



### **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 “04” – 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024**  
**Mundingburra Rotary Change-Over Night**

## **President’s Message**

This is my final President report for 2024.

It has been a fun and interesting year as your president. And I have loved it. But I am looking forward to change over this week.

A HUGE Thank you to Ron and Neil for their presentations last week.

The feedback I have received about both of you has been amazing. You are both very highly valued and admired by your fellow club members.

The Fund Raising graphic Neil showed us has really highlighted what we can achieve if we all help out. So please continue to help out with the Bunnings sausage sizzles, Rotary markets shifts and Peter’s Toy Stall team.

Have a great week all and I will see you on Thursday night for my final time as your President.

Cheers  
Lyn

(Lynette Svanosio)  
0431028214



### Forward Roster Duties Plan

Date	Chair	Registration	Sergeant	Scribe	Into	Thanks
25 <sup>th</sup> July	S Smith	P Gordon				

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](mailto: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:** 25  
**Total Credits for Last Week:** 0  
**Percentage Attendance for Last Meeting:** 59.52%  
**Apologies:** B B/Hudson, D Nutt, R & S Tardiani, M Whitworth  
**Visiting Rotarians:**  
**Club Guests:**  
**Guests:**, M & D Owato

### Coming Important Dates 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> July

**Member Birthdays**  
 Kat Lee – 22<sup>nd</sup> July  
 Brydget Barker-Hudson – 27<sup>th</sup> July  
**Spouse/Partner Birthdays**  
 Nil  
**Anniversaries**  
 Nil  
**Join Date**  
 Nil  
**Takings**  
 Registration \$260.00  
 Sergeant \$51.35  
 Raffle \$44.00  
 Joker \$69.00 (Joker Jackpot **\$268.80**)

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

### Program & Coming Events

Date	Speaker/Facilitator/Topic Event	Venue
<b>June</b>	<b>Transition Month</b>	
25 <sup>th</sup> July	Club Changeover Dinner	Cutheringa Bowls Club
1 <sup>st</sup> Aug	El Salvador - Alfredo Campos	Cutheringa Bowls Club
8 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Crime Stoppers - Fiona Eivers	Cutheringa Bowls Club

### Townsville Rotary Market Roster -

### BBQ Dates

28 <sup>th</sup> July	Sun	Willows Markets Helper		
??	Sun	Willows Markets Co-Ord		
29 <sup>th</sup> 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 Alan Nelson led a recital of the 4 Way Test. Before asking Phil Gordon to announce any guests attending the meeting.

Phi advised our guests were former members, Miriam and Domonic Owato.



**Our Registration Officer – Phil Gordon**

### Presidents Address

Outgoing President Lyn welcomed everyone to what is her last meeting as President. Lyn said she enjoyed her period as President, was happy with the way the year went and the achievements she and her board had seen, but was ready for the changeover. Also sad news, Ollie is being transferred down south.



President Lyn saying her final words.

Lyn also welcomed former members, Miriam and Dominic, who did not realise that the change-overnight had been put back a week.

### Presentations

Chairman Alan then advised we had two speakers tonight, firstly Ron Degenhart to talk about the Natarbora House Project, and then Neil Andrews on the support we had given to the community during the year.

### Natarbora Houses Project

PDG Ron Degenhart spoke about the Natarbora Houses Project in Timor-Leste. This project partners with

[SABEH](#), an NGO that provides outreach medical services to the most remote and disadvantaged people in Timor-Leste, to refurbish two abandoned houses in the village of Natarbora for use by the volunteer medical teams.



**PDG Ron doing his presentation**

The project started in 2023 when Dr Belo, Executive Director of SABEH identified the two abandoned houses.



**Natarbora – opposite to Dili**

He contacted Ron as there was an old Rotary sign on one of the houses. Ron was able to track down the original RAWCS project 141/2005-06, which was managed by the Rotary Club of Bega, NSW. The original project partners were the [Rotary Club of Bega](#), the [Rotary Club of Merimbula](#), and the Rotary Club of Pambula in NSW.

Ron approached the original partners to ascertain their interest in funding the refurbishment. Together with RC Mundingburra, the four clubs raised AUD\$6500. These funds were transferred to SABEH in July 2023.

The intended uses of the houses are:

House 1 – as a residence for visiting volunteer medical teams, and

House 2 – as a palliative care residence.

The works are undertaken by local volunteers. The funds raised are used to purchase the required building materials.



**The house photo**

In July 2023 Ron set up a new RAWCS project to raise funds for the refurbishment. The Rotary Club of Mundingburra is the sponsor club of RAWCS Project 3/2023-24. Ron is the project manager and Alan Nelson is the Deputy Manager.

By September 2023 the refurbishment of House 1 was largely complete, and the house is now in use. Works to House 2 are ongoing and further funding is required to complete the refurbishment.

The RAWCS project currently has approximately AUD\$3900 ready to transfer. More funds are required to complete the project. Ron has asked Dr Belo to provide a detailed estimate before further funds can be transferred.

RAWCS Project 3/2023-24 continues to raise funds to complete the project. Tax deductible donations can be made here: <https://directory.rawcs.com.au/3-2023-24>

### Annual Disbursements

Following Ron Degenhart's short presentation on the Natarbora Houses Project in Timor-Leste Treasurer Neil Andrews came to the lectern to deliver a short presentation about the disbursement of funds raised by the club in the past year.



**Neil showing off his Dollar**

By way of introduction, Neil explained he had to be adorned with the proper accoutrements which, as you will note from the accompanying picture, was an old military shoulder board adorned with a \$ sign.

