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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?

## MAY: Theme – Youth Service Month Spinifex Edition 44 – 15th May 2025

### Topic - Fellowship Night

### Presidential Message

We were treated to a passionate presentation on The Battle Initiative by its founder Andrew Hovenden last night. The mission is to serve and restore the Military and First Responders communities who have endured hardship with recovery programs.

I am not sure if you are aware that Greg Luckel is in the Mater and will require surgery for gall stones, so as we learn more, we will let you know.

Could I remind Directors to prepare an annual report for our changeover edition of Spinifex. It is still a few weeks away however its best not to leave it to the last minute. Handover of course is 05 July

Sat 31 May we will have another toy stall at Fairfield. Arlin will be out of action and Katrina will be away. Thank you to Coralie who has volunteered to assist on the day

A reminder also of our Foundation fundraiser World's Greatest Meal at the Nelsons residence next month.

And it's not too late to donate used clothing in aid of the Interact Club's project. Please give to Johnno at next week's meeting.

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](mailto:katanya.lee@carter-spencer.com.au) or text to 0409 536 169 by 10 am on Mondays.

Date	Chair	Registration	Sergeant	Scribe	Intro	Thanks
15 <sup>th</sup> May	J Beutel	P Gordon	B Barber	K Lee	G Kenna	A Ferolja
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	I Jones	P Gordon	N Andrews	R Degenhart	M Day	J Beutel
29 <sup>th</sup> May	G Luckel	P Gordon	R Lacaze	G Kenna?	J Baker?	J Morrison

### Facts & Figures

**Total Member Count:** 45  
**Number Used for Attendance:** 42  
**Leave of Absence:** 2  
**Exempt Members:** Nil  
**Honorary Members:** 1 Tony Wode  
**Members Present:** 19  
**Total Credits for Last Week:** 5  
**Percentage Attendance for Last Meeting:** 57.1%  
**Apologies:** J Beutel, G Kenna, L Svanosio, J Morrison, A Ferolja, K Davis, T Leow, J Ramage, G Luckel.  
**Visiting Rotarians:** Nil  
**Club Guests:** Andrew Hovenden & Luke Mason  
**Guests:** Mason McKenzie

### Important Dates - 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May

#### Member Birthdays

Barry Robinson – 15<sup>th</sup> May

#### Spouse/Partner Birthdays

Jessica Lacaze – 12<sup>th</sup> May

Judy Burchett (Holmes) – 16<sup>th</sup> May

#### Wedding Anniversaries

Nil

#### Rotary Membership Anniversaries

Miriam Whitworth – 7<sup>th</sup> May (7 years)

### Takings

Registration	\$170.00
Sergeant	\$36.10
Raffle	\$38.00
Joker	\$47.00 (Joker Jackpot \$423.10)

Partners & Guests are welcome to any meeting

Meeting Times: 6pm for 6.30pm Start

## Program & Coming Events

Date	Speaker/Facilitator/Topic Event	Venue
<b>March</b>	<b><i>May: Theme - Youth Service Month</i></b>	
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Fellowship Night	Cutheringa Bowls Club
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Raising First Nations Youth - Karl McKenzie	Cutheringa Bowls Club
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Vinh Son Orphanages, Vietnam - Derek Smith w/ Mr. Tim McKee OAM	Cutheringa Bowls Club
<b>7th June</b>	<b>Worlds Greatest Meal</b>	<b>40 Mango Ave, Aitkenvale</b>
<b>5th July</b>	<b>Changeover Night</b>	<b>Cutheringa Bowls Club</b>

## Townsville Rotary Market Roster

### BBQ Dates

				Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Bunning Domain
				Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Bunnings Domain

### “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

Chairman Petder Holmes Opened the meeting with the 4way test and then called upon our Registration Officer, Phil Gordon to advise of any guests.



