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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 32 – 20th February 2025

Topic – Townsville Courthouse Visit

President's Peters Message

Our special guest Jonias from Timor-Leste gave us a glimpse of his involvement with Tourism in his country. It is his first visit to Australia where he hopes to learn more about improving tourism in Timor-Leste.

I trust your lives are returning to normal after this extraordinary biblical weather rain event for 14 days and 14 nights. I understand that Townsville received in the order of 1200 mil of rain which in old numbers is about 4ft. Paluma of course takes the prize with about 9 ft of rain quite mind boggling really.

The Board will make recommendations on how we might assist flood victims, in the meantime Hinchinbrook Rotary club has a designated bank account for donations. I believe the best option is to make our contribution via the RAWCS appeal.

The Defence Welcome Day has been rescheduled for Saturday 01 March.

A reminder to advise Kat if you are attending the visit to the Townsville Law Courts next Thursday. We are to assemble at the front of the Courts at 6.00pm

And another reminder 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.

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
20 th Feb	N Andrews	Phil Gordon	S Smith	J Morrison	K McKenzie	J Baker
27 th Feb	B Barber	Phil Gordon	I Jones	J Beutel	G Stephens	G Luckel
6 th 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: 25
Total Credits for Last Week: 2
Percentage Attendance for Last Meeting: 71.42%

Apologies: A Nelson, G Kenna, J Johnson, J Beutel, L Svanosio, T Leow, M Whitworth, W Haller, Brydget Barker-Hudson, J Baker, A Ferolja.

Visiting Rotarians: Mendoca Exposto, Jonias

Club Guests: Nil

Guests: Irene Hall

Coming Important Dates 16th to 22nd Feb

Member Birthdays

Nil

Spouse/Partner Birthdays

Nil

Wedding Anniversaries

Nil

Join Date Anniversaries

Nil

Takings

Registration	\$510.00
Sergeant	\$62.70
Raffle	\$50.00
Joker	\$60.00 (Joker Jackpot \$253.90)

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	
20 th Feb	Court House Vocational Visit	City
27 th Feb	Fellowship and Trivia/Auction Promotional Evening	Cutheringa Bowls Club
6 th Mar	Hearing Australia Presentation - TBC	Cutheringa Bowls Club

Townsville Rotary Market Roster -

BBQ Dates

2 nd Mar	Sun	Willows	J Baker	1 st Mar	Bunning BBQ (Saturday)
7 th Mar	Fri	Strand	Helper Needed	16 th Mar	Bunnings BBQ (Sunday)

“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 Ron Degenhart 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 Jonias Mendoca Exposto (speaker) from Timor Leste, and Irene Hall.

President Peter's Address

Peter introduced his report with a joke which told the story of the Scottish policeman demonstrating the difference between slowing and stopping to the London solicitor.



President Peter

He commented on the weather and the amount of rain falling on various districts and reminded us of upcoming events including the Defence Welcome date now Saturday March 1st. Our vocational meeting next Thursday 20th at the Townsville Law court and a fund raising trivia night on 22nd March.

Peter then welcomed the guest speaker from Timor Leste, Jonias.

Treasurer's report:

Neil Andrews kindly requested that members with outstanding accounts redress the imbalance.

He commented on the sizable donations of up to \$20000 that had been made to flood relief efforts. Townsville rotary branches were considering how they could contribute monetarily and with members time.

Vocational director:

Karle McKenzie reminded members that next Thursdays meeting would be at the Townsville Court House at 18:00. Kat was hoping to have the number attending directly.

Bill Barber

Let members know that the Girl Guide's camping area at Bluewater had gone under water and a large mahogany tree needed to be removed. He asked for volunteers, but not for two weeks.

Ryan Lacaze,

Told the meeting that he would be participating in the Hobart to Devenport jet ski event taking place from 1st to 7th March to raise money for Variety Queensland.

Guest Speaker:

Ron Degenhart introduced the guest speaker, Jonias. Ron met Jonias in 2018 in his role as a tour guide for Timor Adventures. He was training locals for roles in the tourism industry.

Jonias entertained us with slides of his country and his role as a tour guide, which focused on history and culture.



An opening slide from Jonias Presentation



Robert talking to Jonias

One rotary project he is directly involved was raising seedlings of trees including cloves, cinnamon and grevilleas for reforestation projects. Over 800 trees have been planted.



Some of the keen listeners

Rotary is also involved in other projects centred on clean water availability and education such as building classrooms and installing play-grounds.

John Hall commented on the presentation by adding that Timor Leste’s attractions included history, country-side culture and the people.



Irene Hall , Jonias and John Hall

Ron Degenhart seconded the comments and added that money transactions were more difficult than in Australia and that cash was often required. Jonias replied that mastercard was accepted, but could not be relied upon. Arlin moved a vote of thanks.

Sergeant Session

Peter Holmes asked for contributions and let members know that on this day the first heart-lung transplant was performed in 1984 and Smokey Dawson died in 2008.

Wine raffles:

Red Win - Ian Corney

White Wine – Unknown

Joker Jackpot:

Michael Day had the right raffle ticket to get the opportunity to try for the Joker card, but unfortunately came up short.




Sorry Michael – Wrong Card


Closing

President Pete provided his closing report and Chaiman Ron closed the meeting on time.

MUNDINGBURRA ROTARY'S FAMOUS ANNUAL

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

? 22ND MARCH 2025
6:30 PM Start

Lucky Door, Raffle and Prizes

FEAT Funds raised Donated to Family Emergency Accomodation Townsville and Crimestoppers

CRIME STOPPERS
1800 332 000

Cutheringa Bowls Club
Harold St, West End

