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

IMAGINE ROTARY

Mundingburra Rotary
Making A Difference
Rotary

RI President
Jennifer Jones

District 9560 Governor
John Hall

Advance Australia Fair
Australians all let us rejoice;
For we are one and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil; Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature's gifts of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing Advance Australia Fair.

Rotary Grace
We break Thy bread of Brotherhood,
And thank thee Lord
for all things good,
May we, more blessed
than we deserve,
Live less for self and more to serve.

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?

"Youth Service Month"

Spinifex Edition "34" - 11 May2023

Finska and Membership Night

President's Report

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

What a fun meeting we had last week! Thank you Shane+Team for the organization and entertainment, and thanks also to all who dressed up, participated and brough items. In the spirit of May the 4th (be with you), the Star Wars themed night was truly a success. All members and guests seem to have had a good time and it was nice to spend a nice focused on fellowship and fun.

Speaking of, this week we have the much-awaited Finska night at the Nelson's residence, where the fun and entertainment will go side-by-side with Rotary's mission and core values of helping the community. Remember that the proceedings from the night will be dedicated to the End Polio Now project, which is an incredibly important and worthy cause that our Club has contributed to for a long time. Bring your family and friends, and please remember to let Alan know about numbers for catering purposes.

This will be a good opportunity also to catch up with those members who have attended the conference in Longreach and hear about the great work done by John and Irene this year. Let's all show support to them, not just as fellow members of Mundingburra but as proud Rotarians.

And please remember to support out Club also by volunteering to the Bunnings BBQ or Market shifts (we always need people to help) and other tasks or duties you can do to help the club running smoothly.

I hope you have a great week.

See you on Thursday.

Dr. Prez. Claudia

Forward Roster Duties Plan

Date	Chair	Registration	Cashier	Meet & Greet	Sergeant	Scribe
11 May	Peter Kaye	Phil Gordon	Aloisia Ferfolja	Scott Hunter	Ryan Lacaze	Ian Jones
18 May	Ayr Meeting					
25 May	Ian Jones	Phil Gordon	Aloisia Ferfolja	Peter Kaye	Shane Smith	Neil Andrews

If you are unable to fulfill your rostered duty it is **YOUR** responsibility to find a replacement. Please notify Lyn of any changes.
Registration Team ensure you record visitors' details clearly in the visitors' book.
Meeting apologies to Attendance Officer: Jan Johnson:
janjohnson37@gmail.com or text to 0409 783 810 by 10am on Mondays at the latest.

Facts & Figures

Total Member Count: 41
Number Used for Attendance: 40
Leave of Absence: Nil
Exempt Members: Nil
Honorary Members: 1 Tony Wode
Members Present: 18
Total Credits for Last Week: 4
Percentage Attendance for Last Meeting: 53.66%
Apologies: P Holmes, J Hall, J Johnson, D Nutt, S Hunter, R&S Tardiani, I&R Jones, P Kaye
Visiting Rotarians: -
Club Guests: -
Guests: Donna Rigano, Stuart Smith, Marcia Morrison, Ricky ?, Joan Barber, Wendy Muguira, Mark Salmon, Elizabeth Ferfolja Salmon, Rafeal Leow, Nathanel Leow

Coming Important Dates 6-12 May

Member Birthdays
Sue Tardiani & Lynette Svanosio 6th; Timothy Leow 7th; Robert Tardiani 8th
Spouse Birthday
Jessica Lacaze (Ryan) 12th; Judy Burchett (Peter Holmes) 16th
Join Date
Shan Delany & Jackie Ramage 5yrs 10th

Takings

Registration	$55
Sergeant	$51.95
Raffle	$38
Joker	$67

Joker Jackpot $820.60

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

Program & Coming Events

Date	Speaker/Facilitator/Topic Event	Venue
May	**Theme - Youth Service**	
11 May	Finska and Membership Night	Townsville RSL
18 May	Ayr Tractor Debate - Ayr RSL 6.15 for 6.45pm	Ayr RSL
25 May	Helena McInnes - Kidmin Study	Townsville RSL

Townsville Rotary Market Roster

2 Jun	Strand	07 Coordinator from 4pm	David Nutt	***Market Roster: You will receive a reminder in the week before your shift. Please contact David Nutt on 0408 897 152 or david.nutt@bigpond.com to confirm that you can do your shift.***
11 Jun	Willows	Assist Coordinator	TBA	
18 Jun	Willows	Coordinator	TBA	

"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.

"100 Rotary Quotes"

2004-05 Glenn E. Estess Sr. (personnel consulting), Rotary Club of Shades Valley, Alabama, USA. Rotary vision: That Rotarians worldwide celebrate Rotary and its 100 years of service. *"Soon our centennial will be upon us and we must be prepared to 'celebrate' both our remarkable past and our plans for the future….The future of this organization - and the new peaks that we will reach - is in our hands." - Address to the 2003 Convention, Brisbane, Australia*

Last Week in Review

Thursday's Meeting got underway at 6.30pm. Phil asked all visitors to stand for a Mundingburra Rotary Greeting. About 30% of all attendees were dressed in keeping with the theme of the night - "May the 4th be with you" [Star Wars}. The most popular character was Darth Vader. The rest came dressed as themselves. The meeting's second theme for the night was Mother's Day. It was good to see some Mothers represented. “**I've always told Lyn I liked her Mother-in-Law better than mine - Wayne”**

In the interest of allowing as much time as possible for the night's main event - the "Star Wars Quiz"- all reports were set aside for another day.

