

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?



July: - Maternal and Child Health Month Edition 49 – 4th July 2026

Welcome message from President Alan

With the Winter Solstice behind us and the sun beginning its journey south, it is my last report as President of the best Rotary Club in District 9560.

Thank you all for the privilege of leading our great club once again. This year has seen tumultuous events both locally and globally. Sadly, this global turmoil and instability is likely to continue for a while yet.

This instability means that international organisations like Rotary have and will have increasingly important roles. These roles will mean address areas of need, providing foundations for community stabilities globally and to provide a hand up for those directly affected by unfolding events. The need for strong service organisations like Rotary is not diminishing.

Mundingburra has continued to make an impact in the world this year. We should take pride in that.

I would like to thank everyone for their support and dedication. I wish PE Sue the best with her time as President of our wonderful club.

So, for that last time, I ask you all to stay amazing, generous and kind.

Alan

Thanks for a Fabulous Year President Alan!





Program & Coming Events

Date	Speaker/Facilitator/Topic Event	Venue
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
16 th July	Little Wings Nes – Amelia Golsby-Smith	Cutheringa Bowls Club
Meeting apologies to Attendance Officer: katanya.lee@carter-spencer.com.au or text to 0409 536 169 by 10am on Mondays.		

Duties

Date	Chair	Registration	Sergeant	Scribe	Intro	Thanks
4 th July	D Price	P Gordon	N/A	G Kenna	N/A	N/A
16 th July		P Gordon				
23 rd July		P Gordon				
If you are unable to fulfill your rostered duty it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to find a replacement. Please notify Daniel Place of any changes.						

Last Meeting, Facts & Figures for 25th June

Total Member Count: 41
Number Used for Attendance: 40
Leave of Absence: 0
Exempt Members: Nil
Honorary Members: 1 Tony Wode
Members Present: 21
Total Credits for Last Week: 4
Percentage Attendance Meeting: 62.500%
Apologies: A Ferfolja, J Beutel, M Whitworth, R Degenhart, I Corney, D Nutt, B Robinson, J Baker, J Morrison
Visiting Rotarians: Jacinta Hoare (Cairns Sunrise)
Club Guests: Crystal Falknau, Monita Gangavarapu
Guests: Nil

Important Dates – 29th June – 5th July

Member Birthdays
 Neil Andrews – 4th July (70)
Spouse/Partner Birthdays
 Nil
Wedding Anniversaries
 Nil
Rotary Membership Anniversaries
 Nil
Takings for 18th June
 Registration \$435.00
 Sergeant \$94.60
 Donations Nil
 Raffle \$44.00
 Joker \$62.00 - (Joker Jackpot \$272.80)

“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.





Save the Dates

Townsville Rotary Market Roster

26 th July	Willows Markets	Helper
27 th Sept	Willows Markets	Assist Co-ordinator
4 th Oct	Willows Markets	Co-ordinator Helper
25 th Oct	Willows Markets	Assist Co-ordinator
1 st Nov	Willows Markets	Co-ordinator
15 th Nov	Willows Markets	Assist Co-ordinator
22 nd Nov	Willows Markets	Co-ordinator
13 th Dec	Willows Markets	Helper
20 th Dec	Willows Markets	Helper

Co-ordinator & Assistant: 6am – 12pm

Helper: 6.30am – 12pm

Contact D Nutt – 0408 897 152 For Market Volunteering

BBQ Dates

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

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

Meeting Notes

Last minute Chair Greg Luckel opened the meeting by reciting the 4 Way Test.



Phil Gordon then introduced our guests for the evening who were from left to right in picture over page:

- Guest Speaker Crystal Falknau
- Crystal's Sister Monita Gangavarapu
- Visiting Rotarian Jacinta Hoare from Cairns Sunrise



President Alan's last welcome message to the club was about Bill Muguira's 90th Birthday Party which was held last Saturday night. It ended on a sad note with talk about the Late Wayne Haller's Funeral which was being held the next day. Members who were attending were asked to wear their Club Shirts.

Reports:

- Michael Day spoke about the Constitution and By-laws which had been distributed to all members. Don't forget to let him know if you think something needs to be amended.



- Shane Smith spoke about membership and also about feeling guilty for not helping with the Sausage Sizzles and reminded members to start thinking about other ways to raise funds.



- Bill Barber spoke about the need for volunteers for the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle's in July. Unfortunately, Kat will be away for both, so he will need some additional help! Sorry all!



