

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 33 – 12th March 2026 – NO MEETING

Trivia Night – 14th of March 2026

Welcome message from President Alan

Last week's meeting was notable for a number of things. It was John and Irene Hall's wedding anniversary. Clearly, they've been married for more than thirty years as they thought a Rotary meeting was a romantic way to have an anniversary dinner. Congratulations.

We were treated to the District Governor (DG) Greg Marlow. Greg is in town for the President Elect Leadership seminar (PELs) and the District Assembly.

Greg also took us through the history and structure of Rotary and the Rotary Foundation. In the process he also rounded up the Paul Harris fellowships and the Arch Klump Society amongst other things.

Given that there is no requirement for the DG to visit clubs in the district. We have been privileged to have had two visits from Greg. Thank you, Greg. Greg being Greg, there are six (6) clubs he is yet to visit. Those visits will happen in the next little while.

Another notable thing about the meeting was the debut of Rooka Ramdin as Sergeant at Arms. Rooka was very nervous but did a wonderful job.

The other half of our power couple, Daniel Price did a sterling job with his vote of thanks to the DG. Thanks to both of you.

The assembly was a great day. Munding-bloody-burra has seven members there. It was the most from any club presented. Our representatives included, Neil Andrews, Graeme Kenna, PE Sue Tardiani, Rooka Ramdin and Daniel Price.

Next week there is no Thursday meeting, but we have the Trivia night on Saturday 14 March instead.

The following Thursday the 19th of March will be the Path Lab visit. If people can gather at the main entrance (Diprose Street) of the Mater Pimlico at 5:30pm on the day. that would be excellent.

In the meantime, stay amazing, kind and generous.

Alan.





Program & Coming Events

Date	Speaker/Facilitator/Topic Event	Venue
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
26 th Mar	Legacy – David Burke	Cutheringa Bowls Club

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
19h Mar	A Nelson	P Gordon	Nil	R Ramden	A Nelson	A Nelson
26th Mar	D Nutt	P Gordon	I Jones	B Barber	K McKenzie	I Corney

Townsville Rotary Market Roster

BBQ Dates

14 th March - Saturday	Domain Bunnings
5 th April – Sunday	Domain Bunnings
18 th April – Saturday	Domain Bunnings

Contact David Nutt – 0408897152 For Market Volunteering & Bill Barber 0418759019 For Bunnings Volunteering

Last Meeting, Facts & Figures

Total Member Count: 42
Number Used for Attendance: 41
Leave of Absence: 0
Exempt Members: Nil
Honorary Members: 1 Tony Wode
Members Present: 24
Total Credits for Last Week: 0
Percentage Attendance Meeting: 58.537%
Apologies: J Baker, J Morrison, J Beutel, A Bosch, P Holmes, G Luckel, R Degenhart, M Day
Visiting Rotarians: DG Greg Marlow (Outback E-club)
Club Guests: Nil
Guests: Irene Hall (J Hall)

Important Dates – 9th Mar – 15th Mar

Member Birthdays
 Nil
Spouse/Partner Birthdays
 Jenny Dymock – 16th March
Wedding Anniversaries
 Nil
Rotary Membership Anniversaries
 Graham Stephens – 14th March (41 Years)
Takings
 Registration \$490.00
 Sergeant \$71.00
 Donations Nil
 Raffle \$42.00
 Joker \$59.00 - (Joker Jackpot \$391.00)

“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 Notes

Meeting Opening

We learnt two things at this week's meeting – a lot about the way Rotary works and a lot about the extreme generosity and commitment of Greg Marlow, District Governor, Past District Governor 9550 and a member of the Arch Klumph Society.

Chairman Tim Leow called the meeting together for a 6.30pm kick-off and Phil led a Mundingburra welcome for our guest DG Greg and Irene Hall.



Chair Tim Leow

President

President Al updated the meeting on the health of members Michael (in hospital with an infected elbow) and Greg (still in a moonboot recovering from a fall). He also reminded us of Rotary Assembly on this weekend and our Trivia Night next Saturday 14 March 2026.

Reports:

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

Guest Speaker

After members enjoyed another feast prepared by Muddy, PDG Peekay introduced DG Greg Marlow. Peter noted the decline in direct contact between DGs and clubs since the RI decision to remove the mandatory requirement for DGs to visit each club.



Peter Kaye Introducing DG Greg

Greg provided an overview of broader Rotary including our international, zone, national and district structure; Rotary programs including, Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC); Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS); Interplast and Greg's first love the Rotary Foundation (THF). In discussing TRF, Greg reminded us that it is Rotary's charity, described the mechanism for the permanent funding through the Annual Fund and its support for District and Global grants and the work of Polio fund in eliminating Polio from the world. We learnt that Greg is a member of the Arch Klumph society which is recognition of contributing over \$250,000 to the Rotary Foundation. Amongst other things, Greg's contribution supports two named funds (in his honour) \$100,000 projects. An amazing selfless Rotarian!



DG Greg Marlow

In question time, Greg explained the innovative practices being used in places like Afghanistan and Pakistan to finish the mission of eliminating polio.

Daniel provided a comprehensive thoughtful vote of thanks to Greg for his presentation.



Daniel Price providing a Vote of Thanks to DG Greg



Bad luck DG Greg!

Sergeant

In her debut performance as sergeant, Rooka extracted money for members, mostly for our lack of knowledge of all things Mundingburra Rotary and our environment including staying present in our meetings by not looking at our phones, our local weather, where Rotary was founded, NQ Field days, and Medicare.

Unfortunately, Rooka failed dismally in her duty to ensure your humble scribe (John Hall) won the wine. Greg won the red and Kat got the white.



Rooka Ramdin making her Debut as Sergeant!

President's Closing Remarks

In wrapping up the meeting, Pres Al reminded us that we have no meeting on Thursday night but will host our trivia night on 14 March 2026. Can each member try to gather some friends to form a team? And let Kat know!

PDG Greg won the right to draw the joker. To tumultuous applause, he drew the nine of hearts.

Chairman Tim closed the meeting with the loyal toast.



Congratulations Irene on putting up with John for 32 years! Where else would you want to have an anniversary dinner! 😊

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

A colorful poster for Mundingburra Rotary's Famous Annual Trivia and Auction. The poster features the Rotary logo, the text 'MUNDINGBURRA Quizmaster Ryan', 'Auctioneer Shane', and 'Live & Silent Auctions'. It also mentions 'Eftpos Available', 'Platters, Nibbles and Drinks Available Refreshments at the Bar', and 'Purchase Tickets at the door or book table via email: rotaymundingburra@outlook.com'. The main event details are 'TEAMS OF 6 - \$20 PER PERSON', '14TH MARCH 2026', and '6:30 PM Start'. It also lists 'Lucky Door, Raffle and Prizes' and 'Funds raised Donated to Family Emergency Accommodation Townsville'. The location is 'Cutheringa Bowls Club, Harold St, West End'. The bottom of the poster shows images of wooden chairs and tables.