

Spinifex



Rotary Club of Mundingburra Inc.

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Club ID Number 17739, District 9560

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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

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?



September: - Basic Education & Literacy Edition 10 – 10th September 2026

Welcome message from President Sue

A very busy night this week with the induction of our new member, Beverley Knowles. Welcome Beverley on behalf of all our members.

Then we had a PHF to present to Shan Delany. Shan worked tirelessly at the Field Days and in the lead up to it as well. Thank you Shan for a great effort. We hope you will come along every so often just for a visit.

Our guest speaker this week was Lorraine Kennedy from the "Feel the Magic" organisation who help children who have lost a parent or sibling through death. They try to help them understand grief by counselling, attending camps and also helping the parents understand how their child may feel. A very worthy organisation.

A message from Jan Johnson and in capitals so you won't miss it!

SATURDAY THE 19TH AND SUNDAY THE 20TH OF SEPTEMBER: THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL NEED OUR MEMBERS TO ASSIST IN HELPING WITH READING TO OUR CAMPERS AT A SONY CAMP FROM 8:15-9:00. YOU WILL NEED YOUR BLUE CARD.

President Sue.





Program & Coming Events

Date	Speaker/Facilitator/Topic Event	Venue
10 th Sept	Interact Changeover Dinner (6pm – 7.30pm)	Townsville Grammar School
17 th Sept	DG Rita Zappulla	Cutheringa Bowls Club
24 th Sept	Blankets 4 Love	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
10 th Sept	N/A	P Gordon	N/A	D Price	N/A	N/A
17 th Sept		P Gordon	N/A	J Morrison	P Holmes	N Andrews
24 th Sept	D Price	P Gordon	S Smith	R Degenhart	P Kaye	M Day
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 3rd Sept

Total Member Count: 41
 Number Used for Attendance: 40
 Leave of Absence: 0
 Exempt Members: Nil
 Honorary Members: 1 Tony Wode
 Members Present: 23
 Total Credits for Last Week: 3
 Percentage Attendance Meeting: 65.000%
 Apologies: J Beutel, R Ramdin, R Degenhart, C Langeluddecke, J Johnson
 Visiting Rotarians: N/A
 Club Guests: Beverley Knowles (Inductee), Vanessa MdKinnon (B Knowles), Lorraine Kennedy (Speaker), Leigh Kennedy (L Kennedy), Shan Delany (Mundingburra)
 Guests: Pam & Colin Levitt (I & R Jones), Marcia Morrison (J Morrison)

Important Dates: 7th Sept to 13th Sept

Nil
 Spouse/Partner Birthdays
 Nil
 Wedding Anniversaries
 Nil
 Rotary Membership Anniversaries
 Nil
Takings for 3rd September
 Registration \$510.00
 Sergeant \$77.35
 Donations Nil
 Raffle \$58.00
 Joker \$84.00 - (Joker Jackpot \$475.60)

“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.



SEPTEMBER IS

BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

Learn more at:
<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/supporting-education>



BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY

When you teach somebody how to read, they have that for a lifetime. It ripples through the community, one by one.

Mark Wilson
Rotary Club member

Rotary
District 9560





Save the Dates

Townsville Rotary Market Roster

27 th Sept	Willows Markets	Assist Co-ordinator
4 th Oct	Willows Markets	Co-ordinator Helper
25 th Oct	Willows Markets	Assist Co-ordinator
1 st Nov	Willows Markets	Co-ordinator
15 th Nov	Willows Markets	Assist Co-ordinator
22 nd Nov	Willows Markets	Co-ordinator
13 th Dec	Willows Markets	Helper
20 th Dec	Willows Markets	Helper

Co-ordinator & Assistant: 6am – 12pm

Helper: 6.30am – 12pm

Contact D Nutt – 0408 897 152 For Market Volunteering

BBQ Dates

13 th Sept – Sunday	Bunnings Domain
3 rd Oct – Saturday	Bunnings Domain
18 th Oct – Sunday	Bunnings Domain
31 st Oct – Saturday	Bunnings Domain
15 th Nov – Sunday	Bunnings Domain

Contact B Barber – 0418 759 019 for Bunnings Volunteering

Toy Stall Dates

27 th September	
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Contact P Kaye – 0407 657 564 for Toy Stall Volunteering

District 9560 Foundation Dinner

Rotary District 9560

MILLION DOLLAR FOUNDATION DINNER

3RD MARCH 2027

PULLMAN CAIRNS INTERNATIONAL
THREE COURSE DINNER & WELCOME DRINK

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
JENNIFER JONES
PAST RI PRESIDENT & THE ROTARY FOUNDATION TRUSTEE CHAIR

TICKETS NOW LIVE

EARLY BIRD \$175

20% DISCOUNT ON ACCOMMODATION

Meeting Notes

Chairman Peter Kaye opened the meeting at 6.30pm with the 4-Way Test.

