

Zonta Club Burdekin



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Area 5

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Club No 1475

March 2016

President's Report

Firstly I wish to congratulate Rita and her team for the great job they have done with our International Women's Day Breakfast. I have had some really good reports from people who attended. It was impressive to see five nominees for our Woman of Achievement Award. I congratulate all who were nominated especially our winner Ellen Lund. The food as usual from Cloves was exceptional.

I would like to ask all members to place the date of 20th May for the Cowboys game on their calendars to promote our cause Zonta Says No campaign and 21st and 22nd for our Area 5 Meeting. I will have more information once I sit in on the teleconference on Monday afternoon.

This month we only have one club members birthday, so happy birthday Beth. Hope you have a great day.

Our lectern has had the backing board placed onto it by the Men's Shed so we will have a list of our Past Presidents on permanent display at our meeting and functions shortly. Thanks Margaret for your efforts in making sure we have a clear record of our Past Presidents on display.

Just a reminder that next month we will be having our CPR night.

Jan.

ADVANCING THE STATUS OF WOMEN WORLDWIDE

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Meeting Time & Place: 6.00 pm for 6.30pm

March DINNER MEETING

BUDDY LIST

Lyndy McCathie — Judy Mitchell
Rita Cranitch — Leanne Jamieson
Marg Culpan — Karen Clarke
Mary Lynch — Kathy Jensen
Jan Hollingsworth — Pierina Dalle Cort
Raelene Grantz — Anne Kruger
Beth Hancock - Mary Anne Fraser
Isabel Stubbs — Inez Larsen
Giovanna Gabiola — Debbie Watson
Robyn Haller — Judy Sgarbossa
Debra Cochran

Happy Birthday

Beth Hancock

RAFFLE

March Jan Hollingsworth
(value \$10.00 - \$15.00)

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Debbie Watson
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ADVOCACY

Chair: Marg Culpan

Isabel Stubbs
Kathy Jensen
Leanne Jamison

MEMBERSHIP

Chair: Debra Cochran

Karen Clarke
Raelene Grantz
Jan Hollingsworth
Beth Hancock

CALENDAR - 2016

March	Tue 1 st	Board Meeting
	Tue 8 th	Zonta Rose Day & International Women's Day
	Sat 5 th	International Women's Day Breakfast
	Tue 8 th	Dinner Meeting
	Fri 25 th	Drinks -
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April	Fri 1 st	Drinks – Ayr Traveller's Motel
	Tue 5 th	Board Meeting
	Tue 12 th	Dinner Meeting & CPR Pres. (Annual fees due) – Neighbourhood Cnt
	Mon 25 th	Anzac Day Ceremony
	Wed 27 th	Lunch – Dal Santo's Continental Deli
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May	Fri 1 st	Zonta Burdekin Birthday
	Tue 3 rd	Board Meeting
	Tue 12 th	Dinner Meeting & AGM
	Fri 20 th	Zonta Says No presence at the Cowboys V Broncos Game - Tville
	Sat 21 st – 22 nd	Area 5 Meeting – Tville Metro – Quest on Eyre, Leichhardt St, Tville
	Fri 27 th	Bush Poets Workshop – St Francis Catholic School
		Drinks – Queen's Hotel
	Sun 29 th	Bush Poets Breakfast
		Eisteddfod Prize Presentations
		Domestic & Family Violence Prevention Month



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COMMITTEE NEWS

Debra Cochran MEMBERSHIP (Chair)

Hi Ladies Judith White has accepted our invitation to join the club and will be inducted at next Tuesdays Dinner meeting. We also have prospective members Margaret Grant attending next Tuesday and Teresa Lever and Kathy Pease attending the April meeting.

The first Z Club meeting for the year has been held. The ladies from BCHS assisting us will be Michelle Pivotto and Christine Loizou. Karen's looking into some interesting initiatives the girls may be able to support such as sending sanitary items to girls in PNG so that they don't miss out on attending school.

Lunch went well at the Ayr Chinese with 7 ladies attending.

