

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?



March: - Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month

Edition 32 – 5th March 2026

Program – How Rotary works? Some insights! DG Greg Marlow

Welcome message from President Alan

How do you measure the success of a meeting? or a club for that matter?

Personally, the measures of success in this space is about the quality of the interactions of the participants. The humour, the underlying deep seated respect and appreciation all that each of bring to the melting pot. Even then, this fall woefully short

What's your definition of a successful club or meeting? I'm interested to know. Please give it some thought.

Last week's meeting was originally planned as the vocational visit to Sullivan and Nicholaides Pathology Laboratory at the Mater Pimlico. That visit now falls on 19 March.

This gap in the program gave PDG John Hall an opportunity to speak about MyRotary. This was aimed primarily at the newer members. As luck would have it, our newer members were in short supply on the night. This allowed John to shift focus and speak about the program and having a number of members with prepared talks in their pockets to be reserve speakers for those occasions then a speaker falls through at the last minute.

We all have to remember that the organising of speakers is very much a team effort. This ensures a diversity of speakers with interesting topics. So, next time you bump into someone with an interesting occupation or has a story to share, then ask them to speak at a meeting. Who knows what that can lead to.

Membership director, Shane Smith has invitations for potential members. These aren't aimed at a single special event meeting. I'm sure we all know someone who doesn't yet know they need to be a Rotarian. Seize the moment and give them an invite. Write your name and phone number on the invite. If you don't already have their phone number, then grab that so you can gently encourage or remind them.

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Program & Coming Events

Date	Speaker/Facilitator/Topic Event	Venue
5 th Mar	How Rotary works? Some insights! DG Greg Marlow	Cutheringa Bowls Club
12 th Mar	No Meeting due to Trivia Night	
14 th Mar	Trivia Night	Cutheringa Bowls Club
19 th Mar	Sullivan Nicolaides visit	Fullham Road

Duties

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.

Date	Chair	Registration	Sergeant	Scribe	Intro	Thanks
5th Mar	Tim Leow	Phil Gordon	R Ramden	Lyn Svanasio	G Luckel	D Price
19h Mar	A Nelson-	Phil Gordon-	Nil-	R Ramden-	A Nelson-	A Nelson--

Townsville Rotary Market Roster

BBQ Dates

8 th March – Sunday	Co-Ordinator (Willows)	14 th March - Saturday	Domain Bunnings
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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: 20
Total Credits for Last Week: 0
Percentage Attendance Meeting: 47.6%
Apologies: J Baker, J Morrison, J Beutel, A Bosch, P Holmes, M Whitworth, A Ferolja, G Luckel, D Price, R Rooka,
Visiting Rotarians: Nil
Club Guests: Nil
Guests : Nil

Important Dates – 2nd Mar – 8th Mar

Member Birthdays
 Nil
Spouse/Partner Birthdays
 Nil
Wedding Anniversaries
 Irene & John Hall – 5th March – 32 years
Rotary Membership Anniversaries
 Nil
Takings
 Registration \$415.00
 Sergeant \$38.20
 Donations Nil
 Raffle \$34.00
 Joker \$46.00 - (Joker Jackpot \$367.40)

“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.



Presidents Report continued

In order to keep our wonderful club vibrant and dynamic we need fresh members. They bring fresh ideas, skills and passions

Remember, none of us as children or young adults, had an ambition to be a Rotarian, so this isn't something that is at the forefront of most people's minds. I'm not suggesting you abduct people with a butterfly net to get them to a meeting, but it will take a little effort.

Like finding speakers, finding members is up to all of us. If you're lucky, you may find a speaker who may wish to join the club. Metaphorically, two birds with one stone!

The program that brought me to our Club was the Youth Exchange Program (YEP). Annette (a former YEP exchangee) and I have hosted about four or five students for Mundingburra for a long while before I joined.

I'm thrilled to say, that the board has agreed to sponsor and outbound student for a three month exchange. The outbound student's family will host the incoming student for the three months. This will be the first outbound student we have sponsored since Tomas Muguira (Bill's grandson) in 2019.

As you are all aware, Greg Luckel has recently had some health issues. To make matters worse, he has a fall last week that has left bruised and sore. Please, join me in wishing Greg a speedy recovery.

Trivia Night. Is on 14 March, teams of 6 or so. All profits to Family Emergency Accommodation Townsville (FEAT) Food and beverages are available at the venue. Which is our usual haunt.

Stay amazing, generous and kind. Alan

Meeting Notes

Meeting Opening

A quiet night at Mundingburra Rotary as John Hall attempted to fill in for the postponed visit to Sullivan Nicolaides, now scheduled for 19 March.

Shane Smith stepped in as Chair and did his usual fine job including the mandatory couple of dad jokes.



Shane Smith Presiding

President

President Al's opening remarks advised to take advantage of the opportunity to attend Rotary Assembly in Townsville on Sunday 8 March.

President-Elect Sue has previously requested her incoming Board to attend Assembly and encouraged new and established members to attend.

Al no doubt said some other intelligent things but your humble scribe was stranded in the queue for a beer. *(Is that a fineable offence?)*

Reports:

- **Treasurer:** Six members have not paid their dues. Please cough up.



Treasurer Neil Andrews

- **Membership:** Smithy handed out a letter to invite prospective Rotarians along to a meeting to share the fun and purpose of Rotary;
- **Trivia Night on 14 March 2026:** members to note that it is not BYO food or alcohol. We need to support our venue by purchasing wine and food there.

Past District Trainer John Hall had prepared a very professional presentation on MyRotary but made a last-minute decision to defer that presentation until a meeting where all new members are present.



John Hall

Club Admin Officer John then took over to consult the club about some program matters:

- The Club generally supports the idea of an interclub bowls tournament. Thanks to Graeme Kenna for stepping up to help lead this project, subject to agreement by incoming admin team of Daniel and Rooka;
- Shane Smith promoted upcoming speakers Dr Sam Smith, no relation?? ☺ (7 May 2026), Lia Johnson (*Strength for Life*, 9 APRIL 2026) and Brendan Rigano from Emergency Service at some time in the new Rotary year;
- This week's speaker will be DG Greg Marloe talking about the broader Rotary, including structure and programs. Partners and friends are encouraged.
- A general call for all members to assist Daniel and Rooka with speakers for next Rotary year, asking each member to identify at least one speaker of interest; and
- Katrina suggested we invite Joshua from Jobs for Josh as a guest speaker.

During his presentation John tried desperately to keep some decorum in the meeting but was hopelessly outwitted by President Alan with support from Smithy and then by Ryan with some blatant self-promotion – anyone need a car?



Karina Davis announcing something unrecorded.

Senior Sergeant Bill Barber ripped some money off members before giving the wine to Barry (red) and John (white).

In wrapping up the meeting, Pres Al again pushed the club's trivia night on 14 March 2026.

Can each member try to gather some friends to form a team.

Bill Barber won the right to draw the joker. To tumultuous applause, he drew the ten of diamonds.



Bad luck Bill

Shane closed the meeting with the loyal toast.

Who is this??



Please note: We are also supporting the Cutheringa Bowls Club on our Trivia 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 Accomodation Townsville

Cutheringa Bowls Club
Harold St, West End