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?

The Rotary Foundation
Doing Good in the World

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October: - Community Economic Development
Edition 14 – 8th October 2026

Welcome message from President Sue

Last week we got to celebrate a wonderful milestone for our club. 20-year partnership with Bunnings doing sausage sizzles. The tremendous effort that has been put into the success of this by our past and present members is to be commended.

Not only do we thank our members and Bunnings for allowing us to be part of this, but if it was not four our very generous and ongoing suppliers there wouldn't be a sausage sizzle. So thank you must go to Bunnings, Sunvale Meats, Bakers Delight and Kat for the effort she has put into getting the event up and going each and every sausage sizzle. We could not have done this without you all.

To Bill Barber who has been there from the beginning coordinating this, many thanks must go to you. He tirelessly works so hard to to get the event up and going. I feel sometimes thanks is not enough when someone like Bill does this for so long, through the good and the bad. So I am sure the whole club and myself must congratulate you for everything that you have done.

It was also nice to see Mary Williams and Vince Nielsen there to help us celebrate. Mary was the one who started this going and Vince was one of our original members who worked on the stall.

This was truly a night to remember for everyone involved.

Thanks you all, President Sue.



Program & Coming Events

Date	Speaker/Facilitator/Topic Event	Venue
8th Oct	2026 NQ Field Days Funds – Projects & Opportunities	Jubilee Bowls Club
15th Oct	White Cane Day	Jubilee Bowls Club
22nd Oct	FEAT – Tash Henderson	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
8th Oct	S Smith	P Gordon	R Lacaze	K Davis	D Nutt	P Holmes
15th Oct	M Day	P Gordon	C Langeluddecke	P Kaye	A Nelson	D Price
22nd Oct	J Morrison	P Gordon	R Ramdin	D Price	B Muguira	K Davis
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 1st Oct

Total Member Count: 42
Number Used for Attendance: 41
Leave of Absence: 0
Exempt Members: Nil
Honorary Members: 1 Tony Wode
Members Present: 28
Total Credits for Last Week: 1
Percentage Attendance Meeting: 70.732%
Apologies: J Beutel, N Andrews, B Knowles, Kellie Goodbun (Bunnings)
Visiting Rotarians: Nil
Club Guests: Vince Nielsen & Mary Williams (Past Members), Gary Wicks (Parks Hockey), Joan Barber, Ian & Francis Chatterton (Wulguru Guides), Kim Gordon & Amanda Thomas (Bunnings), Maree Creighton (Bakers Delight), Paul Bonner (Sunvale Meats)
Guests: Sue Luckel (G Luckel), Marc Chao (T Leow)

Important Dates: 5th Oct to 11h Oct

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

Takings for 1st October

Registration	$140.00
Sergeant	$0.00
Donations	$0.00
Raffle	$72.00
Joker	$98.00 - **(Joker Jackpot $239.20)**

"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

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

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

Following the Rotary Pledge and the Four-Way Test, Chair Alan Nelson opened the special 20th Anniversary meeting for the Club's involvement with Bunnings BBQ's ("Burnt Offerings at Bunnings?").

Bill Barber welcomed members' guests Sue Luckel (Greg Luckel) and Marc Chao (Tim Leow) and introduced Bunnings BBQ partner invitees, Joan Barber, Ian & Francis Chatterton (Wulguru Guides), Gary Wicks (Parks Hockey), Maree Creighton (Bakers Delight), Paul Bonner (Sunvale Meats), Kim Gordon & Amanda Thomas (Bunnings Domain).

President Sue Tardiani welcomed guests, suppliers and volunteers to this event to commemorate 20 years of sausage sizzles in association with Bunnings Domain. What an achievement! The fundraising has enabled Mundingburra Rotary to help countless people in the community who need assistance.

Club announcements and Director reports:

Tim Leow: asked for assistance with the forthcoming Mindful Warriors Retreat at JCU Central Plaza. As part of Mental Health Week, the club is again participating in the free event from 8am to noon on the 10th of October.

Secretary Michael Day: advised that he had emailed out the proposed revised Club Constitution and Bylaws which are to be voted on at a forthcoming meeting.

Ian Jones: let everyone know how much money he had raised for the club with regards to Containers for Change. If you would like to help the club but don't want to take them, bring to a meeting and he will do it for you.

Not sure you should have admitted how much you had actually given to Containers in Change Jonesy!

😊



Following the meal, Chairman Alan asked Bill Barber to come forward to show his presentation of "20 Years of Sausage Sizzles, 2206 – 2026", which could also be knowns as "Grease, Glory & Giving Back".



