



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?

"Basic Education and Literacy Month"

Spinifex Edition "10 – 3rd September 2024 District Governor Event

President's Message

It was a pizza night mixed with a presentation from Alfredo Campos on his native country El Salvador. Interesting to note the country is so tiny and can fit into Tasmania three times over and has a population of about 6,300,000.

I am still working on Alfredo to join Mundingburra because I believe he is made of the right stuff.

A big thank you to Katrina and Jim and Marcia Morrison for representing the club in the Lift the Lid Walk last Saturday. This was an Australian Rotary Health project to raise the awareness of mental health. Originally it was known as Hat Day and the term lifting the lid helps to destigmatize mental illness.

We have a busy week with Pineapple Festival, DG visit, and Teddy Bear's Picnic in conjunction with Townsville Toy Library. Many thanks to Neil for coordinating this event.

As PP Lyn requested, please let her know of potential guest speakers being an important element of our meeting programs.

Please think about choosing your guest for our meeting on 10 October. Membership Director Shane is looking for another successful event to help meet our membership target this year.

Happy Fathers' Day

PK



Forward Roster Duties Plan

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.

Date	Chair	Registration	Sergeant	Scribe	Intro	Thanks
3 rd Sept	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
12 th Sept	R Degenhart	P Gordon	S Smith	K Davis		

Facts & Figures

Total Member Count: 41
Number Used for Attendance: 36
Leave of Absence: 4
Exempt Members: Nil
Honorary Members: 1 Tony Wode
Members Present: 18
Total Credits for Last Week: 2
Percentage Attendance for Last Meeting: 42.85%
Apologies: B Robinson, K Lee, R Degenhart, R & S Tardiani, B Muguira, A Bosch. S Smith, J Baker, P Holmes, M Whitworth, D Nutt, G Stephens, B Muguira.
Visiting Rotarians: Nil
Club Guests: Alfredo DeCampo
Guests: Sue Luckel

Coming Important Dates 2nd – 8th Sept

Member Birthdays
 Arlin Bosch – 4th September
 Myles McKenzie – 6th September
Spouse/Partner Birthdays
 Nil
Anniversaries
 Nil
Join Date
 Jan Johnson - 2nd Sept (20years)
Takings
 Registration \$160.00
 Sergeant \$TBA
 Raffle \$36.00
 Joker \$42.00 (Joker Jackpot **\$362.60**)

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

Program & Coming Events

Date	Speaker/Facilitator/Topic Event	Venue
September	Basic Education and Literacy Month	
3 rd Sept	<i>District Governors Visit – Tuesday Night</i>	Cutheringa Bowls Club
5 th Sept	<i>Meeting at DG’s visit on Tuesday night</i>	
5 th Sept	<i>Item of interest – Teddy Bears Picnic - Thursday</i>	9.30am -11.30am Toy Library
7 th Sept	<i>Item of Interest -Blah High School finals – Saturday</i>	5-10pm at JCU

Townsville Rotary Market Roster -

BBQ Dates

8 th Sept	Sun	Willows Markets Co-Ord	?	Sat 14 th Sept	Bunnings Domain – Volunteers needed
29 th Sept	Sun	Willows Markets A/Co-Ord	?	Sun 29 th Sept	Bunnings Domain – Volunteers needed

“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's Review

Chairperson, PDG Ian Jones opened the meeting and let us know it was the 242nd day of the year. He then led us on a good rendition of the 4 Way test.



Chairman Ian Jones Opening the meeting.

Phil Gordon then introduced our guests for the evening, Guest Speaker Alfredo DeCampo and visitor Sue Luckel.

Presidents Opening Address

President Peter told another of his interesting/naughty stories to get the night off to a good start.



President Peter Kaye

He thanked Jim and Marcia Morrison and Katrina for representing the club at the Lift the Lid Walk last Sunday.

Peter also asked for helpers to help set up the hall for the DG's visit next Tuesday. If you can help please be at the club at 3pm.

Peter and Ian Corney will be at the Pineapple Festival this Saturday if anyone wants to go out and visit. Katrina will go out in the morning so they can have a bit of a break.

Guest Speaker Introduction

Neil Andrews introduced the guest speaker. Neil said he had googled Alfredo to get some information for the introduction but there were too many men with the same name to choose from.

Guest Speaker -Alfredo DeCampo

Alfredo talked about El Salvador where he originally came from. He left 35 years ago and Spanish is still his first language.

