



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 "10th October 2024 Program- Umoja & Lift the Lid- (Wear a Hat Night)

President's Message

Whilst there was no guest speaker this week, we had an abundance of Directors reports and updates on club activities.

Treasurer Neil advised our financial position is strong and our books of account have been given the tick of approval by our auditors. Neil also confirmed our support of the Alice River Community Association with the upcoming Toy swap and Australia Day event.

Many thanks to Katrina for her initiative in updating the tablecloths at our toy stall with blue fitted covers displaying our club logo.

Berni from Guide Dogs Qld gave us an update on the Cannie Carnival at Heatley Park 26 October.

Ron reported on our Interact Club after he and Jan attended their recent meeting and advised a visit by Kristell Scott and the new Interact Board.

Shane reminded us of our combined membership information night with the Melbourne Cup phantom call is on 31 October. Please save the date, which is sure to be a fun night, so bring your guest/s.

Thanks to Jonesy, Ron, Alan, and Neil for their efforts at The Mount Stuart project last Saturday. The cleanup and tree planting has made an enormous difference to the lookout. We just need to update the signage now.

Don't forget the mindfulness event at JCU is Saturday week where the club will provide drinks.

We will have a family Christmas event at the Bowls club on Sunday afternoon 15 December so please remember to save the date.

Finally on a sad note, I advise Doreen Kimlin, wife of our late esteemed member George passed away last week. George and Doreen are remembered as you know by way of their perpetual trophy for Rotarian of the year. Doreen's funeral will be held 10am at Morleys next Wednesday 09 October. Please wear your club shirt if you can attend.



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
10 th Oct	S Smith	Phil Gordon	N/A	A Bosch	N/A	N/A
17 th Oct	M Day	Phil Gordon	R Lacaze	D Nutt	TBA	TBA
24 th Oct	G Luckel	Phil Gordon	A Nelson	B Robinson	TBA	TBA

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: 23
Total Credits for Last Week: 4
Percentage Attendance for Last Meeting: 65.85%
Apologies: J Hall, M Whitworth, J Baker, R Lacaze, A Ferolja, B Barker-Hudson.
Visiting Rotarians: Nil
Club Guests: Nil
Guests: B McKeane (QLD Guide Dogs)

Coming Important Dates 6th to 12th Oct

Member Birthdays
 Nil
Spouse/Partner Birthdays
 Nil
Anniversaries
 Dorothy & Graham Stephens – 6th Oct (51 Years)
Join Date
 Nil
Takings
 Registration \$475.00
 Sergeant \$71.20
 Raffle \$44.00
 Joker \$58.00 (**Joker Jackpot \$431.40**)

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	
10 th Oct	Umoja (Cathy Booth) + Lift the Lid (Hat Night)	Cutheringa Bowls Club
17 th Oct	TBA	
24 th Oct	Interact Club	Cutheringa Bowls Club
31 st Oct	Annual Melbourne Cup Night	Cutheringa Bowls Club

Townsville Rotary Market Roster -

BBQ Dates

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“The Object of Rotary”

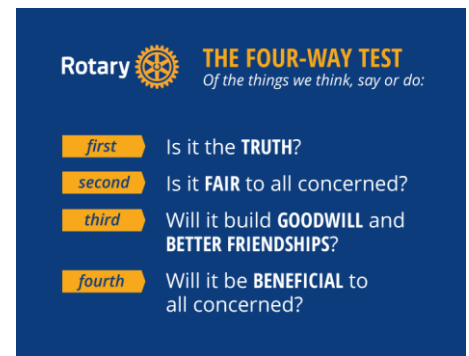
Is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

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.



Week in Review

Chairman Jaye Buetel opened the meeting on time.

Chairman Jaye led us in a controlled and well-performed Four Way Test. He then shared an anecdote about Fat Bear Week which is happening in Alaska. To find out more visit <https://explore.org/fat-bear-week>.



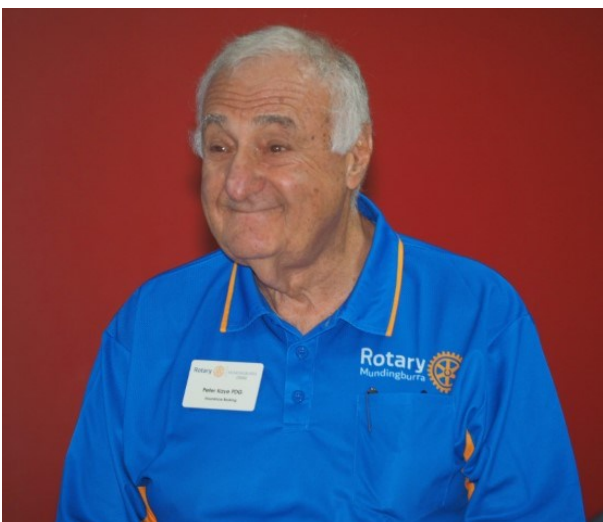
Phil Gordon then introduced our one and only guest for the night, Bernie from Guide Dogs Queensland. Bernie loves to join us whenever she is in town.

