

# Zonta Club Burdekin Inc



**International Website:** [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org)  
**District Website:** <http://zontadistrict22.org>  
**Club Website:** <http://burdekin.zontadistrict22.org>

Area 5  
Club No 1475  
CHARTERED  
22.5.1994

## JUNE 2014

*Dear Ladies*

Now for the next twelve months with my new board of Raelene, Jan, Nilda, Debbie W, Debra C, Rita and Robyn. We want to concentrate on new membership and with that we have the induction of Judy Scarbossa this meeting.

Please think of possible new members and give names to myself or Jan to put through the club system of introduction and invitation.

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Bush Poet's this year either on the day or behind the scenes. As always it was a good time and a good attendance with 83 seats filled [ some free ] considering the other events also on that weekend. The Mens' Shed enjoyed the Saturday visit by Neil McArthur and his wife Colleen and St Francis had 19 students involved with his workshop there.

Our next event is the Curry in a Hurry at the Tastes of the Burdekin and with Rita away in New York we will rally round Debbie, Nilda and Lyndie for the preparations and set up. Let's sell out again!

We will be ordering our Birthing kits this month as we have October booked for preparing them. Always a fun time.

And we have been invited to the Rotary Club of Ayr's dinner meeting on 19th June as they have Doug Vincent, a Canadian visitor, who had been in Rotary here many years ago, to give a talk. Home Hill Rotary have been invited. As a kindred

club with good working relationships with ourselves it is an honour for them to involve us this way. Let me know if you and or your partner are coming to that meeting so we can let Frank Nucifora know for seating and meals.

I will be attending the Bowen club's 20th Birthday dinner this Saturday to represent our club. I will also be attending the Rotary Club of Ayr Change over dinner on 28th June representing our Club.

Beth Honeycombe and Janice Micola have transferred to the Townsville club and so that should be an incentive to attend our area dinners to catch up with them in future. Majella Meehan has resigned and we therefore lose a charter member and past president and past area director all in one action but Majella will always be available for advice and we wish her well tending her extended mob of cattle.

We have had acknowledgement of our donation to the Rose Fund in recognition of Judith Anderson's time as our immediate past District Governor and also the donation to the Biennium Niger project to reduce child marriage.

Regards  
Marg



## ADVANCING THE STATUS OF WOMEN WORLDWIDE

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Fees: Meeting & dinner \$25  
Meeting only \$5  
Fee if apology received \$5  
Fee if no apology made \$25

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**Meeting Time & Place:** 6.00 pm for 6.30pm  
Kalamia Hotel Ayr. Club meets second Tuesday of each month except January.

## BUDDY LIST

New buddies decided at tomorrow's meeting



Congratulations to our sister clubs on attaining this milestone

Townsville Zonta Club 30 years  
Bowen Zonta Club 20 years

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Best wishes

Deb

Giovanna (Jo)

Mary

Nilda



Burdekin Website has been updated.

*Don't forget to check up on your new committee.*

This month we will be showing 2 videos on our Zonta International work in Africa

## RAFFLE

Mary Lynch (June)  
Lyndy McCathie (July)  
(value \$10.00 - \$15.00)

