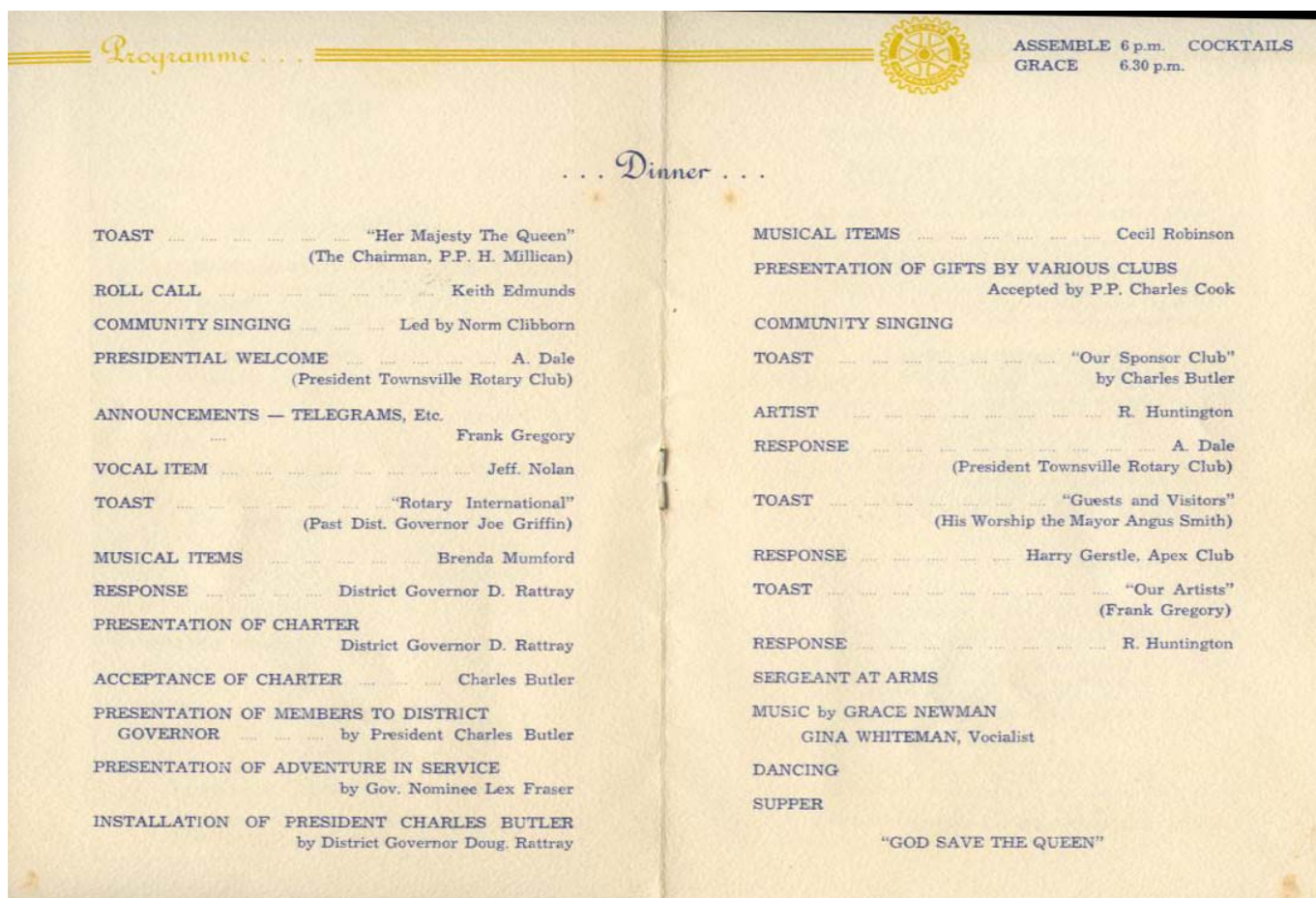