Shane Smith was his normal effervescent self in introducing his son Stuart, as the Quiz Maestro for the night. The Quiz consisted of two rounds, each of ten questions. Some of the Questions came from short videos of Star Wars and the others were written. With the answers being multiple choice, everyone should have recorded an answer for each question; even those with zero Star Wars knowledge. Sadly, this didn't help the writer; 2/10 in round 1 and 1/10 in round 2 is an embarrassment. Would you believe, **R2-D2**, my answer for one of the questions, didn't rate a point.

In the first round Claudia's 8/10 proved she'd found time from her studies to become very Star Wars savvy. She wasn't **SOLO** she had help from another pair of **HANS.**

Dr Tim also confirmed that his studies were not just in medicine. Mind you he had a huge start by bolstering his team with two "ring-ins". My best guess, they were **"EWOKS"** in disguise.

Team Aloisia [+Mark + Elizabeth] **[ANd-A-KIN]** were the popular winners for the best costume with their interpretation of Darth Vader.

Caught up in the war zone of the fierce Star Wars Quiz battle, I neglected to record all the prize winners. Here's a small **CONGRATULATIONS** to all and sundry.

A big **THANKS** was extended to Stuart Smith for putting the Quiz together and keeping the show rolling; it was professional, entertaining and the time frame was perfect.

After the raffles were drawn (Red won by Lyn S and White by Ryan) and Rotary International was toasted the meeting was officially closed. Before you go, I'm sure you'd like to know the Joker has dodged another bullet and lives on. Elizabeth drew the 3 of Hearts. Shane Smith has estimated the current balance in the Joker Jackpot to be close to $10,000.

Thursday 11th May 2023
Fun and Finska Pizza Night
Cost $25 per person
Funds raised will go to the Foundation
Starts at 6pm
Alan and Annette's Place
Contact Lyn for more details
0431 028 214

Thursday 18th May 2023
Ayr Tractor Debate
Come along and support your club.
Please let Lyn know by Monday 15th May
Lyn
0431 028 214

City of Townsville
MOTHER’S DAY MEMORIAL
Remembering those we’ve lost
Belgian Gardens Cemetery
Saturday 13 May | 9 - 10am
9am
MC - Welcome and housekeeping
9.03am
Words of appreciation
9.07am
Reflection and Poetry, Celebrant
9.10am
Melaleuca String Musicians
10.10am
Conclusion of Memorial
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DO REAL MEN SAY "I LOVE YOU?"

If I wanted to, I could come up with a dozen excuses. I was tired after a long day at work. Caught off guard. Or maybe I was hungry. The simple truth is, when I walked into the living room and my 12-year-old son looked up at me and said, “I love you,” I didn’t know what to say. For several long seconds, all I could do was stand there and stare down at him, waiting for the other shoe to drop. He must need help with his homework was my first thought. Or he’s going to ask me for money. Perhaps he’s assassinated his brother – I always knew it would happen some day – and he’s trying to prepare me gently for the news.

Finally I asked, “What do you *want*?”

He laughed, and started to run from the room. But I called him back. “Hey, what was that all about?” I demanded.

“Nothing,” he said, grinning. “My health teacher said we should tell our parents that we love them and see what they say. It’s sort of an experiment.”

The next day, I called his teacher to find out more about this “experiment.” And, to be truthful, to find out how the other parents had reacted.

“Basically, most of the fathers had the same reaction you did,” my son’ teacher said. “When I first suggested we try this, I asked the kids what they thought their parents would say. They all laughed. A couple of them reckoned their parents would have heart attacks.”

Some parents, I suspect, resented what the teacher had done. After all, a health teacher’s job is to teach children how to eat balanced diets and brush their teeth properly. What does saying “I love you” have to do with that? It is, after all, a personal thing between parents and their children. Nobody else’s business.

“The point is,” the teacher explained, “feeling loved is an important part of health. It’s something that all human beings require. What I’m trying to tell the kids is that it’s too bad we don’t all express those feelings. Not just parents to children and not just boys to girls. A boy should be able to tell his friend that he loves him.”

The teacher, a middle-aged man, understands how difficult it is for some us to say the things that would be good for us to say. His father never said those things to him, he admits. And he never said them to his father – not even when his father was about to die.

There are a lot of us like that. Men and women, who were raised by parents who loved us but never really said so. It is a common reason for the way many of us behave.

But as an excuse it is starting to wear thin. Our generation has devoted a great deal of attention to getting in touch with our feelings. To verbalise our emotions. We know, or should know, that our children – sons as well as daughters – need more from us than food on the table and clothes in the wardrobe. We know, or should know, that a father’s kiss will fit as comfortably on the cheek of a son as on that of a daughter.

