



Munding

*an Aboriginal word
meaning Spinifex or
Long Grass*

Burra

meaning People or Tribe

*The origin of the
Townsville suburb
Mundingburra*



RI President

Stephanie A. Urchick

District 9560 Governor

Andrew Gillespie

Club President

Peter Kaye

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?

"Rotary Transition Month"

Spinifex Edition "03" – 18th July 2024
Timore Natarbora Project – Ron Degenhart
+ How our funds are spent – Neil Andrews

President's Message

It was wonderful to see (almost) Past President Lyn back at our meeting following her major surgery. Lyn thanked members of the club for their support and well wishes during her recovery. Welcome Back, Lyn!

Incoming President Peter is currently travelling back from Canada and will be back in time for the meeting on 18th July.

In preparation for the new year, Peter has asked members to nominate which committee/s they would like to be involved with. Please respond to the email or on the sheets provided at the meeting. We look forward to another successful year under Peter's leadership.

The meeting on the 18th will be a pizza night held at the Bowls Club, due to our cook being away for that night. There will be two short presentations: one from Treasurer Neil about club finances, and one from Ron Degenhart about the Natarbora Houses Project in Timor-Leste.

Our Changeover Night will be held on 25th July at the Cutheringa Bowls Club. This is a great opportunity to invite family and friends, or potential members. Jan needs to know the numbers asap.

Planning is underway for the Teddy Bears Picnic to be held in support of the Townsville Toy Library. Neil will be keeping us informed about this as it takes shape.

Remember to share the 'Magic of Rotary' as we start a new Rotary year. Enjoy the meeting!

Acting President Ron



Forward Roster Duties Plan

Date	Chair	Registration	Sergeant	Scribe	Into	Thanks
18th July	A Nelson	P Gordon	S Smith	I Jones	N/A	N/A
25th July						

If you are unable to fulfill your rostered duty it is **YOUR** responsibility to find a replacement. Please notify Lyn of any changes. Meeting apologies to Attendance Officer: Jan Johnson janjohnson37@gmail.com or text to 0409 783 810 by 10 am on Mondays.

Facts & Figures

Total Member Count: 40
Number Used for Attendance: 35
Leave of Absence: 4
Exempt Members: Nil
Honorary Members: 1 Tony Wode
Members Present: 26
Total Credits for Last Week: 2
Percentage Attendance for Last Meeting: 69%
Apologies: O Bullitis, A Ferolja, B B/Hudson, J Foley, D Nutt, A Bosch, P Kaye
Visiting Rotarians: Vicki Balwin (Melville WA)
Club Guests: Bevin Irvine - Toastmasters
Guests:, Nil

Coming Important Dates 15th –21st July

Member Birthdays
P Holmes – 16th July
Spouse/Partner Birthdays
Nil
Anniversaries
Nil
Join Date
Nil
Takings
Registration \$585.00
Sergeant \$59.35
Raffle \$34.00
Joker \$49.00 (Joker Jackpot **\$241.20**)

Partners & Guests are welcome to any meeting
Meeting Times: 6pm for 6.30pm Start

Program & Coming Events

Date	Speaker/Facilitator/Topic Event	Venue
June	Transition Month	
17th July	Board Meeting	Zoom
18th July	Timore Natarbora House Project and Club Payments Ron Degenhart & N Andrews	Cutheringa Bowls Club
25th July	Club Changeover Dinner	Cutheringa Bowls Club

Townsville Rotary Market Roster -

BBQ Dates

28th July	Sun	Willows Markets Helper		Sunday 7 th July – Bunnings Domain
1st Aug	Sun	Willows Markets Co-Ord		Saturday 20 th July – Bunnings Domain
29th Aug	Sun	Willows Markets A/Co-Ord		

“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.





Last Week in Review

Chairperson Peter Holmes led a recital of the 4 Way Test.



Chairman Peter Holmes

Meeting Registrar Phil Gordon introduced our two guests:

- Guest Speaker, Bevin Irvine from Townsville City Council Toastmasters.
- Vikki Baldwin, Member of the Rotary Club of Melville.



a/g President Ron Degenhart

PDGG and Past President Ron Degenhart welcomed back Past President Lynette Svanosio. Ron's opening remarks included:

- President Peter Kaye is currently in transit from Canada. He will be attending next week's meeting.