Everything's on track for the April Dinner meeting at the Neighbourhood Centre.

Take care until next time. Deb

Marg Culpan ADVOCACY (Chair)

Firstly may I thank everyone for joining with me to celebrate my 60 th . I hope you all had a good night as I wanted a gathering that was not just for me but all of my friends to have a great time.

Advocacy has been ticking along with the lectern now back from the Men's Shed and awaiting the list of presidents names to be fitted on to the size and then printed on.

This months meeting has no specific guest speaker as the Police coordinator for DV in Burdekin is still seconded to Townsville. So I will be giving an educational piece on the Zonta position statements put forward in the last International newsletter and Jan is going through the worst complied with road rules.

April meeting is a "pot Night"--. Pizzas , and CPR . Should be good fun. Bring a pillow for your knees !!!

Bush Poets is progressing with Wilmar and northern realty coming on board with sponsorship . With the Council elections this month other commitments are on hold. Dale Last has accepted his invitation also and will provide the traditional raffle/ Lucky door prize. Carol Heuchan is our poet and is booked and getting flights arranged. Marg

Rita Cranitch SERVICE (Chair)

After months of planning we were all looking forward to the IWD Breakfast on Saturday. it never ceases to amaze me what a group of women working together can achieve.

Everyone in the committee took on tasks they knew they could accomplish and with the help of our honorary committee member, Inez. We can all be pleased with the outcome. More info on the Breakfast after the event at tonight's meeting.

We are now going into 'quiet ' mode until our next event which will possibly be an afternoon movie.

Rita



Emma Walker (Takahashi is her Japanese surname but she uses her New Zealand father's surname while in Ayr), was a guest at our last dinner meeting and helped to assemble the breast cushions. She is staying with Karen and Neville in order to attend Grade 12 at Ayr State High School for the academic year. Emma attended Home Hill State High in 2013 for 3 months and enjoyed the experience so much that she decided to come back for 12 months in order to improve her English skills. Emma was interested to learn about the need for the Breast Cushions, and has also been told about the Birthing Kits which our club also assembles.

At school, Emma is challenged by the usual classes as she does not have a sound grasp of English. However, she is a trombone player and is enjoying the music lessons, has joined the High School Band and is now studying guitar. Art is also a fun subject as she is able to participate and interact more than the other more formal lessons. As well as English Communication she is enrolled in a Distance Education's English subject run from Cairns.

Emma has only been in the country 4 weeks and has been invited to 3 birthday parties (2 being sleepovers). A chance sighting of us walking by one of her former Home Hill High classmates resulted in renewed contact, dinner at the Chinese restaurant, and the afternoon at the beach on Australia Day. Her Home Hill class mates all graduated from high school last year and most have moved away to attend university. Emma has joined the Netball Club in Home Hill and participates in the Japan Club at the Ayr High as well.

Inez used to teach Emma English in 2013 so they were delighted to catch up at our dinner meeting. Mary Anne has taken Emma for an afternoon's drive out to her home on the farm, and a tour through the Mt Kelly area.

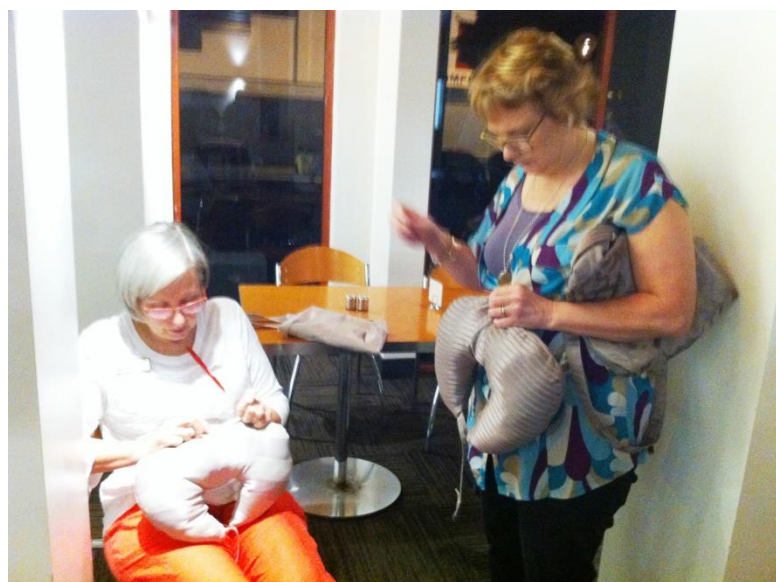
If any members have grandchildren studying Japanese at school, who would benefit from some interaction with a Japanese native speaker, please let us know. As we don't have teenagers in our house, I am sure Emma would welcome any chance to meet more people her own age.

