



HOT AIR

10 December

Disease Prevention and Treatment



FROM OUR PRESIDENT MARGOT BAILLIE

Thank you to everyone involved with the Christmas Party, after such a tough year it was great to relax and enjoy everyone's company with some good food and wine. The Fellowship Committee did an outstanding job - thank you. Thanks to the Tillmanns family for opening your home for this event. It was nice to welcome Mellick and Devina, whom many of us met in Longreach, back to Brisbane. No sooner had they arrived in Brisbane and they found themselves in the middle of our Christmas Party, that is the joy of Rotary. You are never far from friends. I am also pleased to advise that Terri our chef on the night is donating her payment, which was at super mate's rates, to the Rotary Club of Burleigh Heads community garden project. We are still finalising our funds from the Christmas Party, but it is anticipated that there will be a small surplus, which we will be able to put towards one of our local community projects focused on relieving homelessness. This means that our Christmas cheer will be shared around and have a lasting benefit.

Over the past week we have also been conscious of Russell, Steve Knight and Steve Settle working tirelessly to save Fraser Island. We have all watched the fires on the news and seen how close it has come to The Retreat. In fact many of us have heard Russell and Steve K on the ABC giving updates. It is good to hear that things are calming down.

I can't believe my year is almost half over and I am excited by the impressive line up of guest speakers being organised for 2021. Next year is shaping up to be very exciting. This week at our AGM you will also be introduced to 2021/22 Board members. A sign of a healthy club is good succession planning. It is great that we have so many members willing to take a leadership role. This week we will also spend some time reviewing our Strategic Plan and if you have any ideas don't hesitate to contact me.

Looking forward to our family Christmas breakfast on 17 December, it will be a very special and memorable occasion.

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

This week we toast the Rotary Club of Munich International. They usually meet on Monday nights at 8.00pm at the Hilton Munich Park Hotel but are now meeting virtually due to Covid. It is an English speaking club so Frank could attend to keep up his English speaking skills and help them support the local Children's Hospital (see page 4 for a note from Frank and Sabine wishing us all a happy holiday period)

PROGRAM / GUEST SPEAKER

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|----------------|--------------------------------|
| 10 Dec | AGM – Strategic Plan |
| 17 Dec | Children's Christmas breakfast |
| 24 Dec – 7 Jan | Christmas Break |
| 14 Jan | Welcome Back Fellowship |

ROSTER

| ROSTER | 10 Dec | 17 Dec | 14 Jan |
|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------|
| Chair | Russell / Angela | Yvonne | Steve S |
| Set Up and Close | Yvonne | Steve S | Jane |
| Greeter | Steve S | Zanthia & Barbara | Zanthia |
| Sergeant | John | Rob | Kit |

RECOGNITION of TRADITIONAL OWNERS

I acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we meet today, the Turrbal and Yugara people, and pay my respect to their elders, past, present and emerging

APOLOGIES / GUESTS and MAKEUPS

NOTIFY OUR CLUB BY 7.00 am TUESDAY PRIOR TO THAT WEEK'S MEETING AT:
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ROTARY GRACE

For friends, service, good fun and fellowship, especially the Fellowship of Rotary we Give our thanks

High Rise Christmas Party

A great night of fun and fellowship. Thank you to everyone who contributed, it was a great team effort. We missed Russell and Steve who were fighting fires on Fraser, but it was great that Heather and Deb were still able to make it. It was wonderful to welcome Mellick and Davina (please excuse incorrect spelling) who have just arrived back in Brisbane from Longreach.



Pre dinner drinks and canapes on Zanthia's floor, Duncan doing the rounds with smoked salmon blinis



Warm vegetable salads (Yvonne's work) ready to be served, Susan and Helen lending a helping hand to our Chef Terri



Margaret Rix with Robert Tillmanns



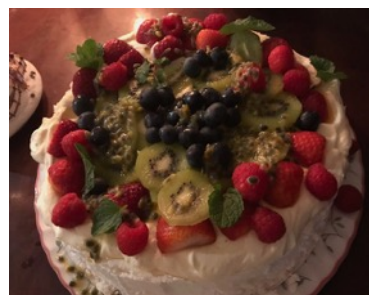
Davina and Mellick meet Lindsay and Jane



Deb, Heather and Rosemary catching up



Jane and Terri



One of many magnificent desserts from the Rix duo (Margaret and Susan)