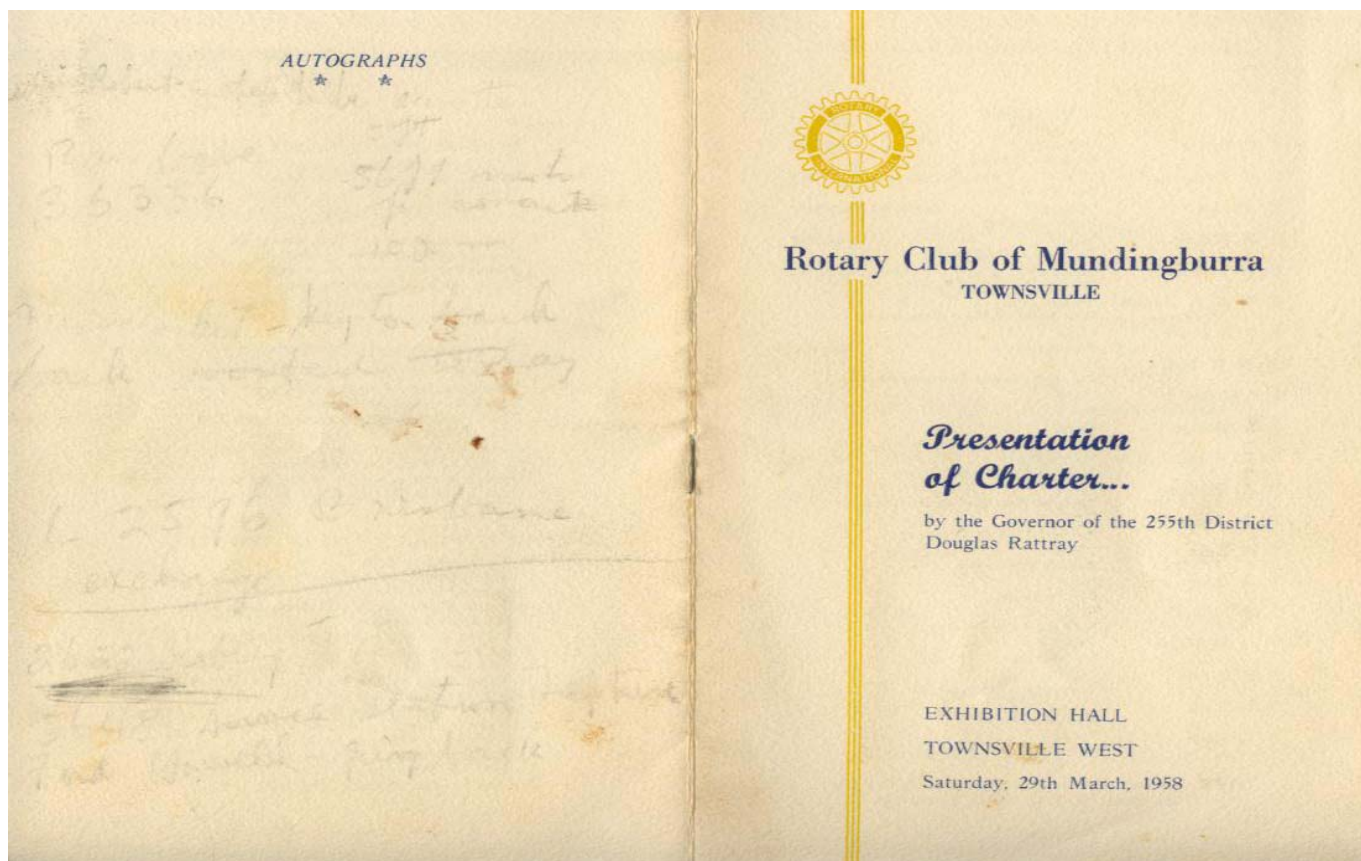


