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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?

November: – Rotary Foundation Month

Edition 20 – 13th November 2025

This Weeks Program Mystic Sands Golf Club - Joint meeting with Hinchinbrook Rotary Club

President Address

After the excitement of our Melbourne Cup meeting, last week's meeting was destined to be a more relaxed affair.

With a goodly percentage of the club deciding that either one of the two concerts that coincided with the club meeting were a better option.

Honestly, I simply don't understand why the promoters of these internationally famous acts don't talk with us over the timing of these events!

Clearly, they don't understand that Mundingburra Rotary is world famous in Townsville. Philistines!

It was probably a good thing it was a smaller meeting as news broke that Muddy's Mum had had a seizure and things weren't looking good.

I'm sure we'll all wish Muddy's Mum and Muddy well.

That said, we were treated to PDG Ron Deganhart talking about the astoundingly effective Australian Rotary Health (ARH). Between funding research into Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, mental illness and offering indigenous and Rural health scholarship, ARH should be a household name. Let do our best to make it so. Thank you Ron.

Next week we are off to Mystic Sands Gold Course for our debate with Hinchinbrook.

This is a fund night. At this point, I'm not convinced we have finalised our team, but it doesn't matter.

Aim to be at Mystic Sands around about 6 pm or shortly thereafter. We are aiming for a 6:30 kick off, but it would be great to spend time socializing with the Hinchinbrook Rotarians before then.

Stay amazing, 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
13th Nov	A Nelson	Phil Gordon	Nil	L Svanosio	Nil	Nil
20th Nov	P Kaye	Phil Gordon	B Barber	G Kenna		
29th Nov	N Andrews	Phil Gordon	Nil	J Hall		

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: 21
Total Credits for Last Week: 1
Percentage Attendance Meeting: 52.4%
Apologies: K Davis, J Beutel, K Lee, S Tardiani, P Holmes, R Ramdin, D Price.
Visiting Rotarians: Noil
Club Guests: Nil
Guests:: Andrew McQueen

Important Dates – 10th Nov – 16th Nov

Member Birthdays
 Robyn Jones - 11th Nov
 Daniel Price – 16th Nov
Spouse/Partner Birthdays
 Nil
Wedding Anniversaries
 Nil
Rotary Membership Anniversaries
 Katrina Davis – 12th Nov (5 years)

Takings

Registration \$185.00
 Sergeant \$ TBA
 Donations Nil
 Raffle \$43.00
 Joker \$ 46.00 - (Joker Jackpot \$895.10)

- 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>Rotary Foundation Month</i>	
13 th Nov	Mystic Sands Golf Club - Joint meeting with Hinchinbrook Rotary Club	Mystic Sands Golf Club
20 th Nov	To be advised	Cutheringa Bowls Club
29 th Nov	Club Christmas Party	Cutheringa Bowls Club
6 th Dec	Annual General Meeting	Cutheringa Bowls Club

Townsville Rotary Market Roster

16 th Nov	Willows Market 6.30am – Jim Baker		
23 rd Nov	Willows Market 6.30am -= Vacant		

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.



Previous Meeting Notes

Chairman, Ryan Lacaze opened the meeting early at 6:27 (catching Jonesy off guard) and proceeded with the 4-way Test without the Pledge.



Chairman Ryan Lacaze

Registration Officer, Phil introduced our guests:

- Guest speaker is our own Ron Degenhart
- Late arriving guest Andrew MacQueen was introduced by Graeme Kenna



Club Registration Officer – Phil Gordon

President Alan

Alan proceeded to enlighten us as follows:

- Muddy's mother has a medical issue so Muddy is away and we will be having pizza for dinner
- The significance of the 5th November – in 1605 the Gunpowder Plot, now celebrated as Guy Fawkes Day. In the UK it was obligatory to celebrate as a reminder of what happens to traitors.
- Birthday wishes to PK for yesterday, and Jonno for tomorrow.
- Our numbers are down because we are competing with two concerts, Jelly Roll and Suzi Quatro.
- Reminder that next week is at Mystic Sands for the Cane Knife Debate on the topic of 'AI is a blessing not a curse', AI being artificial intelligence, not artificial insemination.

