



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

**Burra**  
meaning People or Tribe  
  
The origin of the  
Townsville suburb  
Mundingburra



Mundingburra Rotary



## RI President

Jennifer Jones

## District 9560 Governor

John Hall

## Advance Australia Fair

Australians all let us rejoice;  
For we are one and free;  
We've golden soil and wealth for  
toil; Our home is girt by sea;  
Our land abounds in nature's gifts  
of beauty rich and rare;  
In history's page, let every stage  
Advance Australia Fair.  
In joyful strains then let us sing  
Advance Australia Fair.

## Rotary Grace

We break Thy bread of  
Brotherhood,  
And thank thee Lord  
for all things good,  
May we, more blessed  
than we deserve,  
Live less for self and more to  
serve.

## 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?

## "Water, Sanitation & Hygiene Month"

### Spinifex Edition "25" - 2 March 2023

Helena McInnes - Kidmin Study

## President's Report

Dear Fellow Rotarians

What an interesting talk by Joanne Keune last week. The issue of literacy and communication is becoming more and more prominent in younger generations, not just in Australia but worldwide as well. Just for comparison, 54% of USA adults have a literacy below 6th grade level (National Centre for Education Statistics - NCES, 2022), and around 44% of Australians aged 15 to 74 years struggle with the literacy and numeracy skills required in daily life (Australian Bureau of Statistics 2022, OECD 2022-2023). Joanne's presentation showed how this issue starts early at home and in school, with children that are not used anymore to frequent in-person conversations (including within the family group) or extensive reading, in favour of communicating via short texts and acquiring information from sources that have severely short word limits (Twitter, Facebook, online platforms, etc.) or videos (5min max), and often questionable sources of information.

We all can see the ramifications and repercussions of this trend with effects observed from day-to-day life interactions to country-wide decision-making, which is often affected by lack of critical thinking and thorough understanding of topics (aided by blatant and widespread misinformation). It's easy to manipulate people or brush their opinion aside if their comprehension and communication skills are inadequate. Many sections of society and the community are left vulnerable to this.

Joanne's program has started tackling this issue a few years back, focusing on the verbal communication aspect, but we should consider as a Club how we can assist and contribute not just through 'Blah' but also to a broader scale to the fight against illiteracy and stunted communication. After all, one of the main areas of impact of Rotary is Basic Education and Literacy.

Just some food for thought.

See you on Thursday.

Kind regards

Dr. Prez. Claudia



### Forward Roster Duties Plan

Date	Chair	Registration	Cashier	Meet & Greet	Sergeant	Scribe
2 Mar	Graham Stephens	Phil Gordon	Aloisia Ferfolja	Jim Baker	Neil Andrews	Katrina Davis
9 Mar	Shane Smith	Phil Gordon	Aloisia Ferfolja	Bill Barber	Alan Nelson	Lynette Svanosio
16 Mar	Bill Muguira	Phil Gordon	Aloisia Ferfolja	Ian Corney	Peter Holmes	Robert Tardiani
23 Mar	Jackie Ramage	Phil Gordon	Aloisia Ferfolja	Katrina Davis	Neil Andrews	Sue Tardiani

If you are unable to fulfill your rostered duty it is **YOUR** responsibility to find a replacement. Please notify Lyn of any changes.  
 Registration Team ensure you record visitors' details clearly in the visitors' book.

Meeting apologies to Attendance Officer: Jan Johnson:

[janjohnson37@gmail.com](mailto:janjohnson37@gmail.com) or text to 0409 783 810 by 10am on Mondays at the latest.