His presentation revealed historic photos of "Sultans of Sizzle", "Master of Meats" and others. In recognising 20 years of selling sausages, Bill ran through the history of Mundingburra Rotary's involvement from when Bunnings approached Rotarian Mary Williams in 2006, and the trialling and development of the Partner Program. The objective was for groups seeking donations to work for their money rather than just getting handouts.

Bill Barber



Initially the Club and Partners cooked about 30kg of sausages on Thursdays and 50kgs on Fridays: cash only. During that period there was a lot of construction going on but that fell away and two new Bunnings stores opened. Sales went down and the Club was thinking of giving it away until Covid came in and killed it all. Subsequently Bunnings offered dates on Saturdays and Sundays which were accepted.

The EFTPOS payment option came in and they shifted us from Bunnings front entrance to the garden end with lower income. In 2022 the restrictions were lifted and we moved back to the main entrance. On a god day 1,200 sausages are sold. From $1.50 a sausage in 2006, the price is no $3.50, which is still a cheap price.

Partners range from sports clubs, other Rotary clubs, youth groups, churches, charities, Rural Fire Organisations and others. Local high-quality suppliers have been essential to our success and include Sunvale Meat's beef sausages, Bakers Delight sliced bread, and now onions supplied by Rotarian Kat Lee. As well as slicing onions, Kat is now the main organiser for trailer loading, equipment storage, as well as setting up and pulling down and counting the money. Without her we would be lost.



Over the 20 years the Club is estimated to have cooked 40 tonne of sausages and 6 tonne of onions, plus used 34,000 loaves of bread, sold 180,000 cans of soft drink and used 6 tonne of ice. This has grossed $1.8 million, of which $1.1 million has been donated to worthy causes in the community. Thanks goes to Bunnings and our partners for enabling the Club to "Create Lasting Impact" in the community through Service Above Self. Thank you Bunnings!



Frances Chatterton of Wulguru District Guides: Spoke about the importance of the Partner Program in enabling them to continue funding the core mission of the Guides. This is to empower girls and young women to discover their potential as leaders of their world. Previous funds raised through raffles

has declined along with parental support, so Rotary's funding is now their major income source. It is helping with training, first aid equipment, and for camp costs etc. They are proud to be part of our 20 year journey.

Joan Barber & Francis Chatterton – Wulguru Guides



Gary Wicks of Parks Hockey: Recalled that in 2006 their volunteers were rostered on Thursday's and Friday's for 3 weeks at a time. Later on it became weekends. Over the years the BBQ's have contributed about $50,000 towards promoting junior hockey through subsidizing cost of uniforms, safety gear, training, shade structures etc. Like other Clubs, previous funding sources such as raffles have largley dried up.

Gary Wicks – Parks Hockey



Maree Creighton of Bakers Delight Kmart: has been keen to support Rotary after having been an overseas Youth Exchange student. As she is also involved with Wulguru Guides, she has worked many a Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings. What she likes so much about the Sausage Sizzles is that the money is raised by the local community and stays in the local community. With both her father (Bill Barber) and grandfather in Rotary, she considers that donating bread for Mundingburra Rotary's fund-raising is a small gesture compoared to the lasting impact Rotary has had on her life.

Maree Creighton – Baker's Delight Kmart



Paul Bonner of Sunvale Meats: along with wife Julie thanked the Club for the invitation to attend. It has been a good association for such a long time. He much appreciated the support of the Club when his business was in its infant stages. It has been such a wonderful journey and that a great job the club has done. The Club has been great to deal with and well organised through the 20 years.

Paul Bonner – Sunvale Meats



Industrially large supplier of onions Kat Lee: When I started this journey Kelly Goodbun was our Activites Organiser. Unfortunately she couldn't make it tonight as she made a promise to her daughter, however, has sent through this message:

What a milestone Rotary Mundingburra has achieved! Congratulations!

I know you have put those funds to work within the community in amazing ways. It was my pleasure to

get to know your Sizzling Rotarians whilst scheduling those Iconic Sizzles and hosting your team at Bunnings required Inductions. Event the last minute requests Bunnings made, putting you and your sizzling team under the pump, you always pulled through with striking colours. For Rotary's dedication, I will be forever grateful. I am honoured you thought to invite me to your celebration and wish you and Rotary Mundingburra a big future of successful fundraising. Raise your glasses and cheers to your efforts and continued sizzling for the community.

