



Water – the lifeblood (liquid gold) of our district.  
One of our Sugar Mills in the background

# ZONTA CLUB

## Burdekin Inc

### MARCH 2011



Area 5  
Club No 1475  
CHARTERED 10.5.1994

**President:**

Rita Cranitch

**Vice President:**

Raelene Grantz

**Minutes Secretary:**

Ruth Diehm

**Correspondence Secretary:**

Leith Kennedy

**Treasurer:**

Lyndy McCathie

**OMC**

Raelene Grantz

**SOW**

Karen Clarke

**SERVICE**

Peta Bird

**PR&C**

Mary Lynch

**Meeting Time**  
6pm for 6.30pm start  
YVETTE'S PLACE

The Club meets on the second  
Tuesday of each month  
(except January)  
**Postal Address**  
PO Box 2204  
AYR Q 4807



65 countries  
1200 clubs  
31,000 members

### Hi Ladies

Congratulations to Karen and her committee for another excellent International Women's day Breakfast. I am sure those of us who were able to be there enjoyed both the breakfast and sharing by our guest speaker Wendy.

Thank you Leith for making such an appropriate choice of speaker for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of International Women's Day function.

Wendy gave a well researched history of the celebration along with the description of her own experiences of entering a male dominated profession.

I hope you have all given serious consideration to attending the area meeting in the Whitsundays next month. These meeting are an excellent opportunity to learn more about the functioning of ZONTA and the goals that we are to work towards as a global organisation.

If you do plan to attend let your committee chair or Beth Hancock know before Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Usually, the club tries to subsidise the registration cost of the meeting. If we have the approximate number of members interested in attending we can work out, at our March Board meeting, the amount of the subsidy that can be provided.

On the agenda for our April meeting will be the induction of our new members so it would be wonderful to have a 100% club attendance.

A reminder also to have club fees to Lyndy or deposited as per emailed instructions by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

See you at Yvettes on April 12<sup>th</sup>.



*Rita*

## ADVANCING THE STATUS OF WOMEN WORLDWIDE

**ATTENDANCE OFFICER**

**BETH HANCOCK**

**Phone 4783 2663**

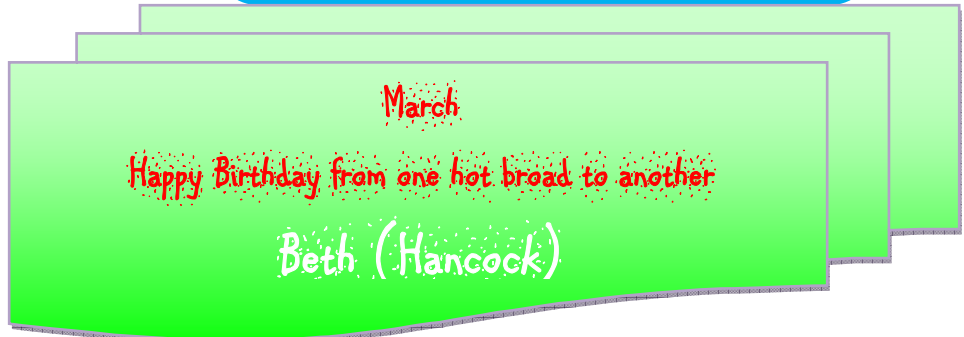
Please advise Beth by 10.00am on FRIDAY if you cannot attend the meeting or will not be staying for the meal.

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



**RAFFLE**

Ruth Diehm (Apr)  
Mary Anne Fraser (May)



March

Happy Birthday from one hot broad to another

Beth (Hancock)

**CLUB BOARD 2010-2011**

President: Rita Cranitch

Vice - president: Raelene Grantz  
Treasurer: Lyndy McCathie

Correspondence Secretary: Leith Kennedy  
Minutes Secretary: Ruth Diehm

**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

STATUS of WOMEN  
*Karen Clarke Chair*

\* International Womens Day \* Woman of Achievement  
\* Birthing Kits

Janice Micola  
Rosemary Menkens  
Leith Kennedy  
Giovanna Gabiola  
Jill Giddy

PUBLIC RELATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS  
*Mary Lynch Chair*

\* Publicity \* Guest Speakers \* Website Maintenance  
\* Newsletter \* Education \* United Nations \* Archives

Robyn Haller  
Mary Anne Fraser  
Beth Hancock

SERVICE  
*Peta Bird Chair*

\* Breast Care Cushions \* Driver Reviver  
\* Care Kits \* Anzac Day \* Taste of the Burdekin

Beth Honeycombe  
Pierina Dalle Cort  
Dianna Moschen  
Margaret Culpan

ORGANISATION and MEMBERSHIP  
*Raelene Grantz Chair*

\* New members \* Information Sessions \* Classifications  
\* Mentoring \* Social

Lyndy McCathie  
Majella Meehan  
Ruth Diehm  
Jan Hollingsworth

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

Fees due by 1<sup>st</sup> April.  
Existing members \$175.00. New members \$215.00  
Please send cheque to Box 2204 or pay directly into our bank account. BSB 633000 ACC 112849005  
Please note surname in details

# POSITIONS VACANT

I start this letter with the best intentions and hope to inspire some of you.

