



HOT AIR

11 March 2021

Peace and Conflict Resolution



FROM OUR PRESIDENT MARGOT BAILLIE

Hi Everyone

Last week Russell gave us a great presentation on the recent fires on Fraser Island. The Happy Valley Community Association came up with a gold standard Hazard Reduction Plan devised by Winston Williams, an experienced volunteer fire fighter. This plan involved the reduction of vegetation and a series of controlled burns which were carried out in August 2020. Subsequently they cleared a strip at the back of the local properties and along the dingo fence which was mulched. As the fire progressed in early December the volunteer fire fighters continued backburning along with various forms of aerial support. Both Winston and Glenda Williams led the firefighting and supported the team of locals fighting the fires which were encroaching on the perimeter of Happy Valley. The very valuable contributions made by Winston and Glenda will be recognised by presentations of PHF's to them at a forthcoming meeting of the Community Association in the presence of local politicians at Fraser. We can be proud of the role played by Steve Knight, Steve Settle and Russell in ensuring the safety of residents and properties on Fraser. Thanks Russell for your first-hand account of the collaborative efforts of the locals and the professional fire services working together to achieve such a great outcome and subsequently building up the resources of the community for the future.

We have another great guest speaker this week, Mary Li who has written an amazing book titled Mary's last dance. The highly anticipated memoir of Australian ballerina Mary Li – and the long-awaited sequel to her husband Li Cunxin's bestselling memoir, *Mao's Last Dancer*. Mary is a proud Queenslander who danced all over the world and has an amazing story to tell. This is another great meeting to invite family and friends along to. Make sure you let Rosemary know who is coming.

Our High-Rise team has raised a fabulous total of \$2,552 for Chicks in Pink and had a fun time participating in this wonderful event with over 16,000 enthusiastic runners and walkers. The overall total raised is \$1.5million.

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

This week we toast the Rotary Club of Qingdao in China. It was one of the first clubs created in China, on December 5th 1932, but later disbanded in the 1950s. It was reformed in 2016 with the first official meeting taking place in May. The newly formed Club was chartered on 13 August 2016 at the Intercontinental Hotel Qingdao, which is also the venue for their regular meetings every Thursday evening. Li Cuxin, Mary's husband, was born in Qingdao.

PROGRAM / GUEST SPEAKER

11 March	Mary Li Qld Ballet
18 March	Dyls Bertelsen (new member) + Lindsay shaving off his beard (see page 4 for details)
25 March	Bev Rowbotham Pathology during Covid
1 April	Easter breakfast - Fellowship

ROSTER

ROSTER	11 March	18 March	25 March
Chair	Jennifer	Helen	Stephen
Set Up and Close	Helen	Stephen	Steve K
Greeter	Stephen F	Steve K	Deb
Sergeant	Rob	John	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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MEETINGS, EVENTS,
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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

What a fantastic meeting. We finalised the AGM with the minutes and financials being accepted. Russell did a brilliant presentation on the recent fires at Fraser Island. Andrew did a great job of Chair explaining the meaning of Russell's name – check the Urban Dictionary and Bill Leveritt won a bottle of wine by being the successful Joker Draw recipient.



President Margot and Russell Postle



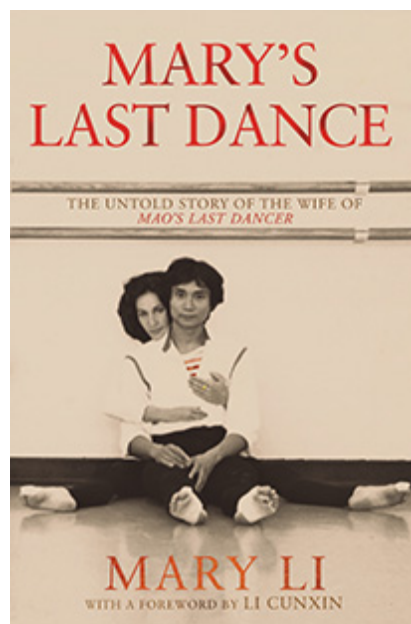
Trying to get the technology to work



Bill Leveritt wins the joker draw and goes home with a bottle of wine.



Guest Speaker this week : Mary Li, Mary's Last dance



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.

Chicks in Pink from BHR

Thank you to everyone who supported the team, we raised just over \$2,500, which was our contribution to the \$1.5 million raised for the Mater breast cancer unit. It was amazing to be part of the sea of pink that covered the city on Sunday morning. Thanks to our walkers and joggers who achieved quite respectable times, even though they stopped for photos and met up with our Club photographer, Bill Leveritt and the local police.

Zanthia : 36 min 12 secs

Kira : 50 min 58 secs

Margot : 1 Hour 5 mins 47 secs

Angela : 1 Hour 5 mins 50 secs

Kim : 1 Hour 5 mins 56 secs

Noela : 1 Hour 5 mins 59 secs



Member Updates

A Brilliant Performance



A number of BHR members have been spotted at the Queensland Ballet's 60th Anniversary Gala. All have reported what an amazing and thoroughly enjoyable celebration it was. Congratulations to Queensland Ballet in being able to deliver such an amazing show in such challenging times.

