

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?



June: - Rotary Fellowship Month

Edition 46 – 11th of June 2026

Welcome message from President Alan

Last week we visited the Copper String Experience instead of our usual gathering at the Cutheringa Bowls Club.

Copperstring Western is a project that has been in and out of the media since, well, honestly, I can't remember when.

Many of us will recall John O'Brien speaking to the club a number of years ago about the project. John was one of the principal architects of the project that has been described as "Shovel Ready" for years.

It was good hearing from those involved rather than the media reports. Technical topics are enormously difficult to convey with adequate time and impossible in a 60 second media bite.

That said, this is an exciting project, that for my money is 30 if not 40 years later than it should have been. Better late than never!

Personally, I would like to thank Pru, Christie, Paul and Keely at the "Copperstring Experience" for taking the time to make us feel welcome and to update us on the state of play with this significant infrastructure project.

I would also like to thank Graham Stephens and Jim Morrison for pushing for this wonderful interaction. Also, to John Hall for his assistance in bringing this visit to fruition.

Personally, I think a revisit in 12 months or so would be more than worthwhile.

Following the meeting, twenty of us adjourned to the Capitol Regan's Restaurant on Flinders Street East. If nothing else, it was a refreshing change.

This week we are back at Cutheringa Bowls Club. The following week, we have the "Animal Kingdom" visit. Currently I can't recall the details except, I know that I will be missing that due to a motorsport commitment. I'm sure Vocational Director, Karl McKenzie will update everyone ahead of time.

I suspect that Muddy will be wondering what is going on with us having three out of four weeks where we aren't at the Bowls club.

Quick update on the Field Days. I'm given the understanding that the attendance was in excess of \$4,000 patrons. That is impressive.

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Program & Coming Events

Date	Speaker/Facilitator/Topic Event	Venue
11 th June	Townsville Grammar Interact Club	Cutheringa Bowls Club
18 th June	Animal Kingdom – Site Visit	18 Castling Street, West End
25 th June	NQ Conservation Council – Luna	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
11 th June	R <u>Degenhart</u>	P Gordon	I Jones	J Morrison	P Kaye	B Muguira
18 th June	P Kaye	P Gordon	N/A	M Day	K McKenzie	D Price
25 th June	J Morrison	P Gordon	S Smith	I Corney	I Jones	G Kenna

Last Meeting, Facts & Figures for 4th June

Total Member Count: 41
Number Used for Attendance: 40
Leave of Absence: 0
Exempt Members: Nil
Honorary Members: 1 Tony Wode
Members Present: 20
Total Credits for Last Week: 5
Percentage Attendance Meeting: 62.500%
Apologies: A Ferfolja, R Lacaze, J Beutel, K Lee, T Leow, P Kaye, A Bosch, M Whitworth, I Corney
Visiting Rotarians: Nil
Club Guests: Nil
Guests: Annette Nelson (A Nelson), Judy Holmes (P Holmes), Brydget Barker- Hudson (G Stephens), Shan Delany (K Davis)

Important Dates – 1st June – 14th June

Member Birthdays

Nil

Spouse/Partner Birthdays

Robyn Andrews (N Andrews) – 2nd June
 Dorothy Stephens (G Stephens) – 6th June
 Patricia Day (M Day) – 9th June

Wedding Anniversaries

Alan & Annette Nelson (25 years) – 1st June
 Daniel P & Rooka R (4 years) – 5th June

Rotary Membership Anniversaries

Nil

Takings for 4th June

Registration	\$0.00
Sergeant	\$0.00
Donations	Nil
Raffle	\$0.00
Joker	\$0.00 - (Joker Jackpot \$222.80)

“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.

JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH





I'm also given to understand that exhibitors are keen for 2028.

This year's event, in the immortal words of Katrina Davis, was about restoring the trust of exhibitors. Mission accomplished.

That is more than enough from me, so stay amazing, generous and kind.