This year is my 4<sup>th</sup> year as a zontian, my most exciting year yet. As most of you realize I have accepted the nomination to stand as President this year. Never in my wildest dreams did I expect to be nominated to stand as President. I eagerly agreed to accept the challenge head on, but little did I realize no one and I mean *no one* wants to stand and accept the other board positions with me.

I know what you are all thinking "I am too busy", but honestly it doesn't take that much of your time. I know because I too own my own business and I am busy as well. At board we all work together and get the job done. It's the old story, you give a busy person a job to do and you know it will get done.

I do hope we all have a rewarding year as zontians with both social occasions and fundraising opportunities on the planning horizon and do endeavour to welcome even more new members to our club.

However I cannot do this alone.

I do encourage everyone in our club to re consider accepting a position on the Executive Board to work with me closely over the next 12 months, to help our club grow stronger and to carry on the good work past board members have done.

Thanks  
Raelene

## CALENDAR 2010 – 2011

June 2010	Changeover;
July	3 <sup>rd</sup> Riyawat the movie 15 <sup>th</sup> Cook up Karens; 17 <sup>th</sup> Food Fair
August	Charity bowls; 19 <sup>th</sup> New member info
September	19 <sup>th</sup> Birthing Kits
October	17 <sup>th</sup> Breast Care Cushions + Care Kits Kumon
November	10 <sup>th</sup> ZI Birthday Charters Towers Club <i>(meeting on bus plus extras!)</i>
December	4 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Party
January 2011	26 <sup>th</sup> Driver Reviver Amelia Earhart Day 11 <sup>th</sup>
February	Planning - Pizza Night
<b>March</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> IWD;</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> Yellow Rose Day;</b> <b>Annual fees due</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Area 5 Workshop Whitsundays;</b> <b>Anzac Day (Book PR)</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>Club birthday;</b> <b>AGM;</b> <b>Biggest Morning Tea</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>Changeover</b> <b>Pot Night?</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> Taste of the Burdekin</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>Charity Bowls?</b> <b>Birthing kits?</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> International Day of Peace</b> <b>22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> District 22 Conference Novotel Brisbane</b> <b>10 pin bowling?</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> United Nations Day</b> <b>Breast Care Cushions/Drain Bags/Care Packs?</b> <b>(more commonly known as stitch, stuff and sip)</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> International Birthday</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Party?</b>

*Please advise the President, your Chairman or the NL editor with any alterations, additions or suggestions*

*Workshop Theme  
Lessons from geese*

 **Zonta International  
District 22**  
*Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*



*Zontians unite to give to the world*

*cooperation*

*direction*

*support*

*team work*

*perspective*

*leadership*

*strength*

*perseverance*

*focus*

*care*

*structure*

# 2011 AREA 5 Meeting

**Saturday & Sunday  
9<sup>th</sup>~10<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

*(mark your diary now)*

**Venue:**

**Reef Gateway Hotel**

*Shute Harbour Road*

*Cannonvale Q 4802*

**(Whitsundays)**

**Host Club:**

**Zonta Club of the Whitsundays Inc**

Please support your Area 5 Director Janice Micola who in conjunction with the members of the Zonta Club of Whitsundays look forward to your attendance at the Area 5 Meeting. Spoil yourself and have a couple of days in the beautiful Whitsundays.

