

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 30 – 19th February 2026

Program – Johnno, Journeys, and Jifunze

Welcome message from President Alan

This week's meeting has our very own Jan Johnson as our speaker. Johnno as she is affectionately known, has a wealth of experience in the international service space with Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS). It is always inspiring hearing from Jan, so much so that this week's meeting is intended as a partners' night.

Feel free to bring your, husband, Wife, partner, boyfriend or girlfriend! If you really wish to make the meeting memorable, bring them all!

That said, if you have a guest or guests please let Katanya Lee know on Monday.

That brings to last week's meeting. Bill Barber recounted his significant Rotary story that also included Mundingburra Rotaract.

Bill highlighted a good many things that changed over the years, the loss of which has diminished the club in some ways. One dear to my heart is the Youth Exchange Program. Other things that have changed are fund raising events. For example, the Rotary Car show held in the Ogden Street Multi-storey car park. I have fond memories of this both as an exhibitor, a car enthusiast and a then reformed Rotaractor.

Another was the Rotary Balls of the 1980s.

As difficult as it is to imagine, Townsville had a ball season of about seven balls though the cooler months. These included, the Black and White ball, The Bush and Bay Muster (that is, the Rotary ball), The International ball, The Police Ball to name a few.

Great events and great memories. It was a great opportunity to pull on a dinner jacket and trip the light fantastic. This also coincided with my commencing my time in Dancesport or Ballroom dance completions. Yes, it does take two to tango, hence the appeal.

Bill made the poignant observation that many things we used to do as a club are now out of reach due to changes in government regulations and have fallen to professionals in those spaces. I think our lives and our community are all the poorer for that in so many respects.

Remember, this week is a Partners' night and please let Kat know if you're coming and eating or bring a guest.

By way of a date claimer. The Club Change Over is 4th July.

Stay amazing, generous and kind. Alan



Program & Coming Events

Date	Speaker/Facilitator/Topic Event	Venue
19 th Feb	Johnno, Journeys, and Jifunze	Cutheringa Bowls Club
26 th Feb	Vocational visit - Sullivan and Nicholaides Pathology Lab	Fulham Road. Pimlico

Duties

Date	Chair	Registration	Sergeant	Scribe	Intro	Thanks
19 th Feb	G Luckel	P Gordon	S Smith	G Kenna	I Jones	B Barber
26 th 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

1 st March - Sunday	Asnt Co-Ordinator (Willows)	1 st March - Sunday	Domain Bunnings
8 th March - Sunday	Co-Ordinator (Willows)	14 th March - 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: 24
Total Credits for Last Week: 2
Percentage Attendance Meeting: 61.9%
Apologies: J Baker, J Morrison, J Beutel, K Davis, M Day, D Nutt,
Visiting Rotarians: Michael Shauer, (Mission Beach)
Club Guests: Eleena Joe & Julie Luke (Guest Speakers)
Guests: Fefolja-Salmon, Elizabeth

Important Dates – 16th Feb – 22nd Feb

Member Birthdays
 Alan Nelson – 25th February
Spouse/Partner Birthdays
 Nil
Wedding Anniversaries
 Nil
Rotary Membership Anniversaries
 Nil
Takings
 Registration \$545.00
 Sergeant \$51.75
 Donations Nil
 Raffle \$42.00
 Joker \$55.00 - (Joker Jackpot \$321.40)

“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.

One of the enjoyable things we do in the club is learn more about our members. Below is a wonderful report from Daniel Price. With a question at the end which may save you a fine.



DANIEL PRICE - Member of Mundingburra Rotary since 2025. Project Manager across various industries for the past 12 years.

Married/Partner - Married to Rooka for four years. We both come from families of three — I'm the eldest and Rooka is the youngest.

NICNAME – In Australia it is *Pricey*, and in Canada it was *Oz*.

My most memorable holiday was a couple of trips through the USA with Rooka, exploring some of their incredible National Parks and spending time in and around Denver, Colorado.

Right now, I wish I was better at time management.

My favourite day is Friday — there's something special about closing out a hard week's work and ringing it in with friends and a bit of celebration.

The biggest influence on my life was my Nana. She was a real trailblazer, with the most fascinating stories and a perspective on life that stuck with me.

The funniest thing that ever happened to me was having a major spill on a patch of black ice on one of my first days at university in Canada in front of a large group of people. I nearly did a full backflip and learned the "penguin shuffle" very quickly after that.

Someone favourite I met was Mike Love from The Beach Boys — although I didn't realise it at the time. After a few Jamaican Dragon Stouts, he had convinced me he was just a roadie, until the bartender let me know I was actually drinking with one of The Beach Boys.

