

Spinifex



Rotary Club of Mundingburra Inc.

Chartered 21 June 1958

Club ID Number 17739, District 9560

PO Box 3142 Hermit Park Qld 4812

www.mundingburrarotary.org.au

www.facebook.com/RotaryClubOfMundingburra

Munding

*an Aboriginal word
meaning Spinifex or
Long Grass*

Burra

meaning People or Tribe

*The origin of the
Townsville suburb
Mundingburra*



RI President

Francesco Arezzo

District 9560 Governor

Greg Marlow

Club President

Alan Nelson

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?

October: – Community Economic and Development Month

Edition 14 – 2nd October 2025

This Week – Prof Ian Atkinson -Director- AI JCU

President Alans Address

One of the many great things I love about Rotary is the collection of wonderful people who become Rotarians. Our club, for example, is home to an great group of people with a diverse and remarkable collection of skills and abilities.

Our more recent inductees to the club, Rooka and Daniel have added to the strength and depth of skill and knowledge of our club. This was beautifully demonstrated in their "Me Talk" last meeting gave us a better understanding of their lives, skills and motivation of this delightful and extraordinary couple. They both have a history of volunteerism and paying it forward. We are indeed fortunate to have Daniel and Rooka in our club.

Going forward we have 7 shifts at the Willows markets between now and Christmas. If you are to able to take a shift please contact David Nutt and make his life less stressful. This is important, so please consider.

Thank you to Ian Jones, Jim Baker and Peter and Judy Holmes who stepped in to fill the void created with Katanya Lee and Bill Barber for the Bunnings BBQ last Sunday. This and the markets highlights two things. Firstly how much Katanya, Bill and David do for the club to keep us a float financially and secondly, we have a spread to load and skills of making things happen around more people. We need to have the ability for members to have holidays etc and not trigger a crisis in the regular activities of the club.

A further example of this is the we need someone to pair with Jim Baker with putting together the Spinifex. While I'm about it, we need a President elect for 2026-2027. As much a being President of Mundingburra is tremendous privilege, I will not be continuing on next year.

I'll climb down of my soap box. This week's meeting we have Professor Ian Atkinson, JCU Direct of AI speaking about AI. Ian is a great communicator and well worth listening to.

Last minute update.

As most members know Michael Day under went a coronary angiography to check out his heart's plumbing. He has a number of arteries with 70+% narrowing. These will



require stents to restore the flow. This will probably occur Thursday this week then all going well, in two weeks time Michael will be back in the game.

This is perhaps a timely reminder for each and everyone of us to pay attention to our health and well being.

See you all then. Yours in Rotary, Alan

Forward Roster Duties Plan

If you are unable to fulfill your rostered duty it is **YOUR** responsibility to find a replacement. Please notify **Jaye** of any changes. Meeting apologies to Attendance Officer: @ katanya.lee@carter-spencer.com.au or text to 0409 536 169 by 10 am on Mondays.

Date	Chair	Registration	Sergeant	Scribe	Intro	Thanks
25th Sept	Tim Lowe	Phil Gordon	R Lacaze	P Kaye	I Jones	J Morrison
2nd Oct	Jaye Beutel	Phil Gordon	G Luckel	K Lee	A Nelson	R Degenhart
16th Oct	Shane Smith	Phil Gordon	Nil	B Barber	S Smith	S Smith

Facts & Figures

Total Member Count: 43
Number Used for Attendance: 42
Leave of Absence: 0
Exempt Members: Nil
Honorary Members: 1 Tony Wode
Members Present: 21
Total Credits for Last Week: 1
Percentage Attendance Meeting: 52.4%
Apologies: N Andrews, J Beutel, K Lee, A Ferolija, L Svanosio, M Day, J Ramage
Visiting Rotarians: Nil
Club Guests: Nil
Guests: B Barker-Hudson, W Muguira

Important Dates – 29th Sept – 5th Oct

Member Birthdays
Nil
Spouse/Partner Birthdays
Nil
Wedding Anniversaries
Nil
Rotary Membership Anniversaries
Nil
Takings
 Registration TBA
 Sergeant TBA
 Donations Nil
 Raffle TBA
 Joker TBA (**Joker Jackpot \$786.70**)

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

Program & Coming Events

Date	Speaker/Facilitator/Topic Event	Venue
March	<i>Community Economic and Development Month</i>	
2 nd Oct	Artificial Intelligence	Cutheringa Bowls Club
9 th Oct	Joint Meeting RC Townsville	Cutheringa Bowls Club
16 th Oct	Membership Night	Cutheringa Bowls Club

Townsville Rotary Market Roster

BBQ Dates

“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.



