



Munding
an Aboriginal word
meaning Spinifex or
Long Grass

Burra
meaning People or Tribe

The origin of the
Townsville suburb
Mundingburra



Mundingburra Rotary



Making A Difference



RI President

Mark Maloney

District 9550 Governor

Ron Degenhart

Advance Australia Fair

Australians all let us rejoice;
For we are young 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".

RCoM Sponsored Child

Augustino



"Youth Service Month"

Spinifex Edition "42" - 7 May 2020

"Meeting via Zoom"

President's Report

Dear Rotary Friends and Friends of Rotary

There were many highlights for me last zoom meeting but the one which touched my heart the most was the International Toast which Robyn and Maria gave. A sincere thank you to you both.

After hearing about Sam Berns and his philosophy for a Happy Life, I now believe that we all should all be able to say *"I'm okay with what I ultimately can't do, because there is so much I can do"*. As Rotarians we do what we can when we can through our service to the community. Thank you Katanya so much for giving us the privilege to hear these words from Sam who was an inspiring 17-year-old when he gave this presentation. Sam's legacy will live on through us all. Many of our members are unable to either attend meetings regularly or participate in our service projects but through their own vocations they touch the lives of so many and make a difference that way. Together we are inspiring and connecting people in the ways we can.

This time of isolation has given me the opportunity to get out those stored photos, put them in albums and do the odd scrapbooking. I cannot say I have completed the task as yet, but the Christchurch YEP Pre-Conference, the Christchurch New Zealand & Australian Conference, and a family trip through North Queensland (from 2015) are now completed. And I am working on the Rotary International Rhine River Cruise, Rotary International YEP Pre-Convention and Rotary International Convention in Hamburg albums - they too are well on the way to being completed. Still in a mess but it should be done soon. So, I guess in one sense Sam's philosophy has been true for me over this past month.

Thinking of you all - my Rotary family. Stay safe and well.

Happy Mother's Day for all our mums and members' wives. Mums are special!!

Sue



Facts & Figures

Total Member Count: 46
 Number Used for Attendance: 45
 Leave of Absence: 3
 Exempt Members: Nil
 Honorary Members: 1 Tony Wode
 Members Present: 26
 Total Credits for Last Week: 2
 Percentage Attendance for Last Meeting: 66.67%
 Apologies: None advised
 Visiting Rotarians: Robert Tardiani
 Club Guests: Maria Tenca (YEP)
 Guests: Nil

Coming Important Dates 9-15 May

Member Birthdays

Dominic Owato 15th

Date Joined Rotary

Shan Delay, Margaret & Neville Devete, Jackie Foley, Dan Place 2yrs 10th

Last Week in Review

Another gathering via Zoom with a period of socialising before formal proceedings commenced. Great to see Kelsie and Lainie join in for a social catch up, and to have members join us who have not been able to previously. Great to 'see' everyone'. In total 26 members linked into the meeting.

CHAIR Kat opened proceedings at 6.30pm. Peter Holmes was accorded to honour of reciting the Four Way Test.

Using Zoom - Tip for the Week. **CHAIR KAT** asked John Hall to provide a tip for using Zoom. The tip was about how to operate the 'share screen' feature. The key is the have the document you wish to share already open and ready in the background.

CHAIR Kat then introduced **PRESIDENT Sue** who, before delivering her report, updated members about a revised procedure implemented to consider and process 'resolutions' normally dealt with at the District Conference. Clubs had been asked to advise their view about resolutions because of the cancellation of the District Conference. The resolution under consideration concerned the District Budget. Although already seen by the appropriate representatives at PETS a proposal by the Management and Finance Committee to reduce District Dues by 25% for 2020/21 needed to be put to clubs for endorsement. There were no objections from any Mundingburra Rotary member present at this Zoom meeting.

After dealing with the conference resolution **PRESIDENT Sue**:

- Extended a warm welcome and thank you to everyone for linking in.

