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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 46 – 29th May 2025

Topic - Vinh Son Orphanages, Vietnam - Derek Smith

President Elect Message

Dear Mundingburrans,

Last meeting we we treated to an excellent and insightful presentation from our own Karl McKenzie. Karl spoke on the vexed topic of raised boys to be good men. In the process he scotched the Hollywood myth of the warrior. The topic of rites of passage is very much part of this.

In doing in doing so, he set us homework to observe how young men are current depicted in films and television programs.

Thank you, Karl, for a job well done.

This month's Rotary Down Under (RDU) advised of a Rotary Australia first, if not a world first. It is the establishment the Rotary Australia Environmental Trust for the Environment (RATE) under the umbrella of Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS).

This should prove to be a game changer going forward. I won't rehash the article here. I do encourage everyone to have a look at each months RDU as it is a great way to broaden Rotary horizons.

Health update: Peter is waiting to see a specialist medical practitioner. We are optimistic that this will happen sooner rather than later.

Greg was discharged from hospital following recent his operation. He is still on the mend.

No doubt we all wish them well and a speedy recovery.

Take care,
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 or text to 0409 536 169 by 10 am on Mondays.

Date	Chair	Registration	Sergeant	Scribe	Intro	Thanks
29 th May	TBA	P Gordon	R Lacaze	G Kenna	TBA	J Morrison
12 th June	K Lee	P Gordon	I Jones	J Beutel	J Morrison	B Mugira
19 th June	J Beutel	P Gordon	S Smith	L Svanosio	K Davis	R Lacaze
26 th June	I Jones	P Gordon	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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: 23
Total Credits for Last Week: 3
Percentage Attendance for Last Meeting: 61.9%
Apologies: G Kenna, L Svanosio, N Andrews, J Beutel, J Ramage, P Holmes, R & S Tardiani, A Ferolja, W Haller, P Kaye
Visiting Rotarians: Nil
Club Guests: Mahoud Hassen, Josh Mason, Luke Mason
Guests: Nil

Important Dates – 25th to 31st May

Member Birthdays

Miriam Whitworth – 28th May

Spouse/Partner Birthdays

Nil

Wedding Anniversaries

Nil

Rotary Membership Anniversaries

Bill Mugira 25th May – 36 Years

Takings

Registration	\$455.00
Sergeant	\$61.30
Raffle	\$46.00
Joker	\$68.00 (Joker Jackpot \$509.10)

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

Program & Coming Events

Date	Speaker/Facilitator/Topic Event	Venue
March	<i>May: Theme - Youth Service Month</i>	
29 th May	Vinh Son Orphanages, Vietnam - Derek Smith w/ Mr. Tim McKee OAM	Cutheringa Bowls Club
5 th Jun	No Meeting due to Words Greatest Meal night.	
7 th June	Worlds Greatest Meal	40 Mango Ave, Aitkenvale
12 th June	Bees North	Cutheringa Bowls Club
19 th June	Verve Men's Clinic - Dr Jonathan (Johnny) Fenton & Our Birthday	Cutheringa Bowls Club
5 th July	Changeover Night	Cutheringa Bowls Club

Townsville Rotary Market Roster

				Sunday 11 th May	Bunning Domain
				Saturday 31 st May	Bunnings Domain

BBQ Dates

“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

Chair Ian Jones opened the meeting at 6:30 with 4 Way test.



Chair Ian Jones

Phil introduced our guests:

- Guest speaker is our own Karl McKenzie
- Mahoud Hassen – guest of Brydget
- Luke Mason – The Battle Initiative – guest of Karl
- Josh Mason – The Battle Initiative – guest of Karl



Phil Gordon – Registration officer

Acting President Alan

Alan proceeded to provide some health updates on members. Peter Kaye is having issues with heart rhythm and is at home resting. Greg Luckel has had gall bladder surgery ('ripped out' according to Alan). Arlin B was to have hip surgery today, but surgery was cancelled due to a contamination issue in the operating theatre.



President Elect – Alan

Members then proceeded to Dinner.

Guest Speaker – Karl McKenzie

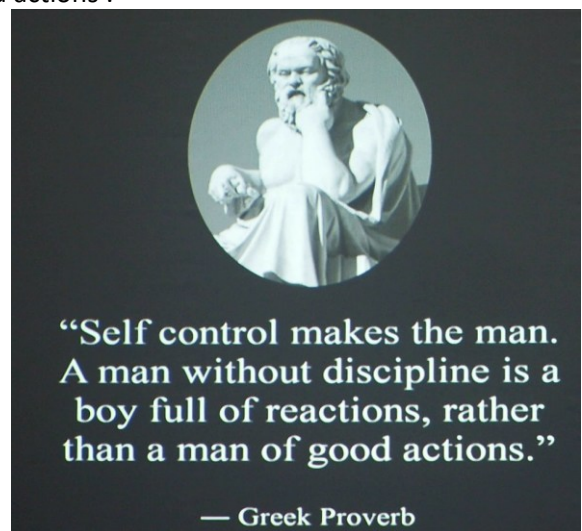
Michael Day introduced our guest speaker, member Karl McKenzie from the Townsville Justice Group. Karl commenced by stating that this presentation usually takes an hour so he will be doing an abbreviated version.

Karl spoke about the **Warrior Code**. The Hollywood version of a Warrior is unfortunately misleading. Warrior refers to a level of manhood, not a soldier.

