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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 22 – 29<sup>th</sup> November 2025 (Saturday)**  
**This Weeks Program – Christmas Party**

### A note from our President Alan

Last week we were treated to hearing from Victoria Porter of Jifunze International fame. On this occasion Victoria played a video with student explaining what Jifunze means to them and how it has changed their lives. It was profoundly moving.

The video also featured our very own Jan Johnson wrangling slices of bread.

Jifunze has become part of our clubs DNA with Johnnos's involvement, so much so, we have a budget item each year. Needless to say that is fully expended supporting the amazing programs that Victoria and her team run and support.

This week, there is no Thursday night meeting. We have the Christmas party on Saturday 29 November. We would like everyone at Cutheringa Bowls club by 5:30 pm. Please bring gift for Family Emergency Accommodation Townsville (FEAT) for children over 10 years of age.

If you have children or grand children who are attending who are of 'Santable age,' ie expecting a gift, please bring a gift for them for Santa to present.

Next week (4 December) is our AGM. We need over half the membership to attend to make it legal. Remember, if you are at the AGM you won't be volunteered for a job. All the more reason to be there.

Our last meeting of the year will be 11 December. This will be a low key, fellowship meeting. Who knows, we may have a game or two to play.

The first meeting of 2026 will be January 15 at Cutheringa Bowls club at the usual time.

Remember, when you cease to dream, you cease to live!

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](mailto:katanya.lee@carter-spencer.com.au) or text to 0409 536 169 by 10 am on Mondays.

Date	Chair	Registration	Sergeant	Scribe	Intro	Thanks
29th Nov	N Andrews	Phil Gordon	Nil	J Hall		
4th Dec	P Kaye	Phil Gordon	J Beutel	AGM M Day Other J Baker		
11th Dec	S Smith	Phil Gordon	K Davis	N Andrews		
15th Jan	M Day	Phil Gordon	I Jones	B Barber	J Johnson	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:** 25  
**Total Credits for Last Week:** 2  
**Percentage Attendance Meeting:** 64.3%  
**Apologies:**, K Lee, R Ramdin, P Kaye  
**Visiting Rotarians:** Nil  
**Club Guests:** V Porter  
**Guests:** Nil.

#### Important Dates – 24th Nov – 30th Nov

**Member Birthdays**  
 Nil  
**Spouse/Partner Birthdays**  
 Kay Baker - 29th Nov.  
**Wedding Anniversaries**  
 Nil  
**Rotary Membership Anniversaries**  
 Nil  
**Takings**  
 Registration \$215.00  
 Sergeant \$5  
 Donations Nil  
 Raffle \$46  
 Joker \$ 63.00 - (Joker Jackpot \$920.10)

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

### Program & Coming Events

Date	Speaker/Facilitator/Topic Event	Venue
Nov	<i>Rotary Foundation Month</i>	
29th Nov	<b>Club Christmas Party</b>	Cutheringa Bowls Club
4th Dec	<b>Annual General Meeting</b>	Cutheringa Bowls Club
11th Dec	<b>Games Night</b>	Cutheringa Bowls Club
15th Jan 2026	<b>Oversees Service in Rotary</b>	Cutheringa Bowls Club

### Townsville Rotary Market Roster

### BBQ Dates

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#### “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

Chair Shane Smith opened the meeting with the normal 4 way test and Rotary Pledge then delivered the first joke of the festive season.



**The Chair and Joke Teller – Shane Smith**

Registration Officer Phil then announced our single guest for the night.



**Registration Officer – Phil Gordon**

### President's Report

President Alan Nelson potentially disclosed a Scottish ancestry with reference to a recent exploration of the Aberdeen Family History Society website.



**President Alan and Club Photographer**

President Alan noted:

- Arlin Bosch has recently had hip replacement surgery. We are all wishing him a speedy recovery.
- The Mundingburra Rotary Christmas party is happening on the evening of Saturday 29 November 2025. There will be a call for volunteers to assist with the set-up of the venue. Potentially during the morning.

- Members were reminded to bring a gift to be donated to FEAT for distribution to children at Christmas. Shane Smith has offered to donate a duck.

### Guest Speaker

In advance of introducing guest speaker Victoria Porter, Jan Johnson encouraged members to “dig deep” to purchase the *JIFUNZE KUPIKA* Cookbook.



**Jan Johnson – Now a Book seller**

Jan has recently returned from Kenya, where she spent 3 weeks working with Victoria at the Jifunze International facilities.

*Jifunze' is a Swahili word meaning 'learn'.*

The mission of Jifunze International is “to encourage, engage and equip vulnerable adults and children living in high risk situations.

*Teaching them to understand how to protect themselves from physical or emotional harm. Developing confidence and skills which will lead to self actualisation.”*

Victoria Porter – CEO, Jifunze International then addressed the meeting.

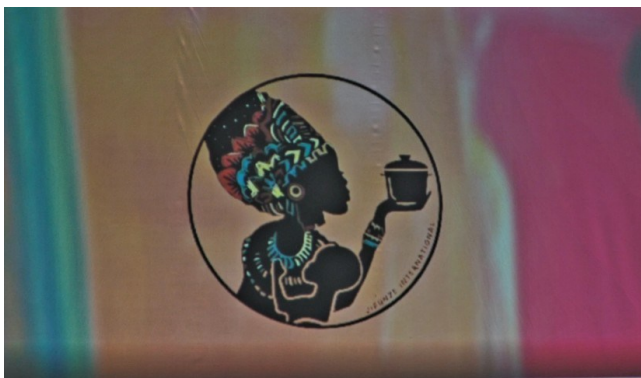


**Victoria Porter presenting to the Meeting.**

Victoria introduced a video that provided a comprehensive overview of the great work being done by Jifunze International in Kenya.

