

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 6 – 13th August 2026

Welcome message from President Sue

What a very busy night we had last night. It was great to see so many guests attend out meeting, I do hope they enjoyed themselves and will return again soon.

Our guest speaker, Julie Harvey-Sutton from the Scouts Association who we gave \$1,000 to assist in buying a new trailer, gave us an insight to what their club does in a short video and talk. Thank you for coming along Julie.

We had the privilege of recognising several of our members with a PHF for the outstanding work they did in the lead up to the Field Days and tirelessly working on the 2 days. A big thank you and congratulations to all of you.

For those who attended Kay Bakers funeral and did not attend the meeting this week, Jim rang me and asked me to extend his appreciation for your attendance at her funeral. Jim will be back with us in a few weeks.

Next week we have our Forum. I urge all our members to attend as we need to know where the Club is going and what you would like to see in ways of improvement.

So until next week, enjoy your week.

President Sue.





Program & Coming Events

Date	Speaker/Facilitator/Topic Event	Venue
13 th Aug	Strategic Planning Session	Cutheringa Bowls Club
20 th Aug	Shaping the Future of our Club	Cutheringa Bowls Club
27 th Aug	Youth to Action – Pimlico School	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
13 th Aug	D Nutt	P Gordon	C Langeluddecke	M Day	P Holmes	P Kaye
20 th Aug	J Morrison	P Gordon	S Smith	J Baker	A Nelson	D Price
27 th Aug	P Holmes	P Gordon	B Barber	N Andrews	D Nutt	K Davis
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 6th August

Total Member Count: 41
Number Used for Attendance: 40
Leave of Absence: 0
Exempt Members: Nil
Honorary Members: 1 Tony Wode
Members Present: 26
Total Credits for Last Week: 1
Percentage Attendance Meeting: 67.500%
Apologies: J Baker, J Beutel, R Ramdin, P Holmes, C Langeluddecke
Visiting Rotarians: N/A
Club Guests: Julie Harvey-Sutton (Speaker)
Guests: Glenys Molloy (K Davis), Margaret Hughes (J Hall), Premi Ram (A Nelson)

Important Dates: 10th Aug – 16th Aug

Member Birthdays

Ryan Lacaze – 12th (50 Years)
 Graham Stephens – 14th

Spouse/Partner Birthdays

Vicki Degenhart (R Degenhart) – 14th

Wedding Anniversaries

Nil

Rotary Membership Anniversaries

Nil

Takings for 6th August

Registration \$545.00
 Sergeant \$92.80
 Donations Nil
 Raffle \$48.00
 Joker \$104.00 - (Joker Jackpot \$366.00)

"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.



Rotary
International

AUGUST IS



MEMBERSHIP AND NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH

**SHARE
CONNECT
COMMUNITY**

Rotary
District 9560



PEOPLE of ACTION



Save the Dates

Townsville Rotary Market Roster

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

22 nd August - Saturday	Bunnings Domain
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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

✦ 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

Chairman Neil opened the meeting with the Four-Way Test before introducing members to the traditional **Scout left-handed handshake** – a symbol of friendship and trust. The tradition represents putting down one's shield and offering the left hand in trust. A fitting start given the theme of our guest speaker for the evening.



Phil Gordon welcomed our guests Julie Harvey-Sutton (Guest Speaker – Loam Island Scout Group), Margaret Hughes (Guest of John Hall), Glenys Molloy (Guest of Katrina Davis) and Premi Ram (Former Mundingburra Rotarian and Guest of Alan Nelson).

Ever reliable Phil Gordon



Guest Speaker – Julie Harvey-Sutton**Margaret Hughes – Guest of John Hall****Glenys Molloy – Guest of Katrina Davis****Premi Ram – Former Mundingburra Rotarian and Guest of Alan Nelson****President Sue's Update:**

President Sue reflected on the recent funeral for Kay Baker, Jim Baker's wife, describing the service as being full of joy and good memories. It was also well attended by Rotarians.

Sue reminded committee members of the importance of succession planning, encouraging everyone to find a "shadow" who can learn their role and help ensure knowledge and experience continue to be passed through the club.

Members were also encouraged to attend next week's **"Shaping the Future of Our Club"** forum and contribute their ideas about where we want the club to go from here.

The Club received a lovely thank-you card from **Blankets of Love** in appreciation of our recent donations. (The card was apparently so lovely that Shane Smith and your scribe, Daniel Price, couldn't resist signing it before realising that this was in fact, a card we had *received*, not one we were sending!)

Club Updates:**Daniel Price:**

Provided a brief overview of what members can expect from the upcoming **"Shaping the Future of Our Club"** session. More information can be found in the next Spinifex.

**David Nutt – Markets:**

Dave advised that volunteers are needed for upcoming markets, with the dates listed in the Spinifex. Members who can assist are encouraged to contact Dave. The markets provide a valuable source of income for the club, so keeping them well staffed is important.

Peter Kaye – Rotary Foundation:



Peter recommended that the club sell cakes as a Rotary Foundation fundraiser, which members agreed to. Peter also handed out a flyer with further information.



