



Munding
an Aboriginal word
meaning Spinifex or
Long Grass

Burra
meaning People or Tribe

The origin of the
Townsville suburb
Mundingburra



Mundingburra Rotary



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD



RI President

Gordon R. McInally

District 9560 Governor

Sabaratnam (Prath) Prathapan

Club President

Lyn Svanosio

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?

"The Rotary Foundation Month"

Spinifex Edition "22" – (30th Nov to 6th Dec 2023) Club Forum

President's Report

Hi All.

We had our annual cane knife debate. Our team was Peter K, Graeme K and me. Thank god for them. I am not a debater at the best of times. And as it was getting very late I was not in good form at all. Graeme made very good arguments for the Ingham side and was jokingly referred to as their 4th team member. Thank you Graeme for stepping in and helping. I really do appreciate it. But Mr Kaye. What a star. I had never heard Peter debate before and was thrilled at how good he was. He has us all enthralled and laughing. Look out Peter, you may have to be on every team from now on. Thank you.

And thank you to all who travelled to Ingham.

On Wednesday we also installed the first Rotary Peace Pole in Townsville. Thank you to all the members who turned up at St Benedict's for the planting ceremony. The Peace Pole is something close to my heart and I was thrilled that we got to plant it at a school my great nephews attend. And it was a nice surprise to find out Arlin's daughter also attends school there. So it really was a Rotary family affair. I hope to have at least 2 more installed at different schools during my year as President.

Also a special thanks to Katrina Davis for representing the Club at the Townsville Community Learning Centre (a Special School) Graduation Night and presenting our Special award to Caylin Power. A wonderful organisation.

This week we don't have an official guest speaker but I do have some club business to discuss. And the floor will be open to anyone who needs to say something.

I look forward to seeing you all.

Cheers

Lyn



Forward Roster Duties Plan

Date	Chair	Registration	Sergeant	Scribe	Into	Thanks
30 th Nov	P Kaye	P Gordon	S Smith	J Morrison	R Degenhart	M Day
7 th Dec	J Baker	P Gordon	P Holmes	I Corney	N/A	N/A
14 th Dec	S Smith	P Gordon	N Andrews	David Nutt	N/A	N/A

If you are unable to fulfill your rostered duty it is **YOUR** responsibility to find a replacement. Please notify Lyn of any changes. Meeting apologies to Attendance Officer: Jan Johnson janjohnson37@gmail.com or text to 0409 783 810 by 10 am on Mondays.

Facts & Figures

Total Member Count: 39
Number Used for Attendance: 34
Leave of Absence: 4
Exempt Members: Nil
Honorary Members: 1 Tony Wode
Members Present:
Total Credits for Last Week:
Percentage Attendance for Last Meeting:
Apologies:
Visiting Rotarians:
Club Guests:
Guests:

Coming Important Dates 25th to 3rd Dec

Member Birthdays
 Ian Corney – 3rd Dec
Spouse/Partner Birthdays
 Kay Baker – 29th Nov
 Sarah Leow - 4th Dec
Anniversaries
 Nil
Join Date
 David Nutt 3rd Dec – 8 Years

Takings

Registration \$
 Sergeant \$
 Raffle \$
 Joker \$ (Joker Jackpot \$459.40)

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

Program & Coming Events

Date	Speaker/Facilitator/Topic Event	Venue
Nov	Rotary Foundation Month	
30 th Nov	Club Forum	Cutheringa Bowls Club
7 th Dec	Clubs Annual General Meeting	Cutheringa Bowls Club
14 th Dec	Clubs Christmas Meeting	Cutheringa Bowls Club

Townsville Rotary Market Roster

26 Nov	6.30am	Willows Market	David Nutt
17 Dec	6.30am	Willows Market	Neil Andrews

“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.



Mundingburra Christmas Night
 14th December 2023
 Cutheringa Bowls Club- 6pm for a 6.30pm start
 Lots of fun and fellowship
 Plus a Rock & Roll Demo
 RSVP Jan Johnson by 10am 11th December





Last Week in Review - What a week it was.