It’s no longer enough for us to say that our fathers raised us to be “that way.” We have done too many other things that our fathers never did. Our fathers didn’t vacuum floors or cook desserts.

If we can adapt to all of those changes, surely we should know what to do when a 12-year-old son looks up and says “I love you.” I didn’t – at least not at first. It’s not always easy to make the leap from Mr Tough to Mr Sensitive. But when my son came to me that evening for his bedtime kiss – a kiss that seems to be getting briefer every night – I held on to him for an extra second. And just before he pulled away, I said in my deepest, most manly voice, “Hey, I love you, too.”

I don’t know if saying that made either of us healthier, but it did feel pretty good. Maybe next time one of my kids says, “I love you,” it won’t take me a whole day to think of the right answer.

LIDS4KIDS

Rotary Mundingburra

Support Lids for Kids through Rotary Mundingburra

Contact Ian Jones : ianjones9470@gmail.com

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	Wayne Haller
	Graeme Kenna
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District 9560 & Group 3 Officers from Rotary Club of Mundingburra

District Governor (DG)	*John Hall*
D9650 Company Secretary	*Robert Tardiani*
District Youth Protection Officer (DYPO)	*Michael Meyers*
District VTT Chair	*Peter Kaye*

Rotary Club of Mundingburra Past Presidents

1958	J. Charles Butler PDG	1978	George Kimlin	2000/01	John Blood
1958/59	Fred Greig	1979/80	John Switzer	2001/02	Trevor Philipson
1959/60	Jack McLay	1980/81	George Rice	2002/03	Shane Smith
1960/61	Dick Keating	1981/82	John Hartland	2003/04	Ron Degenhart PDG
1961/62	Gordon McHugh	1982/83	John Le Cornu	2004/05	Vince Nielsen
1962/63	Kevin King	1983/84	Darcy Cooke	2005/06	Bob Doyle
1963/64	Bill Miller	1984/85	Reg Stortenbecker	2006/07	Fred Gillham
1964/65	Bert Hanran	1985/86	Charles Zahner	2007/08	Neil Andrews
1965/66	Stan Strange PDG	1986/87	Allan Cummings	2008/09	Brad Groves
1966/67	Cec Denman	1987/88	Graham Weir	2009/10	Ray Hatton
1967/68	Arthur Hopkins	1988/89	David Carmichael	2010/11	Ray Pendle
1968/69	Ellis Frost	1989/90	Bill Kennedy	2011/12	Ron Degenhart PDG
1969/70	Norm Clibborn	1990/91	Laurie Quinlan	2012/13	John Hall
1970/71	Bill Barber Snr	1991/92	Graham Stephens	2013/14	Jim Foley
1971/72	Reg Watkins	1992/93	Peter Kaye PDG	2014/15	Graeme Kenna
1972/73	Keith Christensen	1993/94	Geoff Maidens	2015/16	Paul Barker-Hudson
1973/74	Allan Cutmore	1994/95	Bill Muguira	2016/17	Jim Baker
1974/75	Pat O’Shea	1995/96	Bob Shaw	2017/18	Alan Nelson
1975/76	Hollis Parker	1996/97	Bill Barber	2018/19	Miriam Owato
1976/77	Alex Stuart	1997/98	Steve Ritchie	2019/20	Sue Lloyd
1977/78	George Kimlin	1998/99	Ian Weller	2020/21	Shane Smith
1978	Ian Costello	1999/00	Doug McDonald	2021/22	Ryan Lacaze

Rotary Clubs of Area 3 Meeting Times and Venues

MUNDINGBURRA
Thursday
6 for 6.30 pm
Townsville RSL Club

MAGNETIC ISLAND
Tuesday
6.00 for 6.15 pm
Peppers Blu on Blue

PORT OF TOWNSVILLE
Monday
6.00 for 6.30 pm
Tom’s Tavern

ROSS RIVER
Tuesday
5.30 for 6.00 pm
Tom’s Tavern

TOWNSVILLE
Tuesday
12.30 for 1.00 pm
Cowboys Leagues Club

TOWNSVILLE SUNRISE
Friday
7.00 am
Fish Inn

TOWNSVILLE DAYBREAK
1st Wednesday
6.45 am
Mercure Inn

TOWNSVILLE CENTRAL
Friday
12.30 for 1.00 pm
Townsville RSL Club

THURINGOWA CENTRAL
Wednesday
6 for 6.30 pm
Toms Tavern

TOWNSVILLE SAINTS
1st & 3rd Wednesday
6.30 am
Selectability

AYR
Thursday
6.15 for 6.30 pm
ANZAC Memorial Club

HINCHINBROOK
Wednesday
6.00 for 6.30 pm
Royal Hotel

HOME HILL
Wednesday
6.15 for 6.30 pm
Malpass Hotel

CHARTERS TOWERS
Tuesday
6.30 for 7 pm
Park Hotel