Past President Rotary Club of Townsville
 Foundation President Rotary Club of Mundingburra
 District Governor - District 255 1960/61
 Member Consultative Community Service Committee
 R.I. 1962/63
 Member Credentials Committee St. Louis Convention
 1963
 Member Consultative International Committee 1964/65
 Member of Advisory Committee to R.I. President on
 Rotary Extension Chairman J. Abbey
 Member of Findings Committee R.I. Institute 1965
 Librarian District 255 1963/66
 Chairman Student Exchange District 255 1963/66
 District Extension Councillor District 255 1963/65
 Currently writing history of Rotary in Australia
 Districts 255, 260, 265 and 267





"Charter Members & Program cont."





"Club History"

40 YEARS OF MUNDINGBURRA ROTARY CLUB HISTORY THROUGH THE EYES OF CHARTER MEMBER HOLLIS PARKER



During the latter months of 1957 Townsville Rotary Club appointed Charles Butler to select 20 businessmen for the purpose of starting the 2nd Club in Townsville.

At that time the Townsville Club controlled all of Townsville and Thuringowa, so they seeded an area starting at Lowths Bridge through Railway Estate to Rooney's Bridge along the Ross River to Thompson Street in Mundingburra then north through Gulliver to Dalrymple Road to Hugh Street & Ingham Road junction from there to T & G Corner and to Lowths Bridge.

Our first official meeting was Thursday 31.1.58 at the Great Northern Hotel.

Charter members were Charles Butler, Charles Cook, Fred Arnott, Len Freer, Fred Greig, Bert Hanran, Sam Hall, Reg Hedge, Dick Keating, Reg king, Ron Kern, George Kuskie, Devin King, Bill Klump, Bill Miller, Gordon McHugh, Jack McLay, Hollis Parker, Allan Tripp, Alan Whitney.

Registration Fee, including meal was six shillings our Charter night was held in the Exhibition Hall on 29th March 1958. D.G. Doug Rattory from Maryborough Club was present.

Our District was 255 and extended from Atherton to Gympie to Murgon, Kingaroy and Charters Towers. The first Handover night was in June 1958. Though our number of members was only 20 we enjoyed a lot of humour at meetings and projects. We held a combined meeting with Townsville Club when R.I. President Clifford Randall paid us a visit in our early years. This was held in the Olympic Theatre. Norm Clibborn was the first member to be inducted into the club after Charter night.

We continued to meet at the Great Northern till Reg Hedge, Publican's Lease expired then moved to the Allen Hotel, not there very long when management told us we were "nuisance value". At this time the new brink R.S.L. Building on Charters Towers Road was completed. We moved to this location in early 1967. In 1986 we moved again to the Rugby Club. 1994 saw another move to the German-Australian.

Our first working project was to build the Girl Guides Hut in Gill Park.

The following is a list of some of our working projects, not necessarily in this order.

- 1st Guide Dog for Blind to Herbie Morris;
- Moved a house from West End to Leichhardt Creek for Sub-normal children
Scouts Den at Bluewater;
- Scouts Den in Aitken Street;
- 1st section of show stall in 1962;
- 1st water lift at Oonoonba, followed by a number of others;
- Trickle water system for Sub-normal children Leichhardt Creek;
- Presented 2 electric wheel chairs;
- Rescue equipment "Jaws of Life" to ambulance;
- Audio-equipment to "Road Safety".

And the list goes on. More recently, built shelters in parks and half-size basketball courts.

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"Club History cont."

40 Years Of Mundingburra Rotary Club History Through The Eyes Of Charter Member Hollis Parker cont.

Over the years our produce distribution has been a very big feature with Mundingburra.

- Charity collection days every year;
- Of course our heavy and ongoing involvement with overseas students in many forms;
- Our involvement with the Station or youth rehabilitation led by Dick Barratt is an outstanding project.

We were the driving force in the following clubs being chartered:

Mt Isa club 1958;
Port of Townsville 1966;
Ross River 1971;
Townsville South 1977;
Townsville Central 1984;
Townsville Sunrise 1990.

Our top membership numbered 85 (including a few drones). To the other end of the scale we have had quite a significant number of excellent workers. Unfortunately we have saddled a few keen new young members to the point where their business suffered and we lost them. Let us learn a lesson from this and spread the load around.

We have established a high level of assistance to the community and we must continue to work as a Club and strive to uphold and improve the standard set. As the years go by there will be greater demands for service Clubs to assist those in the community far less fortunate than ourselves.

The Club has served under some excellent District Governors who have given us good guidance – credit for achievements and point out our shortcomings. Unfortunately one D.G. fell far short of the above – causing some members to consider walking out – one member did.

Looking back to late in 1957 when I was first asked to become a charter member, I hesitated before I made a decision. I'm very grateful that I made the right decision. We have been privileged to journey through life as Rotarians, and part of Mundingburra Rotary.

It's a small world – I met Fred Arnott playing bowls at a Club in the Newcastle District in February 1997.

I am proud of my 100% over 40 years and more importantly in doing so I have been privileged to visit Clubs who have a fine record of service and this includes 2 Clubs in Newcastle with about 15 members.

