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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?

January: - Vocational Service Month

Edition 25 – 15th January 2026

This Weeks Program – Supporting Vision Cambodia & Les Restaurants Des Enfants

A note from President Alan

The reissue of the Spinifex came about due to a miscommunication between Jim Baker and myself over the timing of the Spinifex editions. My misunderstanding was that the most recent edition was to be published in the New Year and so my report was written in that vein. Silly me. So, take two.

For me Christmas is something of special if not magical time. A time to be spent with loved ones. A time to reflect on the year past and to think about the year to come. Things we could have done better and what we've learnt of ourselves and the world about us.

I don't think that has changed any more than the wish for peace on Earth and goodwill to all.

Sadly, recent events have cast a long horrible, shadow over so much of what we hold dear. It is easy to focus on the negative.

Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa in his 1958 book 'The Leopard' said: " If things are to remain the same. Things will have to change'. That change is simple. We need more kindness.

Every small act of kindness is like a drop of rain at the headwaters of a River. These drops aggregate and become a torrent, a flood.

Kindness is selfless and costs nothing, it changes so much. A friendly smile, a gentle remark or complement. A helping hand. It's infectious, generous and lifts the day.

As Rotarians we are in the box seat here. We have a wonderful framework that goes with this idea, The Four Way Test!

With that I wish you and your families a wonderful and safety Christmas and happy healthy New Year.

Remember to be kind and remind those around to be kind and let start a torrent.

Stay amazing and kind. I'll see you in the New Year. 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
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: 1
Percentage Attendance Meeting: 61.9%
Apologies: N Andr3ws, J Baker, A Bosch, P Holmes
Visiting Rotarians: Nil
Club Guests: Nil
Guests:: Nil.

Important Dates – 1st Jan – 18th Jan

Member Birthdays
 Ro Degenhart – 3rd January
 David Dymok – 17th January
Spouse/Partner Birthdays
 Carolyn Corney – 12^{tj}h January
Wedding Anniversaries
 Joan & Bill Barber – 6th January (53 Years)
 Katie & Jaye Beutel 6th January (19 Years)
 Marcia & Jim Morrison 9th January (56 years)
 Sarah & Tim Leow 9th January (10 years)

Rotary Membership Anniversaries

Nil

Takings

Registration \$\$460.00
 Sergeant \$36.00
 Donations Nil
 Raffle \$44.00
 Joker \$62.00 - (Joker Jackpot \$970.90)

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

Program & Coming Events

Date	Speaker/Facilitator/Topic Event	Venue
Nov	Rotary - Vocational Service Month	
15 th Jan 2026	Supporting Vision Cambodia & Les Restaurants Des Enfants	Cutheringa Bowls Club

Townsville Rotary Market Roster

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.



Meeting Notes (Last meeting for 2025)

Chairmans Opening of the meeting.

To open the meeting Chair Michael Day, lead a recital of the Rotary 4-Way Test. Followed by Registration Officer Phil Gordon.

President's Report

President Alan Nelson noted that this meeting marked the half-way mark for his term as President.

He advised that Shane Smith was a late apology for the meeting that on this basis, he would be "going alone in hosting the games night" component of the meeting. He advised that the key component of the games night would be a Christmas Quiz.

President Alan encouraged members to take a drive along Mango Avenue to check out the Christmas display in that street, which includes an extensive collection of lights and a 3.5 metre long Blue Whale wearing a Christmas hat.

President-Elect Learning Seminar dates for 2026 are included in last week's Spinifex.

Alan advised that Jackie Ramage and her family are moving to Moranbah. He thanked Jackie for the contribution she has made to the club and presented her with a bunch of flowers. He wished the Ramage family all the best for the future.



President Alan presenting to Jackie

Reports

PDG Ian Jones demonstrated his commitment to Rotary's moto of "Service above Self" while sizzling sausages at Bunnings. He agreed to mind a trailer at his residence. The owner of the trailer generously made a \$50 donation to Rotary at the time of collecting the trailer.



PDG Ian Jones

President-elect Sue Tardiani advised that she has finalised her Board for 2026/27. Rooka Ramdin has accepted the invitation to take on the role as Club Service Director. Daniel will assist her.



Sue Tardiani

Karl McKenzie has agreed to continue in the role of Director of Vocational Service.

Sue is still looking for a member to take over the role of Markets Coordinator.



Daniel Price Incoming Board Member

The Challenging Christmas Cheer Quiz

President Alan posed a total of 20 challenging Christmas cheer questions to members of the audience. A sample of those challenging questions included:

- **Name the Three Wise Men.** While President Alan eliminated Huey, Dewey and Louie as a potential answer, a number of other possibilities were discussed across the tables. An answer identified by one table was Moe, Curley, and Larry. The correct answer is Balthazar, Caspar, and Melchior.
- **Highest-selling Christmas song and the best-selling single of all time.** Answer – Bing Crosby’s “White Christmas.”
- In the classic Paul Kelly song “**How to Make Gravy**” – **where would Joe be making gravy on Christmas Day.** Answer: Prison.

The Winner of the Challenging Christmas Cheer Chocolates

John Hall - an impressive 13/20.



Yes PDG John Hall

A Thank You

Glen Atfield from “Muddy’s Kitchen” (and Chairman of the Board of Cutheringa Bowls Club) thanked members of the Mundingburra Rotary Club for their ongoing support of the Cutheringa Bowls Club.

Glen noted that club events such as Mundingburra Rotary Club’s Trivia night and Christmas Party make a significant contribution to meeting the cost of operating the club.

Glen spoke about some of the challenges being faced by his club in meeting costs associated with council rates and insurance.

Sergeant Session – Thankfully the last for 2025

Sergeant Ryan Lacaze took the opportunity to extract funds from the audience for the last time in 2025.

Contributors to the coffers included:

- Jim Morrison - Birthday – 25th December

- Wedding Anniversaries
 - Vicki & Ron Degenhart – 17th December,
 - Carley & Arlin Bosch – 17th December
- Rotary Membership Anniversaries:
 - Peter Kaye – 16th December (60 years)
 - Jaye Beutel – 14th December (2 years)
 - Barry Robinson – 17th December (2 years)
 - Melanie Costi – 18th December (9 years).

Raffle

Winners of the last wine allocations for 2025 are:

- Mirriam Whitworth (ticket C49)
- Jaye Beutel (ticket C48)

President Alan’s closing remarks

President Alan wished all a Merry Christmas and advised that the first meeting for 2026 will be held on 15 January 2026.

Joker Jackpot

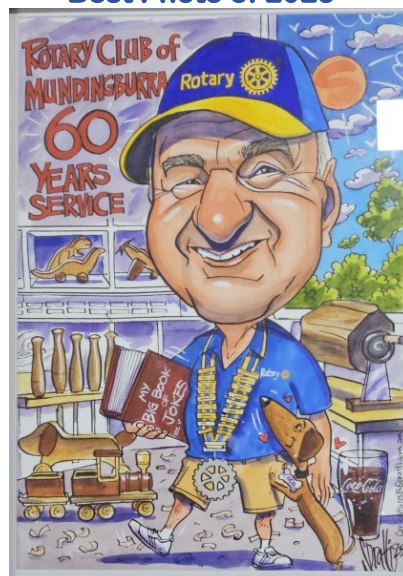
Ryan Lacaze won the right to split the deck (ticket B60). He was not successful in drawing the joker – he drew the King of Spades.



Meeting Close

Chair Michael Day closed the meeting with a toast to Rotary International.

Best Photo of 2025



Congratulations again Peter on 60 years of Rotary Service