Allan, Kym and Deb enjoying the night



Duncan serving up the potatoes



Christmas decorations



John and Margot catching up



Mellick and Davina, get ready for dessert

Christmas Party Continued



Farewell gift



John welcoming Ros



Tables set ready to go



Tables ready to go, calm before the storm



Smoked salmon blinis, compliments from Margot and Duncan



Yvonne and Terri preparing the food



Pre dinner drinks on the balcony



Support team, Zanthia, Abby, Maggie and Kira

Thank you to everyone
that helped and
contributed in some way

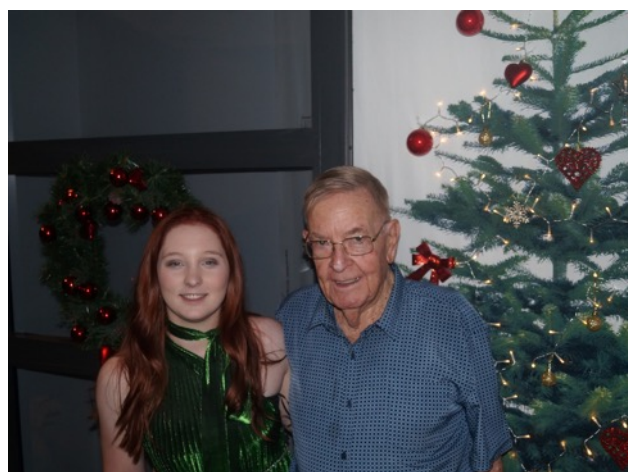


Barbara, Rosemary and Ros



Our youngest and oldest member, Zanthia (19) and Len (91), catching up

Party in full swing



Greetings from our Member in Munich

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

It's now 8 months since I left Brisbane to hurry to my wife Sabine who was waiting for me in Munich in the face of the global COVID-19 breakout. Meanwhile, our world has changed over the globe in a way we never thought of and many people believe that we will never return to the old and familiar way of life. I am optimistic as some of you may know, but I am also realistic enough to see the global problems in the economic and cultural fields. Germany is spending billions to keep its economy running given the pandemic. But there are more issues, such as the German-US relationship, the Brexit, the Chinese challenge, the Russian threat and issues of European disunity. We all hope that Joe Biden will bring back America into the global community of the free world. Lucky you in Australia, you have your friends in America, US and EU and even big China and other Asian countries with need your mineral riches.

While Australia could lock itself successfully with great discipline from the outside by strict quarantine measures and meanwhile enjoying a Corona-free environment we are now experiencing the next wave of the pandemic. EU-Europe is a bunch of completely different countries with politicians unable to form a union in all respects. Our people live different cultures in their way of life which we used to enjoy. But now this becomes an obstacle. The people in the southern countries love to maintain their close contact as well as the French. Their health systems are unable to match the flood of heavy corona cases. We now have patients in Germany from those countries but our intensive care beds are getting in short supply and more critical the medical staff as well. The eastern Europeans long-time thought to be immune and thinking that drinking more vodka would fight the virus. The Swedish thought to do nothing would be the best solution. The pandemic would cost some lives but the majority would survive. All these people are enjoying their freedom, especially to travel everywhere within EU and even Russians and other eastern Europeans can enter the EU under "voluntary" quarantine. On top of this thousands of refugees are still crossing the Mediterranean Sea and now more the Atlantic Ocean from Africa to the Canary Islands.

I see so many people wearing masks and behaving well outside their homes but there are some still not following the instructions and even protesting against the measures in large numbers, claiming the government wants to cut their civil rights. Restaurants and pubs are closed again and you are obliged to wear masks in public transport, shops and pedestrian zones. The biggest loser is the cultural area, with theatres, concert halls and other venues closed. It is a crazy situation and we can only hope that Christmas and New Year celebrations will not increase the number of Covid cases which at the moment is trending down. Sabine and I have decided not to travel by train to my brothers place in Hamburg. We will have a "small" Christmas in Munich with her brother Ralf where we plan good cooking, listening to music and talking in our nicely heated apartment. Once international travelling recommences we will be the first to return to Queensland, surely vaccinated and hopefully not in quarantine for 14 days. Our friend Gary McDonald, a previous member of Brisbane-Highrise, is looking after our unit in New Farm which takes away some of our worries, we would otherwise have.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Frank and Sabine



Sabine and Frank looking very angelic in their apartment in Munich

Winter has arrived, snow and amazing skies



Update from Frank on PAGE Project and Siem Reap



Dear Margot and High Risers,

There is no good news coming from Siem Reap. Since the COVID-19 breakout, the city has become a ghost town with tourism completely disappearing. This situation will definitely continue in 2021. The CVD (children development village) was closed by government order. It appears that the State wants to control the education of the children as a politically motivated measure. The boys had to return to the villages where their relatives live and the girls (where appropriate) were transferred to PAGE.

