

Spinifex



Rotary Club of Mundingburra Inc.

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Club ID Number 17739, District 9560

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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

Olayinka Hakeem Babalola

District 9560 Governor

Rita Zappulla

Club President

Sue Tardiani

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?



July: - Maternal and Child Health Month Edition 3 – 23rd July 2026

Welcome message from Spinifex Editor

My first night as President. After I settled down with nerves and excitement running through my head, I started to enjoy it. I still can't get used to being called President Sue.

It was a great night with a wonderful guest speaker in Amelia. What a brave lady. Domestic Violence, Cancer and several career changes in a life so young. I wish her well with her Children's books. Beautifully illiterate, and so meaningful for a child going through those problems.

Bill announcing how much was made from the Field Days, which was just under \$48,000. What an achievement, and such praise must be given to all our members who worked tirelessly to bring this about. As Shane said in his introduction, the members worked hundreds of hours both in the lead up and the actual days of the Field Days, with an average of \$13 an hour in wages. We are all so very proud of you. Thank you!

Next week we will be having a bowls night at the Cutheringa Bowls Club, with Sliders from Grill'd for dinner. We will make it a Ladies and Gents night, so don't forget to invite your partners. The more the merrier!

Until next week, President Sue.

PS – For those attending the funeral of Dorothy Stephens, please wear your Club Shirts.





Program & Coming Events

Date	Speaker/Facilitator/Topic Event	Venue
23 rd July	Bowls Competition	Cutheringa Bowls Club
30 th July	Your Village – Eva Smith	Cutheringa Bowls Club
6 th Aug		Cutheringa Bowls Club
Meeting apologies to Attendance Officer: katanya.lee@carter-spencer.com.au or text to 0409 536 169 by 10am on Mondays.		

Duties

Date	Chair	Registration	Sergeant	Scribe	Intro	Thanks
23 rd July	G Kenna	P Gordon	R Lacaze			P Kaye
30 th July	M Day	P Gordon	B Barber	J Morrison	R Degenhart	A Nelson
6 th Aug		P Gordon				
If you are unable to fulfill your rostered duty it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to find a replacement. Please notify Daniel Place of any changes.						

Last Meeting, Facts & Figures for 16th July (No Meeting)

Total Member Count: 41
Number Used for Attendance: 40
Leave of Absence: 0
Exempt Members: Nil
Honorary Members: 1 Tony Wode
Members Present: 25
Total Credits for Last Week: 1
Percentage Attendance Meeting: 65.000%
Apologies: J Baker, J Beutel, A Ferfolja, P Holmes, D Nutt, R Ramdin
Visiting Rotarians: N/A
Club Guests: Amelia & Drew Golsby-Smith
Guests: N/A

Important Dates – 20th July – 26th July

Member Birthdays

Katanya Lee – 22nd July (50 Years)

Spouse/Partner Birthdays

Nil

Wedding Anniversaries

Nil

Rotary Membership Anniversaries

Nil

Takings for 16th July

Registration \$525.00
 Sergeant \$140.95
 Donations Nil
 Raffle \$46.00
 Joker \$71.00 - (Joker Jackpot \$301.20)

“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.





Save the Dates

Townsville Rotary Market Roster

26 th July	Willows Markets	Helper
27 th Sept	Willows Markets	Assist Co-ordinator
4 th Oct	Willows Markets	Co-ordinator Helper
25 th Oct	Willows Markets	Assist Co-ordinator
1 st Nov	Willows Markets	Co-ordinator
15 th Nov	Willows Markets	Assist Co-ordinator
22 nd Nov	Willows Markets	Co-ordinator
13 th Dec	Willows Markets	Helper
20 th Dec	Willows Markets	Helper

Co-ordinator & Assistant: 6am – 12pm

Helper: 6.30am – 12pm

Contact D Nutt – 0408 897 152 For Market Volunteering

BBQ Dates

26 th July – Sunday	Bunnings Domain
8 th August - Saturday	Bunnings Domain
22 nd August - Saturday	Bunnings Domain

Contact B Barber – 0418 759 019 for Bunnings Volunteering

Toy Stall Dates

25 th July – Saturday	Fairfield Shopping Centre
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Contact P Kaye – 0407 657 564 for Toy Stall Volunteering

A Century of Service – Let's Celebrate!

