



ZONTA CLUB

BURDEKIN INC

ABN 46 726 890 036

MAY 2013

19 years old and still misbehaving



Area 5
Club No 1475
CHARTERED 1.5.1994

President:

Raelene Grantz

Vice President:

Margaret Culpan

Minutes Secretary:

Judy Mitchell

Correspondence

Secretary:

Jan Hollingsworth

Treasurer:

Diana Moschen

OMC

Margaret Culpan

LAA

Robyn Haller

SERVICE

Mary Lynch

Newsletter Ed:

Robyn Haller

Meeting Time
6pm for 6.30pm

sharp

KALAMIA HOTEL

Party Time

7.00PM

The Club meets on the second
Tuesday of each month (except
January)

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Hi Ladies

Well it's that time of the Zonta year once again. Our next meeting is our AGM, at the May meeting on Tuesday night.

First of all can I say thank you to Robyn and Jan for organizing the DVD night last Thursday night at the Neighbourhood Centre. I know we only had 17 people there but sometimes it's the quality not the quantity that counts.

Our new committee's have now been finalized for the new year. We worked hard to give everyone their first preference. So everyone lets all try and work together at our committees and dinner meetings to make Zonta Club Burdekin a stronger club. One of our aims this year is to encourage more attendances at dinner & committee meetings.

As I said at the beginning, Tuesday 14th May is our AGM. This is a very busy night, so please can I ask if everyone can try and be on time and ready to start at 6 30pm. Don't forget it is our 19th birthday and we will be starting the evening with Nibbles and drinks at 6 00pm before the meeting starts.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Judy and her family for the sad loss of her dad last week.

See you all at The Kalamia Hotel, Tuesday night at 6 00pm.

Keep smiling

Raelene



ADVANCING THE STATUS OF WOMEN WORLDWIDE

International Website: www.zonta.org District Website: <http://zontadistrict22.org> Club Website: <http://burdekin.zontadistrict22.org>

ATTENDANCE OFFICER Nilda Piotto

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**Please advise Nilda 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



**Margaret Culpan (May)
Rita Cranitch (June)**
(value \$10.00 - \$15.00)

BUDDY LIST

Lyndy Mc Cathie	Dianna Moschen
Rita Cranitch	Debbie Watson
Marg Culpan	Inez Larsen
Majella Meehan	Mary Lynch
Rosemary Menkens	Debra Cochran
Raelene Grantz	Seanne O'Shea
Jan Hollingsworth	Mary Anne Fraser
Beth Hancock	Cathy Previtera
Isabel Stubbs	Giovanna Gabiola
Nilda Piotto	Karen Clarke
Robyn Haller	Leanne Jamieson
Janice Micola	Judy Mitchell
Leith Kennedy	Janice Micola
Pierina Dalle Cort	Peta Bird
Beth Honeycombe	Ardella Alberts

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Club Chartered in January 2013
Zonta Club of Lueneburg Germany



Peta Jan
Lyndy

Did you know?

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.

