

Spinifex



Rotary Club of Mundingburra Inc.

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Club ID Number 17739, District 9560

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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 47 – 18th of June 2026

Welcome message from President Alan

Before I launch into discussing last week's meeting, I would like to tell you all about changes to our meeting program as this Rotary year draws to a close and the new year begins.

Firstly, we have a visit to Animal Kingdom instead of our usual meeting. This will be at 18 Castling Street, West End. We will be gathering at 5.45pm for a 6pm start. Karl won't be there, but Mason will be directing traffic instead.

Secondly, there is no meeting on Thursday the 2nd of July due to the Changeover on Saturday the 4th of July.

Thirdly, and importantly, there will be no meeting on Thursday the 9th of July as this marks the first anniversary of the passing of PDG Robert Tardiani. Understandably, PE Sue would like to spend that evening in the company of her family. Sude is also keen to preside over the club's first meeting of her Presidency. All perfectly understandable.

This provides a perfect segue to the visit from the Townsville Grammar School Interact Club accompanied by their wonderful senior school teacher/coordinator, Sandra Hughes.

These wonderful young people outlined the projects their club have taken on. These included birthing kits and a food drive for Oz Harvest.

The jewel in their fund-raising crown was the Colour Rush they ran last year that netted over \$4,000. Needless to say this will happen again in August.

The Interact Club was a passion project of Robert Tardiani for a long while, resulting in a great relationship between our club and theirs, which is very much more than sponsorship. Thanks to Sandra Hughes, Ron Degenhart and Jan Johnson for keeping the connection so vibrant.

Friday last week saw the official inauguration of the Townsville Special Olympics Club.

This is the tenth in Queensland and covers the Herber-Burdekin and Gold Field areas surrounding Townsville. This club has been created by the extraordinary energy and drive of Beverley Knowles. It is a measure of Beverley's drive and determination to have this all together in 12 months.

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Program & Coming Events

Date	Speaker/Facilitator/Topic Event	Venue
18 th June	Animal Kingdom – Site Visit	18 Castling Street, West End
25 th June	NQ Conservation Council – Luna	Cutheringa Bowls Club
2 nd July	NO MEETING DUE TO CHANGEOVER	N/A
4 th July	Changeover	Cutheringa Bowls Club
9 th July	NO MEETING – REMEMBRANCE OF PDG ROBERT TARDIANI	N/A

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
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
4 th July		P Gordon			N/A	N/A

Last Meeting, Facts & Figures for 11th June

Total Member Count: 41
Number Used for Attendance: 40
Leave of Absence: 0
Exempt Members: Nil
Honorary Members: 1 Tony Wode
Members Present: 23
Total Credits for Last Week: 4
Percentage Attendance Meeting: 67.500%
Apologies: A Ferfolja, J Beutel, M Whitworth, R Ramdin
Visiting Rotarians: Nil
Club Guests: Townsville Grammar Interact – Sandra Hughes (Teacher), Ethan Carter, Jasmine Wavite, Shreya Ranabhat, Nispriha Rajopadhyaya
Guests: Nil

Important Dates – 15th June – 21st June

Member Birthdays

Bill Muguira – 20th June (90 years)

Katrina Davis – 21st June

Spouse/Partner Birthdays

Nil

Wedding Anniversaries

Ian & Carolyn Corney (49 years) – 16th June

Rotary Membership Anniversaries

Greg Luckel (2 years) – 20th June

Takings for 11th June

Registration	\$195.00
Sergeant	\$57.00
Donations	Nil
Raffle	\$46.00
Joker	\$63.00 - (Joker Jackpot \$248.00)

“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





You may recall from Beverley's address to the club that this club will provide a sporting outlet and social connection for those with autism and intellectual disability.

Graeme Kenna and I were there waiving the flag for Mundingburra as we feel this is a relationship well worth cultivating. Besides, Beverley is pretty keen on joining Mundingburra as a member as she felt instantly at home with our club.

Noteworthy happenings; Saturday June 20th marks the 90th birthday of Bill Muguira! Happy Birthday Bill for Saturday.

Stay amazing, kind and generous.

