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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?

## June: Theme – Rotary Fellowship Month

Spinifex Edition 47 – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025

**Saturday 7th June World's Greatest Meal**  
**40 Mango Ave Mundingburra**

## President Elect Report

Thank you everyone for tolerating my standing in for Peter whilst he is indisposed.

Peter will be seen by his specialist on Saturday, 31 May and hopefully, this will have him on the path to being restored to his previous Vigor.

Secondly. The World's Greatest Meal is on Saturday.

*There will be no meeting at the Bowls club on Thursday 5 June as a result.*

Thanks to all who are coming. It's a fun way to raise funds for **End Polio**. Remember the theme is based on Michael McIntyre's Silent Letter day, so given some practice to pronouncing silent letters and given thought to a number of topics that make involve words with silent letters. Yes, there will be questions on the night, and fun.

Remember, 40 Mango Avenue, Mundingburra, 7 June, 6 for 6:30pm.

Thirdly. We were privileged to have Derek Smith speak us about his involvement with Montana's orphanages in Kon Tum, Vietnam. He is presently drumming up support to put in their ninth well for drinking water in the area. These cost about \$9000 all in. He has a commitment for half so far. A contribution by Mundingburra is on the agenda for the next board meeting.

Finally. David Nutt is looking people to fill shifts at the Rotary Markets. This is a major source of funds for our club. Please raised your hand for a shift or two.

Have a splendiferous week.

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
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Off site Meeting for END POLIO					
12 <sup>th</sup> June	K Lee	P Gordon	I Jones	J Beutel	J Morrison	B Muguira
19 <sup>th</sup> June	J Beutel	P Gordon	S Smith	L Svanosio	K Davis	R Lacaze
26 <sup>th</sup> 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:** 2  
**Percentage Attendance for Last Meeting:** 59.52%  
**Apologies:** G Kenna, C Langeluddecke, J Beutel, R Degenhart, L Svanosio, K Davis, S Hansen, R & S Tardina, N Andrews, A Ferfolja, P Kaye, J Baker.  
**Visiting Rotarians:** T Mckee,  
**Club Guests:** D Smith, G Wilson  
**Guests:** A Carter, Brendan Carter, S Luckel,

### Important Dates – 25<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May

**Member Birthdays**  
 Miriam Whitworth – 28<sup>th</sup> May  
**Spouse/Partner Birthdays**  
 Nil  
**Wedding Anniversaries**  
 Nil  
**Rotary Membership Anniversaries**  
 Bill Muguira 25<sup>th</sup> May – 36 Years  
**Takings**  
 Registration \$490.00  
 Sergeant \$37.45  
 Raffle \$70.00  
 Joker \$89.00 (**Joker Jackpot \$544.70**)

- **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>June: Theme - Rotary Fellowship Month</i>	
5 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<b>No Meeting due to Words Greatest Meal Saturday night.</b>	
7 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Worlds Greatest Meal</b>	<b>40 Mango Ave, Aitkenvale</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Bees North</b>	Cutheringa Bowls Club
19 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Verve Men's Clinic - Dr Jonathan (Johnny) Fenton &amp; Our Birthday</b>	Cutheringa Bowls Club
5 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Changeover Night</b>	<b>Cutheringa Bowls Club</b>

## Townsville Rotary Market Roster

4 <sup>th</sup> July	Strand Market	Helper 4pm to close		15 <sup>th</sup> June Sunday	Bunnings Domain
27 <sup>th</sup> July	Willows Market	Helper 1- 6.30am -12N			

## 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

**Chairman Greg Luckel** opened meeting with the Four Way Test.

**Registration Officer** Phil Gordon welcomed our Guest Speaker, Mr Derek Smith and fellow guests Mr Tim McKee, Brendan Carter, Alex Carter, Greg Wilson and Sue Luckel.

## President Elect Alan Nelson's welcome address

With Peter Kaye still being unwell, Alan addressed the meeting and said he was looking forward to Derek Smith's presentation tonight.

Alan also mentioned the club was still after a member to replace President Alan's 25/26Yr with a President Elect for years 26/27.

Don't forget the World's Greatest Meal 07 Jun 25.

## Reports

**Club Secretary** Jim Morrison mentioned that Rotary Market (Strand and Willows) positions still needed to be filled.

A invite has come from Rotary Club of Townsville Central for their change-over night at Townsville Yacht Club on the 28 Jun 25.

**International Director** Jan Johnson stated numbers are down for change over night. Currently we have 40 and still require up to 75 to make it viable.  
Tickets still available for Kenyan Orphanage raffle.

## Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker for this evening Mr Derek Smith will talk about the Vinh Son Orphanages, Vietnam and was introduced by Mr Tim McKee.



Tim McKee

Mr McKee spoke extensively about Derek's long military history in the Australian Defence Force and his passion in helping the people of Vietnam where he did three tours during the Vietnam war.

Mr Smith moved straight into the presentation as he didn't need to cover off again on who he was, by the fantastic introduction by Tim McKee.



Derek Smith

The Vinh Son orphanages and local tribes (Jeh) Montagnard ethnic groups, about 55 in total in the Kontum area.

The orphanage children range from 0 - 18 years of age mostly with no known family background.

The Plei Klau well project has been going since 2004, to provide suitable drinking water to all villages. Derek is in the process his 9th well project which should commence in September 2025.

The local village has a kindergarten, but other facilities need constant repair. All previous wells dug have used local labour and normally are dug to depths of 90 to 120 metres.

Each well costs around \$9000 to construct and needs further funding to meet that target.

Derek did mention, that Rotary Clubs of Australia are great supporters of previous well projects in the Kontum province.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Derek took questions from the group.

**Jim Morrison** delivered the Vote of Thanks.

## SGT Session and Raffle Draw

SGT Ryan Lacaze started the fines with no name badges, any anniversaries and 'What Happened on this Day.'

- Born 29 May 1917 was John F Kennedy
- 1911 Race was the Indianapolis 500
- What drink was invented in 1886 (Coca Cola).



### Raffle Draw

Red wine - Tim McKee winning ticket orange E29

White wine - Jackie Ramage winning ticket orange D12

### President Elect Closing remarks

Alan, thanks to Derek Smith for a wonderful presentation and much needed cause.

Don't forget the World's Greatest Meal next Saturday 07 June 25.

**Joker Jackpot** - Michael Day Blue ticket D75 visiting Rotarian Mr Tim McKee drew for Michael with Queen clubs, better luck next time.



Derek Smith

**Chairman** Greg Luckel officially closes the meeting.