In New Zealand at Queenstown I missed the bus and walked to the Chair Lift only to find the Club had moved to the Motel I had left – such is life for a 100% Rotarian.

"Transcribed from Hollis Parker's handwritten notes which he prepared in the latter years of his life in an effort to ensure some of the Club's history was formally recorded."

"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.




"The Spinifex"

From its humble beginnings our weekly magazine,....."The Spinifex", has developed into an exciting and interesting source of information about the Club and Rotary in general.

The first magazine design was very simple. It was in issue 4 that the name was decided. This issue was the first time it was called "The Spinifex".

The "Original Spinifex"

Concrete Constructions . NO 5

 "SPINIFEX" 7th 255 N.D.
R.1.

OFFICIAL WEEKLY BULLETIN

ROTARY CLUB OF MUNDINGBURRA

CLUB MEETS EACH THURSDAY AT 6.00 P.M. AT GREAT
NORTHERN HOTEL.

OFFICERS 1957-1958

<u>PRESIDENT:</u> CHARLIE BUTLER	<u>DIRECTORS:</u>
<u>VICE-PRES.</u>	ALLEN TRIPP
<u>& SECRETARY:</u> FRED GREIG	BILL KLUMPF
<u>HON. TREAS:</u> JACK McLAY	KEVIN KING
<u>ASST. SEC:</u> GEORGE KUSKIE	LEN FREER

COMMITTEES:

<u>CLUB SERVICE ACTIVITIES:</u>	<u>VOCATIONAL SERVICE:</u>
<u>DIRECTOR & ROTARY</u>	<u>DIRECTOR:</u> KEVIN KING
<u>INFORMATION COMMITTEE:</u>	BERT HANRAN
<u>ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE:</u>	DICK KEATING
<u>SERGEANT AT ARMS AND</u>	ALAN WHITNEY
<u>ASSISTANT FELLOWSHIP:</u>	<u>COMMUNITY SERVICE:</u>
<u>PUBLIC INFORMATION</u>	<u>DIRECTOR:</u> LEN FREER
<u>COMMITTEE:</u>	SAM HALL
<u>BULLETIN AND FELLOWSHIP</u>	GEORGE KUSKIE
<u>COMMITTEE:</u>	JACK McLAY
<u>PROGRAMME COMMITTEE:</u>	HOLLIS PARKER
	<u>INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:</u>
	<u>DIRECTOR:</u> BILL KLUMPF
	REG. HEDGE
	REG. KING

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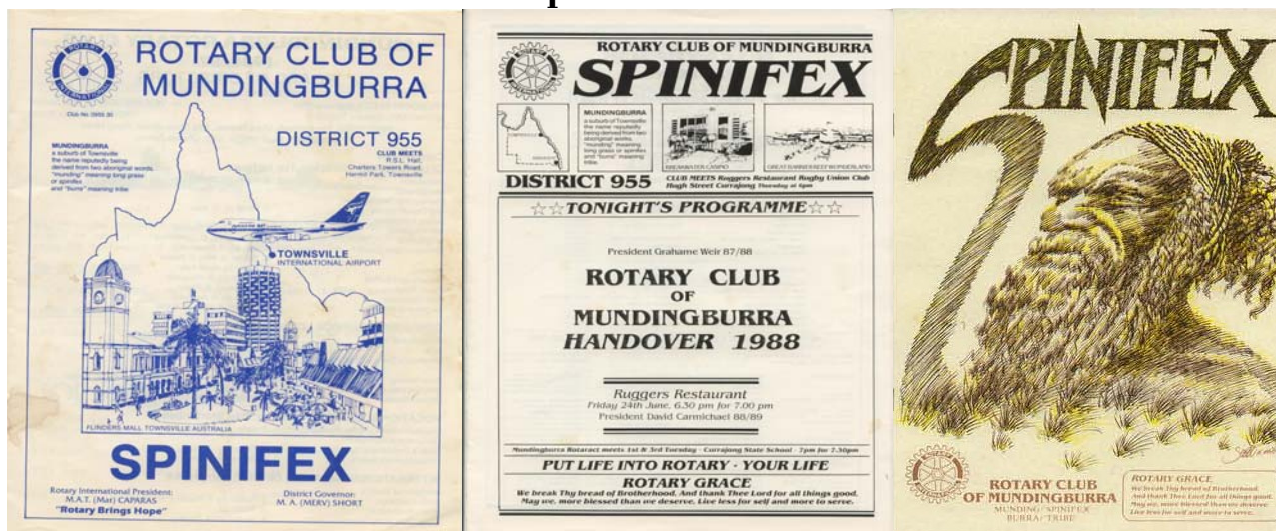


"The Spinifex cont."