Be on the look out for the Rotary Stamp, Celebrating 100 years of Rotary in Australia



International Women's Day at St James College



An inspiring event – BHR representatives were greeted like VIPs by senior students including Wilson Kiseembo, who sends best wishes to the club.

Entertained by an amazing choir with a rousing rendition of Helen Reddy's I Am woman. A panel of 2 senior students, a Senior police officer and Professor Anne Tiernan, Dean of Engagement, Griffith Uni shared their life stories and thoughtful perspectives on women's issues. The hospitality students are to be congratulated on preparing such a great lunch, beautifully presented.



Photos with Ann Rebgetz and Naomi Ritchie, Assistant to the Principal.

Russell Visits Rotary and RFDS in Bundaberg



Russell Postle on a recent visit to the RFDS base at Bundaberg, where he caught up with the local Rotary Club. The local Rotary Club has been helping with the set up of the new base, which has been in operation for about a year. Pictured above is Russell with the local Rotary Club representative and Robyn, who is the base lead.



Royal Flying Doctor Service

Sunday - 18 April 2021

MOVIE NIGHT AT NEW FARM CINEMA



"My plan was to die before the money ran out," says 60-year-old penniless Manhattan socialite Frances Price (Michelle Pfeiffer), but things didn't go as planned. Her husband Franklin has been dead for 12 years and with his vast inheritance gone, she cashes in the last of her possessions and resolves to live out her twilight days anonymously in a borrowed apartment in Paris, accompanied by her directionless son Malcolm (Lucas Hedges) and a cat named Small Frank.



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



Support LINDSAY



The beard is going

<http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/lindsaymarshall>

My brother-in-law, David, is currently in Brisbane's Wesley Hospital being treated for Leukaemia so I thought, seeing as I recently grew a beard after I was in the Wesley myself last October, I have decided to take part in the World's Greatest Shave for the Leukaemia Foundation and shave my beard off on Thursday 18 March 2021! Please sponsor me to give families facing blood cancer the emotional and practical support they need. You'll also fund vital research to help more people survive blood cancers, while improving their quality of life.

Fellowship Opportunities



25
Jun
2021

📅 Jun 25, 2021 – Jun 26, 2021

South Bank Piazza Auditorium

📍 410 Stanley St
South Brisbane, QLD 4101
Australia

See Susan, if you would like to attend.



Fun Night

Combining food, wine and theatre 14 May 2021

Come along and be part of solving the crime, while sipping on champagne and eating quality and substantial canapes. While you move from room to room there is ample seating to ensure the evening is relaxed and easy on the feet. There is a 1950's theme and fancy dress is encouraged (but not essential).

Cost is \$110 / person (includes a small profit to be donated to Club projects).

If you and your friends would like to be included please let Zanthia know ASAP.

Other Events and Dates being considered

11 June 2021

Dinner at Sitar Restaurant at Albion

"Australia's Most Beautiful Voices" are back...



OPERA IN THE GARDENS 2021

ARIA BOTANICA

Starring The 7 Sopranos

and featuring a very special guest to be announced!

Sunday 2nd May, 2pm

Brisbane Botanical Gardens, Mt Coot-tha

EARLY BIRD TICKETS ON SALE NOW - SAVE \$10!

Early Bird / \$60 Adult, \$30 Student (to 31 March)

General Release / \$70 Adult, \$40 Student Groups of 10+ / \$60 Adult

Due to COVID-19 regulations, all tickets must be purchased online.

operainthegardens.com.au // 07 3620 8805

Booking Link

https://e.mybookingmanager.com/attendee_register_input_B.asp?hdnPar=0%5E%5E0&DAEC=E127205243234282

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.

January 2021		February 2021		March 2021	
7	No meeting	14	Valentine's Day Flower Deliveries	7	Chicks in Pink
		20	3 rd Space Garden Bee	13	Donations in Kind
14	Return to regular meetings			26 – 28	District Conference Kingaroy
April 2021		May 2021		June 2021	
1	Easter Breakfast	2	Opera in the Gardens	11	Dinner Sitar Restaurant
18	Life and Hope Film Night	14	Cluedo Interactive Theatre Night	25	Big Ballet event
July 2021		August 2021		September 2021	
2	Change over dinner	26	DG Visit		
October 2021		November 2021		December 2021	
21	Pride of Workmanship			3/4	Christmas party
28	Melbourne Cup breakfast			16	Christmas breakfast
				23 & 30	No meetings

Barb's Joke Corner

While working as a radiology technician in a hospital emergency room, I took x-rays of a trauma patient. I brought the films to our radiologist, who studied the multiple fractures of the femurs and pelvis. "What happened to this patient?" he asked in astonishment.

"He fell out of a tree," I reported.

The radiologist wanted to know what the patient was doing up a tree.

"I'm not sure, but his paperwork states he works for Bob's Expert Tree Service."

Gazing intently at the x-rays, the radiologist blinked and said, "Cross out 'Expert.'"



In a country home that seldom had guests, the young son was eager to help his mother after his father appeared with two dinner guests from the office.

When the dinner was nearly over, the boy went to the kitchen and proudly carried in the first piece of apple pie, giving it to his father, who passed it to a guest. The boy came in with a second piece of pie and again watched his father give it to a guest.

This was too much for the boy, who said, "It's no use, Dad. The pieces are all the same size."