



**Munding**  
an Aboriginal word  
meaning Spinifex or  
Long Grass

**Burra**  
meaning People or Tribe

The origin of the  
Townsville suburb  
Mundingburra



Mundingburra Rotary



Making A Difference

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?

## "Disease Prevention & Treatment"

## Spinifex Edition "23" – (7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023) Annual General Meeting

# President's Report

Hi All.

What a busy night we had. It is always so good to see so many happy faces.

Thank you to Ian Jones for his "Me" talk. It helps us get to know each other better.

I also had the pleasure of giving out Centurion badges to quite a few members. The Centurion badge is a show of appreciation for a donation of at least one hundred Australian dollars during a financial year to the Foundation. Speaking to some members there is still a bit of confusion about how it works. So I will spend some time next year going over this.

Also, our District Governor would like everyone to make the effort of having a My Rotary account. You can learn so much by logging into your account and I really hope everyone will have a go at doing this. I am only a phone call away if you need help with doing this.

Congratulations to Shane and our Movember team for again raising funds and promoting this great cause. We should see some nice clean-shaven faces at this week's meeting.

Our Club Shirts will also be available this week for those members who have ordered one.

This week is our AGM. I know you all cannot wait to put your hands up for any vacant roles 😊

And I hope you can all help Bill and David with the upcoming Bunnings and Markets rosters.

Even doing just ONE shift makes such a difference and is so important to our fund-raising efforts.

Thank you all.

Enjoy your week.

Lyn



## Forward Roster Duties Plan

Date	Chair	Registration	Sergeant	Scribe	Into	Thanks
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	J Baker	P Gordon	P Holmes	I Corney	N/A	N/A
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	S Smith	P Gordon	N Andrews	David Nutt	N/A	N/A
11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA

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](mailto: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:** 23  
**Total Credits for Last Week:** 2  
**Apologies:** K Lee, A Ferolja, W Haller, T Leow, J Hall  
**Visiting Rotarians:** Oliver Bulitis  
**Club Guests:** Nil  
**Guests:** Miriam, Carl, & Enzo Whitworth, B Robertson, & J Beutel

### Coming Important Dates 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Dec

#### Member Birthdays

Nil

#### Spouse/Partner Birthdays

Sarah Leow – December 4th

#### Anniversaries

Nil

#### Join Date

David Dymock 5<sup>th</sup> Dec – 10 Years

#### Takings

Registration \$645.00  
 Sergeant \$5.00  
 Raffle \$61.00  
 Joker \$56.00 (Joker Jackpot \$481.80)

**Partners & Guests are welcome to any meeting**

**Meeting Times: 6pm for 6.30pm**

## Program & Coming Events

Date	Speaker/Facilitator/Topic Event	Venue
<b>Dec</b>	<b>Disease Prevention and Treatment Month</b>	
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Clubs Annual General Meeting</b>	Cutheringa Bowls Club
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Zoom
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Clubs Christmas Meeting</b>	Cutheringa Bowls Club
11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>First meeting for 2024</b>	Cutheringa Bowls Club

## Townsville Rotary Market Roster

17 Dec	6.30am	Willows Market	Neil Andrews
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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.



Mundingburra Christmas Night

14<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> December





## Last Week in Review

Peter Kaye opened the meeting as Chair for the night, with a snippet on Rotary aspects and then asked members to stand to recite the Four Way test. Peter then called up Phil Gordon, to announce our visitors for the night, and for the members to give them a warm welcome.

### President Update

Club President Lyn then addressed the meeting and welcomed our visitors.



Thanks to those who attended the Ingham Cane Knife Debate, and the debating team members for making this night a good event. Special mentions to P Kaye for an excellent debate, he may have to be a permanent debate member of any other events. Also to G Kenna for assisting the other team, but only in fun.

At Ingham, District Governor Nominee – Greg Marlow, presented a certificate to Lyn for the Club's contributions to the RI Foundation last year, and also several awards to individuals who had made personal voluntary contributions. Lyn called those present to come up for a photo.



**The Centurion RI Foundation Members.**

President Lyn also spoke about how successful the Peace Pole ceremony at St Benedict's School was. She aims to do more of them in 2024.

### Me Talk

The Chairman called upon Ian Jones to give us a talk on his life.