Sadly Sokea had to give up her small Lilypop restaurant. There were no customers any more and on top of this the city council started extensive street works in front of the property. Just like many others, Sokea and her family moved to the countryside to survive, because there are cheaper living conditions and affordable food. They can grow their own vegetables. However, there was a huge flood which destroyed the crop on top of all the other misery. I heard from my Munich friend Rudi Leitl that at the moment PAGE is concentrating on preparing 12 from the 36 girls for their national school examinations, this is what happens in a difficult environment of the country's education system.

If the ebbing funding is continuing PAGE will be unable to take new girls in 2021. RAWCS and the money from Germany (CVD funding being transferred to PAGE) are the only sources of funding. It is hoped that Sonieng can raise some additional money, but this has a low probability.

Since Tim and Rudi are both in close connection you can get more detailed information from Tim but I am also happy to provide further information through my contacts with Rudi. We are directly sponsoring some nice people, such as Sokea and my godchild Chhun (not a child anymore) who lost her job working at the Park Hyatt in Siem Reap which was also closed due to the lack of tourists.

Thank you Craig for taking over responsibility. To you, dear John (Ker) I wish you all the best. Regards also from Sabine.

Kind regards from Munich where we are now getting a more stringent lockdown before Christmas.

Cheers, Frank



Sanctuary



Education



Change

Member Updates

Bill is back in the sky

Bill and Elanor were no sooner out of quarantine and they were off to Norfolk Island. Let's hope it is better than their quarantine adventures.

| Flight | Departing To | Sch. | Est. | Gate | Status |
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| CH941 | CHRISTMAS ISLAND | 08:30 | 08:45 | 82 | |
| HT9211 | PORT MORESBY | 09:00 | | 79 | Boarding soon |
| 8Q4222 | NORFOLK ISLAND | 10:05 | | 79 | Checkin Open |
| NF821 | PORT VILA | 10:10 | | 82 | Checkin Open |
| P0204 | PORT MORESBY | 10:40 | | 81 | Checkin Open |
| N2349 | AUCKLAND | 12:00 | | 79 | |
| V87236 | SINGAPORE | 14:45 | | 80 | |
| QR989 | DOHA | 22:15 | | 81 | |
| Sunday, 06 December 2020 | | | | | |
| AS1870 | RAAF RICHMOND | 09:00 | | 87 | Cancelled |
| IE830 | AUCKLAND | 09:15 | | 74A | |
| AS1049 | MINHAD | 18:20 | 18:20 | 77 | |
| QF8431 | DUBAI | 20:55 | | 79 | |
| OL844 | APIA | 21:50 | | 87 | Cancelled |
| Monday, 07 December 2020 | | | | | |
| VA5664 | SINGAPORE | 14:45 | | 78 | |
| QR898 | AUCKLAND | 23:00 | | 81 | |

ONCOMINGS WILL BE TREATED AS SUSPICIOUS AND REMOVED FOR I



Congratulations Luka Deb is a very proud Nanna

Luka (Deb LeGarde's grandson) was presented with the Rotary All Rounder Award for Year 6 at the Gap State School. He also received awards for Excellence across the Curriculum and the Choral Music Award for outstanding achievement and participation. Luka has a very bright high school career ahead of him and appears to be a potential Rotarian (no pressure). Congratulations Luka!



Lucy arrives

Zanthia' becomes a first time "parent" losing a lot of sleep, but getting help from "grandparents, Abby and aunties".

Fighting to Save Fraser

Russell Postle, Steve Knight and Steve Settle have been working hard to contain the fires at Happy Valley at Fraser. Russell has been heard on ABC radio and TV this week explaining the dire situation. We wish them well and look forward to their safe return.



Upcoming Events at our Breakfasts

BHR Annual General Meeting
10 December 2020



BHR Children's Christmas Breakfast **17 December 2020**

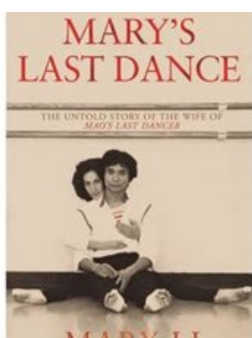
Our usual Christmas breakfast with children, nieces, nephews and grandchildren is scheduled for 17 December, so make sure you get it in their diaries. Santa has been booked and the United Services Club has promised a special child friendly breakfast. A list will be passed around at the next two meetings for children's details, so that Santa can be prepared and bring appropriate gifts.



