

# 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

Olayinka Hakeem Babalola

### District 9560 Governor

Rita Zappulla

### Club President

Sue Tardiani

### 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?



## August: - Membership & New Club Development Edition 5 – 6<sup>th</sup> August 2026

### Welcome message from Stand-in-President Alan

With President Sue laid up with a lergy, I had the privilege of acting as President for last week's meeting. I'm sure she'll be back on deck this week.

Bluecards. With a change in the law last September, any community organisation that engages people under the age of 18 needs to ensure that every member has a Bluecard. This means Mundingburra Rotary has to satisfy this requirement. So, those who don't have a Bluecard needs to apply. Katanya Lee (aka Kat), is maintaining our Bluecard Register and I am sure she can guide you through the application process.

Last week we had two guest speakers. Eva Smith who founded "Your Village Townsville". Her charity supports young families with meals amongst many things. Eva saw the need and took steps to address that need.

Secondly, Bridge French from QIMR Berghofer spoke with us. This is a world class medical research institute in the Herston Health precinct hat really has and continues to change the world.

This week we are hearing from Jule Harvey-Sutton from "Loam Island Scout Group".

All things being equal, we should have a visit from a visiting Rotarian from Enzed. One time Mundingburran Premi Ram.

Stay amazing, kind and generous.

Stand-in-President Alan.

### Vale Kay Baker

Funeral Details:

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of August  
Commencing - 10.30am  
Morley's Chapel the Lakes



Please wear your Mundingburra Shirt if you are attending.



## Program & Coming Events

| Date                                                                                                                                                                                 | Speaker/Facilitator/Topic Event                | Venue                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Aug                                                                                                                                                                  | Loam Island Scout Group – Julie Harvery-Sutton | Cutheringa Bowls Club |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug                                                                                                                                                                 | Strategic Planning Session                     | Cutheringa Bowls Club |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Aug                                                                                                                                                                 | Shaping the Future of our Club                 | Cutheringa Bowls Club |
| Meeting apologies to Attendance Officer: <a href="mailto:katanya.lee@carter-spencer.com.au">katanya.lee@carter-spencer.com.au</a> or text to <b>0409 536 169</b> by 10am on Mondays. |                                                |                       |

## Duties

| Date                                                                                                                                                      | Chair      | Registration | Sergeant        | Scribe  | Intro     | Thanks   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|---------|-----------|----------|
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Aug                                                                                                                                       | N Andrews  | P Gordon     | R Lacaze        | D Price | J Johnson | B Mugira |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug                                                                                                                                      | D Nutt     | P Gordon     | C Langeluddecke | M Day   | P Holmes  | P Kaye   |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Aug                                                                                                                                      | J Morrison | P Gordon     | S Smith         | J Baker | A Nelson  | D Price  |
| If you are unable to fulfill your rostered duty it is <b>YOUR RESPONSIBILITY</b> to find a replacement. Please notify <b>Daniel Place</b> of any changes. |            |              |                 |         |           |          |

### Last Meeting, Facts & Figures for 30<sup>th</sup> July

**Total Member Count:** 41  
**Number Used for Attendance:** 40  
**Leave of Absence:** 0  
**Exempt Members:** Nil  
**Honorary Members:** 1 Tony Wode  
**Members Present:** 20  
**Total Credits for Last Week:** 5  
**Percentage Attendance Meeting:** 62.500%  
**Apologies:** J Baker, J Beutel, R Ramdin, S Tardiani, P Holmes, K Davis, D Nutt, C Langeluddecke, A Ferfolja  
**Visiting Rotarians:** N/A  
**Club Guests:** Eva Smith & Bridget French (Speakers), Lee Kefford (Potential Member)  
**Guests:** Vicki Degenhart (R Degenhart), Brydget Barker-Hudson (Mundingburra)

### Important Dates – 3<sup>rd</sup> August – 9<sup>th</sup> August

**Member Birthdays**  
 David Nutt – 9<sup>th</sup>  
**Spouse/Partner Birthdays**  
 Andrew Langeluddecke (C Langeluddecke) – 6<sup>th</sup>  
**Wedding Anniversaries**  
 Greg & Sue Luckel – 4<sup>th</sup> (54 Years)  
 Ryan & Jessica Lacaze – 7<sup>th</sup> (28 Years)  
**Rotary Membership Anniversaries**  
 Nil  
**Takings for 30<sup>th</sup> July**  
 Registration \$425.00  
 Sergeant \$43.80.00  
 Donations Nil  
 Raffle \$44.00  
 Joker \$58.00 - (Joker Jackpot \$324.40)

### “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.



Rotary  
District 9560

**AUGUST IS**



**MEMBERSHIP AND NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH**

**SHARE  
CONNECT  
COMMUNITY**

Rotary  PEOPLE OF ACTION



## Save the Dates

### Townsville Rotary Market Roster

|                       |                 |                     |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept | Willows Markets | Assist Co-ordinator |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct   | Willows Markets | Co-ordinator Helper |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct  | Willows Markets | Assist Co-ordinator |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov   | Willows Markets | Co-ordinator        |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | Willows Markets | Assist Co-ordinator |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov  | Willows Markets | Co-ordinator        |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | Willows Markets | Helper              |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | Willows Markets | Helper              |

Co-ordinator & Assistant: 6am – 12pm

Helper: 6.30am – 12pm

**Contact D Nutt – 0408 897 152 For Market Volunteering**

### BBQ Dates

|                                    |                           |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 8 <sup>th</sup> August - Saturday  | Bunnings Domain           |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> August – Sunday    | Townsville Grammar School |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> August - Saturday | Bunnings Domain           |

**Contact B Barber – 0418 759 019 for Bunnings Volunteering**

### Toy Stall Dates

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**Contact P Kaye – 0407 657 564 for Toy Stall Volunteering**

## 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](mailto: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

### Opening:

Chair Michael Day 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, Eva Smith, Lee Kefford, Brydget Barker-Hudson, Bridget French and Vicki Degenhart.

