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 16 – 22nd October 2026

Welcome message from President Sue

Such an interesting and well-presented insight into what goes on behind the scenes of the Guide Dogs association. Having Bernie, who came down from Cairns to present her part was a plus. As it was White Cane Day, she told us many stories about Hubie, a well-known blind man who lived in Townsville in the early 70's and well known to residents for firstly, using the White Cane, then having his beautiful guide dog Halda. He was well associated with Guide Dogs until his passing.

Michelle spoke about how her life changed when she was introduced to the white cane, which she now has a pink one which is her favourite colour. Anne had her beautiful guide dog Roy with her and had many stories to tell. Both very fascinating people. It makes me proud that our club has been associated with the Guide Dogs from the beginning of its existence.

We were presented with a beautifully designed banner, which we will use often starting this weekend at the Toy Stall.

Please see below in "Save the Dates" for some dates to remember!

Until next week,

President Sue.



Program & Coming Events

Date	Speaker/Facilitator/Topic Event	Venue
22nd Oct	FEAT – Tash Henderson	Jubilee Bowls Club
29th Oct	Melbourne Cup Night	Jubilee Bowls Club
5th Nov	What does ANZAC Day meant for Vietnam Vets	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
22nd Oct	J Morrison	P Gordon	R Ramdin	D Price	B Muguira	K Davis
29th Oct	J Hall	P Gordon	N/A	J Baker	N/A	N/A
5th Nov	G Kenna	P Gordon	B Barber	P Kaye	J Johnson	A Nelson

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

Last Meeting, Facts & Figures for 15th Oct

Total Member Count: 42
Number Used for Attendance: 41
Leave of Absence: 0
Exempt Members: Nil
Honorary Members: 1 Tony Wode
Members Present: 22
Total Credits for Last Week: 2
Percentage Attendance Meeting: 58.537%
Apologies: J Beutel, R Ramdin, T Leow, D Dymock, I & R Jones, P Holmes, R Degenhart
Visiting Rotarians: Nil
Club Guests: Michelle Orth, Bernie McKean, Anne & Blair Ferguson (Guide Dogs)
Guests: Nil

Important Dates: 19th Oct to 25th Oct

Members Birthdays
Beverley Knowles – 23rd
Spouse/Partner Birthdays
Nil
Wedding Anniversaries
Nil
Rotary Membership Anniversaries
Nil

Takings for 15th October

Registration	$120.00
Sergeant	$46.70
Donations	$0.00
Raffle	$34.00
Joker	$50.00 - **(Joker Jackpot $292.40)**

"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

President Sue's Reminders

24th Oct	Board Meeting	President Sue's Place
25th Oct 9am	Toy Stall	Fairfield Shopping Centre
29th Oct	Melbourne Cup Night	Jubilee Bowls Club
29th Nov 5.30pm	Christmas Party	Jubilee Bowls Club
10th Dec	Last Meeting for 2026	Jubilee Bowls Club
7th Jan	First Meeting for 2027	Jubilee Bowls Club

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

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

Meeting Notes

Well, what a marathon!

This week's meeting whilst very interesting went far too long. Neil chaired the meeting on behalf of Michael who is still unwell.

Chairman Neil Andrews



Attendance officer Phil introduced guests Bernie McKean, Guide Dogs Queensland coordinator, Michelle Orth, Anne Ferguson, her husband Blair and her Guide Dog "Roy".

Attendance Officer Phil Gordon



Services Director Shane entertained us with a Movember promotion encouraging everyone to challenge champion grower Bill Barber for the tile of best mo. Even though Neil had a mo for 30 years, he will not grow another, and Graeme vows never to shave his off again.

Win a bottle of Scotch for Movember!