Special Guest Speaker on 4 February 2021 - Mary Li, Qld ballet

We are beginning to get some great guest speakers lined up for 2021. If anyone has any ideas, people or topics they want covered let Angela know. Our speaker on 4 February will be Mary Li. This will be a great meeting to invite family and friends along to, especially if they are interested in the Arts.

Mary Li (formerly Mary McKendry) was raised in Rockhampton, Queensland, the third of eight children. She was first introduced to ballet by her teacher Valeria Hansen. At sixteen she was accepted into the Royal Ballet School, London. She joined the London Festival Ballet (English National Ballet) in 1977 and was promoted through the ranks to principal dancer in 1981. In 1985, Mary joined Houston Ballet as a principal dancer. During her performing career, Mary danced principal roles in all the major classical ballets, including *Swan Lake*, *The Sleeping Beauty*, *Giselle*, *Romeo and Juliet* and *The Nutcracker*, as well as leading roles in contemporary ballets, some created especially for her. She has worked with legendary teachers, choreographers, artistic directors and artists, including Rudolf Nureyev, Margot Fonteyn and Ben Stevenson. She married fellow principal dancer Li Cunxin in 1987, and they have danced together all over the world. Following their return to Australia in 1995 Mary worked with the Australian Ballet as a coach, while raising their children Sophie, Tom and Bridie. For the past ten years she has been ballet mistress at Queensland Ballet where her husband Li is artistic director. Together they have turned the company into one of worldwide recognition and acclaim.



AGM Agenda

10 December 2020

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| Welcome | Welcome : President Margot Baillie Minutes of the previous AGM confirmed | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Financial Report | Presentation of financials by Treasurer or representative Members to adopt as a true and accurate record | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Election of Office Bearers | Incoming President Susan Rix to present those nominated to the Board 2021-2022. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nominations | <table border="0"> <tr> <td>President</td><td>Susan Rix</td></tr> <tr> <td>Past President</td><td>Margot Baillie</td></tr> <tr> <td>President Elect</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Director Service</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Director Major Projects</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Director Youth</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Director Fellowship</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Director Membership</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Director Foundation/Donations</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Director Program</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Hot Air</td><td></td></tr> </table> | President | Susan Rix | Past President | Margot Baillie | President Elect | | Secretary | | Treasurer | | Director Service | | Director Major Projects | | Director Youth | | Director Fellowship | | Director Membership | | Director Foundation/Donations | | Director Program | | Hot Air | |
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| Non Board Positions | Special Projects Venue Liaison Attendance | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| General Business | Members to raise any issues, session facilitated by the President | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Close | President to Close the meeting | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Following the AGM there is an opportunity to review the Club's Strategic Plan, any feedback (not discussed at the meeting) can be forwarded to the President via email. The Strategic Plan is on Page 8.

Brisbane High Rise Strategic Plan 2020/21

CLUB VISION

To maintain a vibrant club with members embracing the four pillars of Rotary, sharing fellowship and networking with a commitment to service in the local community and humanitarian projects"

KEY FOCUS

- **Youth** (Rotary programs)
- **Education** (support schools in the local, remote and international areas)
- **Health** (Mental health, cancer and rural and remote areas)
- **Inclusion / Diversity** (age, ethnicity)
- **Fun and Fellowship** (survive Covid)

KEY ORGANISATIONS / PROJECTS

- Albert Park Flexible Learning Centre
- St Jude's Tanzania
- St James College
- PAGE, Cambodia
- Malaria vaccine
- RFDS
- 3rd Space
- Beddown / Streetlevel
- Adopt a rural / remote town

OUR CHALLENGES – Membership growth , finding a major project and fundraising event

How BHR will address RI's four pillars



| Increase our Impact | Expand our reach |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Links with local and international schools • Fighting diseases – malaria and polio • Active involvement with Rotary youth programs and Peace Fellows | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve web site and social media platform • Grow membership through inviting visitors • Join with other Clubs and Districts on key projects for homelessness |
| Enhance engagement | Ability to adapt |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinvigorate buddy program • Identify hands on projects • Attract great speakers aligned to our key focus | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain good governance • Adapt to Covid changes • Find new fundraising venture (replace Art Show) |

We will achieve our plan through working in our Committee teams