- Next week's meeting will be a "pizza night" as the Cutheringa Bowls Club - chef will be away.
- The program for next week's meeting will include a report on the Timor Natarbora House Project from Ron Degenhart and a report on club payments from Treasurer Neil Andrews.
- Ron will be speaking about the Timor Leste Interact project at a Townsville Grammar School assembly on 22 July 2024.
- Reminder that the changeover dinner is happening on 25 July 2024.

Ron invited Vikki to introduce herself.

- Vikki is a Rotarian who recently returned to Townsville from Fremantle WA.
- She previously worked as a Senior Lecturer at the University of Notre Dame, Fremantle.
- Most recently she was a member of the Rotary Club of Melville, Perth, WA.
- She has had a long association with Rotary having previously been a member of Rotary Clubs in Mackay and Darwin.
- She has skills in Public Relations and Marketing.
- She has recently returned to Townsville and is looking to join a Rotary club in our city.

Guest Speaker

Jim Baker introduced fellow golfer and member of the Townsville City Council Toastmasters Club – Bevin Irvine.



Bevin Irvine presenting

Bevin delivered a most interesting and entertaining presentation (which included an explanation for Jim Baker's wayward tee shots on the golf course – too many dimples in his golf balls – in excess of 388). Some of the key messages delivered by Bevin included:



- The common focus and partnership opportunities for Toastmasters and Rotary to make a difference in our communities.
- Toastmasters play a key role in developing more skilled and communicative leaders.
- The organisation develops community leaders through the delivery of a Leadership Development Program.
- Toastmasters engage locally and welcome opportunities to work on joint service projects.
- A key component of Toastmaster’s meeting program is to have fun while developing speaking skills. The standard program consists of three speakers delivering prepared speeches and impromptu speeches.
- Bevin delivered an impromptu (and plausible) explanation as to “why bananas are bent in Queensland.”
- All speeches are evaluated with constructive feedback provided.
- Toastmasters is celebrating it’s 100th anniversary this year. Toastmasters began as a series of speaking clubs organised by Ralph C. Smedley during his time working for the YMCA (Young Men's Christian Association) in Bloomington, Illinois, United States in 1924.
- The organisation currently has approximately 260,000 members around the world. 50% of members are in Canada and USA.
- Currently 55% of members worldwide are women.
- The average term of membership is approximately 18 months – a significant percentage of members move on after developing their public speaking skills.
- Bevin has been a member of the Townsville City Council Toastmasters Club for approximately 30 years.
- Townsville City Council Toastmasters meet 2nd, 4th and 5th Tuesdays at the Mayoral Reception Room, 103 Walker Street, Townsville. The meeting commences at 5:30 PM – two hour program.
- Mike Storkey – Toastmasters International President 2016-17 is a former member of the Townsville City Council Toastmasters club.

Bill Muguira thanked Bevin for his informative presentation.

Reports

Past President Lynette Svanosio provided an update on her recovery following surgery:

- Thank you for flowers and well wishes she has received.
- She has not “smoked a cigarette” in five weeks.
- She is “recovering slowly.”
- Thanked Neil Andrews.



Secretary Jim Morrison giving an update

Jim Morrison thanked Jim Baker for acting in the role of Secretary.

Jim also spoke about the Triple T Community Radio, “Radio School Info Night” happening on 30th July 2024 – commencing at 7:00 PM. “Would be” community radio presenters are encouraged to attend.

Jim Baker reminded members to nominate for sub-committees for 2024/25.



Jim Baker requesting volunteers for Directors support

Treasurer Neil Andrews recollected on his time serving in the Military – being required to deliver a 3 minute impromptu speech on “a match stick” – he struck out.



Neil thanked members who have paid their dues for the 2024/25 year.



Treasurer Neil Andrews in fine form

He spoke about an upcoming event being hosted by the Townsville Toy Library – a Teddy Bear’s Picnic, being held on Thursday 22 August 2024. More details regarding the club’s role at the event will be provided in the near future.

Jan Johnson had the audience on the edge of their seats as she reported “she had nothing to report...”

Sergeant Session

Sergeant Bill Barber took the opportunity to extract “a significant sum of money” from attendees. Some of the “creative cash-ins” imposed by the sergeant included:

- Peter Holmes – 10 years wedding anniversary.
- Neil Andrews – 43 years wedding anniversary.
- Ian Jones – wasting good wine.
- Ryan Lacaze – “Being full of it”



Sergeant Bill Barber with a massive list of fines.