**Peter Holmes**

Phil advised that we have 3 guests tonight, Andrew Hovenden & Luke Mason (Guest Speakers) and Mason McKenzie, and asked the members present to warmly welcome them.

Following the nightly meal, Chairman Peter then called upon President Peter to give his address to the members present

### President Peter

As always started Peter started with a joke, which was funny, but in this instance, not recorded by the scribe.



**President Peter**

Peter spoke of a number of items, all of which are included in his opening address at the start of this Newsletter.

Chairman Peter Holmes, then called upon Neil Andrews to introduce our guest speakers for the night. As a former serving member of our Defence Force, Neil was able to provide a fitting welcome to our speakers.



**Neil Andrews**

### Guest Speaker- Andrew Hovenden

#### The Battle Initiative

Andrew outlined the program is about assisting primarily defence personnel and the family members through the tough mental times that often occur due to their work environment.



**Andrew Hovenden**

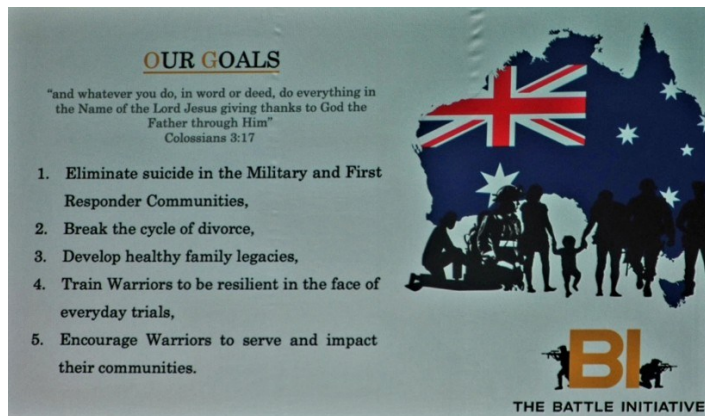
They have a term, "The Battle – Take the Initiative" as part of the way they operate to work with current and retired members. A major goal is the prevention of Suicide, Divorce and Getting in to Criminal activities by working with the person to improve their mental health by taking a different path.

They work with both male and female individuals plus their partners and family as required.

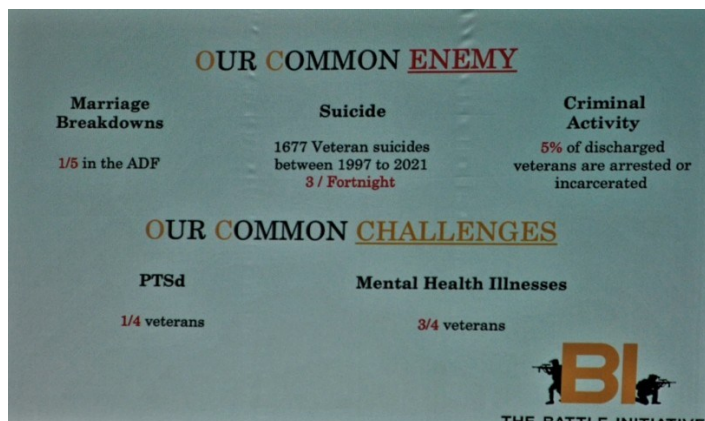
A graphic with a dark background and white text. At the top, it says "THE BATTLE INITIATIVE" in large, bold, white letters. Below that, it says "We are a peer-led organisation for Veterans, active service personnel, first responders and their families." in smaller white text. Then, it says "Our mission is to serve and restore our nation's warriors, emergency workers and their families who have endured hardship in service to Australia, helping them find their worth and purpose through hope in Christ and our recovery programs." in smaller white text. Below that, it says "OUR MISSION" in bold, white letters. At the bottom, it says "Save Live – Prosper Lives – Build Eternal Legacies" in bold, white letters.



Their aim s to complement a lot of other community groups working to improve the health of former defence personnel.



