

Spinifex



Rotary Club of Mundingburra Inc.

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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 17 – 23rd October 2025
This Week – TBA
(CopperString event postponed)

President Address

Last week's meeting being our membership night was a great success. We had 10 guests. All of whom seemed to have enjoyed themselves.

I know the fact this this week's speaker is talking about CopperString has lured my guest back for this week. I hope it has had the same effect with other guests.

Thanks to Shane Smith as our Membership director for leading the event.

Remember, it is up to all of us to attract new members. Then, that is the first part. We then have to support them in finding their feet and place in Rotary in order to retain them longer term.

As Katrina Davis mention at last week's meeting. Area Governor Robin Strang circulated the clubs about the plight of a 80 year old visually impaired lady who was currently living in motel accommodation due in bed bug infestation at her home in West End. This infestation had been treated but the presence of carpeting made that ineffective. The carpet and remaking soft furnishings had to go.

Katrina swiftly leapt into action and organised a \$400 voucher through Family Emergency accommodation Townsville (FEAT). She also found willing volunteering to remove the carpet clearing the way for 45 square metres of floor tile to be acquired and laid.

Through her extraordinary contacts Katrina has managed to get all the donated ducks in alignment to have this problem under control.

Obviously, special thanks go to Katrina and all of her contacts and suppliers.

Special thanks also go to Rob and Jacqui Ware of Snooze Townsville. They were guests of Peter and Judy Holmes at last week's meeting and have donated a mattress amongst other things. So, a massive thank you.

Also, Ian Jones and Peter Homes deserve as massive thanks for their stepping in at very short notice to remove the offending carpets.



This is a wonderful example of why I think Rotary's long-term motto should be "Rotary, Power of People!"

13 November is the debate with Hinchinbrook club at Mystic Sands Gold Club. There is a menu that we will need to choose from ahead of the game.

We will need a three-member debating team, and a proposition to debate.

On the basis of our detailed know of AI following Prof Atkinson's address, we have settled on, "That AI is a blessing rather than a curse!" . We will argue the affirmative.

This week sees Michael Day undergo a little coronary artery plumbing in the form of stents. I know we all wish him well and look forward to being restored to his previous Vigor.

Stay amazing, everyone.

Alan

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
23rd Oct	Ian Jones	Phil Gordon	G Kenna	P Kaye	G Stephens	J Morrison
30th Oct	John Hall	Phil Gordon	Nil	I Jones	Nil	Nil
6th Nov	Ryan Lacaze	Phil Gordon	P Kaye	R Degenhart		

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: 27
Total Credits for Last Week: 0
Percentage Attendance Meeting: 64.3%
Apologies: N Andrews, B Barber, I Corney, J Johnson, M Day., D Nutt, A Bosch,
Visiting Rotarians: 1 Isabella Tardiani
Club Guests: A Campos, B Carter, D & T Goodhew, M Jones, J Maguire, L McLean, A McQueen, C Russell, H Stocker, J & R Ware
Guests: J Holmes, S Luckel

Important Dates – 20th Oct – 26th Oct

Member Birthdays
 Nil
Spouse/Partner Birthdays
 Nil
Wedding Anniversaries
 Nil
Rotary Membership Anniversaries
 Nil
Takings
 Registration \$370.00
 Sergeant \$0
 Donations Nil
 Raffle \$84.00
 Joker \$0 (**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>	
23 rd Oct	To be advised	Cutheringa Bowls Club
30 th Oct	Melbourne Cup Night	Cutheringa Bowls Club
6 th Nov	Rotary Programs	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.

Meeting Notes

Opening

Chairman Shane Opened the meeting with his usual good humour.

He extolled the virtues of AI in helping prepare the introductions for those who were speaking. He said that a week ago, he could not spell AI and now is using it for writing limericks about a toothless employee with a tongue piercing. Excellent use of tech there Shane!

Phil introduced the many guests en mass to a rousing Mundingburra welcome.



Phil announcing the many Guests.

Shane introduce President Alan for his opening remarks. Shane's AI assisted introduction was possibly a little over the top as President Alan remarked that it made him feel like an imposter, although it doesn't take much to

make him feel like that. Fake it till you make it!

President Alan thanked Peter Kaye for standing in at the previous meeting due his being at the Crowded House Concert.



President Alan

Alan then raised the topic of the much need nominee for President Elect. It was his great pleasure to state the Sue Tardiani has graciously indicated she would accept the nomination. This was met by rousing applause and a good deal of gratitude from the current president.

