



**Munding**  
an Aboriginal word  
meaning Spinifex or  
Long Grass

**Burra**  
meaning People or Tribe

The origin of the  
Townsville suburb  
Mundingburra



Mundingburra Rotary



Making A Difference

CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD

Rotary



### RI President

Gordon R. McInally

### District 9560 Governor

Sabaratnam (Prath) Prathapan

### Club President

Lyn Svanosio

### 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" – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023

- Toy Library Presentation - Nikki

## President's Report

Hi All,

Thank you to all who came along last night. It was a cosy relaxed meeting with Dave Dymock learning the ropes as Chairman for the night. Well done, Dave. It will get easier if I roster you more. Just kidding.

Thank you to Nikki and Jessica for coming along to talk about the simulated volunteer program. I think a few members have found a new way to fill any spare time they have.

Graeme told us Jim Morrison is in hospital. We wish Jim a speedy recovery and hope to see him back soon.

John Hall has also been in hospital, and we also wish him all the best for a speedy recovery.

This week we have another Nikki as a guest speaker. Nikki will be talking about the Townsville Toy Library. I look forward to hearing about what they do.

Can I ask all members to set up their "My Rotary" accounts? DG Prath has asked that we all try to use this resource. I have used My Rotary for many years and there is so much information in there for you to access. If you need help doing this let me know and I will help you.

See you all Thursday.

Cheers

Lyn



## Forward Roster Duties Plan

Date	Chair	Registration	Sergeant	Scribe	Into	Thanks
14 Sept	J Morrison	P Gordon	N Andrews	I Corney	J Johnson	G Stephens
21 Sept	N Andrews	P Gordon	P Holmes	J Baker	M Day	G Kenna
28 Sept	J Johnson	P Gordon	S Smith	K Davis	W Haller	M Day
5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	D Nutt	P Gordon	P Holmes	T Leow	A Bosch	K Lee

If you are unable to fulfill your rostered duty it is **YOUR** responsibility to find a replacement. Please notify Lyn of any changes. Registration Team ensure you record visitors' details clearly in the visitors' book.  
**Meeting apologies to Attendance Officer: Kat Lee (Filling in for Jan)**  
[katanya.lee@carter-spencer.com.au](mailto:katanya.lee@carter-spencer.com.au) or text to 0409 536 169 by 10am on Mondays at the latest.

### Facts & Figures

**Total Member Count:** 37  
**Number Used for Attendance:** 34  
**Leave of Absence:** 2  
**Exempt Members:** Nil  
**Honorary Members:** 1 Tony Wode  
**Members Present:** 16  
**Total Credits for Last Week:** 5  
**Percentage Attendance for Last Meeting:** 56.76%  
**Apologies:** J Foley, N Andrews, A Ferolja, J Hall, K Lee, T Leow, R & S Tardiani, J Johnson. M Day, P Gordon, R Lacaze, J Morrison., A Bosch.  
**Visiting Rotarians:** Nil  
**Club Guests:** Nikkii Harvey & Jessica Waterson  
**Guests:** Nil

### Coming Important Dates 11 – 17 Sept

**Member Birthdays**  
 Nil  
**Spouse/Partner Birthdays**  
 Nil  
**Anniversaries**  
 Nil  
**Join Date**  
 Nil  
**Takings**  
 Registration \$340  
 Sergeant \$40.50  
 Raffle \$32  
 Joker \$40.50 (Joker Jackpot \$110.40)

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

## Program & Coming Events

Date	Speaker/Facilitator/Topic Event	Venue
<b>SEPT</b>	<b>Basic Education and Literacy Month</b>	
13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Zoom
14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>Nikki - Toy Library</b>	Cutheringa Bowls Club
21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	<b>Hubie Morris Hlstory</b>	Cutheringa Bowls Club
28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>Peter Wheeler - Colliers</b>	Cutheringa Bowls Club

## Townsville Rotary Market Roster

10 Sept	6.30am	Willows Market	D Nutt	<b>Market Roster: You will receive a reminder in the week before your shift. Please contact David Nutt on 0408 897 152 or <a href="mailto:david.nutt@bigpond.com">david.nutt@bigpond.com</a> to confirm that you can do your shift.</b>
TBA				
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### “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

Chairman Dave Dimmock opened the meeting at 6:30 and invited members to recite the 4-Way Test.

### President Lynette Opening Address

President Lynette welcomed our guests for tonight, our guest speakers Nikki Harvey and Jessica Waterson from the JCU Volunteer Simulated Patient Program. President Lynette reported that although she forgot to attend the first Town High Cervical Cancer High Tea, she made it to the second one and made a personal donation.

Lynette also reported that she and Ian Jones participated in the Bike Count Program on Super Tuesday, earning \$\$\$ for the club.

### Guest Speakers – Volunteer Simulated Patients Program at JCU – Nikki Harvey and Jessica Waterson.

Bill Muguira introduced our guest speakers and invited them to address the club. Nikki is an Associate Professor and Head of Clinical Skills. Jessica's role is Clinical Examinations Advisor.



