



**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 "11 – 12th September 2024 Home Caring Presentation

## President's Message

Mundingburra take a bow. Not only did we organise a very successful combined clubs DG event, our attendance of 28 members was outstanding.

Congratulations also to PP Lyn and her team for achieving a Presidential Citation for last year. I am certain DG Andrew has been most impressed with Mundingburra's performance.

We have had a very busy week with Pineapple Festival, DG visit, and Teddy Bear's Picnic in conjunction with Townsville Toy Library, and BLAH competition. Many thanks to all who have attended and contributed to each of these events.

I am particularly pleased with the results of our toy stall at the recent Pineapple Festival having sold 40 items and turning over \$1,390 for the day. Sales at the Teddy Bear's Picnic were also pleasing with sales of \$390. A huge thanks to ever reliable Ian Corney with both of these events.

Ron and Ian are planning the Mount Stuart tidy-up and planting in the refurbished gardens to take place shortly.

Also planning for our Family Night on 26 September

The club is on a roll so let's keep the momentum going.

Have a great week

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### 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](mailto:janjohnson37@gmail.com) or text to 0409 783 810 by 10 am on Mondays.

Date	Chair	Registration	Sergeant	Scribe	Intro	Thanks
12th Sept	R Degenhart	P Gordon	S Smith	K Davis	J Beutel	L Svanosio
19th Sept						
26th Sept						

#### 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:** 25  
**Total Credits for Last Week:** 5  
**Percentage Attendance for Last Meeting:** 71.43%  
**Apologies:**  
**Visiting Rotarians:** DG Andrew Gillispie, + Numerous others  
**Club Guests:** Susan Gillispie  
**Guests:** Sue Luckel, Vicki Digenhart

#### Coming Important Dates 9th – 15th Sept

**Member Birthdays**  
 Nil  
**Spouse/Partner Birthdays**  
 Nil  
**Anniversaries**  
 Nil  
**Join Date**  
 Nil

#### Takings

Registration N/A  
 Sergeant N/A  
 Raffle N/A  
 Joker N/A (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	<b>Basic Education and Literacy Month</b>	
12th Sept	<i>Home Caring – Tania Anger</i>	Cutheringa Bowls Club
19th Sept	<i>Emily Han’s Story</i>	Cutheringa Bowls Club
26th Sept	<i>Family Night</i>	Cutheringa Bowls Club

### Townsville Rotary Market Roster -

### BBQ Dates

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



## Wow - What a week

1. District Governors Visit
2. Toy Library - Teddy Bears Picnic Support
3. Townsville State High School - Cervical Cancer Event
4. BLAH High School Final
5. Pineapple Festival Toy Stall
6. Plus normal Markets and Bunnings events

### District Governor – Andrew Gillespie Visit to Townsville Clubs

DG Andrew Gillespie

96 people representing the nine Townsville clubs attended the combined meeting at Cutheringa Bowls Club last Tuesday.



Andrew spoke well on many topics affecting Rotary and particularly the downward trajectory of membership. There is no magic wand to address the situation other than clubs to work hard to arrest the spiral.

He advised there will be no more Presidential themes with this year being the last.

Zone 8 of which D9560 is a member, is a Regionalisation pilot. Andrew explained how the future might look if Regionalisation is adopted noting Districts will be abolished, District Governors will cease, Assistant Governors replaced by Rotary Community Leaders, and all program heads to be centralised.



**ABOUT THE REGIONALISATION PILOT**

**Pilot's main goals:**

- Provide effective club support
- Decrease duplication
- Grow membership
- Adapt to volunteer needs & expectations

Governance will be overseen by a Regional Council elected by clubs.

The Regional Council will replace Districts.

[www.creatingtomorrowrotary.org](http://www.creatingtomorrowrotary.org)

Together, we now start creating our future.

The Regionalisation Pilot | The Regional Council

To find up-to-date information we are encouraged to visit My Rotary and study online. This was not received well, with the audience expecting up-to-date information to be delivered by Andrew.



Traditional District Conferences will be replaced by one day events to be held at various centres.

Andrew advised there is no DG Partner project this year and encouraged us to support the Foundation instead.

On a sad note, we were advised of the death of Mersu, President Rotary Club of Dili Lafaek, who was a tireless worker for Rotary and his community.

A Go Fund me site will be set up to help support his family. Proceeds from the raffle run on the night will be directed to Mersu's family.

A sad photo of Mersu's daughter with her father's picture attached.





### Townsville Toy Library Day – Neil Andrews

We went on a bear hunt on Thursday morning at the Townsville Toy Library Teddy Bears Picnic in the Park. Under the newly installed shade sails (two of which are coincidentally in Mundingburra Rotary colours) a very pleasant morning albeit windy was enjoyed by everyone. It was an especially fun morning of play for the youngsters.



If you went down to the Toy Library, you would have seen Bandi the Bear, witnessed the celebration of Book Week with 'We're going on a bear hunt' read out loud by Bandi's handler, had the chance to cuddle one of the many bears (and take on home if lucky) donated by Mundingburra Rotary, join in free play with Play2Learn Townsville or inspect and buy handmade wooden toys on display at the Mundingburra Rotary Toy Stall.



Thank you to all those who were able to come to the picnic, help out and celebrate under the new shaded outdoor space. A special thank you to Katrina for all her help in locating and purchasing the giveaway bears and other items for the event.



If you are interested in seeing what took place a short video can be viewed on the Toy Library Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/townsvilletoylibrary>

### Townsville State High School fundraiser for Cervical Cancer

Townsville State High School year 10 food tech and home economics students laid on a high tea on Friday (6<sup>th</sup> Sept) as an opportunity to highlight their culinary skills. This was also an exercise in community engagement and a fundraising opportunity for the students to support the Australian Cervical Cancer Foundation.





The club was represented by Greg Luckel and Alan Nelson.



The food and its presentation were excellent as was the coffee. The sausage rolls vanished in double quick time.

The scones were worth a special note. In the words of the late Billie Kaye they were "flakey not cakey" as a beautifully light scone should be!



Incidentally, Townsville State High School has a large number of students from low social economic backgrounds including a refugees population. This perhaps provides our club an opportunity for youth engagement and assistance going forward.

Congratulations go to Christina Harrebomee and her colleagues and to the students for a very impressive a gorgeously presented spread.

### Blah School Final

Mundingburra Rotarian, Alan Nelson not only represented our club at this event but was also an adjudicator for this Rotary-sponsored program.



### Pineapple Day Festival.

President Peter and Ian Corney attended the huge Pineapple Festival event by holding a Wooden Toy stall on behalf of our club. Supported by Katrina Davis, the event raised over \$1000+ in sales and showcased our club.

An excellent result in both the publicity for the club and the revenue raised on the day. The only issue is due to a large amount of stock sold, the team have a lot of work to do to rebuild the stock levels. No time for rest or sleep.