Kim Gordon of Bunnings Domain: It is a super amazing achievement, and that you give back so much to the community ist great. You guys are the most reliable group we have. We thank you. We get more complaints from customers if we don't have a sausage sizzle then any other complaintt we have. It is very valuable what you do for us and our customers, and it aligns with our values of giving back to the community.

Kim Gordon – Bunnings Domain



Alan Nelson thanked all guests for the wonderful contribution they have made and called on Peter Kaye to formally thank them.

Peter Kaye commented that tonight was a milestone of a 20 year partnership for fund raising. Most importantly we wish to acknowledge the support of Bunnings Domain in raising money at regular sausage sizzles. The success of the fund raising would not be possible without Bunnings. Success is also made possible by the quality of our product from Paul Bonner's sausages and the bread from Maree Creighton at Baker's Delight Kmart. We constantly receive compliments on the sausages and are idebted to Paul for his ongoing support. Bakers Delight has also reliably supplied bread for many years and we give thanks to Maree and her staff.

Over the years we have had countless partners who help on cooking days and share in the profits. We raise much needed funds for a variety or projects. Thank you all again for your ongoing support.

Peter Kaye giving thanks to our Guests



The raffle draw say Coralie Langeluddecke with the white wine and Michael Day the red.

President Sue's Closing Remarks: Pimlico High has donated ten tickets to a concert at Pimlico High as a thank you for the donation the Club gave the Youth to Action event in New Caledonia. The tickets were drawn by Dave Dymock, Sue Tardiani, John Hall, Ian Corney, Daniel Price, Ian Jones, Barry Robinson, Rooka Ramdin, Michael Day and Alan Nelson.

Thanks to all ful coming to hear the stories from the Partners, thanks very much for helping us out. Just think about the number of sausages, the best sausages with the best bread, and best of all cooked by Rotarians. The amoun of money raised is just amazing. Thank you Bunnings!

Joker Jackpot: the winning ticket was drawn by "Lucky" Greg Luckel who, to the consternation of the crowd, won the Jackpot for the 3rd time! This time for $529.60.

Think President Sue may be the only one happy about Gregs win! 😊



Alan Nelson closed the meeting with a reminder that minor actions make big ripples in the world. We should be amzed at the sheer number of young lives that have bneen touched by the Club activities at Bunnings: an arrow shot into the future for the good of the world. A toast was made to Rotary International, Australia and his people.

Shane Smith then remarked that "Time flies like and arrow. Fruit flies like a Banana!!" 😉

Meeting Notes – In Picture Form

Amanda Thomas – Bunnings Domain



Sue Luckel – Guest of Jackpot Winner Greg



Paul Bonner – Sunvale Meats



Maree Creighton – Bakers Delight
Vince Nielson and Mary Williams (Past Members) in the Background along with Ian Chatterton (Wulguru Guides)



Gary Wicks – Parks Hockey
Paul Bonner – Sunvale Meats



Francis Chatterton & Joan Barber – Wulguru Guides



Sausage Sizzle Team consisting of Past & Current Members, Partners, Suppliers and of course Bunnings Team Members.







Registration Team of Kat & Phil





Thanks for the additional Photos Coralie!!!







Jubilee Menu for October

Remember, Kat needs to know each Monday what you would like for dinner on a Thursday night if you wish to eat. If you do not advise then it will be luck of the drawer whether you get to eat or not. 😊



Townsville Bulletin Article



Ian Comey, Ian Jones, Jim Morrison and Neil Andrews from Mundingburra Rotary Club at the Bunnings sausage sizzle. Above right, Mundingburra Rotary Club's Ron Degenhart gets the onions cooked. And right, the sausages on the grill.

On a roll: Sausage sizzle raises big dough

Josh Mercer

For 20 years, Mundingburra Rotary Club has been co-ordinating the sausage sizzle at Domain Central Bunnings, raising over $1.8m, with over $1.1m being reinvested into the community.

Partnership co-ordinator with the Mundingburra Rotary Club Bill Barber said Bunnings approached member Mary Williams about taking on the weekday sausage sizzles in 2006.

Mr Barber said that over the two decades, major change came when Covid hit and the sausage sizzles were cancelled. When they were allowed to start up again, they were moved from the main entrance to the garden centre.

Another change has been the cost of the humble sausage sandwich. "The main changes between the start and that is the cost of things. I mean, it was $1.50 when we first started selling. It's $3.50 these days for a sausage. But if you sit down and work out, it's exceptional value for it."

The partnership co-ordinator said that over the 20 years, Mundingburra Rotary and the not-for-profits they have partnered with have raised $1.8m with $1.1m going back into the community, and $700,000 going to local suppliers.

Lift the Lid Walk