Phil Gordon asked all the guests, as there were so many, to stand for a Mundingburra welcome.

Ever reliable Registration Officer Phil Gordon



Peter Kaye then advised of the result of the redistricting vote which was a resounding NO.

President Sue's Update:

President Sue reminded members of the Interact Changeover on the 10th of September at the Grammar School and Pizza's were on the menu. A reminder of the DG's visit on the 17th, where will be joined by six members of the Port of Townsville and the Townsville Club has yet to respond.



Dinner was then served.

Club Updates:

Neil Andrews (Treasurer):

Neil spoke of the \$1,000 donation to Nepal and the fact at this stage Australia Day celebrations with Blue water were a no go with the window for applications closing soon. Neil also reminded members as there

was no charge for the meal at the Grammar School, to please bring funds for the Sergeant Session as the proceeds will be donated to the Interact Club.

Member Induction:

Peter Kaye invited Alan Nelson, the Sponsor of Beverley Knowles to the podium for her Induction. Beverley's national and international achievements were detailed and then President Sue then performed the Induction Ceremony adding Beverley Knowles into the Membership of the Rotary Club of Mundingburra.



Beverley then had a few short words to say and talked of the social day of barefoot bowls for people with disabilities at Kirwan Bowls Club.



PHF Presentation:

Past President Alan Nelson presented Shan Delany with her PHF for her amazing work at the FNQ Field Days as she was unavailable for the original presentation night. (Thankfully she hadn't received the Spinifex so was unaware that it was coming! However, there will be no more surprises as the Editor has added her to the Friends of Rotary Email so she stays up to date with the Club! 😊)

Congratulations Shan! Well deserved!



Guest Speaker – Lorraine Kennedy (Feel the Magic):

Bill Barber introduced Lorraine Kennedy for her talk on "Feel the Magic" (FTM).



FTM is about children between 7 and 17 who have lost a sibling or parent. FTM is in all states of Australia where 1 in 3 kids have a parent or sibling die before they reach 18 years of age.



FTM is run by psychologist's and other health professionals where grief affects a child's learning and social development. Every child reacts in different ways and can affect their mental health into adulthood. FTM helps build a family resilience. FTM will not fix grief but provides skills to help cope with grief.

FTM provides free resources to help like books and guides and has virtual camps online. Virtual camps can help with learning skills when a child is down.

There has been Family day camps in Townsville and some Townsville kids have been to a Day camp in Sydney.

Dulcie and Kalan Bala wanted to have a Townsville Day camp. The day camp at Cathedral School in July 2026 saw 19 children attend.

Guest Speaker – Lorraine Kennedy



The children participate in Talk Time relating to the season, Winter, Spring, Autumn and Summer relating to the children's mood. The children also have fun through art and waterslides. Port of Townsville were very responsive to FTM as were local companies through monetary and product donations.

Cowboys are also a keen support of FTM. FTM is in need of families and volunteers to help wherever they can.

Vote of Thanks:

Jim Baker gave a vote of thanks to Lorraine for her talk on Feel the Magic.



President Sue advised of a \$100 donation to Feel the Magic.

Sergeant Session – Shane Smith:

Sergeant Shane did his usual quick and entertaining Sergeant session to empty all our pockets of any change!





Wine Raffles:

A57 and A16 were the winners of the wine. Unsure who took the Red, but Kat was happy to take the white!

Joker Jackpot:

Unsure what the winning ticket number was but Robyn was winner to try her luck at finding the Joker.

President Sue's turn to look happy that Robyn was not lucky enough to draw the Joker!



President Sue's Closing Remarks:

President Sue thanked everyone for coming and reminded everyone that next week we are at the Townsville Grammar School for their Changeover. Chairman Peter then closed the meeting with a Toast to Rotary .



Nepal Disaster

RAWCS - Rotary Australia World Community Service

Nepal and Australia are 8,000 kilometres apart, but the Rotary community closed that distance in a day.

When the Trishuli corridor was buried on 26 August 2026, taking hundreds of lives and leaving more than 10,000 households without shelter, Nepali Rotarians turned to their neighbours and Australian Rotarians turned to their phones. Same handshake, same promise, two hemispheres.

In this radio snippet:

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/4345183512402799>

Prue Bentley of Radio Australia speaks with Rajendra Gautam, Past President of the Rotary Club of Kathmandu, and Rotary District 9780 Governor Tonie Thiel.

They cover what Rotarians on the ground are seeing and how clubs in Nepal and Australia are working together.

Rotary District 3292 is mobilising volunteers for relief distribution, while RAWCS has opened the Nepal Flooding Disaster Relief Fund, channelling donations through Rotary contacts in Nepal for shelter, cash grants and clean water.

Every club can play a part.

Put it to your board this week.

Give what you can today and help a family through the night.

<https://directory.rawcs.com.au/17-2026-27>

Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible in Australia.

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