Spinifex



Rotary Club of Mundingburra Inc.

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Munding
an Aboriginal word meaning Spinifex or Long Grass

Burra
meaning People or Tribe

The origin of the Townsville suburb Mundingburra

UNITE FOR GOOD Rotary

RI President
Olayinka Hakeem Babalola

District 9560 Governor
Rita Zappulla

Club President
Sue Tardiani

RCoM 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?





October: - Community Economic Development
Edition 13 – 1st October 2026

Welcome message from President Sue

Our new meeting place has ticked all the boxes. Many members felt the same way that I spoke to. The meal was delicious, so hopefully we will have a long and happy time together at the Jubilee Bowls Club.

Our speaker Merle Prince and her off sider Patrica Anderson from Blankets of Love, visited us once again, showing us there amazing quilts that they lovingly make. 305 in total last year, done by a small group of people who meet every Wednesday and create these wonderful quilts. A very sad but rewarding experience for all of the ladies from this small club.

Fo the "Lift the Lids Walk" in October, we have been asked to hand out orange juice to the walkers. If you can help please notify me, so I can let the organisers know how many are coming to help.

Next week we celebrate 20 years of participation at Bunnings cooking sausages. We have workers, Bunnings people, suppliers, Rotarians from the time when we first started the sausage sizzle, and partners that have been with us from the start. So please let us show our appreciation by having as many members as possible attend the meeting.

Hope you all have a great week!

President Sue.

A very happy looking President Sue!



Program & Coming Events

Date	Speaker/Facilitator/Topic Event	Venue
1st Oct	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle 20 Year Celebration	Jubilee Bowls Club
8th Oct	Someone from TCC	Jubilee Bowls Club
15th Oct	White Cane Day	Jubilee Bowls Club
Meeting apologies to Attendance Officer: katanya.lee@carter-spencer.com.au or text to **0409 536 169** by 10am on Mondays.		

Duties

Date	Chair	Registration	Sergeant	Scribe	Intro	Thanks
1st Oct	A Nelson	P Gordon	B Barber	J Morrison	J Johnson	B Muguira
8th Oct		P Gordon	R Lacaze	K Davis	D Nutt	P Holmes
15th Oct	M Day	P Gordon	C Langeluddecke	P Kaye	A Nelson	D Price

If you are unable to fulfill your rostered duty it is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to find a replacement. Please notify **Daniel Place** of any changes.

Last Meeting, Facts & Figures for 24th Sept

Total Member Count: 42
Number Used for Attendance: 41
Leave of Absence: 0
Exempt Members: Nil
Honorary Members: 1 Tony Wode
Members Present: 20
Total Credits for Last Week: 4
Percentage Attendance Meeting: 58.537%
Apologies: R Ramdin, D Nutt, I Corney, J Beutel, K Lee, N Andrews, A Ferfolja, B Knowles
Visiting Rotarians: Nil
Club Guests: Patricia Anderson & Merle Prince (Blankets of Love)
Guests: James Smith (D Price)

Important Dates: 28th Sept to 4th Oct

Members Birthdays
Nil
Spouse/Partner Birthdays
Nil
Wedding Anniversaries
Nil
Rotary Membership Anniversaries
Nil

Takings for 24th September

Registration	$95.00
Sergeant	$71.15
Donations	$0.00
Raffle	$30.00
Joker	$46.00 - **(Joker Jackpot $529.60)**

"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.*



Save the Dates

Townsville Rotary Market Roster

4th Oct	Willows Markets	Co-ordinator Helper
25th Oct	Willows Markets	Assist Co-ordinator
1st Nov	Willows Markets	Co-ordinator
15th Nov	Willows Markets	Assist Co-ordinator
22nd Nov	Willows Markets	Co-ordinator
13th Dec	Willows Markets	Helper
20th Dec	Willows Markets	Helper

Co-ordinator & Assistant: 6am – 12pm
Helper: 6.30am – 12pm

Contact D Nutt – 0408 897 152 For Market Volunteering

BBQ Dates

3rd Oct – Saturday	Bunnings Domain
18th Oct – Sunday	Bunnings Domain
31st Oct – Saturday	Bunnings Domain
15th Nov – Sunday	Bunnings Domain