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Giovanna Gabiola

















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Peta Bird

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# CALENDAR 2013 - 2014

February		Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Monthly meeting/Planning Night Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> Information Night	
March		Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> International Womens Day / Zonta Rose Day Burdekin Woman of Achievement Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Monthly meeting Isabel Stubbs guest speaker Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Calendar Girls Burdekin Theatre Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Sorting Zonta gear at Lyndy's shop	
April		Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Monthly meeting [Fees Due] Fri – Sun 25 – 27 <sup>th</sup> Area 5 Meeting Mt Isa Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Anzac Day Parade presentation	
May		Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> - BIRTHDAY CHARTERED 20 YEARS Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Monthly meeting and AGM Eisteddfod Prize Presentations Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> Workshop Bush Poets Domestic Violence Month – banner Order Birthing Kits	
June		Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Bush Poets' Breakfast Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting	
July		Prospective member meeting Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Dinner Meeting - Marie Cameron to address us on Z Clubs Tastes of the Burdekin – Curry in a Hurry	
August		Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dinner meeting Mon 18th Heart Health Info evening – Monday	
September		Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Water Festival Parade "Zonta Says No" Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Dinner meeting 21 <sup>st</sup> International day of Peace – Display at Library?	
October		Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Dinner Meeting 15 <sup>th</sup> International Day for Rural Women Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Birthing Kits 24 <sup>th</sup> UN Day Social outing to Diana's	
November		Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival Parade "Zonta Says No" Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Dinner Meeting Zonta International birthday DV Luncheon ) 25 <sup>th</sup> White Ribbon Day) Science Award to Home Hill High School	 
December		Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Dinner meeting Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Party	
January 2015		11 <sup>th</sup> Amelia Earhart Day Meet and Greet new Professionals in the Burdekin? Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Driver Reviver	

I have just received the very exciting news that the service project which D22 submitted for the inaugural International Service Recognition Award (*Project NOW*) has been selected by Zonta International Service Committee as a finalist. The winners will be announced and recognized during the Orlando Convention, and as a finalist, we have been invited to make a presentation of the project at the Zonta Trade Show, on Saturday 28 June. I have accepted that invitation.

Judith Andersen



# Zonta International District 22

*Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*

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## A 'thank you' message to the Zonta Clubs of District 22

When I was elected as District Governor and began to set goals for my biennium, I gave myself the challenge of visiting every Club in the District at least once, to ensure that every Zontian had the opportunity to hear about Zonta directly from a District and international perspective. After more than 50 Club meetings and even two Leadership Workshops, eight Area Meetings, and a District Conference, I feel I have reached that goal and I want to thank you all for the warm welcome and the generous support you have extended to me in the process.

International President Lynn McKenzie's 'visibility and credibility' catchphrase for her biennium has resounded with us all, and every Zontian can be proud of the extent to which the *Zonta says NO* campaign was embraced as a means of making Zonta more visible in communities across the District, attracting interest not only in the issue of violence against women, but in membership of Zonta.

Amongst other achievements, the District has also taken a strong leadership role in advocacy. Thanks to Denise Conroy, submissions have been made on no fewer than seven issues affecting the status of women. We have also made an exceptional contribution to the growth of Z Clubs this biennium with one chartered by Charters Towers, and three by the Mackay Club. In addition, our Clubs continue to make and distribute Breast Care Cushions as a District project and to make an outstanding contribution to the Birthing Kit Foundation through assembling thousands of kits each year (27 of the 43 D22 clubs collectively made 32,800 kits this biennium) – all of that on top of making a very real difference to improving the status of women in our local communities.

The District can also take pride in the international success of our candidates in the programs directed at the next generation of women leaders (Young Women in Public Affairs Awards, Jane M. Klausman Scholarships and Amelia Earhart Fellowships) and in the exceptional financial contribution made to the Zonta International Foundation to support both those programs and Zonta International's service and ZISVAW programs.

At 30 April, the cut-off date for contributions to be recognised at the Orlando Convention, this District had contributed USD\$232,024.99, making it the fourth most generous District in the Zonta world. Congratulations!

A second personal goal of my biennium was to strengthen communication and to consolidate the District administratively. The development and launch of a new District website was a critical part of this process as was adopting a practice of communicating with Club leaders through 'single issue' e-mails rather than newsletters. Area boundaries were changed to produce a more even distribution of Clubs, with Gympie moving from Area 1 to Area 2 and Brisbane River moving from Area 1 to Area 3, and the Zonta Clubs of Mt Isa Breakfast, Logan, Emerald and Tamborine Mountain, which were either inactive or at risk of failing to meet legal obligations, were supported in exiting from Zonta International with grace and pride, collectively contributing a legacy of more than \$5,700 to the Zonta International Foundation from the closure of their Clubs.