Alan

Save the Dates

Townsville Rotary Market Roster

14 th June	Willows Markets	Helper
21 st June	Willows Markets	Assistant Co-ordinator
28 th June	Willows Markets	Co-ordinator

Co-ordinator & Assistant: 6am – 12pm

Helper: 6.30am – 12pm

Contact D Nutt – 0408 897 152 For Market Volunteering

BBQ Dates

14 th June – Sunday	Domain Bunnings
27 th June - Saturday	Snooze BBQ

Contact B Barber – 0418 759 019 for Bunnings Volunteering

Toy Stall Dates

25 th July – Saturday	Fairfield Shopping Centre
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Contact P Kaye – 0407 657 564 for Toy Stall Volunteering

Rotary Club of Mundingburra's Changeover – 4th of July



**MUNDINGBURRA'S
CHANGEOVER**

Lucky Door Prize & Raffle on the Night.

Please also advise of any Dietary Requirements

CREATE LASTING IMPACT

Let's Welcome President Sue in with Style!

WHEN: Saturday 4th of July
WHERE: Cutheringa Bowls Club
 8 Harold Street, West End
TIME: 5.30pm for a 6.00pm start
DRESS: Gentleman—Tie, short or long sleeve shirt & slacks.
 Ladies—Smart Casual
COST: \$40pp
RSVP: 21st of June
katanya.lee@carter-spencer.com.au

A Century of Service – Let's Celebrate!

The Rotary Club of Townsville is proud to be celebrating an incredible milestone in 2026 - 100 years of service to our community. For a century, our members have worked together to support local initiatives, strengthen our community, and contribute to the global mission of Rotary International.

To mark this historic occasion, we're hosting a Centenary Gala Ball & Fundraiser, an evening to celebrate the past, present, and future of Rotary in Townsville.

Saturday, 17 October 2026

 Rotary Club of Townsville – 100 Year Gala Ball & Fundraiser

This special night will bring together Rotarians, community members, partners, and friends to celebrate 100 years of impact while raising funds to support important community and humanitarian projects.

Expect a memorable evening of celebration, connection, and generosity as we honour the legacy of those who built our club and look ahead to the next century of service.

 For enquiries: admin@tcep.com.au

 Save the date and stay tuned for more details about tickets, entertainment, and how you can be part of this once-in-a-century celebration.

#RotaryTownsville #Rotary100 #ServiceAboveSelf
 #TownsvilleCommunity #RotaryInternational

District Changeover



Rotary Cairns Sunrise  **Rotary District 9560** 

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR
 ROTARY CLUB OF CAIRNS SUNRISE
35TH ANNIVERSARY

Changeover Lunch

At this one special event we will honour the achievements of President Brent Kelly, as he then hands over the reins to Incoming President Nauman Abbasi for 2026-2027. Acknowledge the outstanding leadership of District Governor Greg Marlow and recognise our own Rita Zappulla as she is inducted as District Governor for Rotary District 9560.

21 JUNE 2026 : 11:30 - 3.30PM

THE BLUEWATER
 7 HARBOUR DR, TRINITY PARK QLD 4879

TICKETS: \$80 PER PERSON
INCLUDES TWO COURSE BUFFET LUNCH
\$5 FROM EVERY TICKET GOES TO POLIOPLUS AS A WORLD'S GREATEST MEAL

SCAN ME

District Governor-Elect Rita Zappulla is a proud member of the Rotary Club of Cairns Sunrise, where she made history as the club's first female President. To mark a very special milestone, DGE Rita has chosen to combine her club's 35th Anniversary celebration with the District Changeover.

Tickets are \$80 per person, which includes a two-course buffet lunch.

As part of the event, \$5 from every ticket will be donated to The Rotary Foundation's PolioPlus program as a World's Greatest Meal fundraiser—helping Rotary continue the fight to end polio.



Rotary Club of Townsville Saints Changeover

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Townsville Saints, you and your members are cordially invited to attend our Annual Handover Luncheon on **Saturday 27th of June** at the Rockpool Pavilion Restaurant, 54 Howlett Street, North Ward.

This event is very much a celebration of our Club's fantastic efforts over the past 12 months in supporting our community, an opportunity to thank our President Lousie and her Board, and to welcome the Incoming Board.

The Luncheon will commence at 12 noon with the dress theme: White with a splash of **pink!** You will enjoy a luncheon and welcome drink in the beautiful surrounds overlooking the Rockpool and Cleveland Bay, an entry into the Lucky Door draw and a visit (or two!) to the "Past President's Lolly Bar"!

Tickets are \$40 per person; available for purchase until Sunday 14th of June via Trybooking:
<https://www.trybooking.com/DMDDX>.