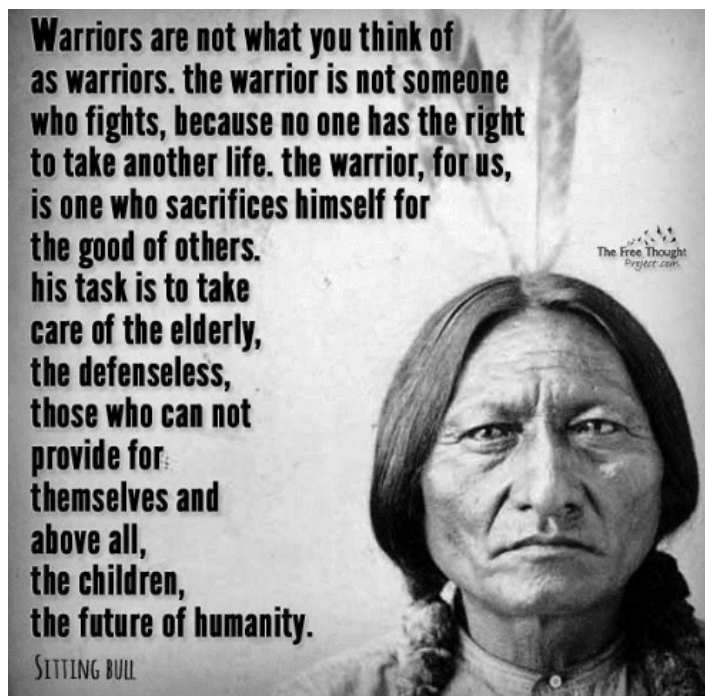


Karl McKenzie

Being a Warrior is all about self-control and maturity. It is ancient wisdom across cultures. Karl referred to the Greek Proverb - 'Self-control makes the man. A man without discipline is a boy full of reactions, rather than a man of good actions'.



Karl used a graph to illustrate the different patterns of maturation between boys and girls. Boys require some form of initiation, training, or mentoring from a male role model around the ages 13-14 which can result in a steep jump in maturity. Karl spoke of the initiation he undertook with his sons which involved leaving them alone in the bush for 5 days every month over a 12-month period. The boys are presented with a ceremonial knife which indicates that you are now a man who can provide for your community.



restoration of House 2 to be undertaken during July. Dr Belo is currently training a new group of volunteers to do this work. Once completed, House 2 will be used as a palliative care facility. Dr Belo has identified a third building, a dilapidated medical clinic, which may be suitable to be restored and used as a medical clinic. This may be an addition to the project. Dr Belo will do more investigations and let me know.

Jan Johnson – The Grammar Interact students expressed their thanks to the club for the donation of clothes. Thank you for your support of the Umoja Orphanage in Kenyo. Raffle tickets are still available, please see Jan. We will be assisting the Interact students with a BBQ at the Grammar Fair, not sure of the date.

Ian Corney – The next Toy Stall will be held at Fairfield Central Shopping Centre on Saturday 31st May. Due to PK's illness help will be required for the morning setup starting at 8:00, and afternoon pack up at around 4:00pm.

Brydget Barker-Hudson – Thanked the club for the flowers sent during her recent hospitalisation. They lasted about two weeks.

Bill Barber – Thanks to the club members who assisted to dismantle the old flying fox at the Bluewater Guides before Christmas. The new footings have been poured, and the new flying fox will be in operation soon.

Sergeant Bill B – Fines for, who didn't read the Spinifex? National Volunteers Week – who did a good deed? Changeover on 5th July – what is the theme? World's Greatest Meal on 7th June – what is the address? 40 Mango Ave Mundingburra. The general level of ignorance allowed the collection of some useful funds.

Wine Raffle

The wine raffle was won by Michael D and Brydget B-H.

Acting President Alan made his closing remarks, again thanking Karl for his interesting presentation, and referring to his own 'rite of passage' which involved learning to sail solo in bad weather.

The Joker opportunity went to Ron D who picked the Jack of Spades, one off the Joker.

Meeting closed around 7:40.

How to be a Warrior

A Warrior.

- 01- Is brave in heart and strong in mind, spirit, and Culture.
- 02- Is the protector of his family and community.
- 03- Doesn't hurt all that he loves, including family, community, culture and country.
- 04- Protects and promotes his culture proudly but respects the culture of others.
- 05- Provides for his family and community.
- 06- Stands with his brothers but is also prepared to stand alone.
- 07- Is confident and positive.
- 08- Inspires others to be there best.
- 09- Leads by example.
- 10- Keeps his word.
- 11- Respects all, even his adversary.
- 12- Is loyal, but also expects it from others.
- 13- Is trustworthy; even puts his needs second, rather than break someone's trust.
- 14- Stands up for the weak.
- 15- Is humble not boastful
- 16- Is a role model for others.
- 17- Is wise but always seeks the wisdom of others.
- 18- Treats his body with respect.
- 19- Does not let fear stop him from doing what is right.
- 20- Respects all Elders.

Fulfil your destiny and become a warrior today.

Karl used the analogy of driving on a bush track vs driving on a highway; once you pull onto the highway there are rules which must be obeyed.

Questions from Jim B, Arlin B, and Katrina D allowed Karl to expand on some of the concepts.

Ian Jones proposed a vote of thanks.

Reports

Ron Degenhart provided an update on the Natarbora Houses project in Timor-Leste. Funds from the RAWCS account have been transferred to SABEH to allow the

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 7th 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
6.00 for 6.30 pm



Dress Code
Cocktail

CUTHERINGA BOWLS CLUB

8 Harold St, West End

R S V P by 27 th June.

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