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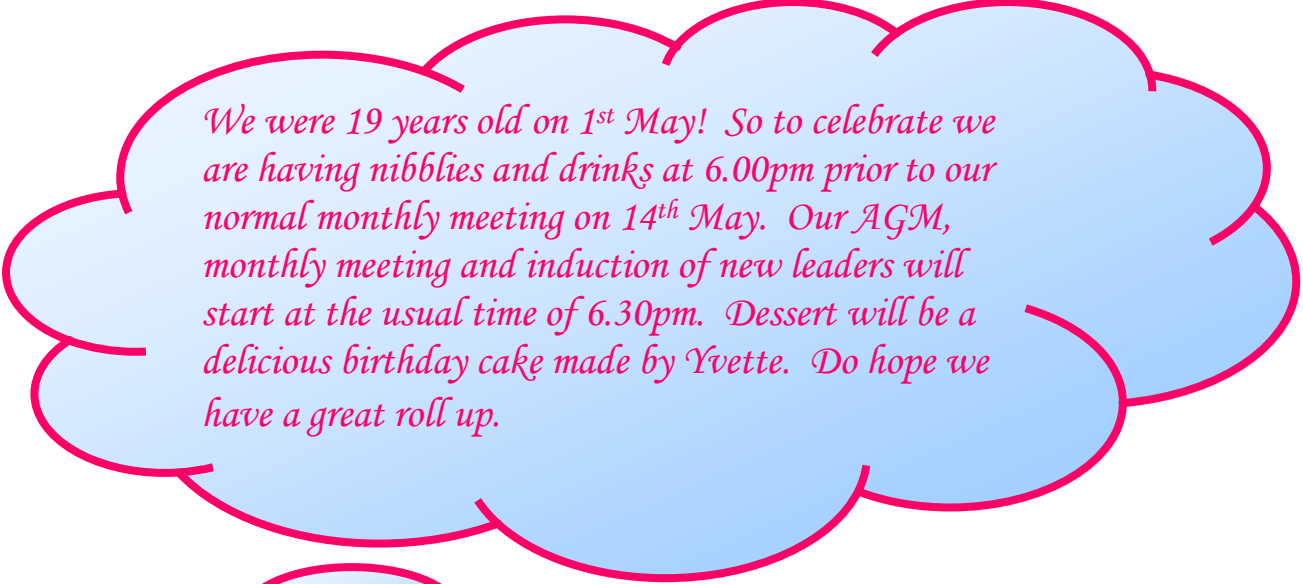
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CALENDAR 2012 - 2013

February 2012	4 th Service committee meeting 12 th Planning Night - District Governor Judith Andersen & Area 5 Director Hilary Grant are our guests	
March	21 st LAA committee meeting 4 th Service committee meeting 8 th IWD Breakfast – Dr Shannon Spriggs Guest Speaker 12 th monthly meeting	
April	9 th monthly meeting – FEES due 20-12st Workshop Bowen 25 th Anzac Day – Book presented	
May	1 st is our 19 th Birthday 2 nd Breast Cancer DVD Presentation Night Neighbourhood Centre in conjunction with Shirley Gilmore's Breast Cancer Support group – <i>The Public will be invited to attend.</i> 14 th monthly meeting & AGM: Board inducted: Nibbles at 6pm; Birthday Cake	
June	2 nd Bush Poet's Breakfast 11 th monthly meeting/Changeover 23 rd Social outing to Jo's Alligator Creek	
July	9 th Monthly Meeting 20 th Tastes of the Burdekin "Curry in a Hurry"	
August	13 th Monthly meeting 18 th Birthing Kits	
September	10 th Monthly Meeting 21 st International Day of Peace 27 th – 29 th District Conference Noosa	
October	8 th Monthly Meeting 15 th International Day for Rural Women 24 th UN Day – Dinner – Pot Night (confirm or Saturday night?)	
November	12 th Monthly Meeting International Birthday Townsville Metro Science Award – Home Hill High Speech Night - President 25 th Elimination of DV Against Women	
December	10 th Monthly Meeting/Universal Human Rights Day Christmas Party	
January 2014	Ameila Earhart Day	
February	11 th Monthly meeting/Planning Night	

**SET UP IS AT THE THEATRE FOYER FOR BUSH POETS
AT 4PM SATURDAY 1ST JUNE. *Many hands make light work.***



We were 19 years old on 1st May! So to celebrate we are having nibblys and drinks at 6.00pm prior to our normal monthly meeting on 14th May. Our AGM, monthly meeting and induction of new leaders will start at the usual time of 6.30pm. Dessert will be a delicious birthday cake made by Yvette. Do hope we have a great roll up.



See you there girls!

Dear Ladies,

Re: Attendance at Dinner Meetings

We all seem to lead busy lives these days and some days there seems to be not enough hours in a day. When you all joined Zonta you all agreed to attend monthly dinner meetings and committee meetings.

