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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 45 – 22nd May 2025

### Topic - Raising First Nations Youth - Karl McKenzie

#### President Elect Message

Dear Mundingburrans,

First health news. President Peter has had a heart hiccup the put him in Hospital on Thursday. He is home as I type this and he is on medication to slow his heart rate, and no doubt feeling a good deal better.

Greg Luckel donated his Gall Bladder to a high cause on Friday. We wish them both a speedy recovery and restricted to their previous vigor.

Last week meeting saw Acting Fire Station Head Scott Cross speak on the perils of Lithium Ion batteries.

To say it was eye opening is an understatement. Stuart described this emerging technology as the equivalent of building an aeroplane while your flying it, as the tech has a way to go before is best it can be in all respects.

Unfortunately, things go wrong and thermal runaway and fire are disastrous. By the way don't breath the fumes. They're very nasty!

Worlds Greatest meal is not far away, neither is the last RSVP date being 31 May. This is a major fund raiser for the Rotary Foundation. Currently we have 12 acceptances, which is less than half the number we need to make this happen. So, please. This will be a great night of fun food and frivolity.

The theme of the night is inspired comedian Michael McIntyre's "Silent Letter day". If that does ring a bell. Go to tube and search "Silent letters day" or do the same in the search engine of your choice.

Please add the 5 July to you diaries, being the club change over.

It is an excuse for us all to get a little dressed up and thank the outgoing President and welcome the new board complete with a not so shiny and new president.

Please keep Peter and Greg for most in your minds and I wish them both a speedy recover. Many thanks, Alan .



## 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
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 Morrison
5 <sup>th</sup> June	R Lacaze	P Gordon	P Holmes	K Davis	B Barber	G Luckel

### 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: 18  
Total Credits for Last Week: 4  
Percentage Attendance for Last Meeting: 52.38%  
Apologies: G Kenna, L Svanosio, A Ferolja, K Davis, T Leow, R & S Tardiani, P Holmes, M Whitworth, P Kaye  
Visiting Rotarians: Nil  
Club Guests: Brendan Carter & Scott Cross  
Guests: Nil

### Important Dates - 18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May

#### Member Birthdays

Nil

#### Spouse/Partner Birthdays

Nil

#### Wedding Anniversaries

Nil

#### Rotary Membership Anniversaries

Nil

### Takings

Registration \$415.00  
Sergeant \$61.05  
Raffle \$36.00  
Joker \$45.00 (Joker Jackpot \$441.10)

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

## Program & Coming Events

Date	Speaker/Facilitator/Topic Event	Venue
March	<b>May: Theme - Youth Service Month</b>	
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
5 <sup>th</sup> Jun	TSV Verve Men's Clinic - Dr Jonny	Cutheringa Bowls Club
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Worlds Greatest Meal	40 Mango Ave, Aitkenvale
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Changeover Night	Cutheringa Bowls Club

## 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

The meeting opened under the Chairmanship of Jaye Beutel, who conducted the Rotary 4 way Test.



Jaye Beutel

Registration Officer Phil: Welcomed out guests for the night who were Scott Cross our Guest Speaker from the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service and Brendan Carter who is a Friend of Rotary.

Following the nightly meal, Chairman Jaye then called upon President Elect Alan Nelson to give his address to the members present in Peter's absence.

### President Elect Alan Nelson



President Elect Alan Nelson

Peter normally starts with a joke so Alan followed his lead and relayed the joke that PK had sent him today. So he said, however, he was one Alan looked up. Peter is not with us today as he has ended up with hospital due to heart palpitations. We wish him all the best and hope he recovers quickly and that it is nothing serious! Greg is going under the knife tomorrow and sending his Gall bladder to a higher calling! We also hope that goes well also! We also have the World's Greatest Meal on the 7th of June, please let Alan or Peter H know if you will be attending.

### Directors Reports

**Neil Andrews:** Quick update on the financial department. Everything is OK financially, but things we

are spending money on are, we have purchased a new trailer which should be arriving soon for the Sausage Sizzle. Hopefully for the one on the 30th. For those that were here last week we have donated \$500 to the Battle Initiative to help serving members of our community. 31 members have decided to donate to the Rotary Foundations. We have paid out over \$23,000 to our Rotary Sausage Sizzle Partners. We will soon be donating our Trivia Night money to FEAT and Crime Stoppers of about \$3,500 each. We are currently on track to exceed our donations from the previous year.

**Shane Smith:** Didn't want to talk about his Birthday today but wanted to once again push the need for new members. He has brought along Brendan Carter who has applied to be a Friend of Rotary.

**Ian Jones:** Report on last week's sausage sizzle which was partnered with the Grammar Interact Club. They were all very bright and bubbly. A gentleman came along and asked how many sausages he can get for \$50 for mothers. It was a day when things when people were paying for Mothers to have a free sausage for Mothers day. The kids did an excellent job and were a very diverse group. From Mt Isa to Indonesia. Chairman Jaye was continually be called "Sir", not sure why? 😊



**Guest Speaker Introduction by Jaye:** He would like to welcome Scott to talk about Lithium Batteries which can explode, much like Ryan's sense of humour.