The "Spinifex" in the 70's



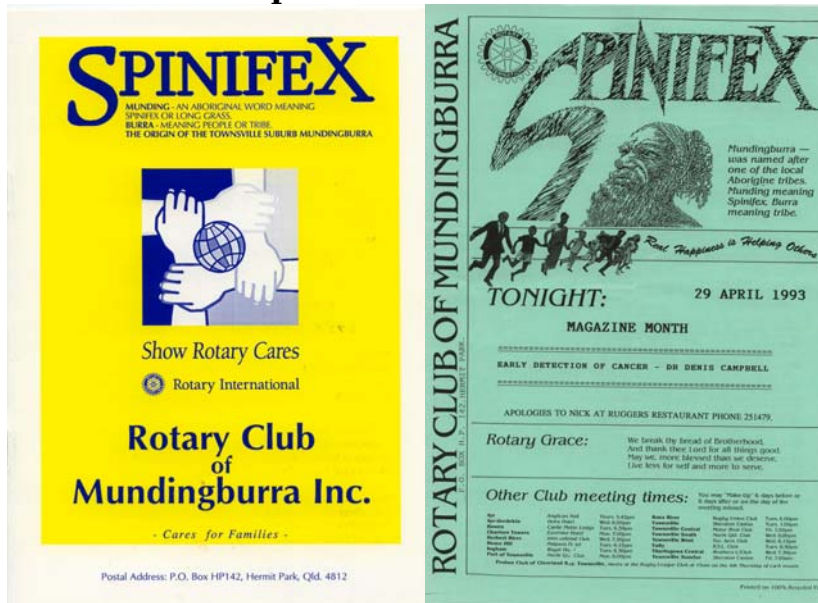
The "Spinifex" in the 80's



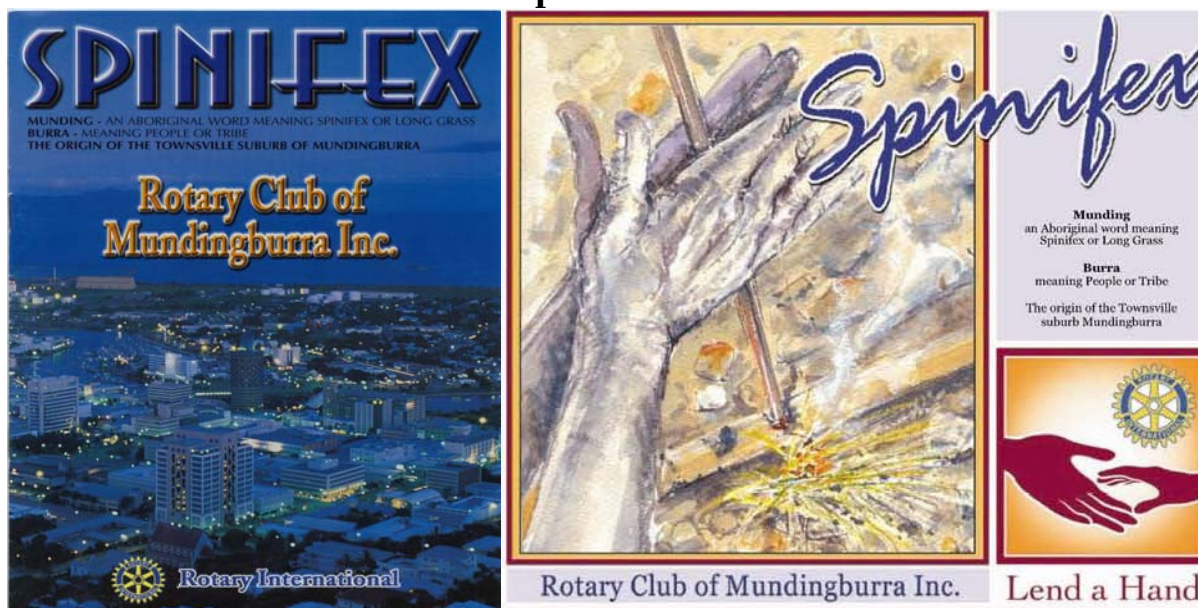


"The Spinifex cont."