For Dinner Meetings, if you are going to apologize for the meeting you are required to contact the attendance officer the Friday before the Tuesday night's meeting. In this day and age there are so many ways of communication, phone, email, text etc. etc.

In the Zonta club there is no such thing as a PERMANENT APOLOGY at Dinner Meetings.

By going through the attendance records I am finding some members are finding it difficult to attend meetings on a regular basis. I am fully aware of circumstances that do arise and we cannot attend meetings every month. It is only one night a month for the dinner meetings and one meeting a month for the committee meetings. With a new Zonta year just about to begin you need to look into whether you have the time to commit to our club on a monthly basis.

Membership in Zonta should not be a priority for you - you have family, work commitments and then your spare time for your Club. However it is important that you attend dinner meetings/committee meetings on an accepted basis.

Let's make 2013-2014 a record number of people attending meetings.

Regards,

Raelene Grantz

President

Zonta Club Burdekin

DISTRICT CONFERENCE BOWEN



Janice Micola, Robyn Haller, Mary Anne Fraser, Diana Moschen, Jan Hollingsworth and Nilda Piotto admiring the beautifully decorated venue.

Congratulations Bowen, our hosts, for a wonderful workshop. There were about 52 in attendance I believe and importantly DG Judith Andersen and LG Judith Trevan-Hawke. It was fantastic to have them in attendance. All speakers were informative and their topics thought provoking. And how will we ever forget our lovely Dr Iyer and his topic? OMG!! As with all workshops there were serious discussions, along with fun & catching up with old friends. Dinner on Saturday night was shall we say filling and then there was bowls. Mary Anne and her team of Fay (Bowen) and Vassie (Mackay) won the competition. *Go ladies!* Burdekin girls continued the celebration into the wee hours. Say no more.....

The winners

The styles



Area Director Hilary (I'm so smooth), Mary Anne (please I'm concentrating) and Nilda (I'm gunna nail this) show us their styles.



The socks



The Breakfasts



Mary Anne after her walk to breakfast and Jan, Diana, Janice & Nilda after their climb out of the car. (Margaret & Robyn missing in action.)



Gail and Vassie (Mackay) and Kelly (Tville Metro) contemplate their pancake mountains.

Sunday got off to a cracking start at 6.30am atop Flagstaff Hill where we enjoyed the glorious view of glowing morning sun and gentle seas. How lucky are the Bowenites to have this? We all tucked in and enjoyed the fellowship then headed back to the PCYC for important info from Judith before she left for Brisbane and birthday celebrations. **A great weekend....Bring on Mt Isa!**

BUSH POETS' BREAKFAST



Burdekin Theatre Foyer
SUNDAY 2nd JUNE
8.00am

Be entertained by Special Guest Poets

Melanie Hall & Susie Carcary

We also invite local poets who wish to share on the day.

Enjoy a Cooked
Breakfast, Billy Tea &
Damper

PRE-PURCHASE TICKETS
HARVEY WORLD TRAVEL AYR
\$40 pp

Workshop with Melanie & Susie

Saturday 1st June Burdekin Singers Lighthouse 2pm

Limited tickets available from Harvey World Travel Ayr

Breast Cancer Support DVD

Redcliffe Club have produced this very informative and supportive DVD on coping with the news that you have Breast Cancer. It is a gentle production which basically holds your hand through this challenging time. Women given this news get mountains of written information which their poor brain in its fragile state cannot take in. This DVD helps you through that and was very well received by the ladies present. It is a journey and for most you come through it. Shirley Gilmore and Dr Marg Culpan spoke on different issues women face during this tough time and it was all good information as we never know who may have to deal with this in the future. Thankyou to Shirley, Marg, the ladies who brought along yummy eats and to Jan for your help.



Lyndy, Shirley, Marg and President Raelene



Peta and a local lady



Marion who had such a long walk from next door, Gerry, Ruth, Janice and Peta. It was lovely to catch up with Peta as we haven't seen her for so long but she couldn't stay away from the camera!