- Jan Johnson spoke about the need for some help to set up for the Changeover and also about the dress code for Changeover. September the 10th is the Interact Dinner at Townsville Grammar School North Ward.

Is it just me or does it look like she is being rude to someone?



- President Alan got everyone to stand up and sing Happy 70th Birthday to Neil Andrews as he won't be attending the Changeover. He will be celebrating with his family who organised a little something before the Changeover date was set!

Guest Speaker Introduction – Daniel Price:

Our Guest Speaker for the evening who was Crystal from the North Queensland Conservation Council, or NQCC.

NQCC is a community-based environmental organisation dedicated to protecting North Queensland's natural environment through advocacy, educ, and community engagement. They work on issues affecting our landscapes, wildlife, climate and local communities.

Crystal has been involved with NQCC since 2017 and is passionate about environmental stewardship, community engagement, and building practical solutions for regional Queensland.

Tonight she'll share more about the work of NQCC, some of the environmental challenges facing North Queensland and how local communities can get involved.

Please join me in giving Crystal a warm Rotary welcome.

Guest Speaker – Crystal Falknau:



- NQCC has more than 150 members.



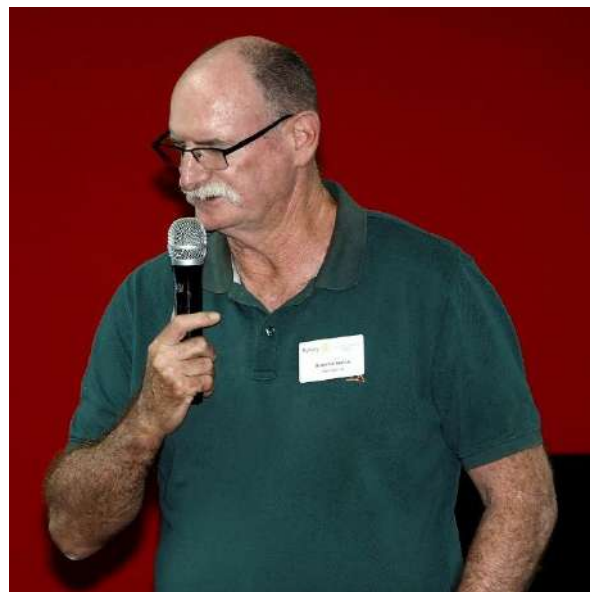
- One of the key messages was that building strong connected communities is one of the best ways to build climate resilience.
- NQCC organised and participates in a wide range of activities including:
 - Community Clean up events.

- Green Drinks networking evenings featuring guest speakers on environmental topics.
- Environmental advocacy.
- Community education and engagement initiatives.

- They also organised the Townsville Mayoral Candidates' debate during the last local government election. Members of the public were able to ask candidates questions directly. It was very well attended, largely because there were few other opportunities to hear all the candidates discuss local issues in the one place.

Vote of Thanks – Graeme Kenna:

Graeme has actually been involved with the NQCC and spoke at an event a couple of years ago. He asked the club to a round of applause for Crystal.



Sergeant – Shane Smith:

Was feeling green as Ryan just talked about planting Bamboo at his property. Statutory fines were Bill Muguira for his 90th birthday, and for not having a stripper? Neil Andrews for this 70th birthday and for both of them for being good blokes! Peter Holmes and Jim Foley for their Rotary anniversaries. Sue and Jan for yapping. Whoever had an electric car and Solar panels. Something about a Koala?? And whoever hasn't volunteered at the BBQ's.



Raffles:

- Kat won the white
- Michael Day the Red
- Guest Speaker Crystal got the Chocolates

President Alan's Closing Remarks:

This is my last meeting as President, and I want to thank you all for a great year. Johnno, thanks for the clothing suggestions of "long sleeved trousers"?? Should we wear just shoes and socks?? I had hoped to get some more members but Danial and Rooka have been assets to the club, and I know Beverley Knowles from the Special Olympics is keen to join also.

Joker Drawer:

Kat had the winning ticket for the chance to win the Joker Jackpot, however, was unlucky and drew the 10 of Diamonds.

Unlucky! 😞



Greg then formally closed the meeting.

Basque Club of North Queensland Cameron Nelson

President Alan's son Cameron is currently on a Cultural Exchange Initiative with Sienna Cottone, Ainara Kelly.

They are part of the Basque Club of North Queensland which is one of the regions most active and vibrant cultural groups.

The club has been a part of the local community for generations, providing connections for the families of people who came from the region of northern Spain and southwestern France. It's a place with its own distinctive food, culture and language.

