

# HOT AIR



# 11 February Peace and Conflict Resolution

#### FROM OUR PRESIDENT MARGOT BAILLIE

#### Hi Everyone

It was wonderful to induct Dylys Bertelsen into our Club and the global Rotary network. Inductions are always special, but our last meeting blew me away as we also heard from Jeanette Johnstone who started *Teacher in a Box (TIB)* after a trip to Arusha, Tanzania. This project has the potential to truly change lives and Jeanette shared a few stories with us where access to information that we all take for granted made a huge difference. Once again it was a strong lesson on how education really is the pathway out of poverty.

Continuing our theme on education, this week we focus closer to home, hearing from Matthew O'Hanlon, the Qld Principal of the Year in 2020. Matthew has a strong focus on transitioning students to employment and has involved the local Beenleigh business community. Come along and hear more about his innovative approaches.

Don't forget that Valentine's Day is fast approaching look out for the email from Bill Phillips that should go out mid week regarding the flower delivery roster and thanks to everyone who has agreed to volunteer. This is a great fund raising event with the proceeds going to St Jude's, so they can continue their mission of fighting poverty through education.

A gentle reminder to support our very own BHR Chicks in Pink team by donating at

https://fundraise.mater.org.au/fundraiser/RotaryHighRise 1271. Keith has also sent out a call for Donations in Kind on 13 March so if you can help please make sure you let him know. We need about 6 – 8 people.

I am away this week and Susan has kindly agreed to step in to fulfil the role of President at our meeting. I can assure you I will be back in time for the flower deliveries!! Have a good week!

#### **INTERNATIONAL TOAST**

This week we toast the Peninsula Rotary Club at Tsim Sha Tsui in Hong Kong. This Club meets at the Marco Polo Hotel every Tuesday lunchtime. It is a large Club that is very family oriented. The President of Wharf Hotels, that owns the Marco Polo Hotel, is Dr Jennifer Cronin, a very proud former student of Beenleigh State High School and also a very good friend to BHR.

#### **PROGRAM / GUEST SPEAKER**

11 Feb	Matthew O'Hanlon  Principal of the Year 2020  Principal Beenleigh State High School  Engaging the Business Community			
18 Feb	Celebrating 100 Years of Rotary in  Australia			
25 Feb	Tim Arvier Journalist – Channel 9 The Trump Years			

#### **ROSTER**

ROSTER	11 Feb	18 Feb	25 Feb	
Chair	Zanthia	Craig	Chris	
Set Up and Close	Craig	Chris	Andrew	
Greeter	Chris	Andrew	Rod	
Sergeant	Phil	Rob	John	

## 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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#### DIRECT DEBIT

PREPAY FOR OUR MEETINGS, EVENTS, SUBSCRIPTIONS AT:

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#### **ROTARY GRACE**

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

## **Last Week's Meeting**

It was wonderful to induct a new member, Dylys Bertelsen into the Club – Officially welcome to the world of Rotary. It is great to have Dylys on the team. What an amazing project *Teacher in a Box* is. Jeanette Johnson gave us a great demonstration on how it works and we could all see its potential to bring information to the fingertips of children in remote communities in developing nations that have little or no internet. Amazing what a trip to Arusha can do for you and the world. Jeanette has done a brilliant job in creating this program. The Board is looking at ways to support and grow the program. In the meantime if you have any old computers, they will be gratefully received by Jeanette. Greg did a great job of stepping in as sergeant at the last minute and Margot got to pull out a card for the joker draw and take home a bottle of wine.







Margot inducting Dylys



Angela introducing Jeanette Johnstone founder of Teacher in a Box



Margot happy with her chance at the Joker Draw



Mingling before the meeting



Greg having some fun as sergeant



Deb, Dylys and Margot

## **Good News**

Olivia Rose Rix arrived in early November 2020 in Sydney, but due to border restrictions could not make the trip north to meet our oldest member and her great grandfather, Len Rix and great aunt, Susan until last week. It is obvious from these photos that Len and Olivia already have a special bond and Great Aunt Susan is the fun one!!







## How You Can Make a Difference



## Make Someone's Day and Help Change the World **Delivering Valentine Flowers**



Valentine's day is on Sunday 14 February this year so there is an extended window to deliver flowers. The proceeds from the deliveries will go to the school of St Jude and help to shape the next generation of Tanzanians. Below are some options for when you maybe able to volunteer.

#### **Shifts Available**

Shift 2 8.00am – Noon (6 – 8 people required to form 3 to 4 teams of a driver and deliverse opic of St Jude
Saturday 13 February – Driving to make deliveries in suburbs close to Bright 180
Sunday 14 February

Shift 3 8.00am – Noon (6 – 8 people required form 3 to 1 learns of a driver and revierer)
Sunday 14 February – Driving to make delivered

Please email Bill Phillips at billphillips049@gmail.com to indicate

- if you can help
- b) what shift(s) you are available, and
- if you are a driver or deliverer

Thank you for considering being part of this fundraising event.



