



**Munding**  
an Aboriginal word  
meaning Spinifex or  
Long Grass

**Burra**  
meaning People or Tribe

The origin of the  
Townsville suburb  
Mundingburra



## RI President

Holger Knaack

## District 9550 Governor

Merewyn Wright

## Advance Australia Fair

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

## "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?

## "Rotary Fellowships Month"

### Spinifex Edition "47" - 17 June 2021

"No Meeting"

## President's Report

Hi Fellow Rotarians

What a great meeting last week! We had Jeff, the CEO of The Townsville Chamber, speak to us about the Chamber's activities. He spoke about the insurance issues that North Queensland face and the lobbying to the Federal Government the Chamber is doing around this. It was a very interesting talk and I must comment on the very high quality of guest speakers we have had during the year. Thanks to the people who arrange this and a special thanks to John Hall who has helped with arranging speakers.

This week we don't have a normal Thursday night club meeting but are having a Trivia night on Friday night at St. Mathews Hall on Ross River Rd. I hope everyone has got their tickets as it looks like it will be a great night. Plenty of prizes and lots of fun is guaranteed.

Don't forget that our Club Changeover is happening on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July at the RSL. Jan has been putting a bit of work into this and looks like it will be a memorable meeting to start Ryan's year. The club is also putting together a couple of tables at the District Changeover which is happening on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July. If you haven't got your tickets, please get them soon!

Could I ask that everyone read the Spinifex in regard to the jobs they have been allocated. For the meetings to run smoothly everyone in the club needs to do a small job occasionally. It may be introducing or thanking a guest speaker, being scribe, chair or being on the door, you will be rostered occasionally and it is up to you to check if you are on the roster. If you cannot do the job, please ask someone else to do it.

Rotary Club of Sunrise is asking us to help sell tickets for their \$100,000 prize raffle. Please consider buying a ticket or putting together a group to buy a ticket or two. We do share in the profits according to the number of tickets we have sold.

Our main fundraisers are the Rotary Markets and The Bunnings sausage sizzle. We are always looking for volunteers so if you could help Bill or David please let them know.

I would like to finish up with my thought of the week:

"I don't trust stairs, they're always up to something."

Have a great week

Pres. Shane



## Last Week in Review

### Opening

Chairman Scott Hunter opened the meeting with club members providing a stirring and patriotic version of the National Anthem followed by Rotary Grace to open the meeting. I must note, we had no IT to follow the bouncing ball of the words.



### Welcome

Registration Officer Trevor Philipson extended a warm welcome to our guest speaker Ross McLennan.



### President Shane's Opening Report

You would have noticed the President's weekly report was missing from the Spinifex, still looking. The white substance in the QLD's dressing room after the State of Origin match, it was a try line! Welcome to Ross and look forward to hearing about what the Townsville Chamber of Commerce (TCC) is doing now.

### Guest Speaker

Chairman Scott Hunter introduced our guest speaker Ross McLennan CEO Townsville Chamber of Commerce. Firstly, Ross thanked the club and Shane for the invitation to speak to Mundingburra Rotary Club. The Townsville Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1882 and is 139yrs old, which is older than Queensland. TCC was involved in some of the

early talks of Federation, it gone through ups and downs and pandemics. Ross spoke of the importance of Rotary and Lions clubs and the good connection it has with TCC.

TCC has a highly active board members, also with volunteer board of ten with small to large business experience. Tonight, Ross wanted to talk TCC involvement into insurance issues in North Queensland and the stifling effect it has had on business and homeowners in NQ. In December 2020, the ACCC handed down their report about insurance affordability in Northern Australia. The detail in the report was spars and nothing that NQ did not know. The thing that TCC stressed to Canberra was insurance is an essential service and there was a market failure of an essential service in Northern Australia.

TCC approached the insurance and broking industry in Northern Australia as they received a scathing attack in the ACCC report. We highlighted to them the principle of insurance to cover the one or two who cannot afford insurance. In Australia \$64 Billion dollars' worth of insurance are written every year, with insurance industries making about \$12 Billion dollars. TCC argued with government to intervene in a market that failed and came up with four solutions and recommendations.



The reinsurance pool is just one of four recommendations we included in our budget submission. The Townsville Chamber has said all along that just one of these recommendations may not be enough to fix this complex issue. We will continue to advocate for the best outcomes for our region.

While three of our recommendations are predominantly federal issues, there is a role that the state government can play. Now is a great opportunity to review all taxes on this essential service, especially considering \$64.6m was collected by stamp duty from North Queensland home, contents, and strata policies in the 2018-2019 financial year. The structure of the reinsurance pool will determine the environment for how much competition re-enters the marketplace, but from what I have heard this week, there is already a movement.