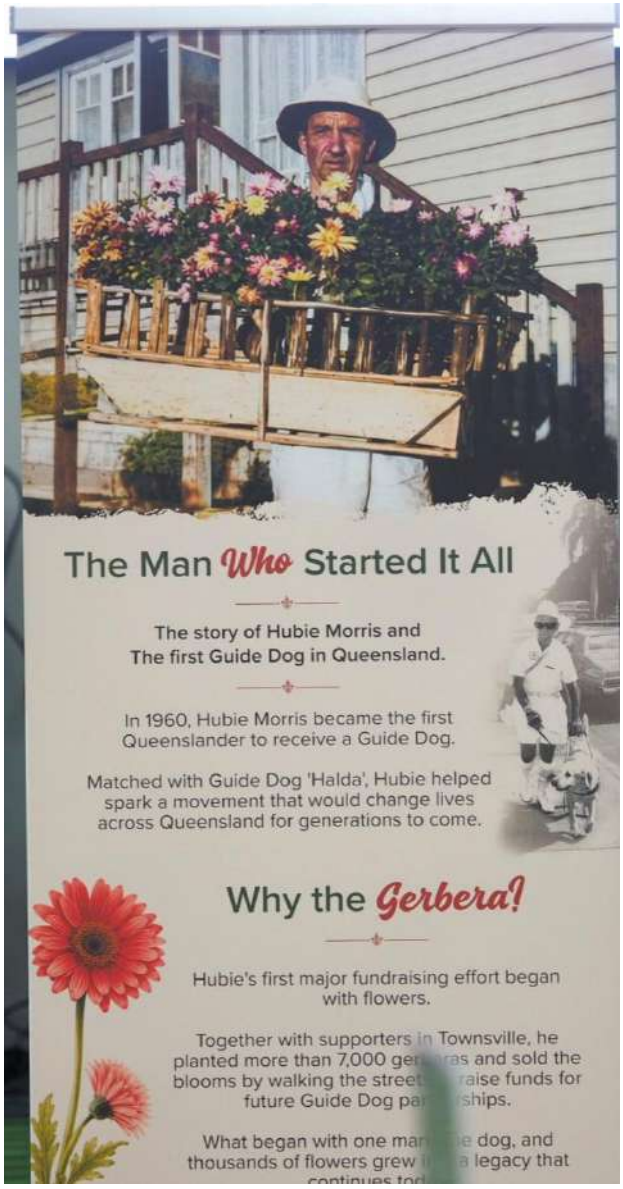


Membership Director Graeme Kenna advised there will be an online survey coming out shortly to assist with membership growth.

Membership Director Graeme Kenna



Dr Alan introduced our guest speakers and reminded us of Mundingburra's 66-year relationship with Guide Dogs Qld. Hubie Morris was the first recipient in Queensland to receive a seeing eye dog. Halda was a labrador sponsored by our club in 1960.



Bernie spoke about White Cane Day, also knowns as International White Cane Day, and how it highlights the importance of the white cane as a mobility tool and a symbol of independence for people who are blind or have low vision. The white cane allows users to detect obstacles, changes in terrain, and navigate safely in public spaces. Beyond its practical function, the cane enables individuals to live confidently and independently.

White Cane Day also draws attention to the obstacle faced by people with low vision or blindness. Common challenges include cluttered footpaths, overhanging branches, roadworks, and improperly parked e-scooters or bicycles, which can create hazards.

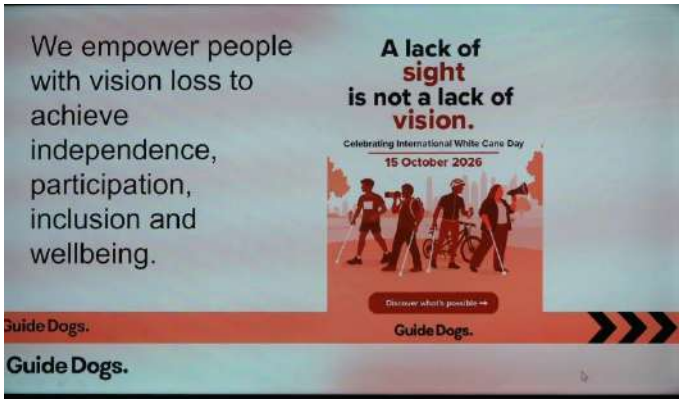
Bernie McKean from Guide Dogs Queensland



For many Australians, the white cane is more than a tool – it is a lifeline for independence. Stories from users, such as young children learning to navigate safely or adults pursuing sports and careers, illustrate the profound impact of the cane on confidence, mobility and participation in society.

Bernie spoke of the need for additional training for the use of white canes and said there were 180,000 Queenslanders who currently use this mobility aid.

Both Michelle and Anne spoke on their personal experiences of being vision impaired and reminded us that "Lack of sight is not lack of vision".



Michelle Orth giving us her insight into having Low Vision



Anne Ferguson with her Guide Dog Roy, otherwise known as "Boofhead".



