

FROM OUR PRESIDENT MARGOT BAILLIE

Hi Everyone

Great meeting last week back at the United Services Club. It was great to catch up with everyone in person. Neil Black, DG, gave us a great summary of what is happening across the Region and encourage us to to grow our net membership by at least one. We are off to a great start as we are inducting another new member this week, Dyls Bertelsen. I always enjoy inducting new members, but as Neil shared with us, it is important to also retain our existing members. He also encouraged us to attend the District Conference at the end of March and I am pleased to say that all the District Conference Raffle tickets have been sold – thank you to everyone who bought a book.

Don't forget to bring in any old laptops that you no longer use as we have an opportunity for them to be refurbished and used in the Teacher in a Box program. Jeanette Johnstone will be our guest speaker this week giving us more information on this amazing project. See page 3 for some background information.

Over the past week Keith and I dropped in 3rd Space and took a few photos to inform the garden project. It is a very worthwhile project where we can work with some other Clubs and Rotaractors to really make a difference to the environment at this centre. See page 5 to see the photos. Keith will be scoping up this project and calling for volunteers in the near future. However, our most immediate service projects are Valentine Day flower deliveries and Donations in Kind – see page 4 for details on how to get involved in these projects.

The table and chairs for the Mamba school hall are underway and Bill has obtained a few photos of the progress. You can find them on page 7. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this project and hopefully one day we can see them in person.

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

This week we toast the Rotary Club of Dili Lafaek in Timor-Leste. The Club was chartered in 2016 and has a number of young community minded members and a very cool logo. The Club has been involved in emergency food relief, especially during Covid.



PROGRAM / GUEST SPEAKER

4 Feb	Jeanette Johnstone Teacher in a Box
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	4 Feb	11 Feb	18 Feb
Chair	Angela	Zanthia	Craig
Set Up and Close	Zanthia	Craig	Chris
Greeter	Craig	Chris	Andrew
Sergeant	John	Phil	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
TUESDAY PRIOR TO THAT WEEK'S
MEETING AT:
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HOT AIR EDITOR
angela@razconsulting.com.au

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 great to be back at USC. Steve Settle did a great job as Chair and our guest speaker was Neil Black the District Governor. All our allocated raffle tickets were sold for the District Conference. The Jocker Draw was back and Lindsay won the draw and took home a nice bottle of red. Margot and Angela promoted the Chicks in Pink walk by wearing their very unflattering and bright pink T shirts. Hard to miss them.

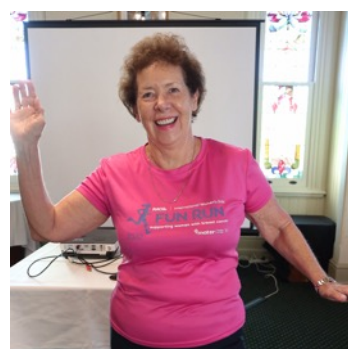


Don't forget Rotary needs your old Computers on 4 Feb

Rotary has a great program called Teacher in a Box and they desperately need your computer. Types of computers needed have

- An ethernet port
- at least one, preferably 2 working USB ports
- storage drive that can be upgraded
- processor is equivalent to i-3 or better
- must be operational or easily repaired
- not an Apple

For the lay people, the rule of thumb is that all working computers (not Apple) that are less than 9 years old are usually suitable. Please bring any suitable computers to our meeting on 4 February.



Focus of this Week's Speaker



Teacher in a Box



Provides people with offline access to an extensive range of FREE educational and training materials via any wi-fi enabled device.

No Internet access is required.

Supporting self-paced learning as well as classroom teaching, Teacher in a Box servers have a huge positive impact in places where there are limited teaching resources or teachers with limited training or education.



Teacher in a Box is a project of the Rotary Club of Paddington (formerly Brisbane Planetarium)

Absolute poverty is a great motivator

Kids living in poverty will happily walk 2 hours to go to school each and every day, and then spend their holidays studying as they prepare for the next school term.