Presidents Opening Address

President Peter opened the meeting with a lovely (????) story about ED and Linda and Golf. I don't think we can repeat it here.

He then thanked the team who worked on Mt Stuart last weekend, Ian Jones, Ron Degenhart, Neil Andrews, Alan Nelson and Peter himself.

He asked us all to think of ways to improve our very successful family night which was held last week. We also need to find a way to stop our meals encroaching on Guest Speaker time.



Peter and his Toy Team will also be at Willows Markets this weekend. They will be debuting the lovely Mundingburra Rotary table covers organised by Katrina. Peter also reminded us of several "Save the Date" events happening soon. Check the Spinifex for details.

He closed his opening address with some sad news. Doreen Kimlin, wife of former Club Rotarian George Kimlin (deceased) passed away this week. Her funeral service will be held on Wednesday the 9th of October at Morleys Funerals.

Peter requested that members who attend wear their club shirts. The Kimlins will always be remembered by us all when we award the George and Doreen Kimlin Rotarian of the Year award every year.

Guest Speaker Segment

As our guest speaker did not attend, we then went straight to Director reports.

Directors Reports:

Neil A. advised the Australia Day Grant is proceeding and he confirmed the Alice River Community group will be partnering with us.



The invoice for meals at the DG's visit night has finally arrived. Members could pay Kat tonight or wait and Neil will be sending out invoices for members to pay. The cost was \$30.

Neil also advised the Auditor has finished auditing the accounts and everything looks good.

Lynette S reminded members about our Lift the Lid Hat night next week. So please wear a hat and donate \$5 to this cause.

Shane S reminded members about our Melbourne Cup Membership night. Please start contacting people to come along. Shane reminded us that you only join Rotary if you are asked.



Jan J gave us an overview of next weeks guest speaker, Cathy Booth.

He thanked Katrina for lending them her pressure cleaner as it really helped. Ian also commented on Neil's skills with his two handled shovel. Ian also thanked Jan for providing their morning tea.



Cathy's passion for helping to give vulnerable children a second chance at life is inspirational. As a school teacher, mother of four, and grandmother of four, Cathy has always been an advocate for helping children to reach their full potential.

After a short visit to Kenya in 2010, Cathy returned to Australia determined to start her own charity to combat child abandonment and orphaned children.

In 2016, after five long years of fundraising in Australia and creating the required infrastructure in Kenya, her dream of opening a self-sustainable children's village in Ukunda, Kenya was finally a reality.

Hear the difficulties of running the Umoja Project in a poverty stricken area of Kenya .

Cathy will be joining us via zoom and will speak about how Umoja is so much more than just a children's home. Umoja is a project which also helps the community, and how the support of Rotary and Rotarian Volunteers, has helped her team truly *achieve the extraordinary* while Cathy has continued to work full time up until the end of June this year in her profession, whilst overseeing the project from Australia.

Cathy returns to Kenya twice a year to take Rotary Volunteers and other volunteers to the project.

Jan also advised that Terrance, who we are sponsoring through Jifunze is doing well.

Ian J followed up about the Mt Stuart cleanup. He said there is still work to be done as the team ran out of water.

We then enjoyed fellowship while we ate dinner.

Other Reports

After dinner Bernie from Guide Dogs QLD gave a quick update on some of their fundraising. Guide Dogs QLD now have a wine club. Bernie bought along a bottle of First Paw bubbly to add to tonight's raffle. She also donated a couple of 2025 calendars for us to include in future raffles.



Bernie also gave an update about the Canine Carnival happening on Saturday 26th October. Peter and his team will be there with the Toy Stall. There will also be food, numerous stalls, kids entertainment and demonstrations by the canine trainers.

They do need some extra help so if you have time please let Bernie know (via Jim Baker) if you can help out.

Ron D gave us an update on the Grammar School project in Timor. They had a book drive for English speaking books



and were able to send 20 kilos of books at a cost of \$300 to Timor.

President Peter then drew the ticket for the Joker Jackpot. Neil A won the opportunity but this time he drew the 3 of Hearts.



Sergent Session

Bill B conducted a very "Factual" sergeants' session.

He had quite a few facts for this months Rotary theme "Economic and Community Development". *The end result was (in my opinion – Lyn) the world would not keep turning if it wasn't for us Women.* Bill's actual point to the session was that he would like us to consider doing a project so that we could provide micro-loans to women in third-world countries. A very worthy cause and one we should follow up on



Raffles were drawn results as follows:

- Red Wine: Jaye Beutel
- White Wine: Michael Day who gifted it to Jan J
- Guide Dogs First Paw Bubbly; Jim Morrison

President's Closing Reminders

President Peter thanked everyone for coming and reminded us of upcoming events. He then drew the ticket for the Joker Jackpot. Neil A won the opportunity but this time he drew the 3 of Hearts.

Joker Jackpot:



Close of Meeting.

Chairman Jaye closed the meeting with a toast to our great organisation, Rotary International.



The new Cover as mentioned by K Davis earlier

