



Munding
an Aboriginal word
meaning Spinifex or
Long Grass

Burra
meaning People or Tribe

The origin of the
Townsville suburb
Mundingburra



RI President

Olayinka Hakeem Babalola

District 9560 Governor

Rita Zappulla

Club President

Sue Tardiani

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?



July: - Maternal and Child Health Month Edition 2 – 16th July 2026

Welcome message from Spinifex Editor

As we are all aware, we gave newly inducted President Sue the night off to spend with her family so they could celebrate the life of husband, father, grandfather and PDG Robert Tardiani. I hope they enjoyed the family time.



This week we are back at Cutheringa so please don't forget to let me know if you will be attending and dining!

Thanks to those helped fill in for me at Saturday's BBQ, I am sure Bill appreciated the assist, especially as I have been told we ran out of sausages twice again!!

Unfortunately, this week we suffered another loss. Dorothy Stephens, wife of Graham Stephens passed away. Funeral Details are:

Friday the 24th of July at 11am
St Matthew's Church
6 Carmody Street
Hermit Park

Wake will be held at the Townsville RSL – Jezzine Room at 12:15

I am sure all our thoughts and prayers will be with Graham and his family over the coming weeks.

Well, that it's from the Editor,

See you all on Thursday! 😊



Program & Coming Events

Date	Speaker/Facilitator/Topic Event	Venue
16 th July	Little Wings Nes – Amelia Golsby-Smith	Cutheringa Bowls Club
23 rd July	Bowls Competition - Tentative	Cutheringa Bowls Club
30 th July	Your Village – Eva Smith	Cutheringa Bowls Club
Meeting apologies to Attendance Officer: katanya.lee@carter-spencer.com.au or text to 0409 536 169 by 10am on Mondays.		

Duties

Date	Chair	Registration	Sergeant	Scribe	Intro	Thanks
16 th July	P Holmes	P Gordon	S Smith	K Davis	I Jones	B Barber
23 rd July	G Kenna	P Gordon	R Lacaze			P Kaye
30 th July	M Day	P Gordon	B Barber	J Morrison	R Degenhart	A Nelson
If you are unable to fulfill your rostered duty it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to find a replacement. Please notify Daniel Place of any changes.						

Last Meeting, Facts & Figures for 9th July (No Meeting)

Total Member Count:	41
Number Used for Attendance:	40
Leave of Absence:	0
Exempt Members:	Nil
Honorary Members:	1 Tony Wode
Members Present:	0
Total Credits for Last Week:	0
Percentage Attendance Meeting:	0.000%
Apologies:	N/A
Visiting Rotarians:	N/A
Club Guests:	N/A
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Important Dates – 6th July – 19th July

Member Birthdays

Peter Holmes – 16th July

Spouse/Partner Birthdays

Nil

Wedding Anniversaries

Neil & Robyn Andrews – 11th of July (45 years)

Peter & Judy Holmes – 12th of July (12 years)

Rotary Membership Anniversaries

Nil

Takings for 9th July – (No Meeting)

Registration	\$0.00
Sergeant	\$0.00
Donations	Nil
Raffle	\$0.00
Joker	\$0.00 - (Joker Jackpot \$272.80)

“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.





Save the Dates

Townsville Rotary Market Roster

26 th July	Willows Markets	Helper
27 th Sept	Willows Markets	Assist Co-ordinator
4 th Oct	Willows Markets	Co-ordinator Helper
25 th Oct	Willows Markets	Assist Co-ordinator
1 st Nov	Willows Markets	Co-ordinator
15 th Nov	Willows Markets	Assist Co-ordinator
22 nd Nov	Willows Markets	Co-ordinator
13 th Dec	Willows Markets	Helper
20 th Dec	Willows Markets	Helper

Co-ordinator & Assistant: 6am – 12pm

Helper: 6.30am – 12pm

Contact D Nutt – 0408 897 152 For Market Volunteering

BBQ Dates

26 th July – Sunday	Bunnings Domain
8 th August - Saturday	Bunnings Domain
22 nd June - Saturday	Bunnings Domain

Contact B Barber – 0418 759 019 for Bunnings Volunteering

Toy Stall Dates

25 th July – Saturday	Fairfield Shopping Centre
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Contact P Kaye – 0407 657 564 for Toy Stall Volunteering

A Century of Service – Let's Celebrate!