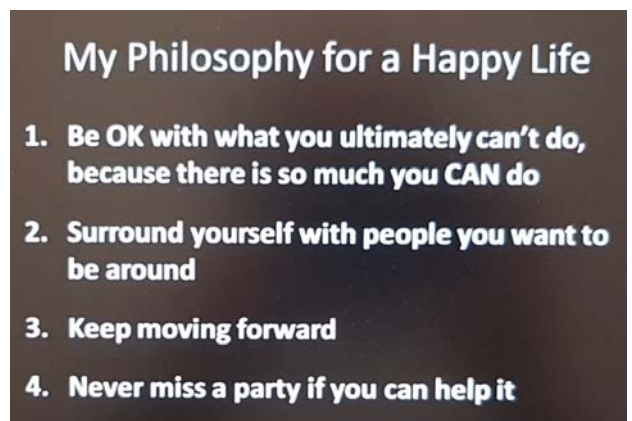
- Mentioned 30 Apr happened to be International Jazz Day and invited those who like jazz to enjoy it even more so today.
- Pointed out that it was World Immunization Week (ironic given the issues with trying to find a vaccine for COVID 19).
- Reminded members it was important to continue to have fun and remember fellow Rotarians around the world in these difficult and unprecedented times.

CHAIR Kat thanked Sue for her report and then invited members to watch a very inspirational video. It concerned a young man named Sam Berns who suffered from a disease named 'progeria' but had a wonderful outlook on life. Sadly, Sam passed away one month after making the video which made the situation even more poignant.



Progeria is an extremely rare autosomal dominant genetic disorder in which symptoms resembling aspects of aging are manifested at a very early age. The genetic mutation occurs randomly and is not inherited. Symptoms, such as slow growth and hair loss, begin to appear in the first year or two of life. There is no cure for progeria.

In the video under the title 'My Philosophy for a Happy Life' Sam described his approach to getting the best out of life despite his circumstances. He eloquently explained, adding touches of humour to make his point, his philosophy for a happy life which centred on the following four themes:





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- Be OK with what you ultimately cannot do because there is so much you CAN do. He recited his experience at being able to join and actively participate in a Marching Band by adapting a snare drum to suit his circumstances.
- Surround yourself with people you want to be around.
- Keep moving forward. Done largely by adopting the attitude of accepting, acknowledging and moving past situations. "Being brave isn't supposed to be easy"; Sam concluded.
- Never miss a party if you can help it.



A very inspirational young man. The video is worth a look. It can be found at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=36m1o-tM05g>

Prior to asking for reports, CHAIR Kat indicated the program for next week had not yet been finalised and extended an invitation to any member who might like to provide a short 'me' talk.

Reports



Peter Holmes provided an update the birth of Remy in NZ and the continued absence of Jude who is in NZ helping the family given difficult birth and subsequent health problems requiring extensive surgery. With Kat's assistance Peter showed a lovely selection of photographs of the family. All is well albeit the forced and lengthy separation between

himself in Townsville and Jude in NZ presents its difficulties. Everyone is focussing on the positives.



Happy Birthday Aloisia. CHAIR Kat passed on happy birthday wishes to Aloisia (21 again) which everyone wholeheartedly endorsed. A fine rendition of 'Happy Birthday' then ensued (well as fine as it could be with 25+ people trying to sing together on Zoom!)

Secretary Jim reported the contents of an email received from Ross River Rotary Club. Ross River is proposing a visit to Richmond on or about 20 August and is seeking the support of other clubs/Rotarians to join in. The aim is to try and help the Richmond Rotary Club and the town/region economy in general. Jim will distribute a copy of a brochure which contains more details.