## **Guest Speaker – Scott from Queensland Fire and Rescue:**

He is currently Station Officer at Wulguru Fire Station.  
He is one of the very few Fire Investigators in Townsville.



Wasn't very long ago that we didn't know very much about Lithium Batteries.

When using the term Lithium Battery you often here the term 16650 which is basically the size of the battery.

- It is a small battery with a lot of power.
- They are toxic, explosive and other nasty issues.
- They are starting to make them bigger.
- Vape will have 1-3 cells.
- Small portable packs have 5-10 cells.
- Tesla car will have 4,000 to 7,000 cells.

The main difference to that that don't have Lithium batteries is that they are more toxic and create their own oxygen and gas.

Once the first cell goes it will start to breakdown which then basically creates a chain reaction making them hard to put out.

They can also reignite quite easily.

- They go into what is called Thermal Runaway. Thermal Runaway is not smoke! It is a vapour cloud which contains a multitude of chemicals.
- A Lithium Battery fire is treated as a Hazmat Scenario.
- They have to complete many tests to determine which kind of gases are on site.
- A normal fire takes a bit of time to gain momentum, however a fire involving a Lithium battery is basically immediately higher than a normal fire and for much longer.
- Hydrogen is a colourless, odourless, tasteless flammable gas. It's minimum ignition is less than a pin dropping, and has a major flammability range.
- Cooling of neigh
- They fail due to mechanical abuse, Electrical abuse, Thermal abuse and Thermal Runaway.
- Recommend that you use the charger that comes with the device. Anything that is set to Australian

Standards is good. A Charger that stops charging once the battery is at it's limit is the best.

- Leaving a phone on the dash of your car in the sun can cause it to combust.
- Not all batteries are created equal. There are 3 Tiers of production. The higher the Tier the better the product.
- Buying of the shelf means they are meet Australian Standards. Products bought on the Internet can bypass the Standards we have for those items.
- Water is ineffective in extinguishing it but it limits can limit the extension of the fire.
- There were some brochures on the table for everyone to purchase.
- There is not really a specific extinguisher which can be used to put this type of fire out. The only real option is to call 000 and let the professionals handle it.
- If you have a Lithium Battery fire and you think it is out, it may not be the case as it can continue to create it's own oxygen.
- Although they do have a high potential, if treated well they will just serve their purpose.

**Vote of Thanks by Jaye:** Thanks very much for all the information you have provided us to tonight and thanks to Mel for organising your visit.

**Sergeant's Session – Bill Barber:** Started to with the Statutory fines which included Barry Robinson's birthday to which then caused a very ordinary rendition of Happy Birthday. We then found out that the date was incorrect to which the Spinifex editor Jim Baker was fined. Judy Holme's birthday tomorrow to which Bill wanted \$60 for her 60th Birthday. Ryan then got fined for Jessica's birthday. We then all got fined for being EVIL?? Not sure about that! ☺



**Raffle** Red Ticket A22 which was Greg Luckel who took the Red and then the second was Red Ticket A56 which was Neil Andrews who had no choice but to take the white.

**Closing Remarks by President Elect Alan:** Firstly, thanks to Scott for all the knowledge he provided to us. He then provided a bit of a Science lesson on chemicals. Please don't forget to RSVP about the World's Greatest Meal.

**Joker Drawer – President Elect Alan:** Green ticket E49 was drawn by Scott and the winner was President Elect Alan who drew the 9 of Clubs.



**Chair Jave:** Closed the meeting by toasting Rotary International and the King at 7.45pm.

### **Special Report – Ron Degenhart A Timor Natarbora House Update**

The Natarbora House Project involves 2 premises with a possibility of a 3<sup>rd</sup>.

House 1 is complete and is used primarily as a residence for volunteer medical teams working in the area.

House 2, when complete, will be used as a palliative care facility.

Building 3, should we include it in the project, is a dilapidated medical clinic, and will be used as a medical clinic.

In April 2025 I arranged for the funds held in RAWCS Project 3/2023-24 Natarbora Houses Refurbishment to be transferred to our Timor-Leste partner SABEH. The total of the funds transferred is AUD 3916.63. This will allow SABEH to purchase the materials required to continue the refurbishment of the houses during the coming dry season.

During my recent visit to Dili, I met with Dr Belo to discuss the project. Dr Belo advises that he is currently training a new group of volunteers in Natarbora.

He is planning to complete the renovations to House 2 in July. Dr Belo also advised that the organisation Timor Awakening has completed improvements to the water supply system. This means that the funds we have provided should be sufficient to complete the renovations to House 2.

Dr Belo has identified a third building in Natarbora, an old medical clinic which requires renovation. This is a possible future extension of the project. Dr Belo will inspect the property and provide further details in due course.

Natarbora is a 4-6 hour drive from Dili so I have not been able to visit the project to date. Dr Belo will provide photos as the works proceed.

**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

R S V P by 27 th June.  
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