

Zonta Club Burdekin



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Area 5
Club No 1475
CHARTERED
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MARCH 2014

Dear Ladies

I want to congratulate the organizing committee of the IWD Breakfast. It was a well run and enjoyable event with great food and entertaining speaker and sold out !

It was also a lovely opportunity given to us to acknowledge the 5 nominees and the great work they are doing in the community and of course a worthy winner in Mrs Henaway.

I will let the Service committee supply the details and the donations totals etc.

I have to confess to mixing up my dates and I am not able to attend for stocktaking and organizing of our storage on the 29 th March but I can the weekend before. So I will bring that to the meeting and see if the date can be changed or I will need some people to carry on the task without me.

The Rotary trip to Ronald MacDonald House is this Thursday at 5pm at this time only 2 of us are firm attendees.

Calender Girls the play is on this Sunday 16 th at 6.30 at the Theatre and it is best to book as they have reduced the seating space.

Remember to set aside the 10 th May for our Club's Birthday dinner.

The information night on the 27 th February went very well and I think the invitees were suitably engaged. The video presentations of Birthing Kits and the Triennium projects were a much more relaxed and impactful way of showing what we are about.

The other date claimer on the horizon is the Mount Isa area Meeting and the suggestion of the Bowen club to organize a bus is a great support to getting us there in comfort and camaraderie. Think about it as the experience I promise will be a great one.

All in all it has been a good week in Zonta !

Regards
Marg



ADVANCING THE STATUS OF WOMEN WORLDWIDE

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Please advise Leanne by 10.00am on FRIDAY if you cannot attend the meeting or will not be staying for the meal. We remind ladies that there is no permanent apology.

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



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Rita Cranitch
Marg Culpan
Mary Lynch
Rosemary Menkens
Raelene Grantz
Beth Hancock
Isabel Stubbs
Nilda Piotto
Robyn Haller
Janice Micola
Seanne O'Shea
Majella Meehan

Diana Moschen
Debbie Watson
Inez Larsen
Jan Hollingsworth
Debra Cochran
Mary Anne Fraser
Pierina Dalle Cort
Giovanna Gabiola
Karen Clarke
Leanne Jamieson
Judy Mitchell

Peta Bird



Happy
Birthday

Beth

It is our birthday on May 1st.

We are 20 years old and from 22 Charter Members there are 8 Charter Members still in the Club - Peta, Rita, Mary Anne, Giovanna, Robyn, Beth, Mary and Majella. Over those years we have

enjoyed many rewarding moments, serious moments and fun filled moments but above all lasting friendship.



**March
GUEST SPEAKER**

Isabel Stubbs
Burdekin Special School

RAFFLE

Jan Hollingsworth (Mar)
Leanne Jamieson (Apr)
(value \$10.00 - \$15.00)

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Diana Moschen

Inez Larsen

Karen Clarke

CALENDAR 2013 - 2014

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

Zonta Rose Day which coincides with International Women's Day is a day to reflect on the worldwide voluntary work done by Zontians to improve the status of women. **The Rose Fund** provides additional support to Zonta International Foundation programs not fully supported by fund-specific contributions and enables the Foundation to support new program development. Zontians are encouraged to donate to this fund.

First Information Evening for 2014



Pictured are Back: Rebecca Eakins, Judy Sgarbossa, Beth Whitworth, Lori Boyle, Meredith Cook, and Zontians President Marg Culpan and Karen Clarke. Front: Jan Hollingsworth and Raelene Grantz. (Sorry Karen not your best shot but was collectively the best of the remaining ladies).

Membership Chair Jan Hollingsworth presented a most informative and interesting evening on 27th February. After the usual stressful projector start to the night 3 video presentations were viewed and were very well received by all including Zontians. Our 5 prospective members were very interested and were keen to see what Zonta was all about. I believe all ladies in the club should watch the videos shown, which were on Rwanda, Liberia/Fistula and the Birthing Kits projects as they were excellent.

Thanks Jan for your words and also Marg who welcomed the ladies and gave some information on Zonta Burdekin.

Theatre Partners With Charity

The Burdekin Theatre and the Burdekin ZONTA Club have signed a partnership which will assist fundraising by the women's charity. The partnership was agreed yesterday between Dr Margaret Culpan, President of the Burdekin ZONTA Club and Malcolm Calder, Manager of the Burdekin Cultural Complex. In a joint statement, the partnership was outlined as a wonderful example of community cooperation that holds potential benefits for both organisations. "Our current project involves the purchase of birthing kits to assist young mothers. That is all about the future of our children and it is something we are very committed to," said Dr Culpan. "We are aiming for making 1,000 of these kits available to young mothers, and see this partnership as making a significant contribution towards ZONTA realising its goals. Mr Calder says that, while the theatre is very much a commercial business, it is also important to sustain positive relationships with diverse individuals and organisations in the Burdekin.