Neil proceeded to briefly explain the club's current financial position, the main sources of income and a list of the organisations and worthy causes funds had been dispersed to during the 2023-2024 Rotary year.

While highlighting the total amount of funds dispersed, Neil emphasised that the focus is not so much on the total amount raised but to whom the funds are provided and the associated benefits those organisations derive with the funds.

### Annual Disbursements 2023-24

#### Youth Projects

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

#### Local and Australian Projects

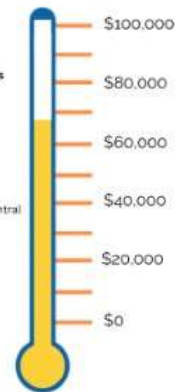
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- Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Partners

#### International Projects

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



**Total: \$69,450**



#### Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Partners

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

**This graphic is displayed in full on the last page.**

Neil mentioned two examples were mentioned to reinforce the point. Firstly, provision of funds to purchase and install a defibrillator at Toolakea Beach makes a huge difference to the health, wellbeing and safety of Toolakea Beach residents.

Secondly, provision of funds to purchase safety equipment for the Townsville to Cairns Bike Ride, allows people to more confidently and safely participate in the event which raises funds for the Children's Cancer Institute.

In an effort to help the audience focus on the usually dry and uninteresting topic of 'finance', Neil kept things short and uncomplicated but also cleverly hid a number of clues (10 Movie Titles) throughout his presentation.

The more astute in the audience kept a keen eye on each slide to see if they could spot the clue and identify the movie.

Neil summed up by congratulating members of the club for their contribution to Mundingburra Rotary and fund



raising. Neil’s presentation was well received and served to broaden the understanding of members about aspects of club finance and the associated community benefits that generally go unobserved.

PDG Peter Kaye provided a Vote of Thanks to both Ron and Neil for their enlightening presentations.



**PDG Peter being very pointed.**



**Secretary Jm with Lift the Lid offer**

Pres Lyn, asked members to not be afraid of helping with our Fundraising, which is the way we get finances to help others.

Neil advised that the Teddy Bears picnic is on from 9.30am to 11.30am on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, at the Toy Library.

**Directors and other Reports**

**Townsville Grammar School Interact Club – School Assembly Presentation – Sister School Project**

Mundingburra Rotarians Ron Degenhart and Jan Johnson represented Mundingburra Rotary at the Townsville Grammar School Assembly on Monday 22 July. Ron spoke about our Townsville Grammar School Interact Club project to develop a Sister-School relationship with a school in Timor-Leste.



**PDG Ron doing a talk at the Interact Club night**

Secretary Jim Morrison, Lift the Lid Tee Shirts are available for order \$30.



**See the last page for a larger version with notes.**

Jan Johnson advised the dress for the next meeting is smart casual.

**Sergeants Session**

Ryan Lacaze fined many by asking questions about what happened on this day in history. He is a hard man.

**Wine Time**

- F31 – The Red – Ian Jones
- E83– The White – Michael Day

**Joker Jackpot**

Wayne Haller - 2 of Clubs.



**Bad Luck Wayne.**



**Closing Remarks**

President Lyn thanked everyone for putting up with her as the Club President for 2023-2024.

**More of the Timore Leste Photos**



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




**Rotary**  
Mundingburra

**Support our Environment**  
**Support our Community**

**Support Mundingburra Rotary**

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

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## Supporting the Community

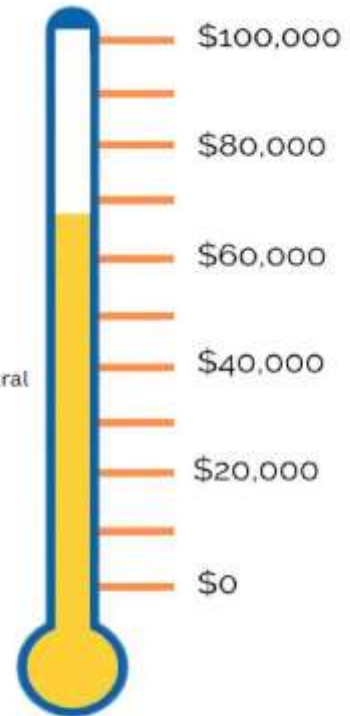
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## TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

Hi Everyone,

A message from Neil (Yogi Bear) Andrews to let you know about an upcoming event your club is supporting. It will be a fantastic morning to celebrate everything 'bear' so, would you like to 'go on a bear hunt' or read a 'bear' story to a youngster, or just enjoy Morning Tea. The aim of the event is to gather the community, in particular new mums and children aged 0-5years, let children play and interact with each other, giving parents the opportunity to gather and form meaningful friendships.



Mundingburra Rotary is supplying the catering, 20 small teddy bears and one BIG TEDDY BEAR as well as helping out with a variety of other things. Members who can spare the time are very welcome to join in and help out on the day. At the very least we will need a few members to help setup for the event.

The Toy Library is also looking to us to see if we can assist with:

- Picnic Rugs. Do you have one you could loan to the event for the day?
- Book Reader. If a local children's book author isn't available there may be a fantastic opportunity for one of our number to fulfil the role of 'Book Reader'.
- Book Exchange. Does anyone have any children's books they might wish to offer up/gift for a book exchange, especially any 'bear themed' books?

Any other thoughts and ideas to help make the day a great success are very welcome. Come along and have fun at 'The Teddy Bears Picnic'. See you there, Neil (Yogi - but no Boo Boo!)

