

# Rotary Club of Mundingburra Inc.

### Chartered 21 June 1958

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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





#### **RI President**

Francesco Arezzo

### **District 9560 Governor**

**Greg Marlow** 

#### **Club President**

Alan Nelson

### **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?

# July: Theme – Maternal and Child Health Month **Edition 02 – 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

Adventist Development and Relief Agency Australia and New Zealand 6pm for 6.30pm – Bowls Club

### **President Alans Address**

Fellow Rotarians, I'd to thank you all for the privilege of serving as club president for a second time.

Before I go any further, there is bus load of people I need to thank for all that they do, and continue to do for our club and apologies for any oversights.

Peter Kaye, and his board. The incoming board, Bill Barber, Katanya Lee, Jaye Beutel, Neil Andrews, Jan Johnson, Aloisia Ferfolja, Katrina Davis, Jim Baker, Peter Holmes. Ian Corney, Arlington Bosch, Jim Morrison and Shane Smith, and everyone involved the Field days, Bunnings BBQs, Toy Stall, and Markets.

The changeover was a successful night in no small part to Jan Johnson, who was appropriately recognised with the Rotary International, "Avenues of Service" award, and Shane Smith and Katanya Lee who kept the night running like a well-oiled sewing machine.

Special mention goes to the Mark Salmon and Ron Degenhardt for their extraordinary interpretation and virtuosity in the display of traditional Irish Dance. The technique and athleticism were truly breath taking.

The world famous 'Lord of the Dance', Michael Flatley refused to have anything to this pair of dancers of such "striking and unique talent". Choreography was by our very own Johnno. Her inspiration knows no bounds!

This week's meeting we hear from - Adventist Development and Relief Agency Australia and New Zealand.

This agency help address food insecurity within our community which is an evergrowing problem.

Thank you once again to everyone of you for making our Club amazing and let's have a fun year as we "Unite for Good".

Yours in Rotary, Alan

### **Forward Roster Duties Plan**

If you are unable to fulfill your rostered duty it is **YOUR** responsibility to find a replacement. Please notify **Jaye** of any changes. Meeting apologies to Attendance Officer: <a href="mailto:katanya.lee@carter-spencer.com.au"><u>katanya.lee@carter-spencer.com.au</u></a> or text to 0409 536 169 by 10 am on Mondays.

Date	Chair	Registration	Sergeant	Scribe	Intro	Thanks
10 <sup>th</sup> July	R Lacaze	P Gordon	P Holmes	K Davis	B Barber	J Johnson
17 <sup>th</sup> July	R Degenhart	P Gordon	I Jones	I Corney	M Day	K Davis

Facts & Figures

Total Member Count: 45
Number Used for Attendance: 42
Leave of Absence: 2
Exempt Members: Nil

Honorary Members: 1 Tony Wode

Members Present: 23
Total Credits for Last Week: 3

Percentage Attendance for Last Meeting: 61.9%

Apologies:, 12 Members and Guests

Visiting Rotarians: Brendan Porter, Robin Strang

Club Guests:

Guests: 20 Guests, too many to list individually.

# Important Dates – 30<sup>th</sup> June to 13<sup>th</sup> July

Member Birthdays Neil Andrews – 4<sup>th</sup> July Spouse/Partner Birthdays

Nil

**Wedding Anniversaries** 

Robyn & Neil Andrews 11<sup>th</sup> July – 44 years Judy Burchett & Peter Holmes 12<sup>th</sup> July – 11 years

**Rotary Membership Anniversaries** 

Nil

**Takings** 

Registration \$1510.00 Sergeant N/A Raffle \$190.00

Joker N/A (Joker Jackpot \$592.70)

Auction \$210.00 Donation \$160.00

Partners & Guests are welcome to any meeting

Meeting Times: 6pm for 6.30pm Start

**Program & Coming Events** 

Date	Speaker/Facilitator/Topic Event	Venue					
March	July: Theme - Maternal and Child Health Month						
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Adventist Development and Relief Agency Australia and New Zealand	Cutheringa Bowls Club					
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Club Members Forum	Cutheringa Bowls Club					

Townsville Rotary Market Roster BBQ Dates

	27th July	Willows Market	Helper 1- 6.30am -12N		19th July - Saturday	Bunnings Domain
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# "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:

<u>First</u>: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

<u>Second</u>: 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.

<u>Third</u>: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

<u>Fourth</u>: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace, through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.



# **Presidents Changeover Night**

Well, what a night we celebrated on 5<sup>th</sup> July with the Changeover of Club Presidents from the 2024-25 year to the 2025-26 year. Both the outgoing President, Peter Kaye, and the incoming President, Alan Nelson, where welcomed by a large gathering of members, family and friends, in a well decorated environment.

Under the Chairmanship of Shane Smith, the evening commenced with the National Anthem, followed by a collective welcome to everyone attending.



Chairman Shane, Peter Kaye and Alan Nelson

PDG John Hall gave a toast to Rotary International, which was then followed a response by DG Ron Degenhart.



John Hall after his speech



**Ron Degenhart** 

This was followed by a light moment in announcing some door prizes, of which John Hall managed to win one, the other won by Graham Stephens.

