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Mr. Hamish McLachlan

Sent via email

Dear Hamish,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am settling back into the office after an extended period of travel, with our time in Byron Bay together at Radek and Helen Sali's beautiful home still very much on my mind. I am so grateful to Igniting Change, and Radek and Helen for bringing us together!

Your warmth and compassion, coupled with Radek Sali's warm introduction and Russell Smith's powerful 'Welcome to Country', truly set the tone for a wonderful luncheon. Your insightful questions and thoughtful follow-ups allowed me share my personal stories with relative ease and allowed the noble purpose behind the fundraiser to shine through authentically. Your genuine interest in the stories being shared, your ability to listen attentively, and your thoughtful reflections created an environment of trust and support. I am thankful to you, as I am told our conversation captured the hearts and minds of those present.

Please accept my heartfelt appreciation for the invaluable role you played in making the fundraising luncheon a resounding success. Your curiosity, charm and relaxed professionalism made it a pleasure to share more about my world and the work of the Graça Machel Trust with so many new people. Supporting lively discussion about big ideas, is so important and unfortunately, so rare. With your guidance, it felt easy to explore the power of collaborations and of actions we can take together to make the world a better place.

You helped to create a heartwarming space where genuine connections were formed and guests were inspired to support my work of social transformation. Thank you so much. I hope the memories created that day will continue to inspire us to take action and make a difference in the lives of those in need.

Yours Sincerely,

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