Members proceeded to Dinner (pizza as the Chef was unavailable. Thanks, Jan, for organising the meal).

Reports

Jan Johnson – **Christmas Party starts at 5:30, not 5:30 for 6:00.** Children and gifts will be done first. Casual dress.

Bring gifts for your children/grandchildren. Donated gifts for FEAT should be for teenage age group. Order meals through Kat.



Are you listening? – Jan Johnson

Bill Barber – Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on 15th November. We were unable to find a partner, so we need to staff it ourselves. Extra people needed for morning and afternoon shifts. Please volunteer before you get the dreaded phone call.

Treasurer Neil Andrews – advised that he is back and didn't manage to spend all the money on his holiday. We have been successful with the Australia Day Grant - \$10000.

We will again work with the Alice River Community Association. They have a new Committee in place.

There was a total of 471 grantees from some 800 applications, with a total value of 4.7 million dollars. The grants are becoming more popular.

Guest Speaker

Ron Degenhart – Australian Rotary Health



President Alan introduced our guest speaker, member PDG Ron Degenhart speaking about Australian Rotary Health (ARH). Ron is currently a Director on the ARH Board for District 9560.

Ron started with a brief history of ARH, how it was formed, and what it does. It is a multi-District Project of Rotary formed for the specific purpose of raising funds for medical research.

Originally formed in early 1980s to fund research into 'Cot Death'. Successful research resulted in the reduction of the incidence of cot death of 80% worldwide. ARH then moved in to fund other areas of health research.

Since 2000 ARH has had a focus on funding Mental Health research. In 2011 this focus narrowed to Mental Health of young people aged 0-25. In 2023 the focus narrowed further to focus on mental health in children aged 0-12.

In addition to funding research, ARH funds the following scholarships:

- Indigenous Health Scholarships,
- Rural Medical Health Scholarships,
- Rural Nursing Health Scholarships.

These Scholarships are all intended to encourage students to undertake rural placement, learn the unique skills associated with rural practice, develop ties with rural communities, and encourage them to stay. They are designed to help 'Close the Gap', not only in indigenous communities, but in rural communities in general.

Lift the Lid on Mental Illness is a national fundraising and awareness campaign which includes;

- Lift the Lid Walks
- Lift the Lid Hat Days
- Other Lift the Lid branded events.

Ron provided some updates on current situations:

- The retirement of long serving CEO Joy Gillet OAM and the appointment of new CEO Yvonne Keane AM

The slide below was missed during the presentation

- Changes to the Indigenous Health Scholarship program as a result of the loss of the Commonwealth government funding,
- The Lift the Lid Walks held in District 9560 in 2025,

- Other major fundraisers in Darwin (International Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians) and the Jatbula Challenge.

The Mental Health First Aid Course was cited as an example of the results of past research funded by ARH. This course has now been undertaken by more than 8 million people worldwide.

In closing, Ron advised that despite challenges associated with the loss of Commonwealth funding, ARH is in a very healthy position and able to continue its work well into the future.

Alan Nelson proposed a vote of thanks.

Sergeant Peter Kaye

The Sergeant issued some fines which were not recorded. The wine raffle was won by Bill Barber and Graeme Kenna.



Sergeant – Peter Kaye

Acting President Alan made his closing remarks, again thanking Ron for his presentation.

Joker

The Joker opportunity was won by Jan Johnson, but the card drawn was the 5 of Hearts.



Sorry Wrong Card Jan

Meeting closed around 7:34.

Note: The Christmas meeting now starts at 5.30pm. Not 6pm as listed in the flyer below.

CHRISTMAS CHEER

Christmas gear is what you wear,

Prizes, raffles and some fun ideas.

A gift for FEAT to place under the tree,

To help some families enjoy Christmas cheer.

WHERE: Cutheringa Bowls Club

WHEN: Saturday 29th of November

TIME: 5.30pm for 6.00pm

RSVP: 19th of November

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COST: Under 7 Free

7 to 12 — \$17.50

12 and over — \$35.00

Gifts need to be labelled with a high school age (12 and over) and gender. Cash in an envelope is acceptable as well.

For those who are bringing family, please supply a gift for them as Santa will be on site!