Well we didn't have a formal meeting at home last week, due to our visit to Ingham, however, the Club covered a number of events that highlighted our wonderful club

Townsville Community Learning Centre Graduation night 16th Nov

Mundingburra Rotary Club provides an annual bursary award to a student nominated by this Special State School at the Graduation night function.

This year Caylin Power was awarded the Mundingburra Rotary Club Paul Barker-Hudson Award by Katrina Davis, who represented President Lyn at the function. This is always a very special night and one that is rather moving.

Katrina advised it was a wonderful night and that the parents of the awarded child have been invited to attend one of our club nights with Caylin, if they are able

Peace Pole

A special morning ceremony was held at St Benedict's School at Shaw, on Wednesday 22nd November to celebrate the installation of a Peace Pole in a special garden at the front of the School building.

The School had a number of students and staff attend the ceremony along with a number of members from our Rotary Club, including the District AG Trevor Hyatt. Also great to see Robert Tardiani was well enough to attend with Sue and enjoy the ceremony.



Vice Principal Nic addressed the meeting.

Following some lovely speeches from students, the Peace Pole was unveiled to display this special gift from

Mundingburra Rotary. The pole is a square-sided pole, with the words, written on one of the four sides.

"May Peace Prevail on Earth". The languages used, as selected by the school are, English, Spanish, Latin, and Punjabis.



The unveiling of the Pole by students



The unveiling team with the Peace Pole



A snapshot of the audience at the ceremony

Hopefully, our Club may be able to provide more Peace Poles as the issue of world peace is very much in the news in recent times.



Cane Knife Debate

This is an annual fun debate event between the Rotary Club of Hinchinbrook and Mundingburra President Lyn welcomed all in attendance. The winner holds the magnificent Cane Knife trophy for the year.

Mundingburra had a reduced number of Rotarians attend the debate night, and despite some robust discussions, lost the debate on the night. *(for some strange reason the hosting club seems to always win the debate).*



President Lyn was unable to present the actual Trophy on the night as, to be honest, we were not 100% sure of its location, It has been acquired by others many times in the past. However, we have located the Trophy, locked for safety in our Club Container off-site. It will be delivered to the Hinchinbrook Club shortly.

Greg Marlow – District Governor Nominee

A visitor to the Cane Knife Debate was the DGN Greg Marlow, who had intended to visit our club on Thursday night but chased us to Ingham to do a special presentation as he was only in Nth Queensland for a few days.

Greg presented President Lyn with a Club certificate for our Club's contributions to END Polio. He also provided

a number of badges for individuals who had provided contributions and these will be handed out by Pres Lyn at the next meeting.



DGN Greg presenting to President Lyn

AED Toolakea Update

Members will remember that the Club recently assisted the Toolakea Community with an automated external defibrillator as a safety initiative for the local area.

The following photos show the device now installed and available to assist those in need.





November

Members don't forget this month we are supporting Movember and the end of the month is very close. If you would like to donate, use the following link to donate on your behalf. The link is [November - Team](#)

The Club also makes a small donation each year as we understand the importance of this charity as outlined below

Movember is an annual event involving the growing of moustaches during the month of November to raise awareness of men's health issues, such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and men's suicide.



Club Christmas Meeting

Members don't forget it's our annual Christmas Night on the 14th of December. It's open to all members, plus family and friends. We just need to know the numbers coming so the catering and seating is known by the Monday of that week.

I understand this year we will have a display from a local Rock & Roll club, so put your dancing shoes on if you want to get up. *(It won't be the Spinifex Editor as he has 2 left feet).*

If anyone wants to donate a small gift, the club will arrange for them to be delivered to FEAT, the **Family Emergency Accommodation Townsville** organisation that does a wonderful job for our community.

We also expect to have a new member induction or two on the night so come and help to make it a special night of fun and fellowship.

If you provide a gift, can you wrap it, and mark it as suitable for Males or Females (or either) and the likely age range so that FEAT staff can ensure the distribution is made easier and to the right age groups?



Special Thanks to those members already donating, regular funds are coming in. It's easy with the above barcode which they will scan.



Ian Jones is managing this project so bring your LIDS