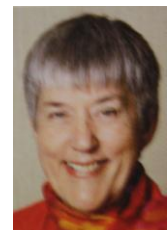
Another goal was to achieve greater sharing of resources and ideas – the orange T-shirts and District-specific ribbons produced for the *Zonta says NO* campaign were an excellent example of this, and many Clubs shared artwork and supplier details in order to produce a range of other merchandise. Similarly, a bulk purchase of copies of the 2012-2014 program edition of *The Zontian* magazine and of business cards printed with Zonta's QR code, gave Clubs a valuable resource to distribute to new and prospective members and to community leaders.

Collaboration among Clubs has been another outstanding feature of the biennium, particularly among the 18 Clubs within 100 km of Brisbane. The *Walk to say NO* with its accompanying website, and the joint fundraiser in support of the Salvation Army's *Project NOW* both earned a nomination for the inaugural Service Recognition Awards which will be announced at the 2014 Convention in Orlando.

Despite the closure of four Clubs, District 22 had 1082 members at the end of March 2014, only 17 fewer than at the end of the 2010-2012 biennium. This is testament to the highly successful recruitment undertaken by Clubs and, with a stronger focus on retention, continuation of the *Zonta says NO* campaign, and an inspiring suite of international service projects for the next biennium, I am confident that District membership will continue to grow over the next biennium under the leadership of Judith Trevan-Hawke as District Governor, and Ans Van Erp as Lieutenant Governor and District Membership Chairman. I also hope to be able to play a direct role because the incoming International President, Maria Jose Landeira Østergård, has asked me to serve on the International Membership Committee – a challenge I am looking forward to.

Thank you again for all that you do and for making my term as Governor so satisfying and memorable.

Judith Anderson OAM  
*District 22 Governor 2012-2014*



## MEMBERSHIP Jan Hollingsworth Chair



I don't have a lot to report as yet we have not held our committee meeting since the changeover of positions and committee members this month. I am proposing that we hold our meetings on the third Tuesday night so that everyone knows Tuesdays are a Zonta night. This will be confirmed at our dinner meeting this Tuesday.

I am looking for names, submitted on a Prospective Member sheet and subject to approval, to invite to a new member information night to be held in July on a Thursday night at the Burdekin Neighbourhood Centre. So far we have 9 names. The list will be circularised to all members so that they can be approved before we send out the invites, please let me know or your committee chair know if you have an objection to any proposed member. I have new forms to circulate for adoption as standard for proposed and new member information.

Our committee will compile a brief policy manual with all the information required for recruitment of new members and requirements to comply with reporting requirements to Area, District and International. When you step into any position or chair it is easy if all information you need to do your job is easy to obtain and to the point. I am looking forward to working with the new Board and all our members this coming year.

## ADVOCACY Debra Cochran Chair



### Annual General Meeting Report

I enjoyed the past year in Zonta and was honoured to be the Advocacy Chair. It was a busy year and one that I think we can say was successful. Our committee worked hard and I thank everyone very much for your dedication and support.

We contributed to the Zonta Says NO Campaign by purchasing a banner which has been displayed

McCathies and BCA Support Centre. It will also be at Grewer's Race Day this weekend. Wristbands and Ribbons were purchased and sold at Outback Family Medicine and BCA. Articles on Domestic and Family Violence, the Zonta Says NO Campaign, International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, White Ribbon Day and the 16 Days of Activism were published in the Advocate and BCA Round-a-Bout magazines and Healthy Chat Flyers.

An interview on Domestic and Family Violence was conducted on Sweet FM and the club's donation for the School Life Skills Program was promoted in the Advocate and Round-a-Bout. Meetings were attended at the council on the Mentors in Violence Prevention Program and Building Safer Communities Action Team.

Robyn produced the club newsletter each month and these were very informative and inspiring. Robyn also designed our wonderful club brochure and reviewed the website content. Leanne very capably carried out the position of Attendance Officer with relief from Robyn and Nilda while away recently.

