



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 "12 – 19th September 2024

Emily Hahn – Peter Kaye

President's Message

I am a little concerned at our meeting attendances of late which have been less than 50% of members. I know some people have been away however not in sufficient numbers to impact meeting attendance.

Perhaps some comments or input from members might help to identify if there is an underlying reason for the low turnouts.

Planning is underway for our first Family meeting on the 26 September.

The Mount Stuart tidy up and planting in the refurbished gardens at the lookout is on Sunday morning 15 Sept.

Lyn has organised another Peace pole to be installed at Central School Monday 21 October

We will have a toy stall at Oasis in Idalia 25 October, and a stall at Guide dogs at Heatley Park the following Sat 26 October

Please participate where you can including of course Bunnings and Markets.

Have a great week.

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
19 th Sept	Brydget B/H	Phil Gordon	P Holmes	K Davis	G Luckel	I Corney
26 th Sept	N Andrews	Phil Gordon	I Jones	J Morrison	D Nutt	W Haller
3 rd Oct	J Beutel	Phil Gordon	B Barber	I Corney	L Svanosio	J Johnson
10 th Oct	S Smith	Phil Gordon	N/A	A Bosch	N/A	N/A

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: 19
Total Credits for Last Week: 7
Percentage Attendance for Last Meeting: 63.41%
Apologies: N Andrews, J Baker, B Robinson, J Morrison, J Beutel, A Bosch, G Kenna, B Muguira, M Day A Ferolja
Visiting Rotarians:
Club Guests: Tania Anger (Guest Speaker)
Guests: Nil

Coming Important Dates 16th – 22nd Sept

Member Birthdays
 Jim Foley – 18th September
 Jim Baker – 18th September
Spouse/Partner Birthdays
 Nil
Anniversaries
 Nil
Join Date
 Alan Nelson – 18th Sept (11 years)
Takings
 Registration \$395.00
 Sergeant \$39.70
 Raffle \$30.00
 Joker \$32.00 (Joker Jackpot **\$375.40**)

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	
19 th Sept	<i>Emily Han's Story</i>	Cutheringa Bowls Club
26 th Sept	<i>Family Night - Dr Alan Nelson - Allergies</i>	Cutheringa Bowls Club
3 rd Oct	<i>Mental Health Wellness - Wellways - Carman Delaney</i>	Cutheringa Bowls Club
10 th Oct	<i>Membership Night</i>	Cutheringa Bowls Club

Townsville Rotary Market Roster -

BBQ Dates

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



Week in Review

The meeting was opened with the 4-way test by Ron Degenhart, which was followed by Phil Gordon asking the members to welcome our guest for the night, Tania Anger



President Peter then addressed the meeting with an outline of the coming events for the club

Guest Speaker – Tania Anger

We had a short but very interesting presentation by Tania Anger on the topic of Home Caring.



Tania spoke on Home Care services and Home Care Packages available for people over the age of 65 years. The sobering fact of course is that our demographic is such that many of us would be eligible for these Home Care Packages.

The three key areas are:

- Domestic Assistance Services
- Personal Care Services
- Aged, Health and Disability Services



For many elderly Australians, a Home Care Package is the key to being able to age at home, in the comfort of a familiar environment.

Home Care Package subsidies support you to continue living at home and staying connected to your community, often avoiding, or delaying, moving into a nursing home.

Age eligibility includes people aged 65 years or older, or 50 years or older for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

People younger than this will need to test their eligibility with the National Disability Insurances Scheme (NDIS) first.

To test for HCP eligibility, people register with My Aged Care answering questions to help with assessing need.

They then undertake an assessment with a registered agency. If a person is determined eligible for a Home Care Package, they will be approved for a package and registered in the Australian Government's national priority system.

Tania advised it was prudent to register even if you had no immediate need for assistance and the importance of being in the system

Directors Reports

Katrina Davis, Shane Smith, and Lyn Svanosio, provided announcements to the meeting.





President Peter then gave a closing address, and Chairman Ron announced the duties for next week and asked members to stand for a toast to Rotary International.



Joker Jackpot

Katrina Davis won the right to have a go for the Joker Jacpot but unfortunately did not select the right card.

Thank You



Would you give up a Saturday night for Rotary? – a comment from Brydget on the Blah Competition.

The 'Blah! High School speaking competition' was held last Saturday (5-9pm) at James Cook University. The two major sponsors are the University and Rotary and a number of minor sponsors. The theatre was easily accessible to all being close to the main ring road with lots of well-lit parking.

The event has been running in Townsville for many years.

Having seen the event advertised in the Mundingburra Rotary newsletter *Spinifex*, I went along. I had also invited a friend who had said she would like to join Rotary and I hoping to display an example of the kind of things Rotary does.

At the last moment she was not able to attend, but I went along anyway and was pleased to meet another member of the Club who was a competition as an invigilator.



I expected to see a smattering of Rotary members perhaps 10ish at the competition – 2/3 for each of the Townsville Clubs. This expectation was based on the Club I belonged to in NSW, with about the same number of members as Mundingburra, where at least half of the members had attended a similar event in their local village hall.

The Blah! Competition was divided in 3 units; 7-8 students; 9-10 and 11-12 students with differing topics for each level. There were about 8 competitors for each section, and they chose between the topics given. We heard about 'Friends', 'If I was Principal', 'AI' and variously about 'Changing the world for the better'.

All of the students, from the rich mix of young people in Townsville, gave good presentations and were rewarded with bags and prizes, a significant sponsor seeming to be Officeworks. The event was brought together by their competition coach and the logistics were all done by older students who also introduced all of the items – they did an excellent job if they are indeed products of this experience in previous years, that speaks well of this opportunity for our high school students.

Rotary supporting this competition is to be applauded, BUT why was I the only Rotary member in the audience? The President of Townsville Rotary Club said a few words at the opening of proceedings but did not take this opportunity to tell the students, and their parents what Rotary does, why we support such events and the bigger picture of our activities.

Maybe I am a bit crazy, and some might say "Well she does not have anything else to do on a Saturday night", but if we as Rotarians are going to give money to local events such as Blah! should we not go and support the students – go and talk with them and their parents and teachers. During the night I spoke with several students and a Mother and a Teacher – Yes, I did ask them if they had ever thought of joining Rotary!

If we Rotary members do not attend such events, do we not miss out on supporting good community activities, the opportunity to promote Rotary, tell others about who we are and what we do. When the students are asked if they want to join Rotaract or in 10-15 years' time, their local Rotary Club, would they be able to remember "Oh, I remember Rotarians being at the speaking competition, they were good, motivated, community-minded people – maybe I should go along and see if I might like to join them".

Brydget Barker-Hudson – member Mundingburra Rotary Club, Townsville.