Alan

Save the Dates

Townsville Rotary Market Roster

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

27 th June - Saturday	Snooze BBQ
11 th July - Saturday	Bunnings Domain
26 th July - Sunday	Bunnings Domain
8 th August - Saturday	Bunnings Domain
22 nd June - Saturday	Bunnings Domain

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

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

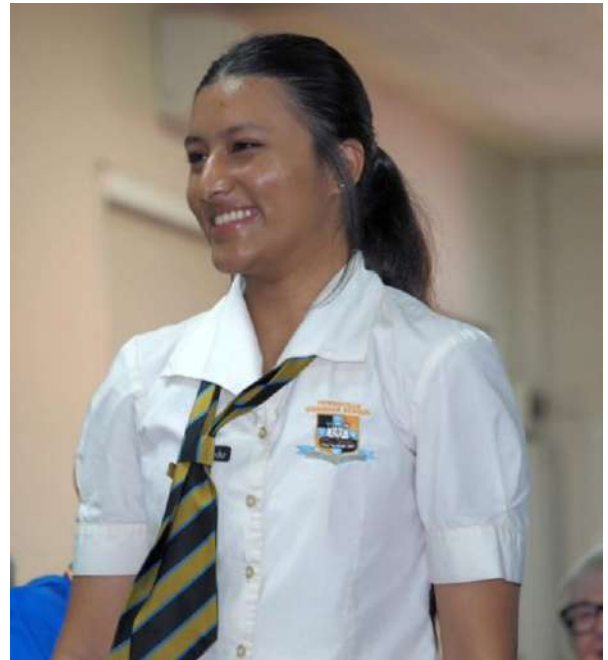
Opening:

Chair Ron Degenhart opened the meeting at 6.30pm and recited the Rotary pledge and the Four-Way test on behalf of members.

Welcome:

Phil Gordon welcomed our guests, all from Townsville Grammar School Interact Club comprising of Sandra Hughes, Head of School Supervisor and Interact Coordinator, together with Year 12 Interact Committee students:

- President – Nispriha Rajopadhyaya



- Vice-President – Jasmin Wavite



- Secretary – Shreya Ranabhat





- Treasurer – Ethan Carter



Registration Officer Phil Gordon



President's Introduction:

President Dr Alan Nelson welcomed the Townsville Grammar Interact members and presented flowers to Sandra Hughes as thanks for her ongoing time and effort stewarding the Grammar Interact Club.

Thank you Sandra for looking after our Interact Members!



He advised that as Muddy was not available to cook the meal would be pizzas.

The first scheduled meeting after Sue's Induction as 2026-2027 Club President would be the 8th of July which is the anniversary of her husband Robert's death. It was agreed after discussion that as a mark of respect and go give Sue time to be with her family, the meeting would be postponed until July 16th.

Congratulations on the Herculean effort of Bill Barber and the rest of the Field Day committee for the successful event. Well over 1,000 hours were contributed by Rotarians, almost half of whom were from Mundingburra Rotary.

Reports:

Secretary: Michael Day will circulate the draft Club Constitution and By-laws to members for comment and approval.

Secretary Michael Day



Treasurer: Neil Andrews advised that the Board had approved donation payments to several Club projects, such as \$6,500 to FEAT from the Trivia Night and \$8,000 to Rotary Foundation from members dues. **Reports from Directors for the Changeover meeting are urgently required!**

Treasurer Neil – waiting on Directors Reports! 🙄





Membership: Shane Smith urged us all to invite new members to Mundingburra Rotary.

NQ Field Days:

- Committee Chair Shane Smith noted that Mundingburra Club supplied almost half of the hours invested in the organisation of the event. The event was so well organized with the professionalism of the committee ensuring the success and likely profitability of the Field Days. (About 190 sites were filled.)

Shane Smith – Swearing to tell the Truth maybe? 😊



- Bill Barber thanked the 17 Mundingburra members and 3 Friends of Rotary who volunteered for the event (but “raspberries” for those who didn’t!). Without Volunteers for the sausage sizzles, toys, markets and Field days, the Club cannot raise the money necessary to fund our charities. If the tasks are too difficult for members the Club needs to think of something to take their place.