Pres Alan asked if the membership were happy with debate topics for 13 November being "That AI is a blessing rather than a curse" and we should argue the affirmative.

There was no dissent, leaving the challenge of finding a debate team.

Pres Alan went on to say that the previous weekend was pretty full for the club. With Mindfulness Warriors on Saturday as part of Mental health week. Thanks to Dr Tim Leow for providing the opportunity for Pres Alan, Rooka and Daniel's Mum to mediate and practise a little Yoga.

There was a Toy Stall too and the Lift the Lid Walk for ARH fund raising too rounding out the weekend.

President handed back to chairman Shane who invited everyone to graze from the platters of food provided.

Once everyone had eaten the meeting resumed with Katrina Davis reporting on the plight of an 80 year old Blind lady whose home was infected with bed bugs. This necessitated swift actions to address the underlying problems. Please refer to the Presidents report for further details.

Following Shane provided another extraordinary introduction. This time for PDG Ian Jones. Ian recounted

his journey with Rotary include how it was Rotary Youth Exchanges (YEP) had brought him into Rotary.



PDG Ian Jones

Ian emotionally explained how Mundingburra has been an extraordinary support for he and Robyn with their move from WA and recent health challenges.

The scribe was deeply touched by the depth of gratitude Ian has for the club.

Once the applause subsided. Shane introduced Greg Luckel, again with AI assist.



Greg Luckel

Greg being one of our newer members recounted how the membership hasn't yet forgiven him for winning the Joker Jack Pot in the night of his induction, it was getting close to \$10,000!

He went on to explain how he enjoyed the fellowship and good humour of the club and appreciated the support with his recent health hiccups and his enjoyment he derives from being involved in the Bunnings Sausage sizzles.

Greg and Sue have always been involved in community service and this was another aspect of that.

Shane went on to introduce PDG Peter Kaye who spoke of his nearly 60 years journey with Rotary. Why he joined as a 22 year old.

Peter spoke with pride at his helping shape the life of an extraordinary youth woman in Canada named Emily Han.

Peter's Rotary connections and travel for Rotary brought



PDG Peter Kaye

Emily Han's adopted Father Jacques and Peter together and the rest they say is history.

Peter also provided a potted history of our club. Bearing in mind that Peter has been a member for all but 8 years or so of the club's existence he was well placed to do so.

Katrina Davis spoke to the meeting about a person in our community needing urgent assistance. See the notes in President Alans address for details and the magnificent result from our club and supporters.



Katrina Davis

Following a few more witticisms from Shane he called upon President Alan for closing remarks.

Alan thanked Shane for organising the evening, then guests for coming along and the three speakers, PDG Ian Jones, Greg Luckel and PDG, Mr Rotary, Peter Kaye.

President then asked two guests to draw tickets for the wine raffle. The white was won by a guest of Ryan's and the red was redrawn after Alan's ticket was pulled from the hat only to have another of his ticket drawn. He really was meant to take the Red home.

Pres Alan handed back to Shane who also thanks the guests and speakers.

Shane read the duty roster for next week and details of the speaker and topic being "Copper String". Sadly, this has since fallen through.

Shane then declared the meeting closed with a toast to Rotary International.

Editors thanks to Kat for the numbers, President Alan for the photos and doing the scribe notes this week.)

A note from our world travelling Director, Jan Johnson, who is again overseas assisting a very special needy community in Kenya.

Founder and CEO Victoria Porter first visited Kenya in December 2017 / January 2018. It was during this time she witnessed first hand the repercussions poverty was having on the health and wellbeing of families and their children in the Kitengela community.

The specific issues identified at the time were in relation to lack of education around puberty, sexual health and sexual violence.

It was clear that we needed to highlight and emphasise the need to empower members of the community who would identify as vulnerable.

The attached photos from Jan have no notes, however they do highlight some of the work being done.

(Jans email simply stated - Jim photo of Terrance with teacher, the area at back of house we (M'burra) paved and kitchen area at school where students learn their practical cooking! POT's medical student Jesse and friend Michael. In Spinifix if room pls ... Johnno)

Importantly ,Jan is a long term sponsor of the **Jifunze International** school in Kenya, which Jan and our club have been involved with for some years. So you might like to know more about the work being done via the following link.

<https://www.jifunzeinternational.com>