## Last Week in Review

Another recommendation was a national insurer for baseline services, like your health care system. It would provide a baseline system for house and contents insurance at a national average. The fourth recommendation was around the fees and charges that are required to keep your insurance premium. Ross spoke earlier about the 5% terrorism charge on your current insurance, risk ratings are low in North Queensland and insurers should not charge GST or stamp duty on the policy it should be a flat fee.

Ross spoke about the "go local rollout" and the procurement expo at Murray Sports complex for small and medium businesses. The TCC has released a podcast, available on Spotify, and if you're really interested in the reinsurance pool we have interviewed some guys from the insurance industry that are available on the podcast.

John Hall thanked Ross for an informative insight into what Townsville Chambers of Commerce doing in 2021.

### Directors Reports

**Secretary** - Jim Baker stated, Shane's board meeting last Tuesday was his final one for the year. Do not forget to pay your subs. We will connect again with the National Youth Science Forum in 2021. Peter Kaye in Sydney, be back next week in time for trivia night. Remember no meeting next week and drivers required for cancer council bus. Katrina and Shan provided the board with an update on the ICE Project.

Bill Barber - Bunnings Sausage sizzle coordinator still looking for more volunteers for Sunday 13 Jun 21.

John Hall - Please look at volunteering for shifts for Bunnings as it a great fund raiser for the club. The district conference will be at Longreach in 2022/23. Katrina Davis provided the club an update on the ICE Project and how more school were hoping on board.



## Sergeant Session - Bill Barber



- Dorothy Stephens birthday
- Blues supporters from State of Origin fine
- Kat and Kat difference?
- What happened 10 June 1908? The invalid and old age Pension Act for over 65yrs
- France lost to Australia in Rugby League

### Raffle draw

Red wine, red ticket T08 - winner Scott Hunter  
White wine, green ticket A64 - winner Alan Nelson

### Presidents Closing Remarks



President Shane thanked Ross McLennan CEO TCC again and reminded members no meeting next week. He warned that Team Smith is in white hot form for the trivia night. Club shirts available soon, change overnight is 01 Jul for Ryan. Please support the Sunrise Rotary club raffle a host of great prizes. The "Cane Knife" is in transit from South Australia? And please volunteer, when possible, for the Rotary Markets and Bunning's sausage sizzles.

## Last Week in Review

**Joker Jackpot** - Kat Lee with ticket Yellow H10 picked 8 spades, jackpot rolls over to next meeting.



## 2021 Mundingburra Changeover



Please bring your partner to welcome President Ryan.

Date: Thursday July the 1st

Time: 6:00 for 6:30

Venue: RSL

RSVP: [rotarymundingburra@outlook.com](mailto:rotarymundingburra@outlook.com)

by 28th of June



## Trivia and Treasure

Timor-Leste Flood Appeal  
Fundraiser Target \$3,000

**Featuring:**

- ❖ Trivia teams of six
- ❖ Silent Auction
- ❖ Live Auction
- ❖ Lucky Door
- ❖ Raffles
- ❖ Prizes
- ❖ Credit Card Facility
- ❖ BYO Nibbles & Drinks

**When:** 6.30 pm Friday 18 June 2021  
**Where:** St. Matthews Church Hall, Rising Sun  
**Entry:** \$15.00  
**RSVP:** 11 June to [pkavel@bigpond.com](mailto:pkavel@bigpond.com)



# Board of Directors

**President:** Shane Smith  
**Secretary:** Robyn Jones  
**Past President:** Sue Lloyd

**President-Elect:** Ryan Lacaze  
**Treasurer:** Aloisia Ferfolja

<u>Club Administration</u>	<u>Service Projects</u>
<b>Director</b> Ryan Lacaze	<b>Director</b> Peter Kaye
Bulletin Editor Peter Kaye	Community Service Committee Bill Barber
Publisher Trish Harley	Dave Dymock
Program Co-ordinator Ryan Lacaze	Bill Muguira
Duty Roster Co-Ordinator Ryan Lacaze	Jim Baker
Attendance Officer Jan Johnson	Trevor Philipson
Registration Desk Officer Trevor Philipson	Chris Heath
Provider (set up & pack up) Bill Muguira	Margaret Devete
Historian Graham Stephens	Scott Hunter
Sergeant at Arms Bill Barber	
John Hall	International Service Committee
Alan Nelson	
Jim Foley	Schools Coordinator Jan Johnson
Jackie Ramage	Bunnings BBQ Coordinator Katanya Lee
Peter Holmes	Markets Coordinator David Nutt
Risk Management & Club Kevin Strike	Golf Day Coordinator Graeme Kenna
Protection	Trivia Night Coordinator Scott Hunter
Club Trainer Jan Johnson	<b>Youth Services</b>
Member Services Aloisia Ferfolja	<b>Director</b> Myles McKenzie
Jan Johnson	Committee Katanya Lee
Graham Stephens	Aloisia Ferfolja
	Alan Nelson
	Graham Stephens
	Peter Kaye
	Claudia Trave
	Shan Delany
<b>Rotary Foundation</b>	
<b>Director</b> Neil Andrews	
Committee Mohammed Shorab	
Shane Smith	
Margaret Devete	
Alan Nelson	
	<b>Membership</b>
	<b>Director</b> Sue Tardiani
	Committee Ron Degenhart
	Dave Dymock
	Wayne Haller
	Graeme Kenna
	Robert Tardiani
<b>Public Relations</b>	
<b>Director</b> Claudia Trave	
Committee Graeme Kenna	
Wayne Haller	
Social Media Coordinator Ron Degenhart	
	<b>Vocational</b>
	<b>Director</b> Graeme Kenna
	Committee Neil Andrews
	Scott Hunter
<b>International Service</b>	
<b>Director</b> Jan Johnson	