Ron Degenhart – Colour Run / Jatbula Challenge:

Ron reminded members that the Grammar School's Colour Rush was being held on Sunday. He is also heading off for the Jatbula Challenge, raising money for mental health research. With hiking temperatures expected to reach around 34°C, we wish Ron Godspeed, safe travels and good hiking – and look forward to hearing his stories when he returns.



Katanya (Kat) Lee – Bluecards:

Kat advised the members that those whose names were not called out, will need to apply for a Bluecard. If you are unsure of the process or need further information, have a chat with Kat. As the application is connected to a not-for-profit organization, there is no cost to the applicant.



To apply for a Bluecard you need to go to:

<https://my.bluecard.qld.gov.au/login>

Once you have a reference number I can link you to the Club's Organisation.

Guest Speaker – Julie Harvey-Sutton – Loam Island Scout Group:

Katrina introduced Julie from the Load Island Scout Group who had previously been a Scout Lead for one of Katrina's children.



Julie began by asking how many Mundingburra Rotary members had been involved with Scouts at some point. Almost half the room appeared to have some connection – perhaps not surprising given the shared emphasis on service, fellowship and contributing to the community.

Julie spoke about the Scout's activities, camps and initiatives and the impact these experiences have on young people. Videos created by the young people themselves gave members an opportunity to hear directly about what they enjoy and what they gain from participating.



Scouting appears to be growing in popularity, with the group having had a waiting list last year. Among the young people, archery proved particularly popular – along with food and fellowship. Perhaps if we introduce archery at Rotary, we'll have recruitment sorted!

Our club has supported the Scouts by providing a trailer, which will soon receive updated Rotary branding. Rotary support has also helped with the purchase of tents, leadership training and assistance for families.

Julie thanked Mundingburra Rotary for its ongoing support and explained that the camps are held at Bluewater.

Bill Muguira delivered the Vote of Thanks, recognising the tremendous work Scouts are doing for young people and the wider community, before asking members to give Julie a special Mundingburra thank you.



Paul Harris Fellow Recognition:

Neil then announced that President Sue had some special recognitions to present and invited Past President Alan to join her.

Due to the amazing amount of work put in to run such a successful 2026 NQ Field Days, Paul Harris Fellow Recognition was awarded to:

Shan Delany – Friend of Rotary First PHF



Katrina Davis – First PHF



Daniel Price – First PHF



Graeme Kenna – Second PHF**Michael Day – Second PHF****Shane Smith – Third PHF****Bill Barber – Fourth PHF**

Congratulations to all, hopefully we will see Shan soon to present her with well deserved recognition!

**Sergeant Session – Ryan Lacaze:**

Ryan took charge as Sergeant and, given the North Queensland “winter”, found an excellent source of revenue: anyone who had complained about the cold weather or had dared to arrive wearing a jumper was fair game for a fine!

**Wine Raffles:**

Ian (unsure if Corney or Jones) and Greg were the lucky wine winners!

Joker Jackpot:

Arlin drew the Jack of Hearts, leaving the elusive winnng card in the deck for another week.





Reminder for next week:

For those coming to the meeting next week, Fish & Chips is on the menu so make sure you let Kat know if you have any allergies so something else can be organised for you!

Shaping the Future of Our Club Thursday 13th of August

This Thursday, we're inviting all members to take part in Shaping the Future of Our Club – the first step in a short member engagement process looking at where we are as a club, where we would like to go, and what matters most to us going forward.

This won't be a presentation or an attempt to solve every issue in one evening. Instead, it will be a relaxed and interactive discussion, with members working around their table to share ideas and help identify some of the common themes and priorities across our club.

The aim is simple: to create a structured process that gives members the opportunity to help shape the future direction of our club.

The overall process will broadly look like this:

Shaping the Future of Our Club

Member discussion to identify our strengths, aspirations and priorities.



Membership Forum

Build on those themes and explore what our club and membership need to look like to support them.



Board Review

Bring together the feedback from both sessions and consider the priorities and possible next steps.



Present Back to Members

Share what we heard, check that we've understood it correctly, and agree on where we go from here.

There's no homework and no preparation required – just come along ready to share your thoughts, listen to others and enjoy the conversation.

Can't make it on Thursday?

We still want to hear from you.

Whether you're out of town, have another commitment, or happen to be somewhere in the remote wilderness taking on the **Jatbula Challenge**,

we'll make sure you have an opportunity to contribute!

Following Thursday night's meeting, we'll send the discussion prompts to members who weren't able to attend so their feedback can be captured and included alongside the responses gathered on the night.

Also Happening Thursday 13th of August

Peter Kaye – Redistricting

Peter will take some time to talk members through the current redistricting proposal, including what is being proposed, what is at stake and the options available to us. As the club is required to vote on the proposal and submit its response by the end of August, this will give members an opportunity to better understand the issue before we make that decision.

Treasurer's Update

Our Treasurer, Neil Andrews, has also asked for a few minutes to address the club on Thursday evening.

It should be an interesting and productive evening, with plenty of opportunity for members to contribute. We hope to see you there!