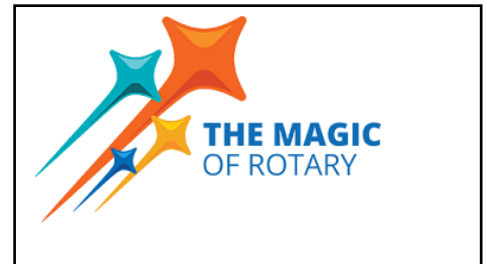




**Munding**  
an Aboriginal word  
meaning Spinifex or  
Long Grass

**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 16 - 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024 Program- AGED Care Disabilities

## President's Message

Many thanks to those who were able to attend Doreen Kimlin's funeral yesterday. Doreen as you know was wife of our late esteemed member George, she was 94.

Thanks to Jim B for setting up our Zoom link for our guest speaker Cathy Booth who spoke on her Kenyan Umoja Orphanage project.

One can only admire the commitment and dedication to assist those less fortunate. The image of these poor children who otherwise would be left to fend for themselves is nothing less than heartbreaking. Perhaps the club could consider sponsorship of a child as we did for Augustino years ago. Maybe a collective of members might follow Johnno's lead in sponsoring for two years.

Whilst no doubt the need is great, we have the same issue closer to home in Timor-Leste, which is deserving of our support also.

A reminder we have our toy stall at Oasis 25 October followed by the Cannie Carnival at Heatley Park 26 October.

A reminder also of our combined membership information night with the Melbourne Cup phantom call on 31 October. Please save the date and give one of the printed invitations to a friend.

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](mailto:janjohnson37@gmail.com) or text to 0409 783 810 by 10 am on Mondays.

Date	Chair	Registration	Sergeant	Scribe	Intro	Thanks
17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	M Day	Phil Gordon	R Lacaze	D Nutt	TBA	TBA
24 <sup>th</sup> 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:** 25  
**Total Credits for Last Week:** 1  
**Percentage Attendance for Last Meeting:** 63.41%  
**Apologies:**., B Barker-Hudson., S Smith, , G Kenna, R Jones, B Robinson, M Day  
**Visiting Rotarians:** Nil  
**Club Guests:** Nil  
**Guests:** Nil

#### Coming Important Dates 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> Oct

**Member Birthdays**  
Nil  
**Spouse/Partner Birthdays**  
Nil  
**Anniversaries**  
Nil  
**Join Date**  
M Day 16<sup>th</sup> Oct 16 years  
**Takings**  
 Registration \$485.00  
 Sergeant \$7.00  
 Raffle \$38.00  
 Joker \$55.00 (**Joker Jackpot \$453.40**)

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

### Program & Coming Events

Date	Speaker/Facilitator/Topic Event	Venue
September	<b>Basic Education and Literacy Month</b>	
17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Aged Care Disabilities</b>	
24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Interact Club</b>	Cutheringa Bowls Club
31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	<b>Annual Melbourne Cup Night</b>	Cutheringa Bowls Club

### Townsville Rotary Market Roster -

27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Sun	Willows A/S	I Jones
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Sun	Willows	J Baker

### 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.



## Week in Review

Chairman Jaye Buetel opened the meeting on time again this week. *(its what happens when you are too good)*



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



Registration Officer, Phil Gordon then advised we had no guests attending, however, our guest speaker for the night was Cathy Booth who was currently on line via Zoom.

### Presidents Opening Address

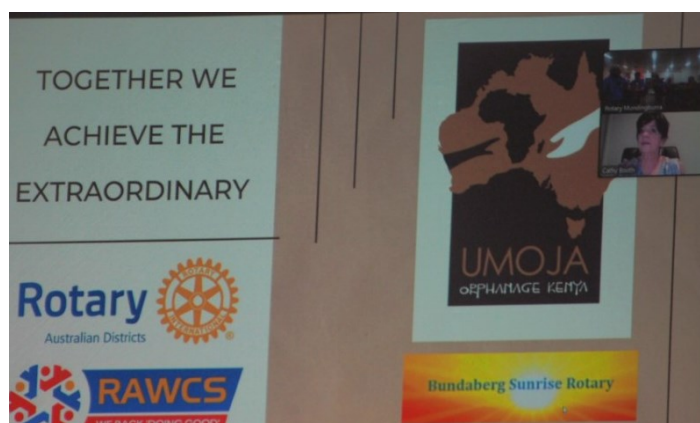
President thanked those who were able to attend the funeral of Doreen Kimlin, wife of our very esteemed past member in George Kimlin.



Peter then reminded members of the various things happening and for them to record it in their diaries please.

### Guest Speaker Segment

Our guest speaker, Cathy Booth from Bundaberg Sunrise Rotary, whose club is a major sponsor of this project, was welcomed to the meeting electronically via Zoom by Jan Johnson.



Cathy gave a very detailed pictorial presentation on the Umoja Orphanage Project of which she started in 2012.

The need for this facility was highlighted by the excellent slides highlighting the need for this project and the impact it was having on the community.







*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.*

It is impossible to really convey what we saw in this newsletter, however, it was very emotional and showed the fantastic and extensive work that Cathy, and the teams she had persuaded to come from Australia to do various roles, had achieved.

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

We all love our children so it was sad to see that for various reasons, including HIV, had created massive issues for these very young children. And it was touching see what Cathy and her teams had achieved. Unfortunately, the project also suffered some major issues from local flooding events, and in some cases, locals gaining access to building materials that had been installed for fence and gardening needs.

President Peter commented that the Board will be looking at how our club might be able to assist Cathy’s project.

A little bit of the history is listed below from the Internet for your interest. Plus as rerun of part of last week’s Newsletter on this project from Jan Johnson

Bill Barber commented to members that our ability to assist the community and these type of projects only comes about from our Markets, Bunnings BBQ’s and Toy Stall days, so we need members to assist us to raise the funds needed.

*Umoja Orphanage Kenya is the Australian **fundraising arm** of the charity that raises money for the facility that is being built on the 17 acres of land in Ukunda, Kenya. Umoja is supported by Bundaberg East Rotary Club and is a project of Rotary Australia World Community Services (RAWCS).*

### Directors Reports:

**Lyn S** Lift the Lid Hat Day. This has been an annual day for at some Rotary clubs and Lyn would like to see it become an annual event for us to help raise funds for Mental Health.

### [Umoja: How does it work? – Umoja Home](#)

A number of members wore a hat on the night, some of them you will see photos of at the end of this newsletter.

And below is part of the report from last week from Jan Johnson, which I have retained as it gives a much better outline of Cathy and what she is doing with this project.

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.

*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.*

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

*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.*

**Ian J** advised that we are supporting a Mental Awareness function at JCU this weekend and members were welcome to assist us.



**Joker Jackpot:**

The Joker Jackpot winner was Jim Morisson who unfortunately did not pick the Joker in his attempt. Bad Luck Jim



**Sergeant Session**

This session was held over to allow us to finish on time. Nice to go home with money in your pocket.

**Raffles** were drawn results as follows:

- Red Wine: Bill Barber
- White Wine: Katrina Davis

**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.

**Close of Meeting.**

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