Born in Perth in 1952, he was the youngest of three brothers living 195 km NE of Perth on a wheat/sheep farm pioneered by his Grandfather in 1905. His Primary Schooling was at Wyacatchem, 22 km from home with joyful days spent playing farms and rousing on dogs which commandeered his rainwater tins. In Year 8 he went to boarding school in Perth which was an eye-opener for a country lad. The highlight was coxing the school's First Eight to a Head-of-River boat win.

On leaving school in 1969 his first job was driving a harvester in the heat in a year of poor rainfall and worse crops; there was no spare cash for a yearned-for red Monaro Holden. In 1974 the highlight of his life was meeting Robyn during an interval at the Wyalkatchem drive-in and marrying 4 years later. Great years followed playing sports and raising three children.

Participating in taking on Rotary Exchange Students changed their lives, and Ian joined Wyalkatchem Rotary in 1996. That led to becoming District Governor in 2007. With none of the children wanting to take on the farm he regretfully sold the farm to a neighbour and moved to Townsville to be with their daughter and family and to enjoy the wonderful feeling of being called "Pop"!

Questions established that Ian's farm was originally 2000 acres of dry-land which he expanded to 4500 acres with 300 ml rain p.a. and only salty groundwater. Famous people from Wyalkatchem included Belinda Jennings and WWI VC Hugo Throssell

Thanks, Ian for a wonderful talk on your life and journey into Rotary.

### General Business

**Jim Baker** reminded us to book for the Christmas meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> December, it will be a great night. It will also see three new members inducted.

Members are reminded that the only way we can raise funds to help our community is via our fundraising





projects, the Markets, Bunnings Sausage Sizzles, and the Toy Stall. It's important if members could assist a couple of times a year as it's otherwise left as a load on just a few. Also, with the Markets, don't be put off if the task is listed as Co-ordinator or assistant Co-ordinator as its not difficult and the team will provide the support needed as experienced Rotarians are always there to show you the ropes. A list of Market days to be filled for 2024, is on the table. So you are invited to help raise money at the Markets by volunteering via David Nutt's list.

**Graeme Kenna** advised that negotiations are in progress with Ingham Rotary towards maybe holding future Cane Knife Debates at the Mystic Sands Golf Club to reduce the travel for both groups.

**Neil Andrews** who is transitioning into the Treasurer role from Aloisia has obtained a \$10,000 Grant for the Club for an Australia Day event in conjunction with the new committee of the Alice River Community Association.

He is also assisting the DG with the organization of the Darwin Conference. Bookings are open and early bird registrations at \$200/head are available until 31<sup>st</sup> December. Then it is \$235 until bookings close on 19 April 2024. <https://www.trybooking.com/CLZAY>



**November Smiles**

**Shane Smith**, although he had shaved his Mo off early, said the Club had its best Movember fundraising yet with about \$1,000 donated including \$200+ donations from Neil and Jonsey, plus maybe more from the Club. Ian Jones narrowly pipped Bill Barberr for the most impressive Mo.

Membership is progressing well with three new members being inducted on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Please ask likely people if they would like to join.

**Jan Johnson** requested that everyone bring a gift to the Xmas Party on 14<sup>th</sup> December, small wrapped children's gifts (ages 2 to 16) labelled with age and sex. These are to be given to the Townsville Emergency Accommodation group. F.E.A.T.

Jono needs numbers by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December so that the caterer can order suitable quantities of food. The menu includes roast pork, ham, vegetables and sweets. For special diet requirements contact Jan.

Jan is going to India (Agra region) to help with 3 days of kid's immunizations from 29 January to 10<sup>th</sup> February. The Club is donating \$1000 and with additional donations will buy children's clothing and school items in India if possible. Donations can be sent to the Club account.

**Bill Barber** requested volunteers for Rotary Field Days on 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> April, plus for setting up and packing up after.

**Peter Holmes** thanked the Club for the card and gift. when he was in hospital.

**President's Closing Reminders**

Lyn recommended participation in the DG's Conference in Darwin and for members to use the "My Rotary" website.

A new Youth Coordinator is required and a suggestion was that Oliver, who is experienced in this area might volunteer if/when he transfers to the Club

The Toy Library is chasing Grants for fencing (between \$5k & \$15k) to assist with the project. They have a \$25k shade cloth grant and concreting is under control. They are planning a Teddy Bears Picnic in April/May when the shade cloth is up.

**Raffle Wine:** Blue A62 Robyn Jones, and Blue A81 Jim Baker.

**Joker:** Green E87 David Nutt drew 5 of Clubs.



**Not close enough**

**Close of Meeting.**

Chair Peter closed the meeting with a toast to Rotary International