#### Facts & Figures

**Total Member Count:** 41  
**Number Used for Attendance:** 40  
**Leave of Absence:** Nil  
**Exempt Members:** Nil  
**Honorary Members:** 1 Tony Wode  
**Members Present:** 21  
**Total Credits for Last Week:** 6  
**Percentage Attendance for Last Meeting:** 67.50%  
**Apologies:** N Andrews, R Lacaze, J Hall, G Harper, K Davis, J Morrison, D Nutt  
**Visiting Rotarians:** -  
**Club Guests:** Joanne Keune, Peter David, Bernie McKeane  
**Guests:** -

#### Coming Important Dates 26 Feb - 3 Mar

No dates to report

#### Takings

Registration \$365  
 Sergeant \$24.40  
 Raffle \$43  
 Joker \$26  
 Joker Jackpot \$673.60

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

### Program & Coming Events

Date	Speaker/Facilitator/Topic Event	Venue
March	Theme – Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	
1 Mar	Board Meeting - Via Zoom	-
2 Mar	Helena McInnes - Kidmin Study	Townsville RSL
9 Mar	TBA	Townsville RSL
16 Mar	St Patricks Day Meeting	Townsville RSL
23 Mar	Guide Dogs - Site Visit - Dining in the Dark	TBA

### Townsville Rotary Market Roster

3 Mar	Strand	06 Bump In 2 - 12 noon - 4.30pm	Robert Tardiani	<b>Market Roster: You will receive a reminder in the week before your shift. Please contact David Nutt on 0408 897 152 or <a href="mailto:david.nutt@bigpond.com">david.nutt@bigpond.com</a> to confirm that you can do your shift.</b>
3 Mar	Strand	10 Helper 2 from 4pm	Ron Degenhart	
5 Mar	Willows	Coordinator	Ian Jones	
26 Mar	Willows	Coordinator	David Nutt	

#### "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.

**"100 Rotary Quotes":** 1995-96 *Herbert G. Brown (furniture retailing), Rotary Club of Clearwater, Florida, USA.*  
**Rotary vision: That Rotarians Act with Integrity, Serve with Love, Work for Peace.** "We can teach children to love. We can teach them to respect themselves and others. We can teach them to set goals and work toward them. And in return, they can pass on these life-affirming values to the next generations." - Address to 1995 President's Conference on Family Values and Community Service, Chicago, Illinois, USA



## Last Week in Review

The meeting opened at 6.30pm by tonight's Chairperson Lynette Svanosio leading us in singing the National Anthem and Rotary Grace.

Lynette asked Phil Gordon to welcome the guests, Phil started by welcoming our Guest Speaker Joanne Keune, Peter David guest of Ron Degenhart and Bernie McKeane from Guide Dogs guest of Graham Kenna.

Lynette then asked President Claudia to address the club. Claudia said she had started teaching at JCU this week. Then thanks all the member for attending last week meeting for valentine's meeting. Claudia informed the club we could have a function at JCU that we could be involved us in, in September.



Bill Barber was asked to introduce our Guest Speaker Joanne Keune.



Joanne is an Australian Lawyer; she specialises in employment law and Native Title. Joanne was previously the Community Development officer for the Townsville City Council and General Manager for Dance North. She then won a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship and Study international Business and Marketing at the Golden Gate University. She was then employed by the Academy of art

University as an Executive Project Director. Joanne lived in the United States for 15 years. Joanne has visited 47 countries and lived in 3. Joanne was previously the school captain of Pimlico High School and has entered 87 public speaking competitions winning the National Rostrum Voice of Youth and the National Jaycees Youth Speaks for Australia.



Joanne runs a program called "BLAH" encouraging school children to be able to speak in these days of technology. 33% of children aged 6-11 have a mobile phone and 87% of teenagers have a mobile phone. Joanne advised several homes do not have a kitchen or Dining room table. Some brothers and sisters are texting each other because they argue when they come together.



Another interesting item a teacher took several students to a restaurant where they ate with their fingers because they did not know how to use a knife and Fork.

Joanne runs courses to teach young people to speak and communicate with others. Joanne also showed us a video with young people speaking.

Jan Johnson thanked Joanne for her speech and wished her well for the future with Blah.

## Last Week in Review

Directors Reports. Ron Degenhart spoke on the 2 emails he has sent out in the last few days. The first one on the district accumulated funds be donated to the Greece/Syria earth quake and Timor Dili appeals. The club needs a temporary provisor as Peter Holmes will be away from late March until mid-June. Ron also advised that Past President from 2000 John Blood has passed away.



Lynette advised the club that we a looking for a coordinator for the Willow on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March. Bill Barber if looking for members for bunnings on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of March. We will be having some fun evenings coming up. District training for incoming board members commence next week.

