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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

Stephanie A. Urchick

District 9560 Governor

Andrew Gillespie

Club President

Peter Kaye

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?

"Peace Building & Conflict Prevention Month"

Spinifex Edition 30 – 6th February 2025

Topic – Mathematical Methods & Diseases

President's Peters Message

Thanks to Katrina, we heard from foster carer advocate Jodie Baird on Thursday night. Jodie is a committed and caring person, who she and her family has fostered many children over the years. An articulate speaker, she spoke of her personal experiences and encouraged others to consider fostering.

As advised, Kat has assumed the role of Blue Card administrator for the club. All Blue Card renewals or new applications should now be directed to Kat.

Vocational Director Karl announced our visit to the Townsville Courts 20th Feb. This is a coup, and a unique opportunity to learn more about the judicial system. Please confirm your attendance.

To assist the promotion of our Trivia night 22 March, please visit the club's Facebook page to share and follow and spread the word. This is a major fundraiser in support of FEAT and Crime Stoppers, so please secure your table of six.

A big thank you to Neil for organising the Australia Day event at Alice River last Sunday afternoon and the Defence Welcome 08 March.

Bon voyage to Johnno who is travelling to the US to visit her brother Peter who is unwell. He lives in Alabama so politics is off the agenda!

Have a great week



Forward Roster Duties Plan

If you are unable to fulfill your rostered duty it is **YOUR** responsibility to find a replacement. Please notify **Jaye** 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.

Date	Chair	Registration	Sergeant	Scribe	Intro	Thanks
6 Feb	L Svanosio	Phil Gordon	B Barber	J Beutel	J Baker	B Muguira
13 Feb	R Degenhart	Phil Gordon	P Holmes	B Robinson	R Degenhart	A Bosch
20 th Feb	B Barber	Phil Gordon	I Jones	L Svanosio	G Stephens	G Luckel

Facts & Figures

Total Member Count: 43
Number Used for Attendance: 40
Leave of Absence: 2
Exempt Members: Nil
Honorary Members: 1 Tony Wode
Members Present: 24
Total Credits for Last Week: 4
Percentage Attendance for Last Meeting: 70.00%
Apologies: A Nelson, J Beutel, G Kenna, R Lacaze
Visiting Rotarians: Nil
Club Guests: Jodie Baird, Sammy Hansen
Guests: Nil

Coming Important Dates 2nd to 8th Feb

Member Birthdays
 Graham Kenna – 7th Feb
Spouse/Partner Birthdays
 Joan Barber – 3rd Feb
Wedding Anniversaries
 Wendy & Bill Muguira – 1st Feb (61 years)
Join Date Anniversaries
 Nil
Takings
 Registration \$465.00
 Sergeant \$60.75
 Raffle \$46.00
 Joker \$62.00 (Joker Jackpot \$726.40)

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

Program & Coming Events

Date	Speaker/Facilitator/Topic Event	Venue
January	Peace Building and Conflict Prevention Month	
6 th Feb	Mathematical Methods & Diseases	Cutheringa Bowls Club
13 th Feb	Jonias Mendoca Exposto - Timor-Leste visitor (St Valentines Day)	Cutheringa Bowls Club
20 th Feb	To Be Confirmed	
27 th Feb	CopperString Experience visit	71 Stanley Street, Townsville

Townsville Rotary Market Roster -

BBQ Dates

7 th Feb	Fri	Strand	Helper Needed		TBA
2 nd Mar	Sun	Willows	J Baker		TBA
7 th Mar	Fri	Strand	Helper Needed		

“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 Review

Opening

Chair Shane Smith opened the meeting at 6:30pm, with some comedy and clear instructions for the meeting.

As some members had difficulty hearing speakers from the floor at previous meetings, all speakers are requested to come to the dais and use the microphone.

The Club's microphone is designed to be used close to the lips and does not respond when used at chest height like some other types of microphones.

Shane recited the Rotary pledge and the Four-Way test on behalf of members.

Opening

Phil Gordon welcomed our guest speaker Jodie Baird and Peter Kaye's guest Sammy Hanson.

President Peter's introduction

Following an instructive joke on raffling a dead horse, President Peter commented on the pleasing result of the Alice River Australia Day event and thanked the volunteers. He reiterated the need for all members to invite new prospective Rotarians along to club meetings, commenting on the possibilities for forthcoming events at CopperString Experience Centre and the Law Courts. He thanked Kat Lee for taking on the administration of Blue Cards.

Reports

A pleasing number of Board members gave updates on Club items:

Secretary; Jim Morrison:

- urged members to participate in the Rotary Regional Conference at Mission Beach on March 29-30,
- gave advanced notice of limited places available for Graham Stephens talk at a joint meeting with the NQ Branch of the AusIMM at the CopperString Experience centre in Ogden Street on 27th February.