Contact B Barber – 0418 759 019 for Bunnings Volunteering

Toy Stall Dates

25th October – Sunday	Fairfield Shopping Centre
29th November – Sunday	Fairfield Shopping Centre
12th December – Saturday	Fairfield Shopping Centre

Contact P Kaye – 0407 657 564 for Toy Stall Volunteering

Townsville Grammar School Reading

19th October	Townsville Grammar School
20th October	Townsville Grammar School

Contact J Johnson – 0409 783 810 for more information

District 9560 Foundation Dinner



Meeting Notes

Chairman Daniel opened the meeting with a reading of the Rotary Four-Way Test and invited Phil Gordon to welcome our visitors.

Phil introduced our guest speakers, Pat Anderson and Merl Prince from Blankets of Love and visiting Rotarian James Smith from the Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise.

Chairman Daniel Price



Daniel then invited President Sue to address our first meeting at our new venue, Jubilee Bowls Club. Sue welcomed our guest and had no further announcements at that stage.

President Sue Tardiani



The Chairman Daniel also promised to finish the meeting by 7.30pm or pay a fine. Peter Holmes suggested that $1,000 would be an appropriate amount!

With dinner not quite ready, Directors and Members were invited to share their news.

Ron Degenhart spoke about his recent Australian Rotary Health walk, which raised fund for ARH. Our visiting Rotarian, James Smith, had also participated. Ron also mentioned the upcoming "Lift the Lid" walk being organised by the Saints Rotary Club and their request for assistance.

Ron Degenhart



Ron also shared stories from his trip to Africa, including catching up with Terrance, whose catering course the Club sponsors. A feast was prepared and everyone certainly had their fill. Ron reported that Victoria was doing a fantastic job.

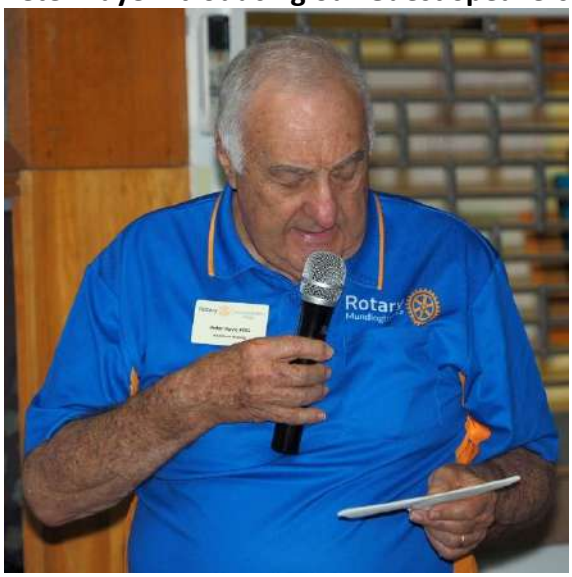
Bill Barber reminded members that next week's meeting would celebrate 20 years of raising community funds through our Bunning sausage sizzles. Invitations had been sent to supporters, including Bunnings, Bakers Delight and Sunvale Meats, along with those who helped establish this important part of the club's fundraising. Bill asked attending members to wear their club shirts.

Bill Barber



Following dinner, Peter Kaye introduced Pat Anderson and Merle Prince from "Blankets of Love".

Peter Kaye introducing our Guest Speakers



Guest Speakers Merle Prince & Pat Anderson



Pat and Merle explained how their group makes quilted blankets of various sizes for people needing comfort and support. These include blankets for families experiencing the loss of a stillborn baby, people in hospital and patients arriving through the Royal Flying Doctor Service.



Each blanket carries a sewn-in message expressing the sentiment that whoever sleeps beneath it sleeps under a blanket of love.



