# Spinifex



# Rotary Club of Mundingburra Inc.

### Chartered 21 June 1958

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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 31 – 13th February 2025

**Topic – Jonias Mendoca Exposto - Timor-Leste visitor** 

## **President's Peters Message**

Well, who would have imagined we would have had such a great attendance last week. It was very pleasing to see people braving the elements to come to our meeting.

Perhaps it was the anticipation of Barry's mathematics however I must confess that whilst the presentation was quite comprehensive, it was beyond my comprehension.

You have to feel for Ingham folks, flooded out again, no power, and isolated because of damaged roads.

Weather has caused cancellations of many events including the defence welcome day scheduled for Saturday.

During the week Katrina purchased school materials on behalf of the club for kids in need at Weir school. The need was discovered accidentally when she visited the school recently and it was revealed ten students had no school gear.

Vocational Director Karl has confirmed our visit to the Townsville Law Courts 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. 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.

Keep safe and dry.



### **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
13 Feb	R Degenhart	Phil Gordon	P Holmes	B Robinson	R Degenhart	A Bosch
20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	N Andrews	Phil Gordon	S Smith	J Morrison	K McKenzie	J Baker
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	B Barber	Phil Gordon	I Jones	J Beutel	G Stephens	G Luckel
6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	D Nutt	Phil Gordon	B Barber	I Jones	J Beutel	M Day

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:** 28

**Total Credits for Last Week:** Percentage Attendance for Last Meeting: 80.00%

Apologies: A Nelson, G Kenna, D Nutt, J Johnson, I Corney,

A Bosch

Visiting Rotarians: Nil Club Guests: Nil

Guests: Maya Hall, Mason McKenzie

Coming Important Dates 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> Feb

Member Birthdays Jackie Ramage – 9th Feb Spouse/Partner Birthdays

Nil

**Wedding Anniversaries** 

Nil

Join Date Anniversaries W Haller – 11<sup>th</sup> Feb (9 Years)

**Takings** 

Registration \$560.00 Sergeant \$97.35 Raffle \$54.00

Joker \$73.00 (Joker Jackpot \$229.90)

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	
13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Jonias Mendoca Exposto - Timor-Leste visitor (St Valentines Day)	Cutheringa Bowls Club
20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Court House Vocational Visit	City
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	CopperString Experience visit -Cancelled Topic TBA	Cutheringa Bowls Club
6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Hearing Australia Presentation - TBC	Cutheringa Bowls Club

ownsville Rotary Market Roster -				BBQ Dates			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Sun	Willows	J Baker			TBA	
7 <sup>th</sup> 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 Jaye Beutel opened the meeting at 6:30pm, by asking members to stand for the Rotary Pledge and 4 Way Test.



Phil Gordon welcomed our guest speaker Barry Robinson plus guests Maya Hall & Mason McKenzie

### **President Peter's Address**

President Peter was called to the lectern to give his opening comments to the meeting. As his is custom, he started with a joke, which didn't raise the normal level of applause.

Peters comments can be best summarized as;

- Great to see the turn out tonight despite the weather.
- The Defence Welcome day as been postponed due to the adverse weather.
- Thanks, Katrina Davis, for assisting the Weir School, Katrina will update us later in the meeting.
- Kat Lee is now managing our Blue Card program.
- We are fortunate to be able to visit the Court System on the 20<sup>th</sup> Feb thanks to Karl McKenzie.
- Don't forget to arrange numbers for the Trivia Night on the 20<sup>th</sup> March. Proceeds to F.E.A.T and Crimestoppers.

### Reports

### Secretary; Jim Morrison:

Unfortunately, our visit to CopperString is cancelled due to some damage cause by the current rain. Arrangements will be made for visit we available. He has sent out information on the vacancies for a Timor Leste tour which closes shortly.



### **Publicity**

Katrina Davis spoke of an issue at the Weir school with a small number of children missing out on some school packs. Katrina was able to source some and deliver to the grateful school/children.

### International

Ron Degenhart gave us some background to our coming guest speaker, Jonias who will be visiting from Timor Leste. Our club as well as some others will host him whilst an opportunity is taken to show him he people of Australia, and the way we operate, to assist him in building his Tour Business in Timor Leste.

### **Guest Speaker Barry Robinson**

Jim Baker introduced fellow club Rotarian Barry Robinson as our guest Speaker for the night.



Barry, a veterinarian, spoke to the members about the mathematics involved disease modelling. It's a very complex matter involving various formulas, and clearly not easy to present to the uninitiated.

Later in the presentation it was possible to understand the outcomes when infections occur. And using one example of the different ways you might farm chooks, can lead to either fast or slow spreads of infections, just like we found in COVID.

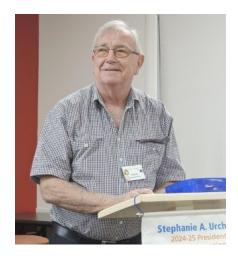


His presentation was not assisted by the clubs PA system which didn't perform well during his presentation. Barry is a very quietly spoken person talking about a very complex matter, so we need to review our system to cater for all speakers.

Bill Muguira offered thanks to Barry for the presentation, but admitted it was a bit complex for him.

### **Sergeant Session**

Unfortunately, we had time for a sergeant session, so Bill Barber gleefully went about extracting fines from the assembled and captured members. He even had the cheek to ask for a member to pay for his wife's birthday fine.



### Wine raffles

The Red – Ian Jones
The White – as normal Michael Day

### **President's Closing Remarks**

President Peter thanked everyone for braving the elements to come tonight and asked that we all stay safe.

### **Joker Jackpot**

Ticket B91 was held by Shane Smith, who with lots of skills selected the Joker card and won the Jackpot \$726.40. Congratulations Shane.



### **Close of Meeting.**

Chairman Jayne advised the dues for next weeks meeting and then closed the meeting with a toast to Rotary International.



John Hall with daughter Maya

### **Additional Notes**;

Dear Members,

A few weeks ago at our meeting Jan spoke to the club about the idea of a dinner group to meet once a month or so to share a meal and fellowship.

There was a positive response to this concept at the meeting and we would like to get a list of those who are interested, before we organise the first meet up.

If you are interested in being part of a dinner group which would meet up once a month - either at a convenient establishment or willing host. Can we ask you to register your interest by sending Jaye an email at <a href="mailto:ikboyts@gmail.com">ikboyts@gmail.com</a>.

We would be looking to hold our first gathering in March. The location and timings still to be decided. Thank you, Jan, Shane and Jaye