**Nikki and Jessica presenting**

Nikki began by stating that the Volunteer Simulated Patient (VSP) program is a very important part of the undergraduate teaching program. JCU provides one of the few undergraduate medical courses left in Australia. There are typically 800-900 applicants interviewed for each student intake. They currently have 72 VSPs and need more.

### Why is VSP important?

The students really appreciate the feedback provided by the volunteers, and feel it helps to improve their confidence in dealing with people. The program helps to create authentic real learning experiences for the students. The program has received a number of Awards.

### Why is the VSP Program so important

- Helping train future doctors for our region/north QLD
- Helps create authentic real learning experiences for students
- Increases students' confidence and competence in clinical skills
- Improves professionalism
- Work ready graduates



### Roles for VSPs

Nikki spoke of the types of roles that VSPs can play. Some sessions are verbal exchanges, whilst others may involve physical examinations. VSPs can opt out of physical examinations, or any roles they are not comfortable with. Scripts are sent out in advance so that the volunteers are familiar with the role. Volunteers providing feedback is an extremely valuable role.

### How to become a VSP?

Visit the website where there is an application form. Flyers are available tonight.

### Questions

Lyn – Can we do it as a group? Answer – every scenario is different. Some only require 2-3 people, others more. Would be difficult to participate as a group at one time.  
Jim Baker – Parking for volunteers? Answer – free parking is provided. They try to make it as convenient for volunteers as possible.  
Karl – How long are the sessions? Answer – usually 1-4 hours.

Nikki advised that there are also some paid roles available in the 4<sup>th</sup> Year teaching program. These roles involve physical examinations and some invasive procedures.

**What is a Volunteer Simulated Patient (VSP)**

- A person who role plays a patient to help create as real as possible learning experiences for students
- No formal education is required, but generally need to be over 18 years old
- The types of VSP roles vary and you only do what you are comfortable with
- There is no requirement to hold/obtain a Blue Card
- There is a simple application process
- Once you are a member of the VSP program, you will receive information about available sessions/opportunities.
- Training is held annually in about February and a yearly thank you function is held in July.

President Lynette thanked Nikki and Jessica for their presentation.



**Nikkie talking to Karl and Birthday Myles**

**Reports**

**Membership Chair Shane** recommended looking up the Seinfeld episode involving Kramer and Gonorrhoea! He went on to thank members for bringing guests to the Information Night which was very successful. He will be speaking every week to remind us of the importance of membership.

**Vocational Chair Graeme** advised that Jim Morrison was in hospital with pneumonia.

**Foundation Chair Peter Kaye** advised that (in keeping with the medical theme) PDG John Hall has encountered some difficulties on his walk and has had to have surgery, which somehow led to Wayne making a crack about matrimonial thrombosis – ‘marrying a clot’.

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> – Meet at Toolakea at 8:30 am for a presentation of the defibrillator to the community.  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> – The Toy stall will be at Willows Markets, Come and have a look.

Jim Baker advised that regarding Guide Dogs, the family of Hubie Morris will be visiting Townsville and donating some family memorabilia. The Morris Family are donating materials to the Townsville Historical Society on 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 and we hope to have a Club member attend with Guide Dogs representation. *Does anyone have contacts in the media to get this story out?* Someone suggested Channel 7 News is always looking for such stories.

**Sergeants session**

Sergeant Peter Holmes started out by engaging us in a rendition of Happy Birthday for Myles. Fined Shane for the wedding of the year – if he wasn't broke before he will be now. Foundation Facts question regarding funding from the Gate Foundation – 2 for 1. And apparently, the Providor's middle name is Stanley. Now we know (almost) everything.

President Lynette's closing remarks – Board meeting next week. See you next week.

The Joker was won by Bill Barber who drew the 10 of something black and was genuinely 1 off the Joker. Bad luck Bill!



**Bad Luck Bill**

Chairman Dave closed the meeting punctually with a Toast to Rotary International, and a joke: 'Why do salmon not swim north of Townsville? Because they don't want to end up in Cairns.' Hooroo!

**Member Medical Updates**

**Jim Morrison** is about to be discharged from hospital following a bout of pneumonia. He is more concerned that he hasn't been able to bring his potential members along whilst ill. Just look after yourself Jim and get your health back first.

**John Hall**, unfortunately John, has had to be admitted to the Collie Hospital in Western Australia due to an infection on one of his legs. John was doing a charity walk to raise funds for Cowboys House. We understand he is not likely to finish the walk and will return home shortly.

**David Nutt**. David had fall a few weeks ago and broke a number of Ribs. He is still doing things he shouldn't be doing, like Markets and Bunnings, and needs to do a bit more resting instead.



**Foundation Fun Fact -5**

Rotary's 7 Areas of focus through the Foundation

1. Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention
2. Disease Prevention and Treatment
3. Water Sanitation and Hygiene
4. Maternal and Child Health
5. Basic Education and Literacy
6. Community Economic Development
7. Environment