

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?



February: - Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month

Edition 29 – 12th February 2026

Program – Changes in Mundingburra Rotary, Bill Barber

Welcome message from President Alan

One of the many things I love about our club is the flexibility that we have to change tack with ease. This was demonstrated with ability to slot in a speaker at short notice for last week's meeting. Thank you John Hall and Bill Barber,

As a result we had Eleena Joe and Julie Luke from Sailability speak to us.

Julie came to Sailability as a person with an acquired brain injury that impacted her memory and other abilities. She has a background in sailing in Sydney but sadly she has little memory of those times on the water. She is a shining example of how having the opportunity to relearn to sail has greatly enhanced her life and she plays an important role in the organisation as a result.

Eleena simply arrived with organisation as a volunteer through a Facebook post having moved to Townsville from Mackay to study Biomedical Science, enroute to medicine.

Currently, they have four Hansa 303 dinghies. These landed in Townsville cost about \$19,000, \$5,000 of which is freight. They also have an inflatable service/safety boat that shadows the participants. The mantra is always 'safety first'.

Clearly, the size of these Hansa 303s limits the number of people who can participate, both in terms of numbers and severity of disability. To address this, they are aiming to raise money for a pontoon boat. Essentially a large sailing catamaran.

We have offered to assist through our Bunnings sausages sizzles. I suspect longer term, that won't be our only involvement going forward.

In the next month or so we will have other speakers we met at the Defence Welcome. These include: The Special Olympics, Legacy and Infant Management and Parenting skills Centre NQ or IMPS.

Looking forward, we will have a vocational visit to Sullivan and Nicholaides Pathy Lab at the Mater Pimlico. That will be instead of our normal meeting on 26 February, and we are working on a 5:30 for 6pm start. Further details will be communicated as they emerge.

Stay amazing and kind. Alan



Program & Coming Events

Date	Speaker/Facilitator/Topic Event	Venue
12 th Feb	Changes in Mundingburra Rotary, Bill Barber	Cutheringa Bowls Club
19 th Feb	Developing North Queensland - James Doyle	Cutheringa Bowls Club
26 th Feb	Vocational visit - Sullivan and Nicholaides Pathology Lab	Fulham Road. Pimlico

Duties

Date	Chair	Registration	Sergeant	Scribe	Intro	Thanks
12th Feb	R Lacaze	P Gordon	G Kenna	T Leow	J Johnson	M Whitworth
19th Feb	G Luckel	P Gordon	S Smith	G Kenna	I Jones	B Barber
26th Feb	Alan Nelson	P Gordon	Nil	R Lacaze	Nil	Nil

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.

Townsville Rotary Market Roster

BBQ Dates

		14 th Feb Saturday	Domain Bunnings

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: 27
Total Credits for Last Week: 0
Percentage Attendance Meeting: 64.2%
Apologies: J Baker, P Holmes, J Beutel, S Tardiani, A Ferolja
Visiting Rotarians: Jacinta Hoare (Sunrise Cairns)
Club Guests: Eleena Joe & Julie Luke (Guest Speakers)
Guests: Sue Luckel

Important Dates – 9th Feb – 15th Feb

Member Birthdays
 J Ramage 9th February
Spouse/Partner Birthdays
 Nil
Wedding Anniversaries
 Nil
Rotary Membership Anniversaries
 Nil
Takings
 Registration \$540.00
 Sergeant \$105.45
 Donations Nil
 Raffle \$58.00
 Joker \$74.00 - (Joker Jackpot \$299.40)

“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

This week saw good attendance and a packed program.

The meeting was ably chaired by Graeme Kenna who opened the meeting with the usual formalities.

President Alan welcomed guests and commented on the success of attending the Defence Open day. Whilst no new members were identified, the day produced several potential guest speakers for our club.

Graeme Kenna introduced our Directors reports beginning with John Hall who advised the next few meetings would be ideal for partners to attend.

Treasurer Neil Andrews reminded all that invoices for club dues have been sent out and payment would be appreciated.

He spoke about the distribution of funds to various groups including Movember which Bill Barber again emerged as victor.