**For more information contact: Sandii Hansen (President)  
Email: famhans2@bigpond.net.au Phone: 4948 0726 Mobile: 0429 480 726**

## **ACCOMMODATION IN THE WHITSUNDAYS**

The following properties are recommended and are offering special discounted rates to delegates for the Zonta Area Workshop. Contact the property and mention the Zonta Area Workshop to receive your special rate. For other choices, go to Wotif.com

**The Reef Gateway Hotel/Motel** is the venue for the 2011 Area 5 Meeting. \$95 per room per night

[www.whitsundayreefgateway.com.au](http://www.whitsundayreefgateway.com.au) Phone: 4946 2600

**BIG 4 Adventure Whitsunday**....Right opposite Reef Gateway Hotel - the Workshop Venue ; *caravanning right through to luxury cabins*.....10% off published rate

[www.adventurewhitsunday.com.au](http://www.adventurewhitsunday.com.au) email: [reservations@adventurewhitsunday.com.au](mailto:reservations@adventurewhitsunday.com.au) phone: 4948 5400

**Summit Apartments Airlie Beach** is a deluxe property located in the midst of the magnificent Conway National Park foothills Whitsundays have to offer.....15% off published rate

[www.summitairliebeach.com.au](http://www.summitairliebeach.com.au) Email: [stay@summitairliebeach.com.au](mailto:stay@summitairliebeach.com.au) Phone: 4946 3400

**Whitsunday Organic Bed & Breakfast** Friendly family run bed and breakfast, Fellow Zonta members receive a glass of organic wine on arrival, Rooms from \$80.00 per person twin share and all prices include our magnificent orgasmic breakfast; Lamond Street, Airlie Beach.....15% off published rate

[www.whitsundaybb.com.au](http://www.whitsundaybb.com.au) Email [info@whitsundaybb.com.au](mailto:info@whitsundaybb.com.au) Phone: 4946 7151

## REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and return with your payment.

**Whole weekend** .....Yes / No ..... **\$80.00**

2 day workshop, Lunch Saturday, afternoon tea, morning tea, Lunch Sunday

**Saturday Only** .....Yes / No ..... **\$40.00**

Workshop, Lunch and Afternoon Tea

**Sunday Only** .....Yes / No ..... **\$40.00**

Workshop, Morning Tea and Lunch

**Saturday Evening Function** .....Yes / No ..... **\$50.00**

Includes pre dinner Sunset Cruise on Dream Catcher

& complimentary drink on arrival at Sorrento's.

**Number of Extra Guests @ \$50.00 each** ..... \$

**TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE** ..... \$

**Payment due by 30th March, 2011.**

Cheques made payable to Zonta Club of Whitsundays,

PO Box 427, Cannonvale 4802

EFT details: BSB: 084501 A/C No: 464422463

### DETAILS:

**Name** .....

**Address:**.....

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**Phone: (Home)**..... **(Business)**.....

**Mobile**.....

**Email:**.....

**I am a member of the Zonta Club of** .....

**Please advise if you have any special diet/mobility needs (eg. Gluten free, vegetarian, nut allergy, fish or seafood allergy, wheelchair access)**

## 2010 Amelia Earhart Fellowship Winner

Sandra Venn-Brown had much pleasure representing our District Governor Trish Collins in presenting Onvaree Techakesari with her Amelia Earhart Fellowship Award for 2010.

Onvaree's proposed program is in Built Environment Engineering at Queensland University of Technology, Australia. Onvaree will use her fellowship to investigate the use of advanced decision technology in two related air traffic management (ATM) problems, air traffic estimation and automated air traffic control in uncertain environments. These two problems have growing importance in future ATM concepts, which exhibit increased levels of automation to improve system performance while maintaining high levels of safety.

Onvaree's interest in aerospace developed early and motivated her to leave her native Thailand, where aerospace studies were not available. She moved to Australia, where she completed her undergraduate education and continued her Ph.D. program.

She is a member of Queensland Basketball and Badminton clubs.



### OMC Raelene Grantz

At this stage 2 members from our committee will be attending the April workshop.

We are in favour of having a club shirt. We know it will be difficult to please everyone with style and colour, but we are sure every club goes through the same thing. We think it is a good idea to wear the shirt at functions. It will give the club much more exposure in the public. The draft letter is ok with a couple of changes. Looking forward to inducting 6 new members into our club at the April meeting. With such a high number of new members joining us, we should talk about the buddy system. Do the new members know about it and the raffle system as well?

# HARTANNA

## The Zonta Rose



The beauty of a single yellow rose has been a favourite Zonta symbol for nearly 20 years.

The "Zonta Rose" was introduced at the 1984 Sydney Convention, thanks to the dedication and support of District 16 Zontians. In 1983, then Lieutenant Governor of District 16 (New Zealand), Valerie Webster, proposed that a breed of roses be developed as a living symbol of Zonta International. With crucial support from rose grower and Zontian Mary Mason, the renowned England-based nursery Harkness Roses worked to cultivate the flower, while Zontian Maureen Ross of Ross Roses in Adelaide, Australia enabled it to be introduced at the 1984 convention.