Poverty makes kids dream of one day becoming a Doctor so that they can help people who can't afford medical treatment, or maybe becoming a Teacher to open doors for other kids, or just earning enough money to take their family out of the slums.....

The reality is that the majority of kids in developing countries are trapped in a cycle of poverty that, unless extreme luck is on their side, will be impossible to break out of.

Fortunately for some of these kids, their poverty motivates people like us. People who care! Many of us will be sponsoring one or more kids and the Starfish analogy holds true here.. "I may not be able to save them all, but I made a difference to that one". Can we make a bigger impact? Yes we can, and education is the key.


By giving teachers the tools to be far more effective in the classroom, kids don't have to just aim for the sky. They may actually be able to get there..

How can I help?

You can make a positive difference in these kid's lives.

- 1 **DONATE A LAPTOP COMPUTER** (we erase all data for you)
- 2 **HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR PROJECTS**
- 3 **DELIVER TEACHER IN A BOX TO A COMMUNITY**
- 4 **VOLUNTEER YOUR SERVICES**
- 5 **CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP**

Call Jeanette NOW to get started.

 **0412 589 042**

www.teacherinabox.org.au

Teacher in a Box is currently deployed in Papua New Guinea, Tanzania, The Phillipines, Kenya, Liberia, Zambia and Timor Leste.

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 1 8.00am – Noon (6 – 8 people required, all walkers)

Friday 12 February – Walking the city streets

Shift 2 8.00am – Noon (6 – 8 people required to form 3 to 4 teams of a driver and deliverer)

Saturday 13 February – Driving to make deliveries in suburbs close to Brisbane CBD

Shift 3 8.00am – Noon (6 – 8 people required form 3 to 4 teams of a driver and deliverer)

Sunday 14 February – Driving to make deliveries

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

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

Thank you for considering being part of this fundraising event.



**The School
of St Jude**



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.

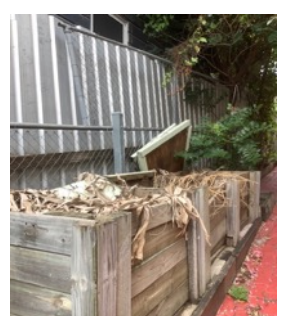
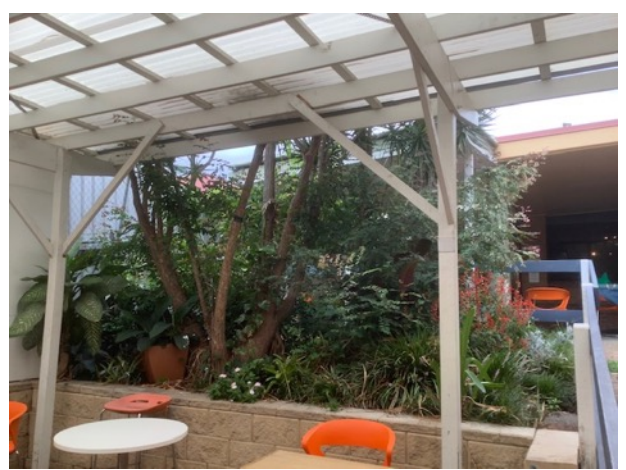
If you are interested in this role please contact Daryl Iseppi or visit the web site.

<https://rotary9600.org/event/deadline--submission-of-dg-nominations-for-2023-24/>



3rd SPACE Garden Project At the scoping stage

At our first meeting of the year Lesley Leece, the CEO of 3rd Space informed us of key projects on their wish list for 2021. One of the major projects was rejuvenating their gardens. There are three separate areas at 3rd Space which need a good clean up, weeding, mulching and replanting. There is some good infrastructure as there is a sprinkler system in both the front veggie/ herb garden and the middle courtyard garden and they have water tanks which are full at present. The courtyard area needs a good clean up with a gurney as they have a problem with pigeons and the besser blocks could do with a coat of paint too. Keith and Margot visited last week and scoped the project so we can begin discussions with potential partners such as other Clubs in the Cluster and local Rotaract Clubs. You can see from the photos below that it will be a challenge and a very worthwhile project. Stay tuned and sharpen up your gardening skills as Keith will be asking for volunteers in the near future.