The "Spinifex" in the 90's



The "Spinifex" in 2000



SPINIFEX

MUNDING - AN ABORIGINAL WORD MEANING SPINIFEX OR LONG GRASS
BURRA - MEANING PEOPLE OR TRIBE
THE ORIGIN OF THE TOWNSVILLE SUBURB OF MUNDINGBURRA

Rotary Club of Mundingburra Inc.

Rotary International

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"March" - Group Assemble

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The origin of the Townsville
suburb Mundingburra

'Rotary Shares'

District 9550 Governor Joanne Schilling

RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson

Advance Australia Fair

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.



"Wee Care"



Wee Care commenced services in 1971. There were a lot of families in crisis, homeless and injured after the destruction left behind from cyclone Althea. Families looked after other people's children in their own homes until it was safe to return to their parental homes or alternative accommodation had been found.

This gave the Townsville people an insight into just how much an organisation such as this was needed.

There appeared to be an increasing need for 24-hour emergency accommodation for children. Whether it be through illness, accident or other crisis circumstances, the parent or guardian was unable to care for their children.

The Sisters of Mercy offered "Coolock Cottage" to the organisation and it was officially opened on June 23, 1974. Wee Care then moved to King's Road and then to our present site situated at Railway Estate. Through a lot of dedication/hard work and generosity from service Clubs such as your selves, other community organisations and our local everyday people, we have been able to continually grow into the professional organisation we are today.

Wee Care Family Inc. has been very fortunate in having a persistent and very determined Committee over the years.

They have continually fought for financial support to keep our doors open. We offer respite/emergency care for children ages from 0 to 12. We are now funded through the Department of Communities which allow us to employ qualified professional people to care for the children who require our services. Wee Care Family has grown considerably from the initial onset after cyclone Althea and will forever be indebted to the wonderful people in our local community who continually support us.

We hope to continue to be a vital non-government organisation, supporting families in need and aiming to maintain family stability for children for many more years to come.

Wee Care Family Inc extends its best wishes to Mundingburra Rotary Club on its 50th birthday and sincerely thanks the Club for choosing the organisation as a donation beneficiary.





"Current Members"



Mundingburra Rotary Club 2007

Back Row: Bill Muguira; Peter Kaye; Bill Barber; Shane Smith; Peter Gilbey; Greg Skennerton.

Middle Row: Bob Doyle; Steve McGuire; Mary Williams; Ray Hatton; Ron Johnstone; Vince Nielsen; Bill Sproul; Jan Johnson; Jim Foley.

Front Row: Ray Pendle; Fred Gillham; Glenn Dawes; George Kimlin; Mike Dougan; David Ashton; Ian Weller; Trevor Philipson.

Sitting: Florian (Flo) Korte (YEP Germany); Renan (Ren) Rodrigues (YEP Brazil). Inset: Neil Andrews.



Darcy Cooke



Mark Daniel



Ron Degenhart



Justine De Boom



Terry Ellis



Brad Groves



Bill Kennedy



George Rice



Wes Ryland



Cedric Schultz



Graham Stephens



Reg Vaughan



Ambassadorial Scholar Yuko Kanda and YEP Melodie Spiess

*"Board of Directors & Members 07/08"*

President: Neil Andrews
Secretary: David Ashton
Past President/Vice: Fred Gillham

President-Elect: Brad Groves
Treasurer: Vince Nielsen

District & Zoned Board Members from Mundingburra Rotary Club

District Governor Advisor		Peter Kaye
District Insurance Officer		Peter Kaye
International Travel and Hosting Fellowship		Bill Muguira
Group Study Exchange	Chair	Graham Stephens
Youth Exchange	Treasurer	Brad Groves
Youth Exchange	Insurance	Peter Kaye
Youth Exchange Country Counsellors	Scandinavia	Jan Johnson
Australian Rotary Health Research Fund	Group 6	Trevor Philipson
The Rotary Foundation	Group 6	Ray Hatton
The Rotary Foundation Grants Sub-Committee	Chair	Fred Gillham