An Information Night was held on Coping with Breast Cancer and Guest Speakers were organised for dinner meetings from the Lower Burdekin Home for the Aged; Burdekin Area Youth Watch; BCA Home Care Services; Ronald McDonald House and Burdekin Men's Shed Association. Diana also told us all about Facebook and Isabel gave a presentation on the Burdekin School.

We nominated a wonderful local lady for the Woman of Achievement Award and the International Women's Day and Bush Poet's Breakfasts were promoted in the Advocate and Observer What's On, Round-a-Bout magazines, council events calendar, My Community Connect website, Channel 10, 4TO, HOT FM and Sweet FM.

A pot night was held at Marg's to mark United Nations Day and Marg and Pierina's presentation on their trip to India was enjoyed by all. A Progressive Dinner to Art N Ayr, Ayr Chinese and Chill Parlour was held to celebrate Christmas and Joan Heatley once again made her impressive plum pudding. Robyn worked hard to update the club archives and Rita to do the powerpoint presentation for the Club's 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday dinner.

The coming year is shaping up to be great with new Zonta signs on the way, Marie Cameron to speak about Z Clubs and plans for our Heart Health Information night and Water Festival float.

This is to advise you all that, in collaboration with the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Brisbane Marketing, Brisbane City Council, and Tourism and Events Queensland, **District 22 has submitted a bid for consideration of Brisbane as the host city for the 2018 Zonta International Convention.**

Zonta International is already committed to hosting the 2018 Convention in the Asia Pacific region and we are confident that the quality of our submission and the 'Team Brisbane' approach will be well regarded and that we have the capacity to deliver an exceptional Convention.  
Judith Andersen

In other welcome news, our District will also be acknowledged at Convention as one of Zonta's top donating districts – and for having 100% of clubs making a contribution to the Foundation. I have accepted an invitation from the ZI Board to attend a special reception during Convention in recognition of this achievement.  
Judith Andersen

## 2014 Amelia Earhart Foundation Scholarships

Fellows by Country of Citizenship: Australia 2, Belgium 3, Canada 1, Costa Rica 1, Denmark 1, France 1, Germany 2, India 2, Iran 1, Israel 1, Italy 3, Nepal 1, P.R. China 1, Poland 2, Republic of China (Taiwan) 1, Romania 1, Russia 1, Spain 1, USA 8 and Vietnam 1. This is a record 35 fellows from 20 countries accepted from 168 nominations

### **Australia's 2 fellows:**

Natasha Bosanac Purdue University Aeronautics and Astronautics

Elizabeth Theresa Jens Stanford University Aeronautics and Astronautics.

Elizabeth was a fellow in 2012.

### INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT LYN MACKENZIE



What does it take to ensure all women and girls are resilient, strong, and able to make a positive mark on the world?

I have been thinking about this question since returning from Nigeria and Rwanda last month where I visited the edutainment projects focusing on domestic violence, and in Rwanda where we were able to participate in a stakeholders meeting to establish key messages around domestic violence- the focus for the Rwandan NGO's edutainment project. Then there is the kidnapping of the girls in the northern part of Nigeria- a terrible event that happened during the site visit to Nigeria as did the bombing in Abuja, Nigeria's capital. Let's not forget the proposed Sharia laws in Iraq. We have made statements on [the kidnappings of the schoolgirls](#) and have [written a letter to the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights regarding the issue of child marriage](#) in Iraq and elsewhere.

These horrific acts are a reminder that Zonta's efforts to help women and girls around the world must never cease. The locations of our service and ZISVAW projects are often in challenging environments - economically, environmentally and politically. Imagine what it is like living hour by hour with little reserves and trying to keep your family safe, fed and loved? Our support must be unwavering. We must continue to advocate for women's issues worldwide, demand gender equality and donate our time, talents and funds locally and internationally to our service and ZISVAW projects, and the educational programs. We must keep focused on both the present and future.

## BIRTHING KIT FOUNDATION AUSTRALIA



The new study, titled 'A Price Too High to Bear,' was conducted from 2011 to 2013 by Family Care International (FCI), the International Center for Research on Women (ICRW), and the KEMRI-CDC Research and Public Health Collaboration.