Thanking you in advance, we do hope you can join us!

Meeting Notes

Located on Stanley Street, Townsville City, The Copperstring Experience Centre provides an engaging education hub for visitors of all ages.

You will be immersed in the project through eight educational zones with interactive hands-on exhibits. Discover the history of energy in Queensland, learn more about the Copperstring project and uncover the important roles the North West Minerals Province and renewable energy will play in Queensland's energy future.



Members and guests gathered at 5:45 outside the center as our visit was outside of normal opening hours.

Powerlink staff members Pru, Paul, Keely and Christie were on hand to welcome us to the Experience Centre.



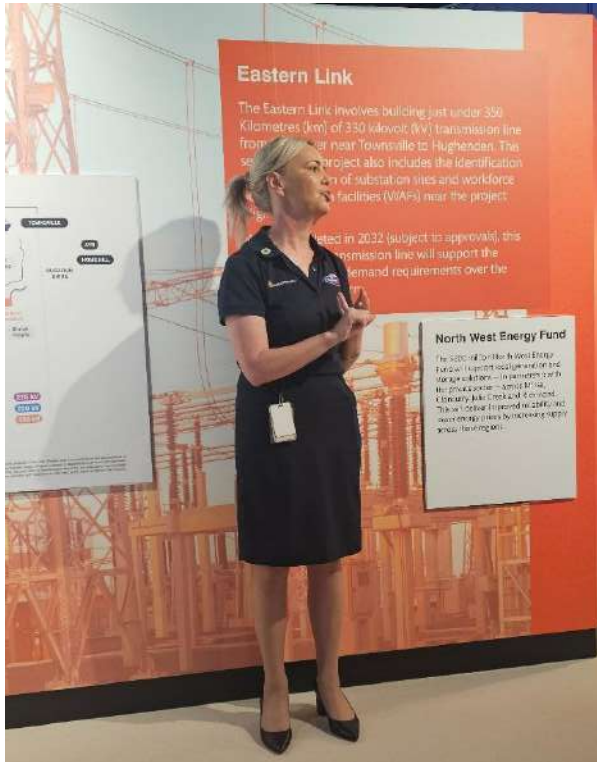
Pru commenced the formal presentations with a general welcome and summary of the function of the Centre. The Centre is here to help students and the community to understand the Copperstring Project. It was opened on the 1st of September 2024 and has since welcomed over 7,000 guests.



Following recent government reviews, the Copperstring Project is being handed over to the Queensland Investment Corporation (QIC) for overall responsibility to run in conjunction with Powerlink.



It has been decided that the Townsville to Hughenden section will be the first to be built. This will link the renewable energy hub in Hughenden to Townsville and the eastern grid, thus providing a quicker return on investment from the original plans to commence on the western sections.



The capacity has been downgraded from 500kv to 330kv. The western sections will be 220kv. This is a significant cost saving for the project as it was identified that the 500kv capacity would not be required for many years.

Christie continued with the formal presentation.



The project has commenced in Hughenden because many of the required approvals were in place. The work will proceed towards Townsville. Hughenden will be the heart of the Copperstring workforce for some time.

Due to the change in construction sequence from the western sectors to the eastern sectors, a \$200 million Northwest Energy Fund has been established to assist projects in the northwest minerals zone to commence or operate in the short term.



The Workforce Accommodation Facility (WAF) in Hughenden is nearing completion and will accommodate 450 workers.



Copperstring provides Community Grants and Sponsorships in the associated communities in the Copperstring corridor. Katrina asked is sponsorship could include events such as the NQ Field Days. Christie advised that that would be possible and that Copperstring had provided such sponsorship to the Richmond Field Days.



Powerlink has also conducted a very successful Supplier Capability Development Program to develop local business expertise. It has also conducted extensive community consultations. It is important to ensure that such a large project does not overwhelm or disrupt the small communities and leaves a positive legacy.



President Alan thanked our hosts, Pru, Christie, Paul and Keely for such an excellent and comprehensive presentation.



Alan then detailed the arrangements for dinner of Flinders Street East.

Congratulations!! NQ Field Days – Toy Stall Raffle

Judy and Cameron Brown were the winners of the NQ Field Days Toy Stall Raffle .

Winning Ticket was Black A23.

A very happy Judy with her Prize.