Neil Andrews
David Ashton
Bill Barber **PH/P**
Darcy Cooke **PH/P**
Mark Daniell
Glenn Dawes
Ron Degenhart **PH/P**
Michael Dougan
Bob Doyle **P**
Justine De Boom **+**
Terry Ellis
Jim Foley
Fred Gillham **RFB/PH/P**
Brad Groves
Ray Hatton
Jan Johnson **PH**
Ron Johnstone **PH**
Peter Kaye **PDG/PH/P**

Bill Kennedy **PH/P**
George Kimlin **PH/P**
Steve McGuire
Bill Muguira **PH/P**
Vince Nielsen **PH/P**
Ray Pendle
Trevor Philipson **PH/P**
George Rice **PH/P**
Wes Ryland
Cedric Schultz **PH**
Gregory Skennerton
Shane Smith **PH/P**
Bill Sproul
Graham Stephens **PH/P**
Reg Vaughan
Ian Weller **PH/P**
Mary Williams

PH Paul Harris Fellow**+** Past President Different Club**O** Charter Member**RFB** Rotary Foundation Benefactor**P** Past President***Paul Harris Fellows***

Charles Butler; Stan Strange; Jack McLay; Alex Stuart; Bill Barber Snr;
Dick Barrett; Reg Stortenbecker; Hollis Parker **called to higher service**

Past District Governors from Mundingburra

Charlie Butler 1960-61; Stan Strange 1979-80; Peter Kaye 2005-06



"Past Presidents"

1958	Charles Butler	1982-83	Joh Le Cornu
1958-59	Fred Greig	1983-84	Darcy Cooke
1959-60	Jack McLay	1984-85	Reg Stortenbeker
1960-61	Dick Keating	1985-86	Chas Zahner
1961-62	Gordon McHugh	1986-87	Allan Cummings
1962-63	Kevin King	1987-88	Graham Weir
1963-64	Bill Miller	1988-89	David Carmichael
1964-65	Bert Hanran	1989-90	Bill Kennedy
1965-66	Stan Strange	1990-91	Laurie Quinlan
1966-67	Cec Denman	1991-92	Graham Stephens
1967-68	Arthur Hopkins	1992-93	Peter Kaye
1968-69	Ellis Frost	1993-94	Geoff Maidens
1969-70	Norm Clibborn	1994-95	Bill Muguira
1970-71	Bill Barber	1995-96	Bob Shaw
1971-72	Reg Watkins	1996-97	Bill Barber
1972-73	Keith Christensen	1997-98	Steven Ritchie
1973-74	Al Cutmore	1998-99	Ian Weller
1974-75	Pat O'Shea	1999-00	Doug McDonald
1975-76	Hollis Parker	2000-01	John Blood
1976-77	Alex Stuart	2001-02	Trevor Philipson
1977-78	George Kimlin	2002-03	Shane Smith
1978	Ian Costello	2003-04	Ron Degenhart
1979	George Kimlin	2004-05	Vince Nielsen
1979-80	John Switzer	2005-06	Bob Doyle
1980-81	George Rice	2006-07	Fred Gillham
1981-82	John Hartland	2007-08	Neil Andrews

"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?

*“Program”*

**MUNDINGBURRA ROTARY CLUB
50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

5:30 pm	Pre-dinner drinks and nibbles	
6:00	Recognise Traditional Owners / Welcome celebrants	MC Shane Smith
6:05	International Flavour	Yuko Kanda (Japan)
6:10	Official Welcome	Pres Neil Andrews
6:20	International Flavour	Melodie Spiess (France)
6:45	Move into main venue	MC Shane
7:00 pm	Welcome Official Party	MC Shane
7:05	National Anthem / Rotary Grace	MC Shane
7:08	Toast to Rotary International	Graham Stephens
7:10	Response	DG Joanne Schilling
7:15	Mayor's address	Mayor Les Tyrell
7:20	Buffet Dinner	
7:45	Band commences	
8:00 pm	Entertainment	
8:10	TCLC segment	Pres. Neil / Christine Dawes
8:15	Entertainment	The Rising Suns
8:20	Induction	Pres. Neil / DG Joanne
8:30	Cutting of Cake & Dessert	The Family of Rotary
8:40	Dancing	
9:00 pm	Best Dressed Parade	MC Shane
9:30	Raffle Draw & Donation Wee Care	Pres Neil / Lynne Josey
11:00 pm	Close	MC Shane

Advance Australia Fair

*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.*