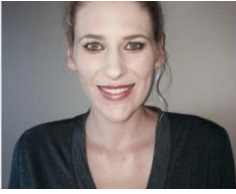
"ZONTA does some very impressive work", said Mr Calder, "and through this partnership, part of the price of each ticket to our forthcoming production of our 'Calendar Girls' on March 16th will be donated to ZONTA".

Where is Zonta represented worldwide?



Zonta International has more than 30,000 members belonging to more than 1,200 clubs in 66 countries and geographical areas. We have 21 clubs in formation in 13 countries which includes 2 in Australia at Mount Barker and Hunter Newcastle.

USA	5	ARGENTINA	1
MACAU	1	URUGUAY	1
PHILIPPINES	3	FINLAND	1
BELGIUM	1	AUSTRALIA	2
SPAIN	1	GERMANY	2
ITALY	1	ISRAEL	1
		ROMANIA	1



Lauren Jackson
National Champion
for
UN Women
Australia

UN Women National Committee Australia is pleased to announce that Lauren Jackson, Australia's star basketball player has agreed to become a national Champion for the organisation, supporting our efforts to promote women's empowerment and gender equality.

Lauren is currently majoring in Gender Studies at Macquarie University. She was inspired to do so after reading about the violence against women during the genocide in Rwanda, and she is also ambassador of the Mukomeze Foundation, which helps empower the women and girls who survived the sexual violence of that period. Lauren will play for the Opals in the coming FIBA World Championships in 2014, and will then play for the Canberra Capitals in the coming two WNBL seasons.



Free Being Me –Putting Girls in the Lead

GIRL GUIDES AUSTRALIA

Imagine a world free from appearance-related anxiety. A world where people can define beauty for themselves...

Girl Guides Australia are proud to be a part of an international partnership with their friends across the globe to support girls and young women to be all that they can be!

Together with the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Girl Guides Australia will be partnering with Dove to create a programme that will reach 3.5 million girls across the world by 2016.

The partnership is a joint commitment to empower girls to reach their full potential in life through initiatives that strengthen body confidence and self-esteem so the way they think they look never holds them back.

Called *Free Being Me* the program will support their guides to increase young people's body confidence and self-esteem.

Right now, Girl Guide Organisations across Australia are working out the best way to deliver this exciting program throughout Australia. They will be setting up teams in every state and territory who will lead the delivery of this program.

**INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY**

International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated on March 8th across the world. It is an occasion for looking back on past struggles and accomplishments, and more importantly, for looking ahead to the untapped potential and opportunities that await future generations of women.

Foundation and Development

In 1910, Clara Zetkin, the leader of the Women's Office for the Social Democratic Party in Germany tabled the idea of an International Women's Day at the second International Conference of Working Women in Copenhagen. The proposal received unanimous assent from over one hundred women representing seventeen countries.

IWD Today

Since those early years, International Women's Day has become a time to reflect on progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities.

The UN General Assembly adopted a resolution inviting Member States to observe International Women's Day in accordance with their historical and national traditions. The purpose of this day is to recognize that in order to secure peace and social progress women must be equal participants in public life and enjoy the same rights and freedoms as men. For the women of the world, the symbolism of International Women's Day has a wider meaning. It is an occasion to review how far women have come in their struggle for equality, peace and development. It is also an opportunity to unite, network and mobilise for meaningful change.

UN Women Website



Greek Female Painters

"Inspiration for change" is this year's theme designated by the United Nations.

In Melbourne this year, the Food for Thought Network in collaboration with the Greek Museum are organising a painting exhibition titled "Transformation" and for the 1st time is expected to present seven Greek-Australian female painters in honor of International Women's Day.

"The seven female painters participating come from different generations and regions. They draw their inspiration from their inner world, their families' personal world, from religion, mythology and their role as mothers, wives, daughters and guardians of culture," stated the art historian Elizabeth Gertsakis.

The seven women were selected because they use different techniques and materials such as oil, acrylic, egg tempera, gold leaf, threads, wax, pyrography and modern technology and screen printing as well. The exhibition will be launched on Sunday, March 9 at the Greek Museum of Melbourne.