Rotary Foundation

Lyn Svanosio thanked Alan Nelson and Peter Holmes for their work organizing the World's Greatest Meal event in June. She also advised that she will be moving to Ingham.

Vocation;

Karl McKenzie advised that, subject to final approvals, he has organized a visit to the Court House for 6pm on 20th February with pizza afterwards.

Treasurer;

Neil Andrews

- Club 6-monthly Financial Dues are now payable.
- Thanked Australia Day Alice River volunteers who manned the Toy Stall and the free ice-cream stall. The \$10,000 Australia Day Council grant has been spent.
- The Defence Welcome on 8th February will require three people from 9:30 to noon.

International

Jan Johnson is leaving for a USA visit for 5 weeks. She is also promoting a monthly Club Dinner Club to increase social contacts and will email out shortly.

Public Relations

Katrina Davis brought in marketing items for the Defence Welcome. Her show-of-hands survey revealed the limited number of Facebook users in the Club. She strongly urged Club members to learn how to use Facebook to promote Club activities.

Guest Speaker Jodie Baird on Angel Identity.

Katrina Davis introduced Jodie, a Foster Care advocate who has six children of her own, and has fostered children since 1998. In 2007 she received an Excellence Award for her work.



Katrina thanked her for speaking to the Club at short notice.

Jodie from Qld Foster & Kinship Carers, gave an inspiring talk on the need for, rewards of, and what is involved for people who volunteer for Foster Care. Commencing with her own experiences fostering in



Mount Isa, she explain that the non-government but is largely funded by the Qld Government.



The system is sometimes fractured and complex, with her area covering from Townsville to the Cape. Their work is undertaken in the children’s best interests and involves kids who have sometimes been subject to trauma and bad behaviour.

Following a tragic event involving the death of a 19 year old, she helped establish Angel Identity. This provides assistance to families, children or young people who have special needs that will support their involvement in the foster care system. It includes raising money to help with headstones, emergency housing, etc.

Greg Luckel gave the vote of thanks and advised of a \$100 donation to her organization.



Sergeant Session

Ian Jones extracted fines from numerous Members for both lack of knowledge of Townsville’s weather, and particularly for lack of knowledge on Rotary acronyms

Wine raffles

Won by Michael Day, and Bill Muguira.

President’s Closing Remarks

President Peter thanked Jodie, particularly for her coming at very short notice and giving such a wonderful talk.

Joker Jackpot

Ian Corney’s ticket purple B97 was drawn but his cut was unsuccessful.

Close of Meeting.

Chairman Shane closed the meeting with a toast to Rotary International, and a request from Jodie for Group Photos. These which were successfully taken after eventually herding the feline members of the Club to the photo venue.



Important

Invitation to CopperString Meeting on next page

You need to advise Jim Morrison if you wish to attend as space maybe limited as it’s a joint meeting with Rotary and AusIMM

Also a question will be made thisThursday night to ascertain if any members would like to to attend a venue for dinner after the CopperString presentation.

**AusIMM North Queensland Branch and Mundingburra Rotary Club join for
after-hours CopperString 2032 Experience Centre presentations on
Thursday 27th February 2025, 6 pm to 7:30 pm.**

CopperString Experience Centre, 71 Stanley Street, Townsville City, QLD, 4810.
(Cnr of Ogden St, opposite MacDonald's)

Seating will be limited so it is advisable to book early.

for Rotary bookings email Jim Morrison at jmassoc@ozemail.com.au
for AusIMM bookings register on <https://www.ausimm.com/conferences-and-events/community-events-details/north-queensland-branch---copperstring-experience-visit-project-background-and-project-update/>

Program:

6:00pm - 6:30pm: Walk through of the CopperString display.

6:30pm - 7:00pm: Project history and background by Graham Stephens.

7:00pm - 7:30pm: Project status and benefits by PowerLink Representatives.



Graham Stephens: Electrical Engineer Consultant (retired)

Rotarian Graham has been involved in the fascinating story of the complexities of planning and incremental delivery of cheaper power to western Queensland from the early 1970s. These developments enabled the mining and industrial development of the past decades which now require CopperString to sustain.

PowerLink Personnel

PowerLink and/or Contractor representatives will discuss the current status of the Project and the benefits for both western Queensland and Townsville.

The outstanding **CopperString 2032 Experience Centre** showcases the transformative 840 km long, \$9 B power transmission project which will upgrade energy infrastructure and unlock the potential of \$500 billion of mineral resources in the northwest of the State.

