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

END POLIO NOW

October: - Community Economic Development

Edition 15 – 15th October 2026

Welcome message from President Sue

It was very encouraging to see such a good response from the members as to how we intend to spend the Field Day donations. I won't go into details now as a report will be forthcoming.

I have sent through some photos that I took at the "Lift the Lid Walk" on Sunday. The Saints Rotary Club organised the event, and was a great morning enjoyed by all. Our Interact Club participated so I have included some photos of them for you to see.

Thank you to Graeme and Davide for helping distribute the water to the walkers.

I do hope Dr Tim's morning was a big success.

Until next week,

President Sue.



Program & Coming Events

Date	Speaker/Facilitator/Topic Event	Venue
15th Oct	White Cane Day	Jubilee Bowls Club
22nd Oct	FEAT – Tash Henderson	Jubilee Bowls Club
29th Oct	Melbourne Cup Night	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
15th Oct	N Andrews	P Gordon	C Langeluddecke	P Kaye	A Nelson	D Price
22nd Oct	J Morrison	P Gordon	R Ramdin	D Price	B Muguira	K Davis
29th Oct	J Hall	P Gordon	N/A		N/A	N/A
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 8th Oct

Total Member Count: 42
Number Used for Attendance: 41
Leave of Absence: 0
Exempt Members: Nil
Honorary Members: 1 Tony Wode
Members Present: 19
Total Credits for Last Week: 7
Percentage Attendance Meeting: 63.415%
Apologies: J Beutel, N Andrews, R Ramdin, B Robinson, T Leow, D Dymock, I & R Jones, P Holmes, K Davis, R Degenhart, A Nelson
Visiting Rotarians: Nil
Club Guests: Nil
Guests: Brydget Barker-Hudson (Mundingburra), David & Nicki Handly (J Johnson)

Important Dates: 12th Oct to 18th Oct

Members Birthdays
Nil
Spouse/Partner Birthdays
Nil
Wedding Anniversaries
Nil
Rotary Membership Anniversaries
M Day – 16th Oct (18 Years)

Takings for 8th October

Registration	$165.00
Sergeant	$52.75
Donations	$0.00
Raffle	$56.00
Joker	$83.00 - **(Joker Jackpot $272.40)**

"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

Another great evening at Mundingburra Rotary and isn't our new venue at Jubilee Bowls looking fantastic? Our thanks to Tuppa Ware and the crew.

Chairman PP Smithy kicked off the meeting with some Rotary information and the Four-Way Test of all we think, say and do.

Our meeting guru Phil then announced our guests Past Member and friend of Rotary Brydget Barker-Hudson and Johnno's friends Nicki & David Handley, visiting from Cornwall, England.

Johnno with her guests David & Nicki Handley



Shane introduced President Sue who advised that Club stalwart, secretary and all-round good guy, Michael Day has had a serious fall resulting in multiple injuries. President Sue also advised that she has just been informed the PP Graham Stephens has been in hospital for the past week and will hopefully be discharged in the next day or so. Members are encouraged to check if Michael and / or Graham need any help as they come out of hospital. *Scribes Note: Michael and Graham are two of our members' who have gone out of their way to look after other members and their families when in need.*

President Sue also sought volunteers to assist with Mundingburra Rotary's commitment to support the 'Lift the Lid' walk on Sunday 11th October 2026. Perennial good guy, PP Graeme Kenna has offered to help but more assistance is needed on Saturday for the JCU Veteran's event and Sunday's 'Lift the Lid'. Please contact President Sue to offer support.

Port of Townsville Rotary, chartered by our club, is celebrating its 50th year. PDG Peter Kaye, who had a hand in the development of Port will represent Mundingburra at the celebration on the 24th of

October 2026. Other Mundingburra members are encouraged to contact Port to also support the event.

President Sue also reminded board members of the board meeting scheduled this week.