March 2014

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Zonta's global network of more than 30,000 members in 66 countries, I applaud you for your recognition and participation in International Women's Day. 8 March is also very special to Zontians because we honor Zonta Rose Day, a time devoted to raising awareness for the opportunities and challenges for women worldwide. Like you, Zontians worldwide are stepping forward to advocate, support and deliver positive changes for women and girls everywhere. Working to protect and advance the rights of women and girls around the world is not an option; it's a necessity. The denial of women's basic human rights is persistent and widespread and Zonta will continue to support projects that meet our objective of improving the status of women everywhere and upholding justice and human rights.



Through advocacy we can make a difference in the lives of women and girls. Advocate for women in leadership roles in the public, private and not for profit community sectors. Work for women's voices to be heard and taken into account in policymaking. Use your right to vote and encourage women to not only stand for office and with girls to elect those who believe women's rights are human rights. Stand up for the prevention of violence against women through the Zonta Says NO and the UNITE campaigns to raise public awareness and make change happen.

Education is critical to improving the lives of women and girls. We must continue to support the education of girls and women locally and internationally. We thank our members who work with and encourage students through our Z and Golden Z Club programs and the Young Women in Public Affairs Awards. We express our appreciation to supporters of Zonta's international education programs that both recognize and financially support women studying in business and the aerospace-related sciences and engineering, – sectors in which women continue to be underrepresented.

Make change possible for a friend you have not met. Every day the service undertaken by Zontians locally and internationally through donations to Zonta's Foundation, Zonta's International Service programs make a difference at a very human level, and a vibrant lady named Victoria knows that firsthand. Victoria was once alienated from her community in Liberia because of her obstetric fistula, a preventable, isolating illness resulting in women becoming permanently incontinent. Through the Zonta-funded Fistula project in Liberia, Victoria and 1,079 other women and girls have received corrective surgery and acquired income generation skills that enabled them to be integrated back into society with newfound empowerment and independence. Thank you for joining Zonta for International Women's Day. On this day and every day, let us be the change we wish to see in our world. **Believe and make it happen!**

Lynn McKenzie

Zonta International President

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

What a wonderful start to the day our International Women's Day Breakfast 2014 was. The ambience of this breakfast is always so convivial and noisy with ladies who know how to chat. It got off to a good start with the waiters of Clove Restaurant placing naughty goodies on the table. Delicious.... This year's IWD Breakfast given it was a Saturday was a later start and much appreciated by all. As ever our MC Judy Mitchell did an excellent job at keeping the proceedings flowing. The breakfast is always something to look forward to and this one did not disappoint with plenty of food variety and quantity. Once again it was a sell out. Our guest speaker Robyn from Brisbane introduced herself to everyone personally on our arrival and she turned out to be a very interesting speaker with some hair raising stories of her back packing youth, especially back packing from Cape Town to London. An MS survivor and entrepreneur having introduced IKEA to Australia, she said finding the balance between business and personal lives probably constitutes one of the biggest challenges we face as individuals in 21st century." A sincere thankyou to the organising committee for running an excellent IWD breakfast.

Money
donated at
the Breakfast
for the
Birthday Kits
\$544.20!



Left:
Guest
Speaker
Robyn
Taylor
and
President
Marg
Culpan.

IWD Breakfast 2014



Zontian Rita Cranitch with her work colleagues



VIP table: Past WOA winners Jill Bozzetto, Ashley Kelley & Nataia Saroglia with Joyce Henaway WOA 2014 & friends



Zontian Leanne Jamieson with friends of Zonta



MC extraordinaire Zontian Judy Mitchell



Zontians Mary Lynch, Raelene Grantz, Isabel Stubbs, Inez Larsen, Rosemary Menkens MP and friends of Zonta



Line up at the buffet



Zontians Lyndy McCathie, Judy Mitchell & Beth Hancock Guest Speaker Robyn Taylor and friends of Zonta



Lovely atmosphere of a full house

BURDEKIN WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT JOYCE HENAWAY



JOYCE HENAWAY has provided countless hours of service to the community in a voluntary capacity, having been involved in many committees and working groups over the years. She has an abundance of leadership qualities and has always set an exemplary example for people of all ages and backgrounds. As an active community leader and South Sea Islander Elder, Joyce has always demonstrated superior commitment and dedication to attending a wide range of community events.

