



HOT AIR

24 December 2020

**Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year**



FROM OUR PRESIDENT MARGOT BAILLIE

Thank you to the Fellowship Committee, Venue Liaison and Santa for creating such a festive breakfast. All the children at my table had a wonderful time. The singing was inspired and certainly got us all in the Christmas spirit. The photos on page 2 shows the joy and Christmas spirit that filled the room. There were about 40 vouchers that were also donated which means our breakfast will spread the Christmas cheer far and wide throughout drought stricken Queensland. Thank you to everyone who donated a voucher.

It was lovely to see a number of our members supporting QPAC by attending the Spirit of Christmas concert. This continued the great festive spirit started at our breakfast.

As Greater Sydney locks down and we have hard State borders back in place, Christmas 2020 is gearing up to reflect the unpredictability of 2020. Whatever you are doing, stay safe and enjoy the family and friends you can access. I am looking forward to the next half of my presidency where we have some amazing guest speakers lined up and perhaps get back to the Marriott. Who knows, the important thing is we continue to support each other and our community.

Whatever your plans, enjoy the holiday season and have a good rest because 2021 could bring anything!!!



See you back at the
United Services Club
on 14 January

PROGRAM / GUEST SPEAKER

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| 24 Dec – 7 Jan | Christmas Break |
| 14 Jan | Welcome Back Lesley Leese – CEO 3 rd Space |
| 21 Jan | Wilson Kisebo – NYSF |
| 28 Jan | Neil Black – DG |
| 4 Feb | Mary Li – Qld Ballet |

ROSTER

| ROSTER | 14 Jan | 21 Jan | 28 Jan |
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| Chair | Steve S | Jane | Zanthia |
| Set Up and Close | Jane | Zanthia | Angela |
| Greeter | Zanthia | Angela | Craig |
| Sergeant | Kit | John | Rob |

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
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ROTARY GRACE

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

Christmas Breakfast

We had another memorable Christmas breakfast organized by the Fellowship Committee. The United Services Club coped very well with the invasion of future Rotarians and Santa. Barbara took on another personality and became a Christmas Elf and led all the children in Christmas carols. They sounded great and sang so loud that Santa heard them from the Queen St Mall and dropped in to see what all the noise was about. A great way to end an unusual year.



QPAC – Spirit of Christmas

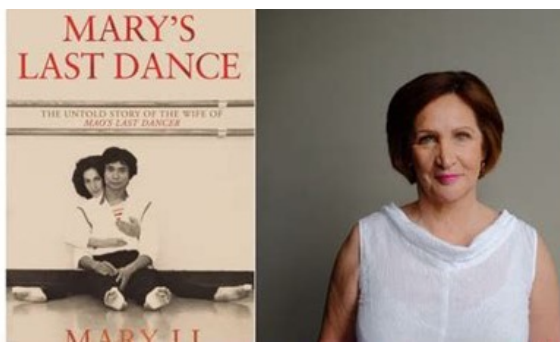


Upcoming Events at our Breakfasts

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.



Guest Speaker on 25 February 2021 – Tim Arvier, Channel 9 Journalist of the Year

Tim Arvier is a reporter for Nine News in the US and after the President's inauguration will be relocating back to Brisbane.

Over the past 15 years, Tim has been based in Sydney, Darwin, and London, working for Channel Nine, the BBC, Sky World News, and CNN. In his hometown of Brisbane, some of Tim's stories that made a difference to our society included exposing a suburban drug ring which resulted in a drug dealer being jailed, uncovering voting irregularities in the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital Poll which were looked at by the Crime and Corruption Commission, and filming exclusive footage of notorious sex offender Robert Fardon who was being housed next to a childcare centre and local state school.

In 2020 Tim was acknowledged for his outstanding coverage of the riots in Minneapolis winning big at the Clarion Awards claiming three awards on the night for Broadcast Interview, TV News Report, and Journalist of the Year 2020.



This is a guest speaker not to be missed.