Graham Kenna advised his Guest Bernie McKeane is from Guide Dogs and is looking at a vocational visit in the near future.

Sergeant Peter Holmes collect monies from the birthday boy Alan Nelson then several members from Question from the Spinifex which could not be correctly answered.

The raffle was won by Graham Kenna and second Alan Nelson.

President Claudia gave final thoughts and drew the Joker jackpot with ticket black C98. Robert Tardiani being the winner and drew the king of spades.



Meeting closed at 7.45pm

## TOWNSVILLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL



The first meeting of the Interact Club for the 2023 year was held on 7 February and the second on 21 February under the guidance of the elected Board and mentor Kristell Scott. The 2023 Board members are:

President - Matthew Tanious  
Vice President - Sabeer Nayaar  
Secretary - Elisa Jacob  
Treasurer - Harper Muller



### Community Involvement

Will participate in Clean Up Australia on Tuesday in week nine of the first term.

### Fundraising Events

Sold drinks at the swimming carnival raising around \$600 plus the proceeds from container for change sale. More empty cans were being delivered over the next week. The money raised is to be donation to the Turkey/Syria Disaster.

Club plans to also purchase three additional recycling bins for disposal of empty drink cans/bottle.

Members made and sold pancakes on pancake Tuesday and will be selling snow cones each Friday.

Ping Pongathon will be a charity of choice for the club.

### Guest Speaker

The coordinator of the Homework Monitoring Program at the Aitkenvale City Library was the guest speaker on 14 February. The program is attended mainly by refugees from African nations. The students were asked to donate textbooks for secondary school curriculum subjects. Students could also volunteer as tutors.

**Robert T**



# Board of Directors

**President:** Claudia Trave  
**Secretary:** Ron Degenhart  
**Past President:** Ryan Lacaze

**President-Elect:** Lynette Svanosio  
**Treasurer:** Aloisia Ferfolja & Neil Andrews

<u>Club Administration</u>	<u>Service Projects</u>
<b>Director</b> <b>Lynette Svanosio</b>	<b>Director</b> <b>Ian Jones</b>
Bulletin Editor Peter Kaye	Community Service Committee Bill Barber
Publisher Trish Harley	Dave Dymock
Program Co-ordinator Lynette Svanosio	Bill Mugira
Duty Roster Co-Ordinator Lynette Svanosio	Jim Baker
Attendance Officer Jan Johnson	Scott Hunter
Registration Desk Officer Phil Gordon	Schools Coordinator Jan Johnson
Providore Peter Holmes	Bunnings BBQ Coordinator Katanya Lee
Historian Graham Stephens	Bill Barber
Sergeant at Arms Rotation between Members	Markets Coordinator David Nutt
Risk Management Kevin Strike	Golf Day Coordinator Graeme Kenna
Youth Protection	Grant Harper
Club Trainer Peter Kaye	Trivia Night Coordinator Scott Hunter
Member Services Aloisia Ferfolja	
Jan Johnson	
Katanya Lee	
<u>Finance Committee</u>	<u>Youth Services</u>
<b>Director</b> <b>Lynette Svanosio</b>	<b>Directors</b> <b>Shan Delany &amp; Katrina Davis</b>
Committee Aloisia Ferfolja	Committee Alan Nelson
Claudia Trave	Graham Stephens
Neil Andrews	Peter Kaye
Katanya Lee	Claudia Trave
	Tim Leow
	Robert Tardiani
	Kevin Strike
<u>Rotary Foundation</u>	<u>Membership</u>
<b>Director</b> <b>TBA</b>	<b>Director</b> <b>Sue Tardiani</b>
Committee Shane Smith	Committee Ron Degenhart
Alan Nelson	Dave Dymock
Lynette Svanosio	Wayne Haller
	Graeme Kenna
	Jim Morrison
	Grant Harper
<u>Public Relations</u>	<u>Vocational</u>
<b>Director</b> <b>TBA</b>	<b>Director</b> <b>Graeme Kenna</b>
Committee Graeme Kenna	Committee Neil Andrews
Wayne Haller	Scott Hunter
Social Media Facebook Ron Degenhart	
Website Jim Baker	
<u>International Service</u>	
<b>Director</b> <b>Jim Morrison</b>	
Committee Bill Mugira	
Tim Leow	
Robyn Jones	

