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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 21 – 20th November 2025 This Weeks Program - TBA

President Address

I had the privilege of representing Mundingburra at the Townsville Community Learning Centre (TCLC) year 12 graduation.

There were 10 student graduating. There were a number of awards presented to students in recognition of their community, sporting and academic achievements. Of these awards, I had the privilege of presenting the Paul Barker-Hudson Award to the male school Captain Jye Hughes.

This award is in memory of Past President Paul who was a great champion and advocate of the TCLC. Of course he was Brydget's dear departed husband.

It was a fabulous evening with the students and their families all done up to the nines. The thing that absolutely made the night for me was the wicked senses of humour of the students. There were a couple of students who simply had the most infectious laughs imaginable. I still smile when I think about them.

We wish them all well with their lives after school.

Last week's meeting was a social affair at Mystic Sands Golf club for the Cane Knife debate against Hinchinbrook.

Our Moderator, Ron and completely impartial adjudicator Annette were brilliant. They more than compensated for our debating team who, at the risk of being immodest, were amazing. Never have so many lies been told with utter conviction and sincerity! Mundingburra carried the day. Sadly, Hinchinbrook failed to bring the said Cane knife trophy.

Special mention and thanks go to Lynette Svanosio, John and Sari Russo for making this logistical challenge a reality.

Thank to Jim Morrison for his scribing the night and taking photos. Thank too, to everyone who travelled north for this event.

Saturday saw an extremely busy Bunnings BBQ with 80kg of sausages sold.



Sunday the Willows Market. Worthy of special mention is David Nutt who did Bunning in the afternoon and the Willows markets on Sunday. Truly an herculean effort.

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 |
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| 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: 13
Total Credits for Last Week: 5
Percentage Attendance Meeting: 42.8%%
Apologies: K Lee, T Leow, L Svanosio, M Whitworth, G Kenna, I Corney, M Day, D Nutt, R Lacaze, A Ferolja, J Beutel, J Johnson, N Andrews, G Stephens, G Luckel..
Visiting Rotarians: Nil
Club Guests: M Hughes
Guests: B Barker-Hudson.

Important Dates – 17th Nov – 23rd Nov

Member Birthdays
 Mel Costi - 20th Nov
Spouse/Partner Birthdays
 Nil
Wedding Anniversaries
 Nil
Rotary Membership Anniversaries
 Nil
Takings
 Registration \$0
 Sergeant \$0
 Donations Nil
 Raffle \$0
 Joker \$0 - (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 |
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| Nov | Rotary Foundation Month | |
| 20 th Nov | To be advised | Cutheringa Bowls Club |
| 29 th Nov | Club Christmas Party | Cutheringa Bowls Club |
| 4th Dec | Annual General Meeting | Cutheringa Bowls Club |

Townsville Rotary Market Roster

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| 23 rd Nov | Willows Market 6.30am -- Vacant | 23 rd Nov Sunday | Need Volunteers |
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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.

Cane Knife Debate Review

Joint Mundingburra & Hinchinbrook Rotary Meeting Held at Mystic Sands Golf Club

The debate Topic: “A.I. is a blessing not a curse.”
Mundingburra affirmative; Hinchinbrook negative.

Having driven our way northwards through “wild horses seen recently” highway caution lights, we found our way to the Mystic Sands car park, and eventually the path to the clubhouse.

This went past revelling Mystic Sands Bowls players who have upgraded the concepts of “wheelbarrow golf” and “esky tennis” into “stubby-cooler bowls”.

Hinchinbrook Rotary’s first debating tactic was to arrive as near to the 6:30 pm start time as possible with the clear objective of getting our debating team’s brains numbed by beer and wine from the outside bar. This was only partly successful.

After exchanging rumours and half-truths until the mosquitoes arrived, eventually the motley group (some attempting to grow Movember moustaches) were herded into the dining room.

M.C. John Hall was troubled to find that our mobile phones had no reception and thus no extra assistance from Dr Google was available. Similarly his ability to phone members during the meeting for future Sergeant Session fines!

President Alan Nelson welcomed everyone to the debate and thanked all who organized the event. He was enthusiastically followed by Hinchinbrook President Sari Russo.

Reports

2026 Field Day Committee rep. Katrina Davis encouraged everyone to assist with promoting the event, and particularly to Ingham region cane farmers. Some major sponsorship options are still available and will provide excellent advertising opportunities.

MC John Hall claimed to have won money from bets on the recent Melbourne Cup but then was howled down attempting to define the rules for the debate.

The Debate

He (John Hall) was however able to nominate President Alan’s wife Annette as Adjudicator, and Ron Degenhart as Timekeeper. Given the intermittent delivery of the pre-ordered meals, the speech durations were limited to two minutes per debater.

The debate was led in excellent fashion by President Alan for the affirmative who confounded Hinchinbrook by noting that they had used A.I. to develop their arguments thus eroding their arguments, and showing the A.I. saves much effort.

Hinchinbrook President Sari attempted to use an A.I. generated female speaking image from her tablet computer to promote the negative case. This was successful, the tablet not functioning and the back-up mobile phone video commentary being unintelligible.

Mundingburra’s star debating recruit Daniel Price initially stole the debate by noting that the A.I. genie cannot be put back into the bottle and compared Hinchinbrook’s case risking Darwinian selection. However, the sound system was sabotaged, disrupting the presentation with karaoke rhythms.

Peter Reitano for the negative then claimed that Mundingburra’s case was a load of rubbish and that A.I. was a curse, destroying enjoyable jobs. He wondered whether the topic may have really been about artificial insemination.

John Hall concluded the affirmative case by noting the brilliance of Mundingburra’s arguments. Further, that A.I. could rapidly reduce the current Teacher shortage by enabling students not to study much and to complete assignments instantly thus graduating in months not years.

Hinchinbrook’s Tiffany Porto counter-attacked saying that A.I. is an existential threat and already uses more electricity than two European nations, with rolling blackouts expected in the near future. Algorithms already are convincing people to kill themselves, and false identities are being accepted by courts.

Our totally unbiased Adjudicator, President Alan’s wife Annette Nelson, praised the eloquence of Mundingburra’s speakers, disqualified Hinchinbrook’s participants for going over time, and awarded the Debate to Mundingburra.

President Alan then closed the meeting before protests could be lodged.

But where is the prized, Cane Knife? Someone didn’t bring it?

Thanks to Jim Morrison for the comprehensive notes and also bucket loads of photos, some of which will be displayed below.

Below the Cane Knife Photos is some photos from the TLC Graduation Night and also some from Jan Johnson regarding the **Umoja School**.



TCLC Gradation Night

Townsville Community Learning Centre, for which we provide a graduation prize for each year, was held the other night. This is a very special school, and we are always pleased to provide an award each year.

This year President Alan & Katrina Davis represented our club on this special night.



Class of 2025

Molly Anderson
 Isaac Chambers
 Ellie Collins
 Jye Hughes
 Shae McCormick
 Cody Murfett
 Joshua Pery
 Tyler Schultz
 Brianna Spittal
 Cleo Turek



Umoja School

Jan Johnson advised about the Umoja School, which our club also provides some sponsorship.



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  **Cathy Booth**
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Recently, Rotarian Jan Johnson from Rotary Club of Mundingburra Townsville, visited Umoja with a friend. Jan bought over clothes for the children, and took them shopping to buy new shoes. The ladies enjoyed eating our local food prepared by our house mothers. These lovely gestures of kindness are such a positive experience for our children and staff. Thank you, Jan and members of Rotary Club of Mundingburra, for your generosity. Jan was very happy to see her sponsored child.



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