Cameron, Ainara and Sienna were invited to the Basque country at the special invitation of the Basque Government for a cultural exchange initiative.

The program will see the three hosted by local Basque families while undertaking daily language classes, traditional cooking workshops, cultural activities and dance lessons. Participants will also travel throughout all seven Basque provinces across Spain and France, visiting significant historical, cultural and architectural landmarks.

This is the very first time that Australia has taken part in the exchange and our national ambassadors are not coming from Sydney or Melbourne, but Townsville.



President Alan Vale Wayne Haller

Wayne Clyde Haller

12th of November 1944 – 20th of June 2026



Wayne's Funeral was held on Friday at the Ayr Golf Club. It was a beautiful service in the shade of a large tree on Wayne's beloved golf course. Wayne had been a major force in expanding the course to 18 holes

in the late 1970's. This will be one of the enduring monuments to this extraordinary man.

There were many heart felt tributes to Wayne, reinforcing that he was a force of nature with drive, charisma and extraordinary love of and interest in people as individuals. Yet, for all of his commanding presence, Wayne was a gentle soul who had more than his fair share of insecurities. Those insecurities fuelled his drive to succeed.

I first met Wayne as a patient of the medical practice I was working at. With his booming voice with a curiously gentle tone. You usually heard Wayne before you saw him. He was an imposing sight too.

Wayne had retired from the business that had built with immense energy and dedication to secure the future of his family. A family that was the greatest source of pride and joy.

Wayne struggled with retirement, and the loss of direction of his energies. He clearly still had a lot to give. This led to Wayne and Lyn joining our Rotary family.



With his charm, humour and his endless collection of stories, that he was only too happy to share, he became an important and fabulous addition to Mundingburra.

As an internationally renowned public speaker it was inevitable that he would be a go to for as Master of Ceremonies for not just Mundingburra but the District as well.

To Wayne, public speaking was an art that required detail preparation and real attention to crafting each phrase to achieve the intended aim. It was about marking every word, sentence and idea land in the best possible way. For Wayne, in public speaking, there is no such thing as an "ad lib".

To receive a complement on your public speaking from Wayne was high praise indeed. Being on the receiving end of Wayne's very positive feedback was a delight. He made you feel ten foot tall as you knew that these were genuinely heart felt and considered.

Wayne's great loves were clearly his dear wife of nearly 60 years, Lyn, their three boys Kurt, Todd and Ryan, his grandchildren, his business and golf.

These loves and being surrounded by people really energised Wayne.

Wayne was a wonderful addition to our Rotary Family and he will be deeply missed.



I feel privileged to have counted him as a friend and to be on of many lives that he deeply and profoundly touched.

Rest easy Wayne, thank you for making our lives richer.

Remembering Wayne Haller





Wayne was a member of the Rotary Club of Mundingburra from 2015 – 2025 and was a retired Certified Financial Planner.

He was a devoted family man and married to Lyn for nearly 60 years. He had 3 sons and 7 grandchildren.



His most memorable holiday was Trekking to Mt Everest Base Camp (18,000 feet) and carrying the Torch for the Sydney 2000 Olympics.

The biggest influence in his life was Chief General Manger Sales for Pearl Insurance – Malcolm Hodgkinson.



The funniest thing that ever happened to him was sitting next to Demi Moore at a Theatre in New York.

The most favourite person he met was Sir Ranulph Fiennes, a British explorer. He was the first person to visit both the North and South Poles by surface means and the first to completely cross Antarctica on foot. In May 2009, at the age of 65, he climbed the summit of Mount Everest. According to the Guinness Book of Records in 1984, he was the worlds' greatest living explorer.

His Motto was, each day is a GIFT – that's why it's called the PRESENT.

His favourite:

- Song – Key Largo (Bertie Higgins)
- Shop – Woolworths CBD
- Food – Bangers and Mash
- Drink – Canadian Club and Dry
- Movie – has many favourites but favour movies that some would like to call “chick flicks” such as, Love Actually, Pretty Woman, Notting Hill, The Family Stone.



Wayne became a Rotarian because his wife Lyn said he needed another interest in retirement and his GP Alan Nelson, asked him to join Rotary at about the same time.

He was kind, gentle, funny, witty, a storyteller, a loyal friend, devoted family man, and the life of the party.

Rest in Peace Wayne – you will be missed.

Thank you from Lyn Haller

Lyn would like to thank the Club for the flowers she received and for having her in our thoughts.