President Sue receiving a thank you Certificate

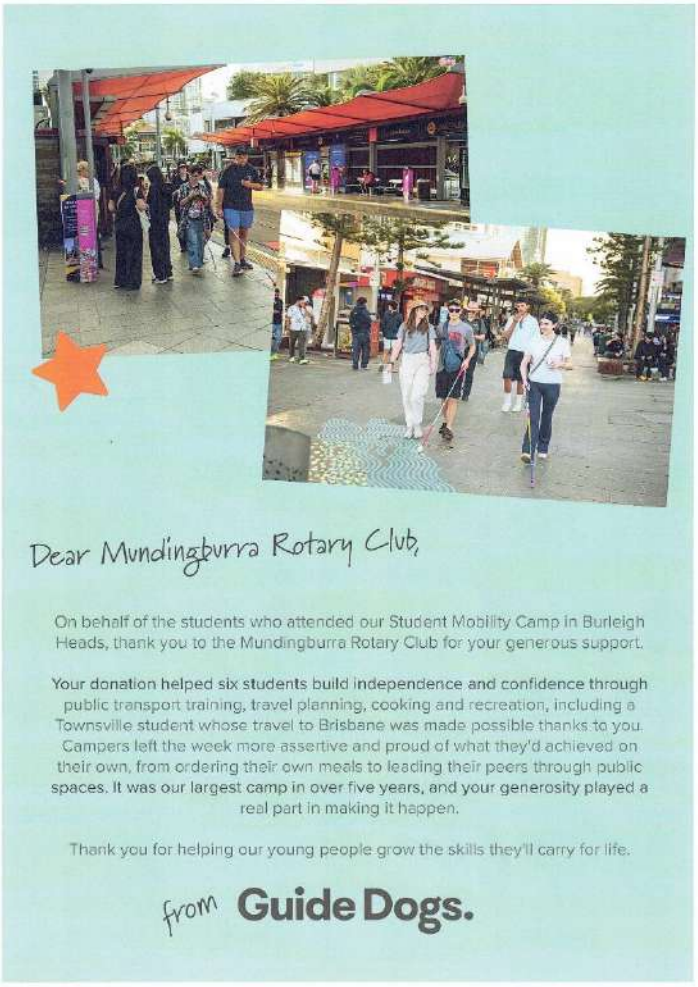


Guide Dog Roy, being a good boy!



In Alan's year, after attending the annual Townsville Guide Dogs Qld morning Tea, Mundingburra Rotary decided to donate $5,000 to Guide Dogs Qld to assist with the running of a Student Mobility Camp for youn vision impaired students.

What the Certificate Said



Dear Mundingburra Rotary Club,

On behalf of the students who attended our Student Mobility Camp in Burleigh Heads, thank you to the Mundingburra Rotary Club for your generous support.

Your donation helped six students build independence and confidence through public transport training, travel planning, cooking and recreation, including a Townsville student whose travel to Brisbane was made possible thanks to you. Campers left the week more assertive and proud of what they'd achieved on their own, from ordering their own meals to leading their peers through public spaces. It was our largest camp in over five years, and your generosity played a real part in making it happen.

Thank you for helping our young people grow the skills they'll carry for life.

from Guide Dogs.

Given our generosity knows no bounds, the club committed to fund another camp in Sue's Year, hence the BIG CHEQUE donation tonight of $5,000.



Coralie made her debut as Sergeant of Arms and successfully relieved us of pocket money.

Sergeant Coralie at work!



Ian Corney won the bottle of red and PK scored the white, while Daniel drew the 3 of hearts in the Joker Jackpot.

Unlucky Mr Price!



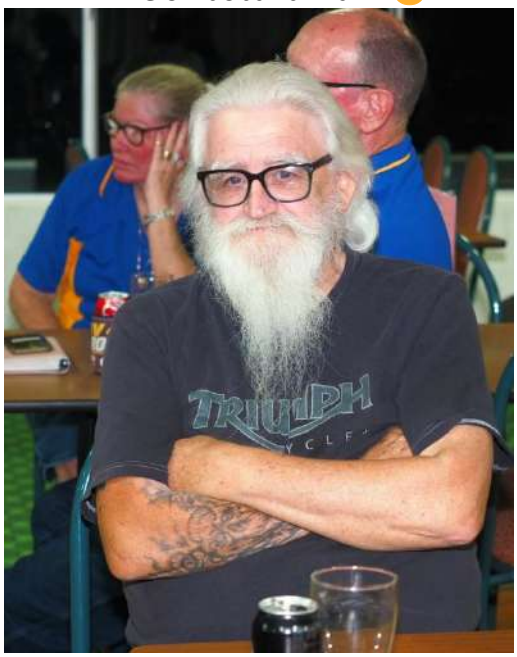
Meeting Photos!

Something interesting is in that bag!





Apparently the only "Grey Haired" man in the room, Anne's Husband Blair. 😊



Daniel giving his thanks to our speakers.



Hubie Morris with Guide Dog Halda



PDG Ron Degenhart with ARH CEO Yvonne Keane



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. 😊





Australian Rotary Health 45 Year Celebration

On Friday the 16th of October, PDG Ron Degenhart represented the Rotary Club of Mundingburra at the Australian Rotary Heatlh 45 Year Celebration Dinner in Parramatta. 25 Club were represented with combined contributions from the represented clubs over the years totalling over $2million.

ARH Board Members