Chairman Shane applauded the Sausage Sizzle story in the Townsville Bulletin. Well done to the PR team.

Up close and Person with Chairman Shane.



The club celebrated loudly at the news that Johnno is off to India, but your humble scribe thought the calls for her to stay there may have been a bit harsh!

John Hall wanted Johnno to delay her trip until after the club's Melbourne Cup meeting on the 29th of October, but she has refused. Tsk, Tsk, Tsk! John issued the challenge to all club members to find a couple of friends to bring along to the meeting. In addition to a phantom call by Laurie Wode, Coralie is organising games and we will have Best Dressed and Best Hat competitions.

Brydget Barker-Hudson proposed a possible project to the club, *Wheelie Walk and Talk.* She discussed a possible collaboration between Mundingburra Rotary and the Kirwan Fall unit to trial a service by Rotarians to take patient's using a wheelie walker for a walk to get both exercise and socialisation.

Chairman Shane led a discussion about possible uses of the boon ($49,000) that the club received for the outstanding effort by several of its members in supporting the North Queensland Field Days. After discussion the club settled on a model to spend the money over a two-year cycle leading to the next Field Days. Key underlying principles agreed included:

- Meeting our commitment ot the Field Days Committee to spend money locally;
- Not saving the money for the sake of saving ti but rather making sure that we select worthwhile projects.

The club also agreed by consensus that the selection criteria would include:

1) Is there a genuine need to the community? We should be clear about who needs help and that our contribution will fill (eg is it a role that should be filled by Government, will the Mundingburra contribution be replicating other funding / support:
2) What worthwhile benefit will the Mundingburra Rotary contribution achieve? We should understand the intended outcomes and whether the project represents good value for the community;
3) Is there accountability (and how can it be ensured?) in the project. And does the project reflect Rotary's values. We need a creditable recipient, a clear plan and a report back mechanism to understand what has been achieved, including specific advice on how the Mundingburra Rotary contribution was used;
4) How does the project promote and contribute to the public image of Mundingburra Rotary Club and the North Queensland Field Days, including how can the process maximise promotion of these two bodies.

Sergeant Ryan fined a bunch of member for having limited knowledge about our 20 years of partnership with Bunnings in supporting the Townsville community with a grant total of $1.8 million beiing circulated to local causes ($1.1 million) and local supplying businesses ($0.7 million). Ryan lamented that nothing happened in the work 'on this day' while failing dismally to recongise the significance of yesterday to our Jewish population.

Ryan then went on to display hit total lack of sporting knowledge with three music / entertainment 'who am I questions":

- Kat proved herself a know-all by guessing that Peter Jean Hernandez was in fact Bruno Mars;
- Daniel proved himself a know-all by pickeing some obscure reference to Matt Damon in some unknown movie; and
- Graeme Kenna proved himself a know-all by recognising his alter-ego Chevy Chase.

Jim Morrision won the bottle of red with ticket D22 (and there was no recorded off to share!!!!).

Ticket A98 won the bottle of white for Coralie who promised she was going to enjoy every sip (again no offer to share!).

Ian Corney with ticket B97 won the right to draw the King of Clubs in this week's Joker draw.

Unlucky Mr Corney!



We are all looking forward to next week's meeting at which our program will be 'White Cane Day'.

Shane closed the meeting and serveral members stayed behind enjoying each other's company and solving the problems of the world.

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. 😊



Lift the Lid Walk













Pimlico High School Charity Benefit Concert – Friday 16th of October

Some members were lucky enough last week to win tickets through Sue's draw, but anyone else wishing to attned can book through the link below.

Pimlico High School's Charity Benefit Concert begins at 6:00pm at the Denise Glasgow Performing Arts Centre. The evening features the school's instrumental and choral ensembles, raising funds for **Mummy's Wish**, which supports mums with cancer and their families.

Tickets start at $10 an can be booked at:

https://www.trybooking.com/au/event/1630974