### **President's Introduction:**

Past President Alan Nelson officiated in place of President Sue Tardiani who was ill. His welcoming remarks introduced our two guest speakers, from Your Village and QIMR Berghofer respectively. Warning that no good deed would go unpunished, the two birthday celebrants, Kat (50) and Neil (70) were required to cut their birthday cakes while enduring the Club's Happy Birthday chorus.

### **Happy Birthday!**



### **Reports:**

#### **Secretary Michael Day:**

- Has arranged for the Club to assist "Set to Succeed" on the 24<sup>th</sup> of August. This is an organisation which assists out of town aboriginal students with accommodation in Townsville. They are moving from a 10-bed house to a 20-bed house and require assistance setting up house and assembling furniture etc. Volunteers are required.
- Replies from members to the proposed constitution and by-laws have been received.
- The flowers for his wife Trish in hospital were greatly appreciated.

### **Trish Day thanks the Club for the flowers!**



#### **Treasurer Neil Andrews:**

- Invoices for dues are going out via MYOB.
- Funds from the NQ Field days are in and donation proposals for their use are being discussed by the Board for presentation to members.
- Donations for FEAT from Dorothy Stephens' Funeral have been made.
- Donations were forwarded to "Blankets of Love" from the Change-over dinner raffle together with our annual Club Donation.





### Membership Graeme Kenna:

- Next month is Membership month. A Club event will be held.



### Youth Ron Degenhart:

- The Townsville Grammar Interact Colour Run will be on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> of August with Mundingburra Rotary Club managing the Sausage Sizzle.
- Ron's Rotary Health Colleague Bernie donated to Interact in memory of Robert Tardiani.
- \$500 is being donated to "Youth to Action" conference to be run by students in the SW Pacific, this year in Noumean, New Caledonia.
- The Jatbula Challenge walk in the Northern Territory for Mental Health Research has a vacancy for one more adventurer. The team already has \$11,300 in donations.



### International Jan Johnson:

- In the process of getting details from Jifunze (Kenya) for donation required for maintenance of their orphanage facility.
- Has joined a newsletter group to receive information with regards to ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children).
- All members are required to have Queensland Bluecards to cover any contact with children. Members without these will be emailed.



### Guest Speaker Eva Smith – Your Village:

Ron Degenhart introduced Eva Smith, a young mother and Kirwan Clinic community worker who recently set up "Your Village" as a charity to facilitate better community "connectness" and help recent mothers experiencing "post-partum" difficulties.



Based on personal experience having received great support from her Church, Eva's aim is to support and develop more community connectness to help post-

partum mothers without local support after the birth of their children.

Practical help is provided through the cooking and delivering meals to families. Nothing the lack of community organisations to fill the gap, the aim is a free meal service for those in a “dark place” after childbirth.

They give new-born packs to mothers who can't cope and aim to provide about 3 meals to families who request assistance. They already have over 50 volunteer members and have supported more than 100 families in the Townsville Region since commencement.

She is seeking support through word of mouth, volunteers, cash or food voucher donation, and crocheted baby blankets.



Alann Nelson gave the vote of thanks, emphasizing the importance of social connections to “wellness” for all of us.

### **Guest Speaker Bridget French – QIMR Berghofer:**

Brydget Barker-Hudson introduced QIMR's Community Engagement and Events Manager Bridget French.

Bridget outline the highly successful 60 year history of medical research undertaken by QIMR. The Brisbane based organisation concentrates on research into diseases of most concern to Queenslanders. It discovered the Ross River Virus in 1963, which led to measures against mosquito-borne viruses, as well as other diseases such as cockroach born salmonella.



It proved in the 1980s that regular sunscreen use reduces skin cancer risk; the basis for the worldwide success of the “slip-slop-slap” anti skin cancer campaigns to name a few.

Current research includes breakthrough work on brain cancer, breast cancer, mosquito-borne and many other diseases.

Alan Nelson also thanked Bridget, noting that funding by the US billionaire Berghofer was based on QIMR's selection above another Australian medical



research institutes due to its efficiency in achieving breakthroughs with only small resources.

### **Sergeant Session – Bill Barber:**

Although statutory fines were limited to Coralie's wedding anniversary, Bill extracted confessions of "good deeds" done by some members before extracting fines from members for ignorance on matters such as deaths at the Threadbo Ski resort tragedy (18) and what happens on 11<sup>th</sup> of August (Census).

### **Sergeant trying to think of fines?**



### **Wine Raffles:**

White was Michael Day and Bill Barber took the Red.

### **President's Closing Remarks:**

Acting President Alan advised that both speaker's charities will be considered for Club donations by the Board in addition to the usual \$100 for speaking. He requested that all members ensure that they have Bluecards for Child Safety purposes. The Loam Island Scouts will be the speaker next week.

### **Joker Jackpot:**

Daniel Price drew the 7 of Spades, the card on directly below the Joker!

### **A very Unlucky Daniel!**



### **Close of the Meeting:**

Chairman Michael Day closed the meeting with a Toast to Rotary International.

## **Club Guests for the Night**

### **Eva Smith – Your Village**



### **Bridget French – QIMR Berghofer**



### **Lee Kefford**

