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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?

DECEMBER: - Disease Prevention and Treatment Month **Edition 23 – 4th December 2025** **This Weeks Program – Annual General Meeting**

A note from our President Alan

Of all the reports I've written for Spinifex, this one has been by far the hardest knowing that there is no way known that I could do justice to our most recent club event.

On Saturday night we celebrated Christmas and the extraordinary contribution to the world community of a remarkable person, Peter Kaye.

Peter's contribution through Rotary shouldn't simply be measured by his 60 years in Rotary but by the immeasurable number lives his work has improved. That includes each and every one of us.

I think everyone who attended was deeply moved by Peter's joy and surprise of having his families, both Australian and Canadian attend to celebrate his 60 years in Rotary. I feel deeply and profoundly privileged to have shared a very special event with our wider Rotary family

On the basis that less is more. I'd like thank everyone involved in making the night very special indeed but in particular Neil Andrews, Jan Johnson and Michael Day were, without a doubt the architects and the driving force behind making this special event so special. Thank you.

I apologise for not listing everyone involved (for fear of missing someone), but I offer a deep, heartfelt thank you to you all.

On a more mundane topic. Next week is our AGM. please be there. We need at least 50% of the membership to make it all above board.

Mundingburra, 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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| 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: 29
Total Credits for Last Week: 0
Percentage Attendance Meeting: 71.5%
Apologies: J Baker, A Ferolja, K & M McKenzie, C Langeluddecke
Visiting Rotarians: A Church, J Hunter, T Hyatt, DG G Marlow, B, R, V Porters, E Slater, R trang
Club Guests: Alison Audrey Sin (Canada)
Guests: The full list of guests is attached below.

Important Dates – 1st Dec – 7th Dec

Member Birthdays
 Ian Corney – 3rd December
Spouse/Partner Birthdays
 Sarah Leow – 4th December.
Wedding Anniversaries
 Nil
Rotary Membership Anniversaries
 David Nutt 3rd December (10 Years)
 David Dymock 5th December (12 Years)
Takings
 Registration \$
 Sergeant \$
 Donations Nil
 Raffle \$
 Joker \$ - (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 |
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| Nov | <i>Rotary - Disease Prevention and Treatment Month</i> | |
| 4th Dec | Annual General Meeting | Cutheringa Bowls Club |
| 11 th Dec | Games Night | Cutheringa Bowls Club |
| 15 th Jan 2026 | Overseas Service in Rotary | 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.



daughter Allison Audrey Sin from Canada for Peter's special celebration.

Previous Meeting Notes

What an amazing Christmas celebration by Mundingburra Rotary on Saturday night, highlighted by the recognition of our very own Peter Kaye for his sixty years of Rotary Service with a crowd of 84 in attendance.

The early starters were treated to Santa arriving, in the absence of Jaye who mysteriously disappeared during Santa's presentation of gifts to the children at their own special party.

Johnno reported a wonderful supply of gifts for children at Family Emergency Accommodation Townsville (FEAT).

Congratulations and thanks to club members for their generosity and special thanks to PDG Churchie and Pat, Miriam and Dom Owato, Kurt Rehbie from Townsville City Council and other guests for their contributions.

Thanks also to Katrina for organising such a great outcome.

During the night the Club presented a cheque for \$1500 to FEAT comprised of a \$1000 club donation and \$500 by Tony Wode in lieu of payment for his annual starring role at our Melbourne Cup meeting.



Neal and his team pulled off one of the great surprises of all time with Mundingburra Rotary legend Peter Kaye surprised not only by the club recognition of his 60 years of service but by the arrival of special guests Peter's family as well as his good friend and fellow Rotary luminary Past District Governor Jeff Crofts.

Family attending were Michael and Vicki (son and daughter-in-law), Rebecca and Kevin Hampton (daughter and son-in-law), Andrew (grandson) and Dinna, and Linda and David Ashton (sister and brother-in-law).

Neil handed the microphone to Peter's daughter Rebecca who oversaw the *piece de resistance* was the secret arrival of Peter's great mate Jacques Sin and adopted



Yes Peter is Speechless



And the reason why

WHAT IS A STORY!! Club members were astounded to see Peekay lost for words – a Rotary first.

Video messages of well-wishes and recognition were provided by family and friends including were provided by other family and friends including inlaws Phillip Braham, Carole Hampton and Brenda Neville (friend) and Peter's Sydney mob, Jason (brother), Del, Jay, Amy and Gergaynia as well as a moving tribute by Emily Sin who was unable to make the flight from Canada due to a most welcome pregnancy.