The School



## **Donations In Kind** Sat 13 March 2021

Come along and help pack valuable medical and educational items of need into shipping containers. It is a fun activity where you can wear a Hi Vis vest and talk while you work. If you are able to spare a few hours please let Keith know either at the meeting or via email keithmcneil0711@gmail.com





## **District Governor** Nominations for 2023-24



Please note that the closing date for nominations for 2023/24 is 20 February 2021.

If you are interested in this role please contact Daryl Iseppi or visit the web site.

https://rotary9600.org/event/dead ine--submission-of-dg-nominationsfor-2023-24/



Susan is putting a table together for this Gala so if you are interested in attending, please contact Susan ASAP.

The link is

https://events.humanitix.com/centenary-gala

# Save the Date 18 April 2021

**Movie Night in support of** 



We are still deciding on a movie, but make sure you get this date in your diary. It is not so much about the movie, but rather the cause.

The \$2,600 raised from our last film provided health care, clothing, food, and tuition for the girls.



## Get well message

We wish Elenor Leveritt a speedy recovery from her heart surgery. Our thoughts are with her and Bill. We have confidence that Bill will master the washing machine!



## Join or Support the High Rise Team – Chicks in Pink

7 March 2021



Each year BHR fields a team of walkers in this iconic event supporting women with breast cancer. Last year we raised \$2500 and our goal this year is to raised \$3000. If you would like to join the team or donate the link is

https://fundraise.mater.org.au/fundraiser/RotaryHighRise1271

Any Questions? - Zanthia is co-ordinating this event

## ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS OPEN



# DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED?



Each year, Rotary awards up to 130 fully funded fellowships for dedicated leaders from around the world to study at one of the peace centres, one of which is at UQ. Through academic training, practice, and global networking opportunities, the Rotary Peace Centres program develops the capacity of peace and development professionals or practitioners to become experienced and effective catalysts for peace. The fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship and field-study expenses. There are two programs

#### Master's degree program

Accepted candidates study peace and development issues with research-informed teaching and a diverse student body. The programs last 15 to 24 months and includes a two to three month field study, which participants design themselves.

#### Professional development certificate program

During the one-year blended learning program, experienced peace and development professionals with diverse backgrounds gain practical skills to promote peace within their communities and across the globe. Fellows complete field studies, and they also design and carry out a social change initiative. This program is intended for working professionals.

Candidates have until **15 May** to submit applications to their districts. Districts have until **1 July** to <u>submit endorsed applications</u> to The Rotary Foundation.

Any questions about the fellowship program can be directed to <a href="mailto:rotary.org">rotary.org</a>.

Applications and information about the program can be found at <a href="https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/peace-fellowships">https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/peace-fellowships</a>

## **Photos from Dili**

Last week our international toast was Dili Lafaek in Timor-Leste. Most of us have not had the opportunity to visit this country and it is currently totally out of the question, but Bill and Elenor Leveritt visited a few years back and took these photos. *Teacher in a Box* could really make a big different there.



Above local transportation, to the right are photos of the statue of Christ in a park outside Dili township. The statue is 27 metres tall. Below is an old Portuguese building











Australian War Memorial (above and below)



To the left is the Santa Cruz cemetery. You can see how crowded the graves are. It is important as it was here in 1991 that at least 250 East Timorese people on a peaceful demonstration were killed by Indonesian troops. You can still see bullet marks on some of the graves.

## **Upcoming Events at our Breakfasts**

## Guest Speaker on 11 March - 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.





### ANNUAL CALENDAR

The calendar will appear in every edition with new events being bolded in purple. This will give you a long range planning tool. The calendar is being maintained by Angela so if you have any updates let her know.

Jan	uary 2021	February 2021		March 2021	
7	No meeting	12, 13 14	Valentine's Day Flower Deliveries	7	Chicks in Pink
				13	Donations in Kind
14	Return to regular meetings			26 – 28	District Conference Kingaroy
Apr	il 2021	Ma	y 2021	June	2021
1	Easter Breakfast				
18	Life and Hope Film Night				
July	2021	Aug	gust 2021	Sept	tember 2021
2	Change over dinner	26	DG Visit		
Oct	ober 2021	No	vember 2021	Dec	ember 2021
21	Pride of Workmanship			3/4	Christmas party
28	Melbourne Cup breakfast			16	Christmas breakfast
				23 & 30	No meetings

## **Barb's Joke Corner**

The NSW Police have found a large number of dead crows on the Sturt Highway just outside Wagga Wagga early this morning, and there was concern that they may have died from Avian Flu. A Pathologist examined the remains of all the crows, and, to everyone's relief, confirmed the problem was NOT Avian Flu. The cause of death appeared to be from vehicular impacts. However, during analysis it was noted that varying colours of paints appeared on the bird's beaks and claws. By analysing these paint residues it was found that 98% of the crows had been killed by impact with motorbikes, while only 2% were killed by cars. The investigators then hired an Ornithological Behaviourist to determine if there was a cause for the disproportionate percentages of motorbike kills versus car kills. The Ornithological Behaviourist quickly concluded that when crows eat road kill, they always have a look-out crow to warn of danger. They discovered that while all the lookout crows could shout "Cah", not a single one could shout "bike"