The Rotary Club of Townsville is proud to be celebrating an incredible milestone in 2026 - 100 years of service to our community. For a century, our members have worked together to support local initiatives, strengthen our community, and contribute to the global mission of Rotary International.

To mark this historic occasion, we're hosting a Centenary Gala Ball & Fundraiser, an evening to celebrate the past, present, and future of Rotary in Townsville.

Saturday, 17 October 2026

 Rotary Club of Townsville – 100 Year Gala Ball & Fundraiser

This special night will bring together Rotarians, community members, partners, and friends to celebrate 100 years of impact while raising funds to support important community and humanitarian projects.

Expect a memorable evening of celebration, connection, and generosity as we honour the legacy of those who built our club and look ahead to the next century of service.

 For enquiries: admin@tcep.com.au

 Save the date and stay tuned for more details about tickets, entertainment, and how you can be part of this once-in-a-century celebration.

#RotaryTownsville #Rotary100 #ServiceAboveSelf
#TownsvilleCommunity #RotaryInternational

Meeting Notes

Chairman Daniel Price opened the meeting and the group participated in the Four Way Test.

Chairman Daniel Price



Registration was delivered highlighting and welcoming the following guests:

- Guest Speaker Amanda Golsby-Smith and her husband Drew.

Sue Tardiani addressed the members for the first time as President. Welcomed all members and guests and shared that the Tully Rotary Club was celebrating 85 years and that there was an invite for members to attend. Sue thanked Neil and Kat for the beautiful Spinifex tribute to Rob on his first anniversary of passing. Further information was provided of funeral arrangements for Graham Stephens' wife's funeral. Sue noted that, member, Jim Baker's wife was now in palliative care and declining. Sue advised that Graeme Kenna, Peter Kaye and herself will be meeting on Saturday to discuss membership and fundraising. She noted that it appeared that there were some great guest speakers coming up throughout the year. The next meeting would be held at Cutheringa Bowls Club and it would be a bowls evening with outside catering, and she was currently awaiting a response from the Rotary Club of Townsville regarding their attendance. Due to Neil's absence from Change Over Night, Sue took the opportunity to present him with his Treasurer's Director's Badge and provided Peter Kaye

with his Foundation Directors Badge as it was inadvertently missed on the evening.

Treasurer Neil Andrews



Foundation Director Peter Kaye



As Chairperson of the North Queensland Field Days (NQFD), Shane Smith addressed the meeting with a thank you to all who volunteered before, during and after the event, expressing a special thank you to Bill Barber and Katrina Davis for their efforts. He advised that there would be a NQFD volunteers gathering on Friday 24th of July at 5pm at his office on Hughes Street. Bill will be advising via email and seeking RSVP's for catering purposes. Shane called on Bill Barber to provide further information regarding the financial outcome of the NQFD.

Chairman of the NQFD Shane Smith



As Vice Chair and Volunteer Coordinator of NQFD Bill Barber provided the following information:

- That the NQFD Committee had achieved a financial surplus of \$90,122 with \$80,000 of that surplus being distributed to participating clubs based on hours of contribution, which had been approved by the Rotary Market Committee. Due to Service Above Self, that the Rotary Club of Mundingburra members displayed (Committee Hours 3,600) the Club will receive \$48,000.

NQFD Vice Chair Bill Barber



Daniel invited Secretary, Michael Day to speak. Michael extended a warm thank you to all members for reviewing the amended Constitution which he had distributed on two separate occasions – there has been a response from ONE person. He asked that everyone take the time to assist him with this task.

Treasurer Neil provided information regarding dues. The invoice will be distributed in the immediate future – there is no change to the amount. Neil apologized if he offended anyone via the Change Over Dinner slide show – expressing that it is always intended as a bit of fun.



Bill Barber thanked the volunteers at the previous weekends sausage sizzle as there was 95kgs of sausages cooked!