Throughout her life, she has dedicated herself to her family and to helping and empowering people in the Burdekin community. She raised 5 children and worked as a Community Education Counsellor at the Ayr State High School. She has been involved with Burdekin Area Youth Watch (Baywatch) for a number of years. Baywatch was formed for local children who were disengaged from school. They provide a wide range of activities for the children and Joyce is always present as a mentor and South Sea Islander Elder at community events. She was a member of the Baywatch Committee for the recent 150 year celebrations. This saw her cutting the celebration cake during an event at Baywatch and also hosting a tour of the Burdekin with children to educate them on South Sea Islander history.

Joyce strives for cultural excellence within the community by working to bring people from different backgrounds together for the benefit of individuals and the overall good of the community. This includes South Sea Islander, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and people from a culturally and linguistically diverse background.

Joyce has been helping to bring the community together and make life better for people throughout her lifetime, which now spans more than 80 years. She is an excellent role model for community members of all ages and backgrounds and has achieved a great many things whilst, at times, admirably enduring personal hardship and suffering.

Other nominees were Jenny Powell who has been an advocate for cancer in all aspects for so many years, Merle Scott for her tireless work as a volunteer and educator with the local radio station especially during cyclones, Pat Nuttall director and primary driver behind the Burdekin Singers and who has produced many young people to star quality, and Pat Strathdee for her 50 years dedication to the Endeavour Foundation with service to parents, families and carers of people with a disability.

These women were all deserved nominees for the amazing voluntary work they do in our district.



MEMBERSHIP Jan Hollingsworth Chair

I wish to thank my committee and the members of our club for the great leads everyone submitted for invitations to our Membership Information night held at the Burdekin Neighbourhood Centre last Thursday night. What an enjoyable and successful night we all had. We had five people who attended, all of which showed a strong inclination to improve their communities both nationally and internationally. We had three short video presentations supplied by Margaret on Birthing Kits, Violence in Rwanda and fistulas repairs in Libya. After a great supper we all had a nice chat with Lori Boyle, Meredith Cook, Rebecca Eakins, Judy Sgarbossa and Beth Whitworth.

We are hopeful all will be attending our meetings in the near future. So far three have confirmed their invitation to our next meeting.



ADVOCACY Debra Cochran Chair

IWD promoted and Woman of Achievement nomination made. Club brochure printed and has arrived. 3 Zonta signs ordered from Zonta Central Goldfields. Speaker request made and room booked for Healthy Heart Info Session in Aug. Checking with Race Club re: Zonta Says NO banner being displayed at Growers Race Day in May. Reviewing content of website. Will try and get a relevant guest speaker at our Oct dinner to highlight International Day for Rural Women.



SERVICE Beth Hancock Chair

International Woman's Day breakfast was a great success. I am sure everyone enjoyed our guest Speaker and listening to her made me think that I may like to try yoga. Thank you to everyone who donated items for our hamper, it looked great and the tickets sold very well.

We had five nominations for our Woman of Achievement award, it is a shame they could not all be winners, however congratulations go the Joyce Henaway this year.

Thank you to our members who nominated someone, I know it takes time to fill out the nomination form. We have so many woman in the Burdekin who do so much for our community it is wonderful to have the opportunity to recognise some of them.

a little light relief



Above: This photo was handed to me recently and shows Area 5 Director Hilary Grant playing up to the amusement of Burdekin Zontian Inez Larsen. Not sure where it was taken. Area meeting?



Seanne:

Congratulations on the birth of your baby boy
Benjamin Ryan O'Shea
born on 18.02.14
weighing 7lbs 11 ozs



Robyn: I just had a lovely surprise as the young Estonian backpacker we employed and we saw in Estonia last year sent me an IWD message. "Ilusat naistepäeva" Have a beautiful International Women's Day! He said it sounds better in Estonian! That was so sweet. Thankyou Timo.

2014 Area Meeting Date Claimer 25 – 27th April Mt Isa

If you have ever experienced the hospitality of the Mount Isa Zontians (the Roses in the Rough) you will already know that a meeting hosted by them will not only be full of Zonta knowledge and exchange of information but also a lot of fun. Giving up your long weekend in April will certainly be worth it. Mark the dates now. Plan to travel on the Friday, enjoy a welcome dinner on the Friday night, the meeting on Saturday with a unique (as can only be done by the Roses in the Rough) dinner with partners post our meeting and then travel home after breakfast on Sunday. Further details regarding registration and accommodation options will be posted closer to the date.



Area 5 Director Hilary Grant