

# Spinifex



## Rotary Club of Mundingburra Inc.

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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 26 – 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**This Weeks Program – TBA**

### **Welcome message from President Alan**

Last weeks speaker, Heath Morehu , from Heath's Snake Control, and wife Kate, from gave a very interesting talk to the membership. Thank you Heath's and Kate for widening our horizons on these amazing creatures. Later in the Spinifex is some notes I took from the meeting.

The Australia Day event at Rupertswood Park was a great success. Thanks to Peter and the Toy Stall crew, Bill Barber and Coralie L for staffing the ice creams give away and to Neil Andrews for securing and administering the Australia Day grant.

Unfortunately, the good start was interrupted mid-morning with heavy rain causing the event to be stopped.

Also it was a very busy long weekend as we had the Willows Markets and the Bunnings BBQ on the Sunday, so my personal thanks to everyone that could assist us over this busy period.

Remember the Defence Welcome at Townsville Stadium on January 31. Kicks off at 9am and we need to be setting up at 8:30am

Just a reminder all board members are now required to have Blue Working with Children Cards as we make decisions about activities with Children under 18-year-old.

And congratulations to Coralie for winning the Joker Jackpot at the last meeting. Just over \$1000 and it all happened the day prior to her birthday.

Stay amazing and kind.

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](mailto:katanya.lee@carter-spencer.com.au) or text to 0409 536 169 by 10 am on Mondays.

## Program & Coming Events

Date	Speaker/Facilitator/Topic Event	Venue
29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	TBA	Cutheringa Bowls Club
5 <sup>th</sup> Feb		
12 <sup>th</sup> Feb		

## Duties

Date	Chair	Registration	Sergeant	Scribe	Intro	Thanks
29th Jan	Ian Jones	P Gordon	P Kaye	R Degenhart	P Holmes	L Svanosio
5th Feb						
12th Feb						

## Townsville Rotary Market Roster

## BBQ Dates

1 <sup>st</sup> Feb Sunday	Willows – asst Co-Ordinator required			
6 <sup>th</sup> Feb Friday	Strand Market help 4pm to close.			

Contact David Nutt – 0408897152 For Market Volunteering & Bill Barber 0418759019 For Bunnings Volunteering

### Last Meeting, 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:** 23  
**Total Credits for Last Week:** 1  
**Percentage Attendance Meeting:** 57.1%  
**Apologies:** N Andr3ws, J Baker, P Holmes, J Beutel, R Degenhart, J Morrison, A Ferfolja, G Kenna, J Johnson  
**Visiting Rotarians**  
**Club Guests:** Heath Morehu, Kayleen Morehu  
**Guests::**

### Important Dates – 26th Jan – 1<sup>st</sup> Feb

**Member Birthdays**  
 Bill Barber 27<sup>th</sup> Jan  
 Greg Luckel 31<sup>st</sup> Jan  
**Spouse/Partner Birthdays**  
 Karen Costi (Foley) 31<sup>st</sup> Jan  
**Wedding Anniversaries**  
 Nil  
**Rotary Membership Anniversaries**  
 Nil  
**Takings**  
 Registration \$415.00  
 Sergeant \$39.10  
 Donations Nil  
 Raffle \$48.00  
 Joker \$73.00 - (New Joker Jackpot TBA )  
**Congrats – Coralie won the \$1001.70 Joker - 1 day before Her birthday.**

### “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 (Scribe notes unavailable)

### President Alan's comments on the Guest Speakers presentation.

**Ophidiophobia** or **ophiophobia** is fear of snakes. It is perhaps a primal fear that many of us have and understandably.

When you grew up and live in a country that has 20 of the top 25 of world's most venomous snakes it's wise to wary of these remarkable creatures.

This fear is not shared by our speaker at last week's meeting. Heath Morehu from Heath's Snake Control.



Heath presenting

Heath has a life long love of snakes, reptiles, fossils and natural history. He has been active in educating people about the importance of these creatures in the environment and he and his wife Kate are working on the set up their 'Reptseum'. Personally, I'm looking forward to a visit once they are up and running.



Kate assisting

Heath outlined the things that make our home and garden appealing to snakes and provided good advice on minimising the risk of snake bite. He also touched on the first aid and treatment of snake bite and the limitation of

the use of antivenin.

Something I wasn't aware and hadn't thought about is the presence of snakes venomous in their faeces. That makes sense as venom glands are essentially a salivary gland.

The surprising upshot of this is that snakes handlers get exposed to aerosolises snake faeces with its venom content go in to develop allergic reactions to not just the venom but lots of things.

Heath's has is now anaphylactic (a severe life threatening allergic reaction) to lots of things include nut when he was never previously allergic to anything. Wow!

### Joker Jackpot Update



A very happy Corlie after picking the Joker card and winning just over \$1000. Congratulations.

### A selection of the Australia Day Photos



