

Spinifex



Rotary Club of Mundingburra Inc.

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Club ID Number 17739, District 9560

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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 16 – 16th October 2025 This Week – Club Membership Night

Acting President Address

On behalf of President Alan, Peter Kaye welcomed everyone to last week's meeting, and particularly to President Liam and visitors from Townsville Rotary club. Townsville is our sponsor club, when in 1958 the late Charlie Butler chartered Mundingburra.

Charlie was a victim of polio and wore leg braces. He was a champion for the disabled and instrumental in the foundation of what was then known as the North Queensland Society for Crippled Children. Charlie owned a hardware store at the Causeway.

Mundingburra's first meeting place was the Great Northern hotel in Flinders St.

Townsville club is one of the oldest clubs in the District having been chartered by Melbourne in 1926 and they will celebrate their centenary next year.

Liam spoke about a bequest of \$400,000 given to the club from a past member. The money has been donated to several causes including Townsville University Hospital for a new spectrometer which will improve early diagnosis for cancer treatment.

Townsville club successfully conducts an annual raffle with a prize of \$50,000 from 2000 tickets @\$50, and a profit of around \$45,000.

Peter spoke about some Mundingburra activities and projects including Bunning BBQ provides which provide financial support to community partners.

Support to Guide Dogs Queensland supporting two NQ teenagers to SEQ camp for those with visual impairment. Townsville Grammar School Interact Club. Adventist Development Relief Agency, Mount Stuart Rotary Lookout and Bluewater Mundingburra Park. Annual trivia and auction night.

Both clubs participated in the Lift the Lid Walk in aid of ARH on Sunday. The meeting was most enjoyable with the suggestion that Mundingburra will visit Townsville club in the near future.

Yours in Rotary
Alan



Presidents addendum ,

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(Some photos at the end of the newsletter)

Forward Roster Duties Plan

If you are unable to fulfill your rostered duty it is **YOUR** responsibility to find a replacement. Please notify **John Hall** 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
16th Oct	Shane Smith	Phil Gordon	Nil	B Barber	S Smith	S Smith
23rd Oct	Ian Jones	Phil Gordon	P Holmes	P Kaye	G Stephens	J Morrison
30th Oct						

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: 20
Total Credits for Last Week: 3
Percentage Attendance Meeting: 54.7%
Apologies: N Andrews, A Ferolja, M Day, B Barber, I Corney, J Johnson, K Davis, P Holmes, A Nelson, D Price, R Ramdin, M Day.
Visiting Rotarians: 16
Club Guests: Nil
Guests: W Maguire

Important Dates – 13th Oct – 19th Oct

Member Birthdays
Nil
Spouse/Partner Birthdays
Nil
Wedding Anniversaries
Nil
Rotary Membership Anniversaries
Michale Day – 17 Years 16th Oct
Takings
 Registration \$805.00
 Sergeant \$557.00
 Donations Nil
 Raffle \$44.00
 Joker \$59.00 (Joker Jackpot \$851.10)

- 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>	
16 th Oct	Membership Night	Cutheringa Bowls Club
23 rd Oct	Copperstring Update	Cutheringa Bowls Club
30 th Oct	Melbourne Cup Night	Cutheringa Bowls Club

Townsville Rotary Market Roster

BBQ Dates

			18 th Oct Sat	Need Volunteers	

“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.



Meeting Notes

Opening

Chairman John Hall welcomed all to the meeting on behalf of President Alan who was **sadly** detained at a Crowded House concert.

John extended a special welcome to our guests from Townsville Rotary Club; it was wonderful to have so many of them coming to join us.

John informed the meeting that they would have the dubious honour as him being chair this evening, but even more delighted to announce Peter Kaye (Immediate Past President and Past DG) as our acting president for this meeting

REGISTRATIONS

Registrations were noted by the esteemed Mundingburra Club Register Phil, also welcoming our friends and fellows from the Townsville Rotary Club.

PRESIDENT REPORT - Mundingburra Immediate Past and Acting President, Peter Kaye | Townsville President, Liam Hirst

Acting President - Peter Kaye (Part 1)

Welcome to all members and guests, members and friends of Townsville Rotary Club, in particular President Liam Hirst.

Peter shared a point of importance that in 1958 Townsville Rotary Club sponsored the Club of Mundingburra - effectively making them our mum and dad.

Peter stated that the Townsville Club will be celebrating their Centenary in 2026.

Peter invited TSV Club President Liam to address the meeting with updates as to what their club is doing and has achieved

Townsville Rotary Club President address

Liam thanked Mundingburra for the invitation to meet for a meal and a beverage, it is great to be here.

Recently the Townsville Club received a \$400K bequest, where the club have distributed the money in areas that the deceased wished it to be forwarded - \$250k going to the Gluyas Rotary Lodge for cars, roofing repairs and complete solar system. \$125k to the Townsville Hospital for a next generation sequence machine (cancer detecting device).

Liam further added that their great friend Graham Wheeler proceeded to raise funds for a second machine for the hospital as well - a tremendous effort.

This weekend is the "Lift the Lid" campaign, Liam encouraged those not registered to get involved or support in the best way they could.

Townsville Rotary have their Melbourne Cup fundraiser ahead next month, for only \$110 a head, Mundingburra members were encouraged to come along for a great event.

Acting President - Peter Kaye (Part 2)

Peter shared that the Mundingburra Club has held Bunnings BBQs for 20 years now and with the help of partnered organisations we have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars - all heading back into the Townsville community

Sixty years ago Mundingburra assisted in the realisation of Queensland's first guide dog, right here in Townsville.

Mundingburra Club has two parks, Rotary Lookout on Mount Stuart and the Bluewater/Mundingburra Park out at Bluewater - in place since 1965.

Peter proudly shared that our club also sponsors a successful Interact Club at the Townsville Grammar

School. Interact has this year partnered with a Rotaract Club in Timor Leste. We recently were in attendance at their handover dinner.

Mundingburra continues to see great results with the Wooden Toyshop, selling at markets and at our annual silent auction night - keep March 21 free on your calendars to attend.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

JOHN HALL - CLUB ADMIN

Next Meeting (16 October) is a membership night. October 23 will be a vocational site visit - Copperstring First meeting of November is our Melbourne Cup night

SHANE SMITH - MEMBERSHIP

Shane reminded members that the only way you become a member is to be invited along, so please get involved and invite people along to nights for membership - invitations were provided for those members who wanted to invite prospective members. Melbourne Cup night preparations are coming along, with the race caller and events planned. It will be a great night.

RON DEGENHEART -

Rotary Health - Lift the Lid at Riverway on Sunday - at 8am, breakfast from 7am. It would be great to see as many faces as we can. Please register as this is a fundraiser. Currently looking to organise a trek in the NT for 2026.

SERGEANT SESSION - John Hall

A man who seemingly did all the jobs and roles for this week's meeting, was also our sergeant - sommarily fining every member for either being correct or incorrect with questions shot from the hip, even trying to take coin from a prospective Townsville Club member. Love your work John.

Raffle Winners -

Shane Smith - Six pack
Graham Kenna - Red
Graeme Stephens - White

Joker Jackpot

Daryl Sell (TSV Club) - Jack of Diamonds

Peter Kaye Closed the meeting at 7:27pm, and **Chairman John Hall** with a toast to Rotary International, King and Australia.

(Thanks to Kat for Data, and Jaye for the Notes., and anyone I forgot, to save on a fine.)

Presidential Update

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