Karen

February Meeting

As part of our February meeting we finished some breast bare cushions and drainage bags for the Townsville hospital. Many hands made light work of the stuffing and stitching

Our very stylish models Emma and Karen model the very stylish finished products





Lots of helpful people

On February 20th The Honourable Kate Jones Minister for Education and Minister for Tourism and Major Events announced a new respectful relationships program for schools

All schools have been invited to adopt the new program which will involve students from prep to year 12 .

The program aims to alert students of all ages to be aware that domestic and family violence is never acceptable and that we all have a responsibility to act.

Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence Shannon Fentiman said the Palaszczuk Government was committed to helping students gain the skills they need to develop respectful relationships free from violence.

“We know the attitudes and behaviours that underpin violent behaviour in relationships are formed early on,” Ms Fentiman said.

“Research by Our Watch shows that one in six 12-24 year olds in Australia believes ‘women should know their place’ and more than 25 percent of young people believe ‘male verbal harassment’ and ‘pressure for sex toward females’ are ‘normal’ practices.

“That’s why it is so vital to start young to educate our boys and girls about respectful relationships to prevent damaging attitudes forming, which will in turn help to break the cycle of domestic and family violence.”

The *Respectful relationships education program* will give students opportunities to improve their self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationships, ethics, values, knowledge of social norms, stereotypes, human rights, and risk, as well as responsible decision-making.



Social Events

On Saturday night a large crowd of friends of Margaret Culpan came together to celebrate her 60th Birthday. It was held at Sway and Ivy restaurant



Everyone had a wonderful time with good food , good friends and lots of laughs .

We even learnt a lot about Margaret and Ken's meeting through the Hash House Harriers.

Hope you enjoyed your birthday Margaret

Happy Birthday







International Women's Day Breakfast

Raffle winners

Bouquet of flowers—Emma Kauppila

1st prize Pendant – Fiona Tomachio

Minor prizes – Ruth Rush, Judy Mitchell and Renee Hayward.

A special thanks to Robyn for the wonderful coverage of the IWD Breakfast and the wonderful set up of the following page .

Isabel

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST 2016



Zonta Area 5 Director Marie Cameron, WOA Ellen Lund and Zonta Burdekin President Jan Hollingsworth



Judy Mitchell our capable MC for the morning gave an informative address on International Women's Day, Zonta's projects especially Birthing Kits and Breast Care Cushions and Drainage Bags, and also delivered a precise of our WOA nominees. Not an easy job.

Our guest speaker for the morning was Tania Cox who gave us an insight into the difficulties of becoming a children's author and of the patience required. It certainly is not a career for those wanting instant achievement. Whilst those ladies at the breakfast had a thoroughly enjoyable morning, unfortunately our numbers were substantially down with only 68 as against 94 last year. Regardless of numbers however the same amount of work goes into organising an event and thanks go to Rita and her committee for putting together a beautiful morning.

As usual our IWD breakfast was simply delicious. Has anyone worked out what those yummy little creamy delights were in the centre of the table?

Our **Woman of Achievement** for 2016 was Ellen Lund and from the cheering that emanated when announced, she was a very popular winner. Congratulations also go to our other nominees, Majella Meehan, Tarja Martin, Helen Andrews, and Pat Strathdee. They were all deserving nominees but unfortunately there can only be one WOA. Who would be a judge?