President Alan

Alan recognised the ongoing commitment of David Nutt to the Rotary markets.

The Board at its recent meeting voted to support an international project in Brazil by way of a partnership with a Foundation Global Grant.

The project to assist disadvantaged people is being driven By Miriam Whitworths previous club in Brazil. The Board has committed \$500 towards the project.

Chairman Tim invited Miriam to speak on the project who showed us an example of a mat made from milk cartons sewn together.

Meeting Notes

Dr. Tim chaired last week's meeting opening with the Pledge and 4Way Test.



Chairman Tim

He then called upon our Registration Officer, Phil to announce the guests,



Phil welcoming guests

He introduced President Alan who gave an update on various matters including Michael Day's possible heart surgery.

Alan spoke on the success of the Interact changeover dinner and the vibrancy of the club in general.

He spoke on the proposed QMR Berghoffer project and a letter of support by the club.



Miriam Whiteorth



Blanket

Following dinner Ian Jones introduced our guest speakers. We were treated to a double act by our newest members Daniel and Rooka.



Intro Slide



Rooka Presenting

They both enjoy the outdoors and hiking.

Graeme Kenna moved a vote of thanks to Daniel and Rooka.



Daniel and Rooka

Although Daniel was raised in Townsville he has spent the last 18 years in Canada where he met Rooka who is from Mauritius. Her family are farmers.

The couple decided to move to Australia and even brought their beloved dog Rusty back with them.

Interestingly both Daniel and Rooka are very community minded. Daniel moved to Canada at the age of 24 and spent much of his time involved with community there. He spoke about a Saskatchewan winter where the temperature fell below minus 50.

When he first arrived in Canada Daniel worked in oil and Gas and then moved into project management and has worked in almost every province and territory. He ventured into Recruiting, Virtual Reality Development, Navy reserves, and H.E.L.P homes in Regina.



Rooka attended University of Regina graduating with a Bachelor in Business admin major in accounting. She is a member of the Project Management Institute and CPA Australia.



Graeme Kenna thanking Rooka and Daniel

Dave Dymock won the chance to draw the joker and gave his ticket to Rooka. Sadly, she was unsuccessful.



Bad luck Rooka



I love the Sergeants Role Ryan

Breaking News

Rotary International President for 2026-27

Olayinka Hakeem Babalola, a member of the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, Nigeria, has been elected to serve as president of Rotary International for the 2026-27 term.

He will take office on 1 July 2026.

Babalola, a Rotary member for more than 30 years, will become the second African to lead Rotary International, following Jonathan B. Majiyagbe of the Rotary Club of Kano, Nigeria, who served in 2003-04.

About Olayinka Hakeem Babalola: Babalola holds a degree in engineering and spent more than 30 years in the oil and gas sector, including senior leadership roles at Shell PLC.

He founded the Riviera Technical Services Ltd., an oil and gas infrastructure delivery firm, as well as Lead and Change Consulting, an executive coaching and organizational performance consultancy.

Babalola became involved with Rotary in 1984 through Rotaract — Rotary's program for young professionals and students — and joined the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi in 1994.

He has since held several leadership roles within the organization and currently serves as a trustee of ShelterBox UK, Rotary's official project partner for disaster relief.

He and his wife, Preba, support The Rotary Foundation through a named endowment and are members of the Arch Klumph Society, which recognizes Rotary's highest level of philanthropic giving.

His Rotary honours include the Africa Centennial Heroes Award, the Service Above Self Award, the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World, and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service.



TOWNSVILLE
LIFT THE LID ON MENTAL HEALTH WALK
PHYSICAL HEALTH FOR MENTAL HEALTH
WALK WITH US
Sunday
October 12th 2025
from 8am

REGISTER VIA THIS QR CODE

FREE BREAKFAST TO ALL REGISTERED WALKERS

An early morning walk and talk along the Ross River from Riverway Amphitheatre
Walk and talk to LIFT THE LID on the stigma!

All funds raised goes to Australian Rotary Health for research on Mental Illness

Rotary International
www.rotary.org.au

www.LIFTTHELID.CO.AU

The poster features a purple background with white and yellow text. It includes a QR code on the left, a starburst graphic on the right, and logos for Rotary International, Australian Rotary Health, and the event website. At the bottom, there is a colorful graphic of stylized human figures in various colors.