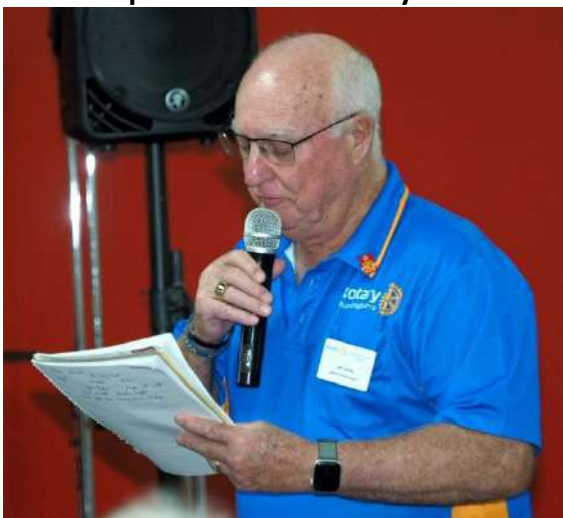
Graeme Kenna advised that next week's meeting was a bowls night at the club and we were unsure if Townsville Rotary Club is attending. External catering arrangements were required so it is important to provide numbers to Kat.

Bowls Coordinator Graeme Kenna



Ian Jones introduced Guest Speaker, Amelia Golsby-Smith, Author and Illustrator of MMARA Book Series. Amelia is passionate about supporting young people who have experienced Domestic Violence (DV). She is a mother, Educator, DV Practitioner, Founder of Little Wings Nest and is very passionate about young people being seen, safe and heard.

Guest Speaker Introduced by Ian Jones



Amelia shared the inspiration behind her books, which help children build emotional resilience, connection and a sense of safety through story telling. Amelia shared a little of her own lived experience and what she had observed to date with how children were responding to the use of the books that she had printed – noting that there were

only 65 printed reflecting the age of her mother at the time of her passing.

Guest Speaker Amelia Golsby-Smith



In addition to this, Amelia shared some of her personal journey with her Cancer diagnosis and her desire to achieve the goals she had set for Little Wings Nest, recently embarking on further tertiary studies whilst working at DV NQ and raising 6 children with husband Drew. It is Amelia's desire to have these bookes, which are accompanied with hand puppets distributed to schools in the region and as many organisations that she can to allow the childresn, teachers, carers and practitioners to experience the benefits of these books.



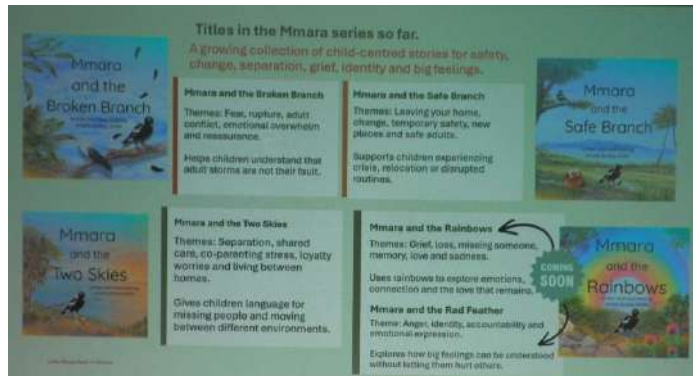
Amelia has deliberately chosed birds like the magpie for specific reasons – magpies are very protective, community minded and have a great memory. She too has not given any characters in the book specific genders ensuring that all types of relationships can be considered when reading the books.

When asked where these books need to be Amelia answered that she needs help getting thes books into schools and any other place that children will benefit from having them. These books can be purchased and donated. There is an opportunity to



place sponsorship details on the inside of the books. There is another book called the Reef that Noticed – a thought provoking book for community members to speak up when they notice things that have changed in children they regularly engage with.

“Setpember is Child Protection Week and protecting children is everybody’s business.”



The books were released in April 2026 - \$39.95 per series with the single book being \$18.95 – printed through Ingram Spark.

Bill Barber provided a vote of thanks.

Daniel requested that Shane Smith conduct a brief Sergeant – and as always there was not single member that was missed being fined – past, current and President Elect’s, whinging about cold weather, birthdays, people calling soccer football and those who have discovered a new heritage because of the world cup.

Raffle was drawn and Peter Kaye and Michael Day were the lucky winners.

Joker – Queen of Clubs – Jan Johnson

Unlucky Johnno!!



Sue closed the meeting thanking Amelia once again and expressing how sad it is that we have this scourge in our community.

Mt Stuart Lookout

Members Ron Degenhart, Daniel Price and Ian Jones went to the Mt Stuart Lookout on Friday morning to water the trees and undertake a general litter clean up. Well done Gents!



Vale Kay Baker

On Saturday the 18th of July, Jim Baker lost the love of his life Kay Baker. Our thoughts are with you and the family Jim.