The program is based on an American program that has been running for some years. They do not have offices, operate mainly in Townsville, Gold Coast, and Western Australia as required. And often spend between 12 to 18 months assisting people on their program.



Chairman Peter Holmes thanks the guest speaker for a very interesting presentation.

## Reports

Jan Johnson reminded members,



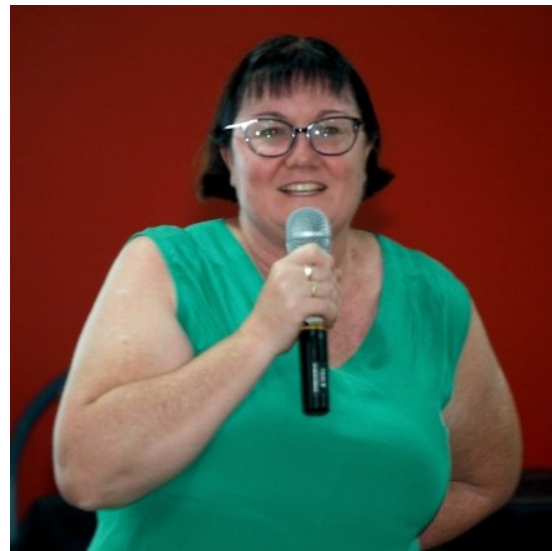
1. Jan is seeking support from members to make a donation to assist the UMOJA Orphanage Kenya,

the prize is a 7 Night getaway in Methven (Mt Hutt Village) New Zealand. To purchase a ticket use the following link.

<https://www.raffletix.com.au/?ref=fkhr9>

2. Changeover night is fast approaching and would like members to advise if they are coming, and anyone that are attending to be advised to Kat to assist with decision on catering and seating.
3. Jan was also seeking used clothes for our Interact Club who are running a project to assist those in need. (*I am now advised that they do not need any more clothes*).

**Kat Lee** would like someone to assist with loading the Bunnings Trailer on Sunday. Jim Baker agreed to assist.



**Ron Degenhart** spoke about his recent trip to Timor Leste and was part of the Districts Impact Seminar, which had 40-50 local Timor members attending. During his visit he was able to catch up with a number of the local Rotarians.



Ron also attended two Rotary Clubs in Darwin on his return, and then reminded members that might have

missed the Missions Beach Impact Seminar that the final one is being held at Airlie Beach on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Sergeant Session

### Alan Nelson

In his dogged way, Alan worked successful hard to drag financial pain on the members, primarily for lack of knowledge about past world events.

The Sergeants raffle results were

Ticket E22 – Bill Barber, who unsurprisingly took the Red Wine.

Ticket E35 – Ian Jones, the White Wine

President Peter announced the Joke Raffle before he offered his closing remarks and handed over to the Chair (Peter Holmes) to officially close the meeting with rosters for next week and our Toast to Rotary International.

## Joker Raffle



**The unlucky Michael Day**

## Rotary Club of Mundingburra

Presents

**Silent Letter Day- World's Greatest Meal.**



Not heard of Silent letter day, then click the link:

<https://youtu.be/sOUqHr9tcVY?feature=shared>

or Google Michael McIntyre Silent Letter Day

*Three course meal at the same 2019 cost of*

*\$50 per head*

*Gluten intolerance catered for*

**When:** Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025

**Time:** 6pm for 6:30 PM

**Where:** 40 Mango Avenue, Mundingburra

**RSVP:** 31 May 2025 – 0402 812 339 Peter or

0413 551 454 Alan

Drinks available via a ticket system





## Rotary Club of Mundingburra Change Over Evening

**THEME : BLACK and WHITE**

President Peter Kaye and Incoming President Alan Nelson invite Fellow Rotarians, Family & Friends to this special night.

Sat. 5th July ♦ Dress Code  
6.00 for 6.30 pm Cocktail

**CUTHERINGA BOWLS CLUB**

♦  
8 Harold St, West End

RSVP by 27 th June.  
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