Today, the lovely yellow bloom can be seen in many places but especially in the forecourt of Australia's National Parliament in Canberra. In 2002, a Zonta Rose Bed was inaugurated at Baltesspannarparken in Gothenburg, Sweden, as part of the Zonta International Convention festivities.

But the Zonta Rose is much more than a lovely flower. Since 1999, it has served as the symbol of Zonta Rose Day, which falls on 8 March and coincides with IWD. On this special day, Zontians worldwide are encouraged to publicly distribute yellow roses or items bearing the image of yellow roses, accompanied by information about ZI and issues relating to improving the lives of women.

The Zonta Rose itself has bright yellow blooms, produced in large sprays, is registered internationally under the name Hartanna but also goes by the name "Princess Alice" in Canada and the UK, and "Bright Lites" in the USA. It is a floribunda.

*Note: Yellow roses are particularly hard to grow in the tropics.*

### ZONTA KNOWLEDGE - Educating the members

Zonta first came to Australia in 1929 with the establishment of a club in Sydney. It was one of the first to come into existence outside the USA and Canada and from 1931 to 1934 nationally famous poet Dorothea Mackellar was the president. The club subsequently faded away in 1935 and it was some 30 years before it re-emerged in 1966.

#### 'My Country'

By Dorothea Mackellar

The love of field and coppice,  
Of green and shaded lanes,  
Of ordered woods and gardens,  
Is running in your veins;  
Strong love of grey-blue distance,  
Brown streams and soft, dim skies –  
I know but cannot share it,  
My love is otherwise.

I love a sunburnt country,  
A land of sweeping plains,  
Of ragged mountain ranges,  
Of droughts and flooding rains.  
I love her far horizons,  
I love her jewel-sea,  
Her beauty and her terror –  
The wide brown land for me!

The stark white ring-barked forests  
All tragic to the moon,  
The sapphire-misted mountains,  
The hot gold hush of noon.  
Green tangle of the brushes,  
Where lithe lianas coil,  
And orchids deck the tree-tops  
And ferns the warm dark soil.

Core of my heart, my country!  
Her pitiless blue sky,  
When sick at heart, around us,  
We see the cattle die –  
But then the grey clouds gather,  
And we can bless again  
The drumming of an army,  
The steady, soaking rain.

Core of my heart, my country!  
Land of the Rainbow Gold,  
For flood and fire and famine,  
She pays us back threefold.  
Over the thirsty paddocks,  
Watch, after many days,  
The filmy veil of greenness  
That thickens as we gaze.

An opal-hearted country,  
A wilful, lavish land –  
All you who have not loved her,  
You will not understand –  
Though earth holds many splendours,  
Wherever I may die,  
I know to what brown country  
My homing thoughts will fly.

# 100 YEARS OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



Zontian Karen Clarke flanked by Rotary exchange students, Alice Smrckova (Czech republic) left and Louisa (Brazil) right.

Left: Zontian Dr Margaret Culpan presents guest speaker Mrs Wendy Pack with a gift in appreciation of her interesting address.

## International Women's Day – A CELEBRATION

A delicious hot buffet was enjoyed by all 67 guests at the annual breakfast held last Tuesday 8<sup>TH</sup> March at Clove Restaurant. It was a privilege for all ladies present to hear the address by guest speaker Mrs Wendy Pack, barrister-at-law, wife and mother.

Having trained as a high school teacher prior to her marriage, Wendy studied law during her stay at home years with her young sons. Following her studies she was admitted to the bar as a barrister and was one of the first female barristers to practice in Townsville. For a period she was the only female counsel at the bar in Townsville.

Despite these challenges Wendy was recognised for her many years of outstanding practice, experience and her seniority as a barrister and was appointed as Senior Counsel. She was the only female senior counsel situated outside of the Brisbane area.

Wendy continued to practice as a barrister and senior counsel for approximately 30 years until she retired in June last year. Apart from her career as a barrister and senior counsel, Wendy played an integral role in mentoring and supporting many female family lawyers, myself included.

Wendy's speech was interesting and in parts very entertaining. She gave a brief background of the meaning and celebration of International Women's Day and also relayed her many interesting and challenging experiences as being the only female counsel in Townsville.

We have received very positive feedback regarding the event and look forward to hosting it again next year. Many thanks to Beth Honeycombe for the donation of the raffle prize, won by Ruth. A special thanks to all of those involved. Your contribution has made IWD – 2011 a resounding success.

*Leith Kennedy*

Today is International Very Good Looking, Damn Smart Woman's Day. Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, chocolate in one hand, wine in the other, totally worn out and screaming 'WOOO HOOOOO what a ride!'