### District 9550 & Group 3 Officers from Rotary Club of Mundingburra

District Governor Nominee	John Hall
Vice District Governor	Ron Degenhart
Membership District Chair	Ron Degenhart
Company Secretary	Robert Tardiani
District Insurance & Protection Officer	Kevin Strike
Zone 8 Insurance & Protection Committee Chair	Peter Kaye
District Rotary Friendship Exchange Chair	Jan Johnson
District Conference Coordinator	Robert Tardiani
Group 3 ARH Representative	Alan Nelson



### Rotary Club of Mundingburra Past Presidents

1958	J. Charles Butler PDG	1978	George Kimlin	2000/01	John Blood
1958/59	Fred Greig	1979/80	John Switzer	2001/02	Trevor Philipson
1959/60	Jack McLay	1980/81	George Rice	2002/03	Shane Smith
1960/61	Dick Keating	1981/82	John Hartland	2003/04	Ron Degenhart
1961/62	Gordon McHugh	1982/83	John Le Cornu	2004/05	Vince Nielsen
1962/63	Kevin King	1983/84	Darcy Cooke	2005/06	Bob Doyle
1963/64	Bill Miller	1984/85	Reg Stortenbecker	2006/07	Fred Gillham
1964/65	Bert Hanran	1985/86	Charles Zahner	2007/08	Neil Andrews
1965/66	Stan Strange PDG	1986/87	Allan Cummings	2008/09	Brad Groves
1966/67	Cec Denman	1987/88	Graham Weir	2009/10	Ray Hatton
1967/68	Arthur Hopkins	1988/89	David Carmichael	2010/11	Ray Pendle
1968/69	Ellis Frost	1989/90	Bill Kennedy	2011/12	Ron Degenhart PDG
1969/70	Norm Clibborn	1990/91	Laurie Quinlan	2012/13	John Hall
1970/71	Bill Barber Snr	1991/92	Graham Stephens	2013/14	Jim Foley
1971/72	Reg Watkins	1992/93	Peter Kaye PDG	2014/15	Graeme Kenna
1972/73	Keith Christensen	1993/94	Geoff Maidens	2015/16	Paul Barker-Hudson
1973/74	Allan Cutmore	1994/95	Bill Muguira	2016/17	Jim Baker
1974/75	Pat O'Shea	1995/96	Bob Shaw	2017/18	Alan Nelson
1975/76	Hollis Parker	1996/97	Bill Barber	2018/19	Miriam Owato
1976/77	Alex Stuart	1997/98	Steve Ritchie	2019/20	Sue Lloyd
1977/78	George Kimlin	1998/99	Ian Weller		
1978	Ian Costello	1999/00	Doug McDonald		

### Rotary Clubs of Area 3 Meeting Times and Venues

<u>MUNDINGBURRA</u> Thursday 6 for 6.30 pm Townsville RSL Club	<u>MAGNETIC ISLAND</u> Tuesday 6.00 for 6.15 pm Contact Club for Venue	<u>PORT OF TOWNSVILLE</u> Monday 6.00 for 6.30 pm Tom's Tavern	<u>ROSS RIVER</u> Tuesday 5.30 for 6.00 pm Tom's Tavern
<u>TOWNSVILLE</u> Tuesday 12.30 for 1.00 pm Cowboys Leagues Club	<u>TOWNSVILLE SUNRISE</u> Friday 7.00 am Fish Inn	<u>TOWNSVILLE DAYBREAK</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday 6.45 am Mercure Inn	<u>TOWNSVILLE CENTRAL</u> Friday 12.30 for 1.00 pm Townsville RSL Club
<u>THURINGOWA CENTRAL</u> Wednesday 6 for 6.30 pm Toms Tavern	<u>TOWNSVILLE SAINTS</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 6.30 am Selectability	<u>AYR</u> Thursday 6.15 for 6.30 pm ANZAC Memorial Club	<u>HINCHINBROOK</u> Wednesday 6.00 for 6.30 pm Royal Hotel
	<u>HOME HILL</u> Tuesday 6.15 for 6.30 pm Malpass Hotel	<u>CHARTERS TOWERS</u> Tuesday 6.30 for 7 pm Park Hotel	