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>

St James College Thanks BHR



As reported in the St James College newsletter

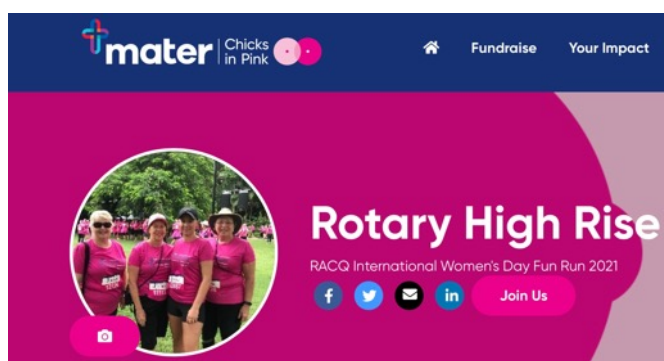
A Wonderful Experience!

Over the break we congratulate our students who took part in the National Youth Science Forum – Wilson Kisembo and Max Stanes – they described their experiences as a wonderful way to meet like-minded people & make life-long friends, explore many career pathways and the actual lived experience of science careers and overall they were terrific Ambassadors for the College! We thank Rotary and Brisbane High Rise Club for their unique support.



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

PROGRESS AT MAMBA

Last year Bill Phillips called for donations to fit out the Community / Assembly Hall at the Mamba School, that was built with a Rotary Grant. Thanks to everyone who chipped in for the tables and chairs. The good news is that they are now in production. This is a great example of our donations to Mamba having a wider impact than just provision of furniture. Our donations are also boosting employment and the local economy. One day we may get a chance to sit at these tables, but in the meantime the furniture will make a huge difference to the students and the local community.




2021 International Convention goes Virtual 12-16 June

The Rotary Board of Directors was compelled, because of the pandemic, to take the necessary step of celebrating the upcoming 2021 International Convention as a virtual event. Unfortunately, this also means that we will be unable to meet in person in Taipei. While this may not be an unexpected decision, it is still a deeply disappointing one – for us and for our friends in Taiwan, who have been planning an exceptional event. However, let us hope that we will find other opportunities to meet in person in the near future.

2021 ROTARY CONVENTION NOW VIRTUAL

**2021 VIRTUAL
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION**

#Rotary21

Rotary 

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.

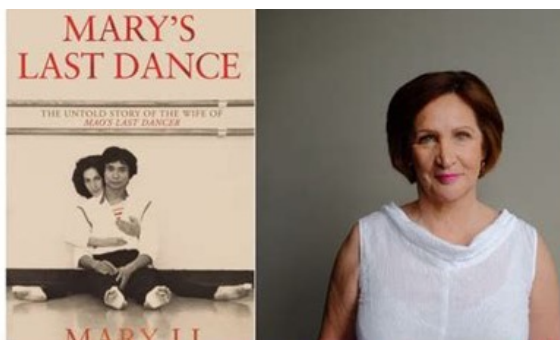


Upcoming Events at our Breakfasts

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.

January 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
April 2021		May 2021		June 2021	
1	Easter Breakfast				
18	Life and Hope Film Night				
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

The mother of three notoriously unruly youngsters was asked whether or not she'd have children if she had it to do over again.

"Sure," she replied, "but not the same ones."

My friend told me he had the body of a Greek god...t

: "?????????"

I had to explain to him that Buddha is not Greek.

For her birthday I bought my wife new beads for her abacus.
It's the little things that count.