Club Administration Director Shane referred to the following three items:

- He thanked John Hall for organising the annual interclub debate with Ayr. It will be an interesting event conducted via Zoom. More details to follow in the coming weeks.
- He shared a short video he found on 'My Rotary'. A company titled Don't Panic has teamed up with Rotary International to create a new immersive virtual reality experience named 'One Small Act'. This new immersive virtual reality experience highlights the impact Rotary International is making around the world, focusing on its work to eradicate polio. Shot using both mono and stereoscopic techniques, the viewer observes the life of a young girl growing up in Bosnia, in a forward-looking 360 arc and, at poignant moments, switches to the view of the teddy bear in 180, offering an intimate look at the difference small acts of kindness make on the little girl, and an up-close insight into her personal journey.
- He commended 'My Rotary' to all members as great source of information. Following this lead from Shane, John Hall provided a short demonstration about navigating the 'My Rotary' site. He encouraged members to register given it contained some fantastic learning topics and information especially for those who have taken on formal roles eg Directors or wish to undertake any of the on-line training courses available. He offered his and DG Ron's services to help with the sign-in process if needed.



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CHAIR Kat endeavoured to lighten the mood with this joke:

What is the difference between Cinderella and the Swans AFL Team? Answer: At least Cinderella wanted to get to the ball. Conclusion - The joke was as flat as the Swans AFL Team!

Jan Johnson provided an update about her efforts to touch base with members who had to date been unable to link in to one of our Zoom meetings. Jan also urged members to read the Spinifex which contains a copy of the news item about Jackie Foley's Hairdressing Salon, and a Thank You message from Melanie and Troy for the baby gifts.

DG Ron Degenhart thanked President Sue for bringing the District Budget Resolution to the attention of Mundingburra Rotary members and indicated a second Resolution would be coming out for similar consideration in the near future. The Resolution relates to the proposed location of the 2022 District Conference (Mackay, given cancellation of the 2020 Conference). President Sue sought a view from members so the Club would be in a position to respond when formally requested to do so. Members were happy to endorse Mackay as the location for the 2022 District Conference.

International Toast

Robyn Jones, with the assistance of YEP Maria, proposed a toast to Maria's home club, the Rotary Club of Valtidone in District 2050. Amongst the many community activities the club undertakes the members recently donated 7,500 masks and 20,000 gloves to needy organisations to help fight coronavirus in their area. Maria proposed the toast in Italian which concluded with a unanimous and joyous 'salute' by everyone.

At **CHAIR Kat's** invitation **PRESIDENT Sue** offered her concluding remarks which included:

- Thanking Kat for chairing the meeting.
- Members for once again taking part in this Zoom meeting.
- Thanked Robert Tardiani for linking in (Robert responded by thanking Mundingburra for inviting him to link in. He also indicated his desire to continue to do so.)
- Announced Margaret Devete as the winner of the 'Zoom Raffle Draw'. Good luck with the scratchie Margaret!
- Congratulated Jim and Karen Foley on their Wedding Anniversary.
- Read out a list of wishes related to each day of the week.
- Encouraged members to stay safe and continue smiling during the coming week.

CHAIR Kat thanked everyone for zooming in and closed the meeting at 7.40 pm.

Thank You

Mundingburra Rotary



Making A Difference



*Integrity, Diversity, Service,
Leadership, Friendship and Fun
Thank you all for making a difference
to my life over the last 10 years*

Graeme Kenna



The lucky Scratchie winners are:



23 April - Jim Foley

30 April - Margaret Devete

*Thank you to Paulo
our Rotary Foundation Bear
who does the weekly draw*

(with a wee bit of assistance from your President)