My motto is *'Leave things better than you found them.'*

My favourite:

Song – *'Something About You'* by Elderbrook (mostly because of the video)

Shop – The farmers market (if that counts!) I love chatting with the people who grow our food and cooking with whatever's in season

Eat – I married very well — my wife cooks across so many cuisines and every dish are top-notch

Drink – Kombucha (I brew my own)

Movie – *The Lord of the Rings* (even though I enjoyed the books more, Peter Jackson did a fantastic job).

Why I'm a Rotarian – After moving back to Australia, my wife and I wanted to get more involved in the local community. We met a wonderful group of people through Rotary, and in a world that feels increasingly unsettled, it's a great way to give back while sharing good company and purpose.

Something unexpected – I've worked in 9 out of 10 Canadian provinces and 1 of the 3 territories.

Is it true that I am a sky diver or a scuba diver?

Meeting Notes

Another great night at Mundingburra Rotary with Bill Barber's reminiscences of his time in our club and some of the changes he has observed!

After Chairman extraordinaire, Ryan opened the meeting, registration guru Phil welcomed Elizabeth Salmon and visiting Mission Beach Rotarian Michael Shuwer to the meeting.



Chairman Ryan

President Al's opening remarks advised us:

- that Graeme K had joined the streaming of the funeral of Past Member Craig Kenman. Prior to his departure to Western Australia for a career opportunity on the mining industry, Craig was a respected and active member of our club engaging in activities such as the Bush Kids project. Graeme informed the club that Craig's commitment to Mundingburra Rotary was mentioned very positively in the funeral proceedings;
- of upcoming Toy Stalls on the upcoming weekend – PK secured further support with President-Elect Sue putting her hand up for a shift; and
- to take advantage of the opportunity to attend Rotary Assembly in Townsville on Sunday 8 March. President-Elect Sue requested her incoming Board to attend Assembly, highlighted the value of the Assembly to all members, and encouraged new and established to attend.

Directors reports:

- **Club Administration:** James Doyle has had to defer his presentation on *Developing North Queensland* Thanks to Johnno for agreeing to bring her *Johnno, Journeys and Jifunze* chat forward to 19 February (John) ;
- **Treasurer:** All respected member that have had not paid their dues, well, please pay their dues;

- **Membership:** Smithy will provide all members with a letter to invite prospective Rotarians along to a meeting to share the fun and purpose of Rotary;
- **President Elect:** We will welcome Sue and turf out Alan, at Changeover on 4 July 2026; (not sure these are her actual words



Sue Tardiani – Pres Elect

- **Trivia Night:** members to remember that not BYO food or alcohol. We need to support our venue by purchasing wine and food there.
- **NQ Field Days:** Michael Day and Katrina Davies were absent from the meeting continuing their key role in driving the North Queensland Field Days;
- **PDG Jonesy** advised that he, Rooka and Daniel had a great morning attending Sailability's information morning at the Yacht Club and came away impressed with the organisation and with follow-up activity.

Guest Speaker

Following the meal, **Johnno** then introduced Club Legend Bill Barber for his presentation.



Jan Johnson

Bill Barber, a long-time member of this club, (36 years in fact), provided everyone with some of the history and items of interest he had experienced over his years as a member.

President Alan has highlighted his presentation in in report at the start of the Bulletin.



Bill Barber presenting

Miriam thanked Bill for his presentation noting that there were many similarities but some differences to the way her old club in Brazil had changed over the years.



Miriam Whitworth

Sergeant Graeme then undertook the challenging task of extracting money from members who displayed their ignorance of various topics such as Darwin's theory of evolution, National Plum Pudding Day (why is it not in December??), gold rushes, Tutenkhamen, and John McArthur's farming as well as absence of good deeds! He then got the draw for the Sergeant's raffle correct with John H winning a bottle of red and Bill B winning the white wine.



Graeme Kenna

In wrapping up the meeting, Pres Al again remembered Craig, reminded us of our vocational visit to Sullivan Nicolaides on 26 February and watched Ian Corney draw the Queen of Clubs. Need the Joker Card



Ryan closed the meeting with the loyal toast.

Some Bits & Pieces

Item 1. Again this week we had the pleasure of a visiting Rotarian, this time from Mission Beach in Michael Shauer.



Michael Shauer

Item 2. Making and Selling goods for our Toys Stall, can be very exhausting.



PDG Peter Kaye carefully thinking of the next toy to produce

Item 3. Its always a good and enjoyable time when working at the Clubs Bunnings BBQ's, as you can see from a smiling Neil Andrews. Or maybe it was because he was working with the Daybreak Rotary Club who were assisting us.





Club Treasurer, Neil Andrews assisting with our financial success.



Trivia Night – 14th March

Please note: We are also supporting the Cutheringa Bowls Club on this night, so you cannot bring your own food or drinks.

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