The Rotary Club of Townsville is proud to be celebrating an incredible milestone in 2026 - 100 years of service to our community. For a century, our members have worked together to support local initiatives, strengthen our community, and contribute to the global mission of Rotary International.

To mark this historic occasion, we're hosting a Centenary Gala Ball & Fundraiser, an evening to celebrate the past, present, and future of Rotary in Townsville.

 **Saturday, 17 October 2026**

✦ Rotary Club of Townsville – 100 Year Gala Ball & Fundraiser

This special night will bring together Rotarians, community members, partners, and friends to celebrate 100 years of impact while raising funds to support important community and humanitarian projects.

Expect a memorable evening of celebration, connection, and generosity as we honour the legacy of those who built our club and look ahead to the next century of service.

 For enquiries: admin@tcep.com.au

✦ Save the date and stay tuned for more details about tickets, entertainment, and how you can be part of this once-in-a-century celebration.

#RotaryTownsville #Rotary100 #ServiceAboveSelf
#TownsvilleCommunity #RotaryInternational

Remembering PDG Robert Tardiani 8th May 1948 – 9th July 2025

PDG Robert Tardiani was born in Ingham and raised in Townsville and was a Chartered Accountant.



Robert Tardiani was married to President Sue for 57 years and had 2 Children and 4 grandchildren, and his only wish was to be surrounded by them.



He did not have a nickname but would answer to Robert, Roberto and Rob and his most memorable holiday was the tour he did of the UK and Northern Italy.



The biggest influence on his life was his father who, with limited education worked hard to support his family and then PDG Dick Ireton who mentored him when he became Club President.

According to Robert, he didn't have anything funny happen to him as he didn't see the funny side of things.

He met Reg Gasnier, a Rugby League great (immortal) was someone favourite that Robert met.

His motto was, "Do something because you want to".

His favourite:

- Song – 'Hallelujah' (sax and violin) and 'Afterglow' (Ed Sheeran)
- Shop – None as he didn't like shopping as he bought things he could do without.
- Food – Any pasta dish – obviously!
- Drink – Was Sauvignon Blanc but changed to water.
- Movie – Bourne film franchise with Matt Damon as Jason Bourne

He became a Rotarian because a client kept pestering him to come to a Rotary meeting and he eventually said yes, provided I wasn't asked to be Treasurer! He joined the Rotary Club of Townsville Southwest in 1992 and then joined the Rotary Club of Mundingburra on the 11th of Jun 2020 after the collapse of Townsville Southwest.



Something unexpected about Robert was that he spent 7 plus weeks in TGH due to an abscess on his spine which left him unable to move his legs.

During his time in his 32 years of Service to Rotary, he held numerous roles:

- Club President
- Secretary
- Assistant Governor
- District Governor 9550 (2017 – 2018)
- District Company Secretary 9560 (2022 – 2024)



PDG Robert was a Paul Harris Fellow +2 and a passionate supporter of the Rotary Foundation. He was instrumental in RAWCS initiatives, especially managing vital funds during the 2019 Townsville floods, as was a long-time mentor to the Townsville Grammar Interact Club.





Remembering PDG Robert Tardiani Past President Alan Nelson

Last Thursday, 9th of July marked the one-year anniversary of the passing of a remarkably gifted and dedicated Rotarian, PDG Robert Tardiani.

Not doubt, Sue and her family were in our thoughts after giving her the night off to be with family.



I'd known Robert, long before my time in Rotary from my time with the Australian Taxation Office. As a legal officer I work closey with the accountants and legal and finance professions through various forms and media.

Robert was always the consummate professional with a superb legal technical knowledge, dry wit and deliverate delivery that was profoundly engagin and descriptive. All enhanced by a little look of mischief in his eyes and an impish grin.

Roberts DG year, 2017 – 2018 was not without its challenges. Challenges that he faced head on with his usual and trademark quiet determination.

Robert had been battling cancer for a while and yet this didn't stop him from being the fierce champion and supporter of the Townsville Grammar School Interact Club. Truly the mark of the man.



His involvement with the Interact Club has left and indelibly positive mark on those young lives he touched.



I'm sure we are all blessed with fabulous memories of Robert which we will treasure.

Remembering PDG Robert Tardiani In Pictures





Vale Dorothy Stephens

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