Although the Australia Day was a washout, the \$10,000 grant funds were expended, and Neil will attend to the acquittal in due course.

Katrina Davis attended a Saints club meeting when she promoted the NQ Field Days and learned about their Sit, Celebrate and Donate gardening project.



Katrina Davis

Youth Director Ron Degenhart updated the activities of the Grammar School Interact club who raised and donated US\$1,500 to their counterparts in Timor-Leste.

Ian Jones reminded us to support Containers for Change and advised he is willing to collect our bottles and cans if brought to the club.

Peter Kaye mentioned a Trivia Planning meeting to be held on Sunday at his residence. The event planned for Sat 14 March. *(the Flyer is below)*

John Hall introduced our guest speaker Eleena Joe who presented an outline of the program Sailability. Eleena hails from Mackay and is a Biomedical Science student at JCU.

Guest Speaker Presentation -

Sailability is an international, non-profit sailing organisation for people with all disabilities, it was originally founded in the 1980s in the United Kingdom and has since spread world-wide.

Sailability Townsville caters for all ages/abilities and has hoists and slings for ease of getting in and out of the 2-seater dinghies. They are located within the [Townsville Recreational Boating Park](#) and sail on Thursday mornings from 10:00AM onwards.

They recently commissioned a brand-new dinghy, 'Golden Duck 2' and are now sailing 4 dinghies each Thursday for their growing number of clients. Volunteer numbers have grown and now have approximately 6-10 volunteers turning up each week to assist.



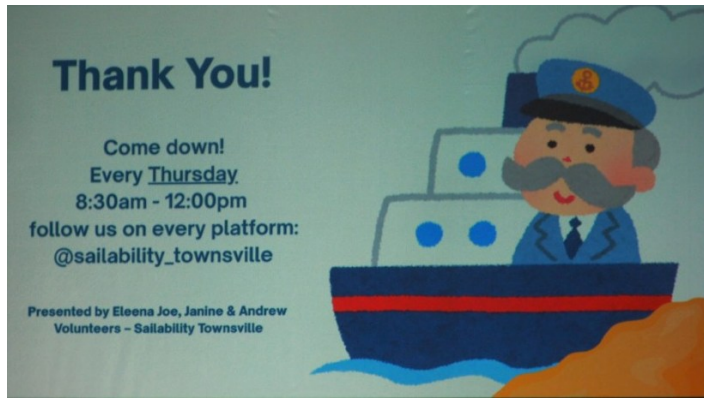
Eleena Joe presenting

Sailability Townsville's goal is to procure a pontoon boat to enable wheelchair bound clients to enjoy an outing on the water. For stability, the vessel needs to be around 8 meters in length and have guard rails and boarding ramps.



Julie Luke assisting Eleena

Approximate cost of the pontoon boat is \$60,000 and the organization is seeking financial support to have the vessel built.



Shane Smith proposed a vote of thanks to Eleena on behalf of the club.

Special Visitor



Cairns Sunrise Visitor Jacinta Hoare

Sergeant Session



Greg Luckel

Who managed to squeeze heaps of unwanted money from the members.

Joker Jackpot

PDG, PP, Peter Kaye managed to select the opportunity to select joker card, but missed it, sorry Peter but its an almost new pack of cards.



The meeting closed at 7:30pm.

Breaking News.

Rooka and Daniel, and I think Photographer Ian Jones, made a special visit Sunday to Sailability at the Strand following the presentation on Thursday night. Wouldn't it be nice with a Rotary wheel on the sails.



Rooka, Julie Luke & Daniel

MUNDINGBURRA ROTARY'S FAMOUS ANNUAL

Rotary MUNDINGBURRA Quizmaster Ryan

TRIVIA and AUCTION

Auctioneer Shane

Live & Silent Auctions

Eftpos Available

Platters, Nibbles and Drinks Available Refreshments at the Bar

Purchase Tickets at the door or book table via email: rotarymundingburra@outlook.com

TEAMS OF 6 - \$20 PER PERSON

14TH MARCH 2026 6:30 PM Start

Lucky Door, Raffle and Prizes

Funds raised Donated to Family Emergency Accommodation Townsville

Cutheringa Bowls Club

Harold St, West End