Board of Directors

President: Sue Lloyd
Secretary: Jim Baker
Past President: Miriam Owato

President-Elect: Shane Smith
Treasurer: Aloisia Ferfolja

<u>Club Administration</u>		<u>Service Projects</u>	
Director	Shane Smith	Director	Peter Kaye
Bulletin Editor	Peter Kaye	Community Service Committee	Bill Barber
Publisher	Trish Harley		Dave Dymock
Program Co-ordinator	Shane Smith		Bill Muguira
Duty Roster Co-Ordinator	Shane Smith		Jim Baker
Attendance Officer	Graham Stephens		Vince Nielsen
Registration Desk Officer	Trevor Philipson		Trevor Philipson
Provider (set up & pack up)	Bill Muguira		Chris Heath
Historian	Graham Stephens		Neville Devete
Sergeant at Arms	Bill Barber		Margaret Devete
	Hall	International Service Committee	Miriam Owato
	Alan Nelson		Jim Baker
	Jim Foley	Schools Coordinator	Jan Johnson
	Jackie Foley	Bunnings BBQ Coordinator	Katanya Lee
Risk Management & Club	Kevin Strike	Markets Coordinator	John Hall
Protection	Sue Lloyd	Golf Day Coordinator	Graeme Kenna
Club Trainer	Jan Johnson	Trivia Night Coordinator	
Member Services	Aloisia Ferfolja		
	Jan Johnson	<u>Youth Services</u>	
	Graham Stephens	Director	TBA
		Committee	Katanya Lee
			Aloisia Ferfolja
			Alan Nelson
			Graham Stephens
			Peter Kaye
			Claudia Trave
			Shan Delaney
		<u>Membership</u>	
		Director	Neil Andrews
		Committee	Ron Degenhart
			Dave Dymock
			Sue Lloyd
			Wayne Haller
			Graeme Kenna
		<u>Vocational</u>	
		Director	John Hall
		Committee	Graeme Kenna
			Neil Andrews

District 9550 & Group 3 Officers from Rotary Club of Mundingburra

District Governor	Ron Degenhart
District Insurance & Protection Officer	Kevin Strike
District Trainer	John Hall
District YEP Chair	Sue Lloyd
District Rotary Friendship Exchange Chair	Jan Johnson
District Conference Coordinator	Neil Andrews
Group 3 ARH Representative	Alan Nelson
Group 3 Rotary Foundation	Brydget Barker-Hudson
Polio Plus Subcommittee Chair	Brydget Barker-Hudson



Rotary Club of Mundingburra Past Presidents

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

Rotary Clubs of Area 3 Meeting Times and Venues

<u>MUNDINGBURRA</u> Thursday 18.30 Sun Hotel	<u>MAGNETIC ISLAND</u> Thursday 18.00 for 18.15 Peppers Blue on Blue	<u>PORT OF TOWNSVILLE</u> Monday 18.00 for 18.30 Townsville Yacht Club	<u>ROSS RIVER</u> Tuesday 17.30 for 18.00 Tom's Tavern
<u>TOWNSVILLE SOUTH WEST</u> Wednesday 18.00 for 18.30 Sun Hotel	<u>TOWNSVILLE</u> Tuesday 13.00 Cowboys Leagues Club	<u>TOWNSVILLE SUNRISE</u> Friday 07.00 Townsville RSL	<u>TOWNSVILLE DAYBREAK</u> Wednesday 06.45 Mercure Inn
<u>HINCHINBROOK</u> Wednesday 19.00 for 19.30 Royal Hotel	<u>TOWNSVILLE CENTRAL</u> 1 st & 3 rd Friday 12.30 for 13.00 Townsville RSL Club	<u>THURINGOWA CENTRAL</u> Wednesday 18.30 Toms Tavern	<u>TOWNSVILLE SAINTS</u> 1 st & 3 rd Wednesday 6.45 for 7.00am The Vale Hotel
<u>AYR</u> Thursday 18.30 ANZAC Memorial Club	<u>HOME HILL</u> Tuesday 18.30 Malpass Hotel	<u>CHARTERS TOWERS</u> Monday 18.30 Park Hotel	

"100 Rotary Quotes": 1970-71 William E. Walk Jr. (law), Rotary Club of Ontario, California, USA. Rotary vision: *To help Bridge the Gaps in solving environmental, economic, generational, sociological, and ecological problems.* "Today's youth have a right to honestly ask and then be heard; to peacefully state what they think is right...But, by the same token, I believe adults who have traveled the path of life have the right, by reason of age and/or experience to say....'We have listened...now...what do you propose as a change and how do you propose to peacefully implement this change?...and are you willing to pay the price?'" - Address to 1970 Rotary Convention, Atlanta, Georgia, USA

"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.

"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?