Is Bill Barber smiling now the Field Days are over?

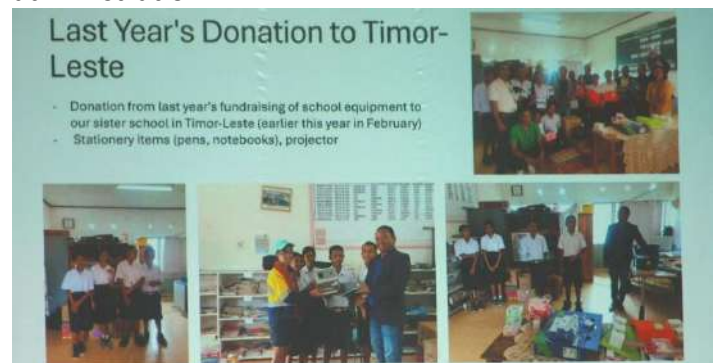


Guest Speakers – Townsville Grammar Interact Club:

Ron Degenhart introduced the Interact team who presented on “2026 Interact – Overview of current, upcoming and past Initiatives”.



Sandra introduced the Year 12 student committee which develops their own service initiatives. Their Interact Club has approximately 60 members. In February they presented their 2025 Stationary Project gift to their Sister School, Fatumasse School in remote rural Bazartete in Timor Leste. The school’s main difficulty is insufficient learning material. They have only one English Teacher, and the school only has one computer which is mainly used for administration.



Also, in February the Club service project was a Rubbish Pickup within zones near Grammar. This resulted in removal of 10 large plastic bags including a road sign and much “Macca’s” wrapping.



Sales of soft drinks and lollie’s at the swimming carnivaal raised \$400. Their current project is an



appeal for non-perishable food and have so far acquired over 1,000 items which are about to be donated to Oz Harvest. Their annual fun "Colour Rush" run will be held at Grammar on 9th of August. Last year's event raised \$500 for their Sister School. During Term 4, emphasis will be in service with the donations of Birthing Kits through the Zonta Club. Last year 200 kits were donated.

Bill Mugura gave a vote of thanks to the enthusiastic students, commenting on their wonderful work which has achieved so much.

An impressed Bill Mugura thanking the students.



Sergeant Session:

Ryan Lacaze, stand-in Sergeant, extracted fines from members including for no badges, Field Days participation, and not know obscure facts about John Wayne and Brian Wilson.

Wines were won by Katrina Davis and Bill Mugura.

President's Closing Remarks:

President Alan and Graeme Kenna plan to go to the coming Special Olympics event in Redpath Street. He was most impressed by the Interact Presentation and asked that the Rotary be notified of the dates of next year's food drive, so we have the opportunity to donate. He also commented on the problems of cooking vegan sausages at last year's Grammar BBQ.

The Field Days Committee put in a colossal effort, with over 3,000 hours being worked by 6 to 8 people. Ideas are needed for less intensive labour fund-raising activities for Sue Tardiani's year.

Joker Jackpot: Katrina also drew the winning ticket for the Joker draw, however her cut was unsuccessful with the Jack of Clubs.

Unlucky Katrina Davis!



Close of Meeting:

Chairman Ron closed the meeting with a Toast to Rotary International, noting that the next meeting will be at Animal Kingdom, 18 Castling Street, West End, not at Cutheringa Bowls Club. Mason McKenzie will attend in place of Karl.

Pictures – Don't forget there are eyes everywhere at Meetings!

Daniel Price, maybe also breathing a sigh of relief that the Field Days are over! 😊



Congratulations!! Special Olympics Inauguration

Media Throng Speaking to Politicians



Beverly Knowles thanking everyone for making this a Reality.



BBQ Shout Out!

Editor would like to extend a special thank you to Annette Nelson who filled in at short notice at the BBQ on Saturday.

Unfortunately, Michael Day took a turn and had to leave. Thankfully, we had a Doctor in the House at the time who made him seek further medical advice.

We wish you a speedy recovery Michael and hope to see you soon!