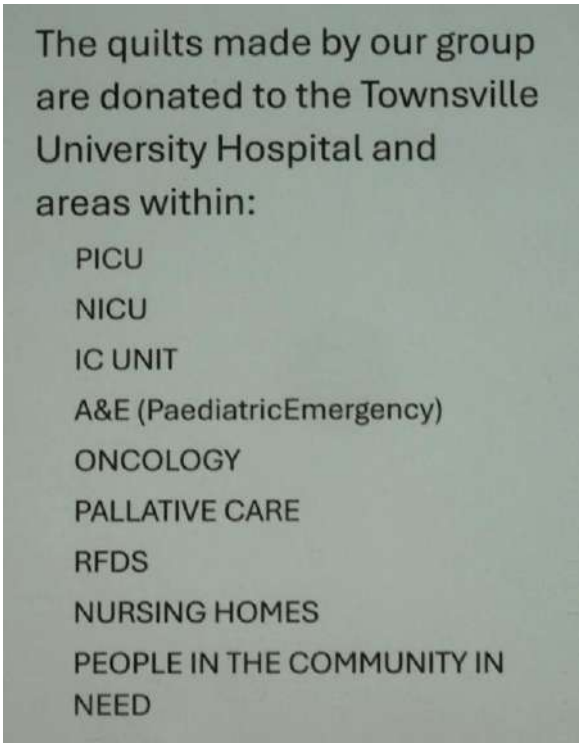
The group meets weekly, with members contributing their own money and time to make items that are donated wherever needed. Last year, they donated more than 300 items.



Although some fabric is donated, the group purchases much of its backing material. Donations of both money and suitable material are always welcome and help them continue their work.



The colouful quilts displayed at the meeting showed the care and skill that go into every piece. Pat and Merle explained that organisations contact them when supplies run low, including various departments at Townsville University Hospital and the Royal Flying Doctor Service.



Alan Nelson warmly thanked Pat and Merle for their presentation and the work they do for the community.

Alan Nelson thanking our Guest Speakers



Then came the Sergeant's session with Shane Smith relieving members of their loose change. Shane also delivered and AI-written joke so funny that we mere mortals were simply unable to comprehend the humour!

Sergeant Shane Smith!



The raffle saw the red wine go to Bill Muguira and the white to Daniel Price.

President Sue thanked members for attending, our guest speakers for their presentation and the Jubilee Bowls Club team for welcoming us to our new venue.

Visiting Rotarian James Smithe won the chance to draw the Joker Jackpot, but unfortunately did not select the winning card.

Visiting Rotarian James Smith not lucky enough to draw the Joker!



Despite Peter Holmes' enthusiasm for a substantial fine, there was never any doubt: Chairman Daniel concluded the meeting right on time at 7.30pm, closing with a toast to Rotary.

Meeting Notes – In Picture Form

Merle Prince from Blankets with Love



Open your eyes PK!

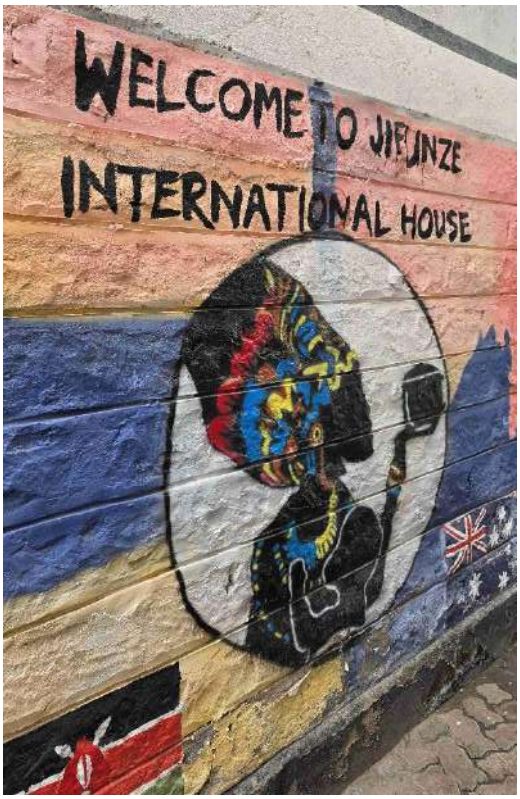


Much better Mr PK! 😊



PDG Ron Degenhart's trip to Jifunze House

Ron & Vicki Degenhart visited Juifunze House in Nairobi. They met Terrance whose catering course is being sponsored by the Rotary Club of Mundingburra.



Terrance cooked them a feast to which the other members of the house also got to indulge in as you can see by the plates heaped with food!

Mundingburra's Sponsor - Terrance



Check out the plates of food!



Ron & Vicki were very impressed with Victoria's program and the all the program's participants.



Lift the Lid Walk