The “on this day” component of the sergeant’s session included a range of creative but incorrect answers.

Some examples:

11 July 1911 – Graeme Kenna disclosed that it was the mid-point of the “best 5 years of his life” – grade 1. He hasn’t aged well....

11 July 1974 – Beatles commenced a tour of Australia(four years after the band broke up)....(.correct answer – official adoption of the metric system).

11 July 1981 – Kat Lee – nothing memorable for her. Answer – The Australian Institute of Sport opened.

Wine Time

- Black ticket C94 – Kat Lee
- Black Ticket A73 – Robyn Jones

Closing Remarks

PDG and Past President Ron Degenhart reminded us that next week’s meeting is a “Pizza Night” and RSVP to Jan Johnson ASAP if you are attending the Changover Dinner on 25th July 2024.

Joker Jackpot

a/g President Ron gave a closing talk, thanked our visitors and then did the Joker Jackpot draw.



New Member Greg Luckel – The Ace was close.

New Member Greg Luckel’s “run of beginners luck” ended – he drew the Ace of Spades.

Peter Holmes then closed the meeting with a toast to Rotary International at 7.40pm



Grahame Stephens catching up with a past friend in Bevin Irvine



Past President Lyn making her first appearance since her operation. Looking good and pleased to be back.

And some special updates, including part of next week's presentation report



President Peter Kaye enjoying time in Canada at a good friend's (Emily Han's) wedding.

Don't forget your empty Bottles & Cans can make a difference



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Support our Community

Support Mundingburra Rotary

Use our Scheme ID **C10663485** when returning your eligible containers

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A copy of the Annual Disbursements are listed on the following page.



Annual Disbursements 2023-24

Youth Projects

- Townsville Community Learning Centre - Annual Bursary
- Fuel For Schools
- Ryan School - Peace Pole
- Heatley High School - Pharmaceuticals
- Rotaract and Interact - Clubs sponsored by Mundingburra Rotary
- Townsville High School - Educational Excursion

Local and Australian Projects

- Australian Rotary Health
- Australia Day – Alice River Community Association
- Movember
- Variety Australia Jet Trek
- Toolakea Beach Community - Defibrillator
- OASIS Townsville – Podcast Creation
- Guide Dogs Queensland
- Family Emergency Accommodation Townsville
- Food Relief North Queensland
- Townsville to Cairns Bike Ride – Emergency Equipment
- Blankets of Love
- Lift the Lid Walk Townsville
- Learnit
- Fostering and Rehoming Animals Townsville
- St James Cathedral
- Bibbulmun Trek
- Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Partners

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- Willows State School P&C
- Castle Hill Guides
- Brothers Cricket Club
- Wulguru Guides
- Belgian Garden Scouts
- Parks Hockey
- Rotary Club of Townsville Central

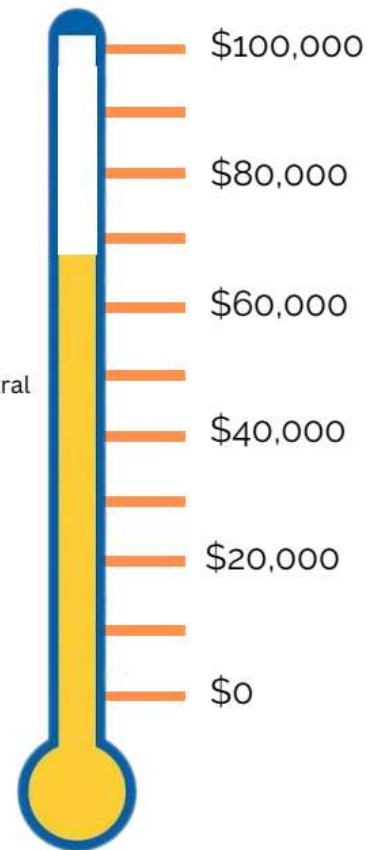
International Projects

- Rotary Foundation
- Polio Plus
- ROMAC
- RAWCS Flood Relief
- Jifunze
- Jan’s India Project
- Kampala Kwempe Rotary Club Hygiene Project
- Timor-Leste VTT Event



Supporting the Community

Total: \$69,450



It’s surprising and impressive to see how much we achieve, and how many organisations we assist during the year, when it is presented like this. Treasurer Neil will be providing more information about the club’s finances at the meeting this week.

Ron Degenhart