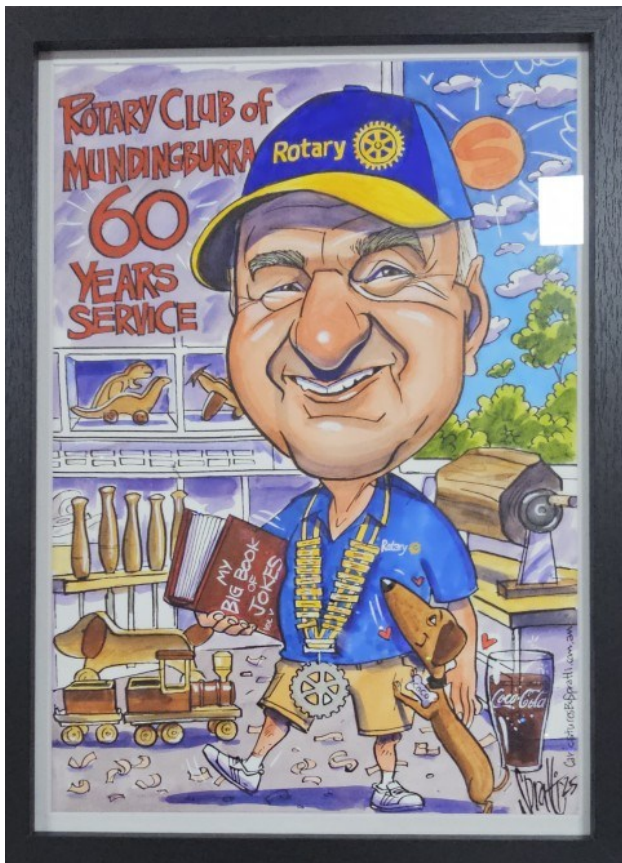
Appropriately there were also a plethora of District office bearers attending including PDGs Churchie, Jonesy, Brendan Porter, Ron D, and Hally as well as Community Leader Robin Strang and PAG Trevor Hyatt.

Peter's outstanding service was also recognised by Townsville City Council Mayor Nick Dametto through a letter read to the gathering by Cr Kurt Rehbein;



Presentation by Cr Kurt Rehbein

Certificates from Federal Member for Herbert, Phil Thompson OAM MP and Member for Mundingburra Janelle Poole APM MP; by District Governor Greg Marlow; and by Mundingburra Rotary President Alan Nelson presenting a perpetual trophy to be awarded in Peter's name as well as a professional caricature of the man himself.



The story of Peter's involvement in Rotary was told in an entertaining and informative presentation by Chairman Neil Andrews. The presentation highlighted the expanse of Peter's club, district and national roles as well as the variety of projects that he has championed, led or supported. Most importantly it also showed the fun that Peekay has created for himself and others.

The depth of Peter's impact was probably best evidenced by the genuine joy on Peter's behalf, of all in attendance. Peter is fond of quipping in jest 'how hard is to get respect around here' during barter at Mundingburra meetings. On this occasion, there was no doubt of the extremely high esteem in which he is held.



The whole event was organised and administered perfectly by Neil, Johnno, Alan and Michael (the possible exception of a couple of sound hiccups was only an opportunity for Neil to showcase his thinking on his feet).

More importantly it was a touching and fitting recognition of a life dedicated to Rotary and to service above self.

Not often Santa is not the major player on a Christmas Event, but who could argue with the magic of this night.

Due to the number of photographs taken on the night, it has been necessary for publication size, to only provide a limited number, a selection is provided below.





Our guests on the night.

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| Ashton | David | Guest of Member |
| Ashton | Lindy | Guest of Member |
| Audrey Sin | Alison | Other |
| Barber | Joan | Guest of Member |
| Beutel | Fletcher | Guest of Member |
| Beutel | Harvey | Guest of Member |
| Beutel | Katie | Guest of Member |
| Beutel | Myles | Guest of Member |
| Church | Pat | Other |
| Church | PDG Allan | Rotarian |
| Corney | Carolyn | Guest of Member |
| Crofts | PDG Jeff | Rotarian |
| Day | Tricia | Guest of Member |
| Degenhart | Vicki | Guest of Member |
| Hall | Irene | Guest of Member |
| Hampton | Kevin | Guest of Member |
| Hampton | Rebecca | Guest of Member |
| Holmes | Judy | Guest of Member |
| Hunter | Jane | Rotarian |
| Hyatt | Jenny | Other |
| Hyatt | Kensi | Other |
| Hyatt | Trevor | Rotarian |
| Kaye | Andrew | Guest of Member |
| Kaye | Michael | Guest of Member |
| Kaye | Vicki | Guest of Member |
| Lacaze | Jessica | Guest of Member |
| Leow | Sarah | Guest of Member |
| Leow | Raf | Guest of Member |
| Leow | Nate | Guest of Member |
| Leow | Clara | Guest of Member |
| Luckel | Sue | Guest of Member |
| Marlow | DG Greg | Rotarian |
| Morrison | Cath | Guest of Member |
| Morrison | Marcia | Guest of Member |
| Muguira | Wendy | Guest of Member |
| Nelson | Annette | Guest of Member |
| Owato | Dominic | Other |
| Owato | Miriam | Other |
| | PDG | |
| Porter | Brendan | Rotarian |
| Porter | Roberta | Rotarian |
| Porter | Victoria | Rotarian |
| Ramage | Bryce | Guest of Member |
| Ramage | Callie | Guest of Member |
| Ramage | Connor | Guest of Member |
| Ramage | Elizabeth | Guest of Member |
| Rehbein | Cr Kurt | Other |
| Rigano | Donna | Guest of Member |
| Schilg | Kerrie | Guest of Member |
| Sin | Jacques | Other |
| Slater | Ed | Rotarian |
| Slater | Julie | Guest of Member |
| Stephens | Dorothy | Guest of Member |

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| Strang | Robin | Rotarian |
| Ware | Jacque | Guest of Member |
| Ware | Rob | Guest of Member |

November

In a very tight race, our Movember co-ordinator as advised that it was a close race between Bill Barber and Shane Smith to see who could raise the most for our Movember yearly event to assist with Prostate Cancer research.

To date the total raised is a fantastic, \$1873.
Team Bill Barber raised \$955, and Team Shane \$918.
Both commendable results.

The Co-ordinator advised the following note.

Some pretty underhanded tactics were used during this competition this year by a couple of the participants.

All I can say is "Bring on next Year" ...