A toast was also made to recognize those members, or partners, since departed.

The Club then showed a video of the past year's events, which highlighted all our achievements, groups we had supported, companies which assisted us, and members having fun at various community events held during the year. Thanks to Neil Andrews for producing the video.

In a special live video, incoming President Alans wife, could not attend the night due to a previously long booked event, spoke about the families support for Alan during his coming year and their love for him. A really touching moment.



Annette speaking via the Internet. Sorry for the poor quality of the photo.

Clearly money is no object at the club, as a rather costly couple of world-famous Irish Dancers then presented a short and colourful display of Irish Dancing that was clearly out of this world. Would have cost a fortune to hire this duo.



Ron Degenhart & Mark Salmon extoling their Irish dancing skills that have made them somewhat famous.

# **Changing of the Guard**

Outgoing President, Peter Kaye, took to the microphone to give a small address. (We should note Peter has been a Rotarian for 59 years, and not far off his 60<sup>th</sup> year of service).

Peter spoke he was given the privilege of becoming President of this club some 33 years ago, during which time he has seen many good changes within Rotary, a major one being the change to allow women to become members of Rotary. He has also been part of introducing our Rotary Pledge at each meeting, and the introduction of a special category for "Friends of Rotary".

Peter then thanked his Board, and mentioned each member personally, as well as those that assisted or managed the various fund-raising activities, Markets, BBQ's and Toy stall.

Peter then called upon Jan Johnson to come forward to receive a very special Rotary International, "Avenues of Service" award. Very well-deserved award to one of our hardest working members who has shown care for a huge number of important community matters during her 20 years of service to our club.



Jan receiving her award – You are a true Rotarian Jan

Peter than announced some awards he would like to present.

The "Rotarian of the Year" award to Bill Barber. (This award was created by past President, George Kimlin and his wife Dorren, now both passed but not forgotten)

Peter also announced a second sapphire PHF to Jim Baker for his work for the club.

Peter also made some personal awards. They went to Katrina Davis and Jim Morrison, for the assistance they provided to him during the past year. Well deserved.

President Peter then handed over his Rotary Collar to incoming President Alan Nelson, with some special words to enjoy the year ahead.



Photo of the Cake



On goes the Collar, it is getting heavier each year.

In his first act as President, Alan handed Peter the 2024-25 Rotary Banner, and displayed the new Rotary year 2025-26 banner, "Unite for Good".

President Alan then spoke about so goals, gaining new members, working to build togetherness, and work with other Rotary clubs to build the future.



Our new President - Alan Nelson

Michael Day then announced a toast to the Past Board for their service over the last year. Much applause.

Another round of Raffle prizes, one, ticket 56, went to a guest, and ticket 47 was the lucky John Hall. An unrecorded person won a prize for having the winning ticket under their chair. All adding to the fun of the night.

President Alan then announced his board for this year.

President – Alan Nelson

**President Elect** – TBA

Immediate Past President – Peter Kaye

Secretary – Michael Day
Treasurer – Neil Andrews
Club Admin -TBA
International Service – Jan Johnson
Service Projects – Ian Jones
Foundation – Greg Luckel
Youth Services – Ron Degenhart
Vocational Service – Karl McKenzie
Public Relations and Attendance – Katrina Davis
Membership – Shane Smith
Sergeant of Arms – Bill Barber



Most of the new Board for 2025-26

As we get closer to the end of the night, we had a some more raffles and an auction.

Raffle winners, Roberta Porter & Jackie Ramage.

The auctioneer, Shane Smith, then held a special event to sell off two donated items, one a bottle of red (worth hundreds we are led to believe), donated by Pres Alan and sold for \$45.

The other a magnificent wood bowl, made by outgoing President Peter, was announced as worth thousands, was won by our Club Chef Glen for \$160. All proceeds going to the Family Emergency Accommodation Townsville facility.

The meeting closed with a cutting of the Cake and a toast to RI at 8.30pm





Why the Treasurer, Neil Andrews was unable to attend.

Neil Parents 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

## Letter of Thanks received for a Donation

Mr. Peter Kaye President Rotary Club of Mundingburra PO Box 3142 HERMIT PARK QLD 4812

Dear Peter,

I am writing to express my sincere thanks to the Rotary Club of Mundingburra for the financial support your Club gave me for my well project in Kon Tum, Vietnam. I am very pleased to tell you that I have raised sufficient funds now and the construction of the Dak Choa well is now underway with my first of three payments having been received by my 'go to' man in Kon Tum. I could not have brought this project to this point without the support of our Association.

Water is really our life blood and to be able to have the very poor ethnic minority people (Montagnard) of Dak Choa Village shortly able to have clean, filtered water is a great thing. I have recently read a book by a Vietnamese boat person who describes water as, "There was no spiritual connection to this most vital of all earths gifts, no respect for this most frightening of all elements. There were just facts and statistics..." She was describing how water was perceived in the USA. I reckon many westerners are probably a bit the same in so far as access to water is taken for granted.

So again my very sincere thanks.

Yours sincerely

Derek Smith
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