**District 9560 & Group 3 Officers from Rotary Club of Mundingburra**  
District Governor (DG) John Hall  
D9650 Company Secretary Robert Tardiani  
District Youth Protection Officer (DYPO) Michael Meyers  
District VTT Chair Peter Kaye





### Rotary Club of Mundingburra Past Presidents

1958	J. Charles Butler PDG	1978	George Kimlin	2000/01	John Blood
1958/59	Fred Greig	1979/80	John Switzer	2001/02	Trevor Philipson
1959/60	Jack McLay	1980/81	George Rice	2002/03	Shane Smith
1960/61	Dick Keating	1981/82	John Hartland	2003/04	Ron Degenhart PDG
1961/62	Gordon McHugh	1982/83	John Le Cornu	2004/05	Vince Nielsen
1962/63	Kevin King	1983/84	Darcy Cooke	2005/06	Bob Doyle
1963/64	Bill Miller	1984/85	Reg Stortenbecker	2006/07	Fred Gillham
1964/65	Bert Hanran	1985/86	Charles Zahner	2007/08	Neil Andrews
1965/66	Stan Strange PDG	1986/87	Allan Cummings	2008/09	Brad Groves
1966/67	Cec Denman	1987/88	Graham Weir	2009/10	Ray Hatton
1967/68	Arthur Hopkins	1988/89	David Carmichael	2010/11	Ray Pendle
1968/69	Ellis Frost	1989/90	Bill Kennedy	2011/12	Ron Degenhart PDG
1969/70	Norm Clibborn	1990/91	Laurie Quinlan	2012/13	John Hall
1970/71	Bill Barber Snr	1991/92	Graham Stephens	2013/14	Jim Foley
1971/72	Reg Watkins	1992/93	Peter Kaye PDG	2014/15	Graeme Kenna
1972/73	Keith Christensen	1993/94	Geoff Maidens	2015/16	Paul Barker-Hudson
1973/74	Allan Cutmore	1994/95	Bill Muguire	2016/17	Jim Baker
1974/75	Pat O'Shea	1995/96	Bob Shaw	2017/18	Alan Nelson
1975/76	Hollis Parker	1996/97	Bill Barber	2018/19	Miriam Owato
1976/77	Alex Stuart	1997/98	Steve Ritchie	2019/20	Sue Lloyd
1977/78	George Kimlin	1998/99	Ian Weller	2020/21	Shane Smith
1978	Ian Costello	1999/00	Doug McDonald	2021/22	Ryan Lacaze

### Rotary Clubs of Area 3 Meeting Times and Venues

<u>MUNDINGBURRA</u> Thursday 6 for 6.30 pm Townsville RSL Club	<u>MAGNETIC ISLAND</u> Tuesday 6.00 for 6.15 pm Peppers Blu on Blue	<u>PORT OF TOWNSVILLE</u> Monday 6.00 for 6.30 pm Tom's Tavern	<u>ROSS RIVER</u> Tuesday 5.30 for 6.00 pm Tom's Tavern
<u>TOWNSVILLE</u> Tuesday 12.30 for 1.00 pm Cowboys Leagues Club	<u>TOWNSVILLE SUNRISE</u> Friday 7.00 am Fish Inn	<u>TOWNSVILLE DAYBREAK</u> 1st Wednesday 6.45 am Mercure Inn	<u>TOWNSVILLE CENTRAL</u> Friday 12.30 for 1.00 pm Townsville RSL Club
<u>THURINGOWA CENTRAL</u> Wednesday 6 for 6.30 pm Toms Tavern	<u>TOWNSVILLE SAINTS</u> 1st & 3rd Wednesday 6.30 am Selectability	<u>AYR</u> Thursday 6.15 for 6.30 pm ANZAC Memorial Club	<u>HINCHINBROOK</u> Wednesday 6.00 for 6.30 pm Royal Hotel
	<u>HOME HILL</u> Wednesday 6.15 for 6.30 pm Malpass Hotel	<u>CHARTERS TOWERS</u> Tuesday 6.30 for 7 pm Park Hotel	