It shows that far too often a maternal death is directly linked to neonatal mortality. Among the 59 maternal deaths examined, only 31 infants (52%) survived delivery. Of these 8 babies died in their first week of life and another 8 died over the next few weeks. In all only 15 babies (25%) survived. Some older children whose schooling was interrupted had to leave the family home to live with relatives. Husbands and older family members, particularly mothers and mothers-in-law, had little time to grieve, as they immediately began taking over the deceased women's household and childcare responsibilities. When they lose a loved one to maternal death, families are confronted with medical and funeral costs greater than their total household spending in a typical year.

'This new research puts hard numbers, as well as heart-breaking stories, behind a message that maternal health advocates have known for years: when women die, children suffer and families fall apart,' said Ann Starrs, president of FCI. 'These findings reinforce the compelling moral and economic case for urgent action to end preventable maternal deaths, in Kenya and around the world.'

**The BKFA is currently working with four fabulous partners in Kenya, who in the 2013-14 year, have received and distributed 28,600 kits.**

# Bush Poet's Breakfast



Bush Poet Neil McArthur with President Dr Marg Culpan



Mayor Bill Lewis, author Don Douglas, MC John Furnell and President Marg



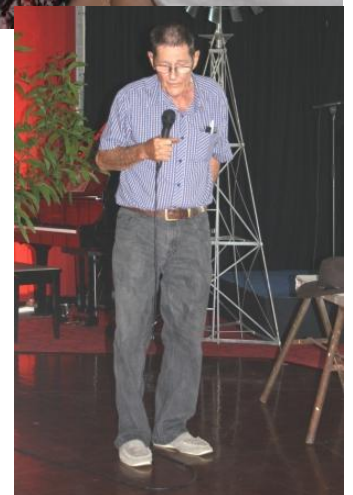
Left: Nilda and Anna

Right: Terry, Sandra, Ciara and Diana



Left: Ken, Elizabeth and Betty

Right: Billy Tea maker extraordinaire and wonderful bush poet Bill Lucas.



Below: Delrae and friend



Gary, Marion, Gerry, Melba, Steve and Terry are regular zonta function attendees.



This year's Bush Poets' Breakfast was a happy affair once again. Although it was a busy weekend we still managed a good crowd and they certainly enjoyed their great breakfast cooked by our friends the Rotarians. They always pile the plate way too high and I am sure most of us there had enough food for breakfast and lunch and then some. Topping it all off was Bill and Betty's billy tea and damper. That is so delicious and we really do appreciate their effort, the aroma of which is the next best thing to the bush as being there. Thankyou Bill and Betty.

Neil McArthur our guest Bush Poet this year spun some good yarns and entertained us all. He conducted a workshop with about 19 students from St Francis and thoroughly enjoyed himself as did the students we have heard. We had 3 local poets whose poems were really appreciated by the crowd, many of whom have been regulars over the past 3 years.

Food was still in plentiful supply when the proceedings were wrapped up and we were able to donate the tinned baked beans to the Home Hill Lower Burdekin Home for the Aged and the bacon and eggs to the local chappies. Both establishments were ecstatic to receive the food which was put to good use immediately.

Many thanks to the ladies who helped set up on Saturday and to those who attended on Sunday. We had one school girl from St Francis who helped out on Sunday which was much appreciated. She was not even a hospitality student so that was doubly impressive of her to turn up.

If we present another Breakfast next year I am sure we will have a great attendance once again and hopefully we can strike a weekend where we are not competing with so much.



Left: Ever the entertainer MC John Furnell hamming it up.

Right: Janice, Andrea, Cheryl, Beth, Connie and Matthew



Right: Mayor Bill and wife Trish



Right: Ryan Keith reciting a poem written by a local about a pumpkin. For a Canadian he did a pretty good job of delivering an aussie bush poem.



Left: Local poet Leanne Holmes reciting her poem.

Right: West Australian visitor Bill with friends and family Rae, Desley and Margaret