The work undertaken by Jifunze International includes:

- Providing basic health and education programs for boys from the Kariobangi slum area, including healthy eating, dental hygiene, anxiety management, first aid training, sexual health, and money management.
- Support young people both male and female to gain access to a range of career courses, eg, training as a chef, artist, plumber, medical school. Others have returned to finish school and gain a leaving certificate.
- The support provided to young people can extend to learning skills in business management, farming and ventures such as bee keeping and food production.
- Art of Living Youth Program – A three-day program addressing gender-based violence, and anger, stress and emotion management helping young people enjoy their childhood.



- The video included profiles of a number of young people being supported by the various programs delivered by Jifunze International, including:
  - Cynthea – A 19-year-old who has been supported by the organisation to complete her education and pursue a career, that previously would have been “out of reach.”
  - Terrance aka Mantempa, a young man who grew up in the slums of Ruaraka. Terrance is being supported by Mundingburra Rotary. Terrance has completed a Certificate in Food and Beverage course through the Nairobi South Training Institute. He hopes to progress his studies further to complete a certificate in culinary arts.

Chairman Shane acknowledged the great work being done by Jifunze International, led by Victoria, to encourage, engage and equip vulnerable adults and children living in high risk situations in Kenya.

## Reports

### Rotary NQ 2026 Field Days.

Katrina spoke about the field days, noting that Melville Farms have agreed to run their famous Duck Races at the field days. Ducks will be sold at \$550 per duck. Shane Smith spoke about “an early favourite – Kim Kerduckian.”

### Membership

Membership Director Shane Smith encourage members to follow up with the “hard sell” following the recent Membership Night.

### Service Projects

Ian Jones provided an update on a recent project to assist a vision -impaired 80-year-old lady who had been forced to vacate her residence due to infestation of bed bugs.

### President-Elect, Sue Tardiani

Sue advised that she is assembling her Board for the 2026/2027 year. Currently there is an opportunity to take on a role as Director of Membership as well as a supplementary role as Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Coordinator.

Email or text her if you are interested in filling this role.

### Sergeant Session

Sergeant Bill Barber made two disclosures prior to extracting funds from the audience:

- He accepted the role of Sergeant post commencement of the meeting.
- He had defied the severe symptoms of “Man Flu” to attend the meeting. Those subjected to fines were wishing he hadn’t been so resilient.



**Sergeant Bill – say no more.**

Funds were extracted from attendees on the basis of a range of indiscretions including, poor dietary habits and inability to complete “a good deed” during the previous week.

### Raffle

Winning ticket numbers – B63 and B59.

### President Alan’s closing remarks

- Highlighted a number of interesting recipes included in the *JIFUNZE KUPIKA* Cookbook.

- The Board had approved a budget allocation of \$2,500 to support the work being done by Jifunze International. To date \$500 had been delivered.
- Reminded attendees that next week's meeting will be the Christmas Meeting, happening at the Cutharinga Bowls Club on Saturday 29 November 2025.

### Joker Jackpot

Ryan Lacaze won the right to split the deck. He was not successful in drawing the joker.



The unlucky Ryan Lacaze

## November is Rotary Foundation Month



Each year, Rotary International highlights November as Rotary Foundation Month to emphasize the importance of and need for Rotarian support of The Rotary Foundation.

Contributions from Rotarians around the world go to the Foundation's Annual Programs Fund, which provides grants and awards through Foundation programs; and the Permanent Fund, an endowment from which only the earnings are spent in support of Foundation programs, ensuring the long term viability of the Foundation.

**Every dollar** contributed by Rotarians funds humanitarian and educational programs and program operations. Clubs and districts apply for and receive Foundation grants to carry out worthy projects worldwide..

If Rotary is to be there to teach children to read, build wells, feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the poor; then **Every Rotarian is invited and encouraged to support the Annual Fund with a personal contribution, Every Year.**

## Do you know ROMAC & Interplast

**ROMAC** stands for **Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children** and is a joint project of Rotary Districts in Australia and New Zealand that provides life-saving and dignity-restoring surgery for children from developing Pacific nations who cannot receive it in their home countries.

The program brings children up to age 15 to Australia and New Zealand for treatment by volunteer surgeons, with Rotarian clubs and districts providing hosting and logistical support.

**Interplast** is a not-for-profit organization that provides free plastic and reconstructive surgery and medical training to patients in the Asia-Pacific region.

It was co-founded by Rotarians and the Royal Australian College of Surgeons in 1983 and works to "repair bodies and rebuild lives" by offering life-changing surgery and building local medical capacity through training local staff.

Both these bodies providing medical assistance to our regional countries, one via volunteering time to provide medical assistance and train the Medical teams overseas, to build their knowledge base, the other ROMAC, brings the more difficult patients, requiring higher medical knowledge, to Australia.

These programs, are just some of the local ways your money and membership is helping populations in need, so remember the Rotary Foundation, who does a lot in the world.