He and his wife left during the secret war. His wife who was a nurse was thrown in jail after being falsely arrested like so many back in those times. Fortunately, the Police Director had been a patient of hers. When she appeared before him he recognised her and secretly helped her to get released. Alfredo and his wife were then offered a choice of moving to Australia or Canada. They chose Australia. After arriving here Alfredo studied theology and is now a Seven Day Adventist Pastor. He is also a chaplain at the hospital and at the jail.



Alfredo presenting his talk

El Salvador was once the most dangerous place in the world. After the secret war gangsters took over and crime and corruption were rampant. With the election of a new president, he swore to wipe out crime and built super prisons. Today El Salvador is one of the safest places to visit. Even safer than Canada. It relies heavily on tourism and with over 20 volcanoes and several lakes there are many beautiful places to visit.

Guest Speaker Thanks

Graham Stephens gave a vote of thanks to Alfredo and presented him with a Rotary Mundingburra Coaster as a memento of his visit.

Directors Report

Lyn Svanosio asked members to help find guest speakers or opportunities for Vocational visit.



Jaye Beutel advised that Alan and Greg will be going to the Town High morning tea next week to represent our club. This is a fundraiser to raise money for cervical cancer research.

Alan Nelson reminded members of the upcoming Blah event on the 7th of September.

Neil Andrews asked that members attending the Teddy Bears Picnic arrive by 8.30 am to help set up.

Sergeant Session

Ryan Lacaze was sergeant and was concerned that nothing really happened on this day in history. But he did manage to find a few items to fine us all with.



Sergeant Ryan Lacaze

Presidents Closing

President Peter wished all the fathers a Happy Fathers Day for this Sunday.

Joker Draw

Michael Day won the opportunity to draw the Joker. He sent Jan Johnson in his place and she drew the King of Diamonds



Jan Johnson selecting the wrong card

Raffle Winners

Red – Greg Luckel (*who also won the local clubs meat tray raffle*).

White – Bill Barber

Chairman Ian Jones closed the meeting with a toast to Rotary International.

Thanks to Scribe Lyn

Special Notices - Items of Interest

Ron Degenhart

Ron and Vicki Degenhart spent a wonderful couple of days with past YEP student Melodie Marlé (Spiess), husband Benjamin, and 1 year old son Nathan in Reims, France last week.



Blah Competition – Mundingburra Rotarians are welcome to attend this special event.



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2024 HIGH SCHOOL BLAH FINAL

7TH SEPTEMBER, 5-9 PM.
EDUCATION CENTRAL, JAMES COOK DRIVE,
JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY
GR 7/8, GR 9/10 & GR 11/12.

*At the Central Lecture Theatre, James Cook University,
in front of Social Sciences, park when you see Education Central.*

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Grame Kenna Item

I have recently returned from a cruise along the Kimberley Coast (unfortunately I contracted Covid 19 at some stage - so I am currently in isolation).

During the cruise I met two of the most inspiring people (who also happen to be Rotarians) you could ever meet.

Joyce and Phil Ogden have undertaken two epic tandem cycle rides to raise awareness of polio as well as raise funds for EPN. - Perth to Adelaide and - Adelaide to Sydney

I would be happy to say a few words at a meeting about this remarkable couple (when I am back on deck).

I thought a brief article could also be appropriate for the Spinifex - Attached for your consideration.

I note that there are numerous articles (including some Rotary publications) accessible on the net in relation to the achievements of the Ogdens.

See the provided information on next page.

Inspiring Rotarians hit the road to End Polio Now



Joyce and Phil Ogden. Members of the Rotary Club of South Launceston.

Phil Ogden and his wife Joyce have been Rotarians for approximately 10 years.

A retired anaesthetist, Phil has witnessed first-hand the terrible legacy of the Polio epidemic of the fifties and the ongoing threat to children of the world until the Rotary inspired campaign worked its magic over the last 30 plus years.

In recent years Phil and Joyce have undertaken two epic rides on their tandem cycle to raise both awareness of the threat of polio and funds for the Rotary End Polio Now Campaign.

In May 2022 they left Perth cycling 2,700 kilometres to Adelaide. Logistics for the ride were challenging with camping and motels (where available) the only accommodation options on the Nullarbor. During this trip they raised \$38,000 for the End Polio Now Campaign.

Earlier this year the couple set off on a 3,000-kilometre ride from Adelaide to Sydney via the Great Ocean Road. Their “catch cry” during this trip was ‘hitting polio for six’ – encouraging the public to donate \$6.00 to support their campaign.

Joyce and Phil are inspirational Rotarians in their mid-70s who are using their lifelong love of cycling to raise awareness of and funds for the End Polio Now Campaign as well as raising the profile of Rotary.

A google search for Phil and Joyce Ogden will provide access to numerous articles on their epic journeys.