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP MANUAL

MARIAN DE FOREST MEMBERSHIP AND CLASSIFICATION MANUAL and ORGANIZATION AND EXTENSION MANUAL

Section 3.10

E-Club Membership Guidance

The Club

What is a Zonta e-club?

A Zonta e-club is a Zonta club that conducts its Zonta business and holds meetings using the Internet and other electronic media as tools to manage the club and its projects. An e-club has all the rights and responsibilities of a traditional Zonta club, but simply holds their club meetings electronically. E-club members may meet in person as a group or independently for service projects and fundraisers dependent upon each member's proximity to one another.

Members are encouraged to have at least one face-to-face meeting per year with members of other Zonta clubs, e.g. at the District Conference, Inter-district Seminars, or International Convention.

Each e-club belongs to a district and is assigned to a district by the International Board.

Zonta district involvement in the design, planning, establishment and ongoing quality assurance is essential. The district should recognize that a Zonta e-club is a valuable asset, requiring the investment of intelligent planning and careful attention to detail.

The purpose of a Zonta e-club

An e-club serves as a tool to conveniently hold meetings and communicate with club members. This type of club is especially helpful for those with demanding schedules because it doesn't require travel to and from club meetings as business is conducted electronically. This format is also a great tool for those members who don't live by an existing Zonta club who otherwise may not have been able to be a club member in a traditional setting.

Benefits of a Zonta e-club

- _ Meet interesting, involved people who share the common goal of improving the lives of women
- _ Enjoy the opportunity to be part of a powerful network with the convenience of attending meetings electronically in the comfort of your chosen location
- _ Build friendships and network locally, nationally and internationally with a wide variety of people from many different professions
- _ Accept leadership roles that promote personal growth and self-confidence
- _ Participate in lively and interesting discussions that impact the world

Establishing

As with traditional Zonta clubs, e-clubs cannot be chartered in countries that do not yet belong to Zonta International. If there is a wish to charter an e-club in a country not yet belonging to Zonta, the country needs to be approved by the International Board prior to chartering the e-club. The procedure for entering new countries is described in the Membership Manual:

www.zonta.org/MemberResources/Manuals.aspx

However, prospective members from any country, including countries where Zonta does not exist, may join an e-club. Clubs are limited to 1/3 of its members being from countries where Zonta does not yet have an official presence.

The procedure to form new Zonta clubs is described in the Membership Manual and Club Manual that are available at:

www.zonta.org/MemberResources/Manuals.aspx. Because e-clubs are assigned to a district by the International Board, governors should consult their board liaisons regarding the district that the chartering e-club will be placed in prior to sending the Authorization Request for Organizing a New Zonta Club Form to Zonta International Headquarters.

As with any other club, e-club bylaws shall be in alignment with the Bylaws of Zonta International. E-clubs in formation should establish a bylaws and resolution committee to develop club bylaws and bring them forth to the club membership for adoption. Outlines of the club bylaws are available in the club manual. E-clubs may choose to be more specific in their bylaws regarding the requirements for service and for participation in electronic meetings

All e-clubs are to develop a charter name that begins, "Zonta e-club of..."

If the majority of members of an e-club are chartering within one country, they can choose if they would like to represent their town, district or country. Samples of these names are provided below:

- _ Zonta e-club of Oak Brook – town

{continued on pages 31 – 34 of the International Membership Manual

There was animated discussion at the conference on e members within an existing club but this would be with strict rules and could not be used as a way of avoiding meeting attendance. There is still much to be discussed on this but it has merit in certain member's circumstances.

Gender & Development (Oxfam) editor Caroline Sweetman introduces the latest issue of the journal with a call to challenge damaging gender stereotypes of all kinds.



I have twin sons, and I'm bringing them up to be feminists. And anti-racist, and pro-gay rights. Their father is Ethiopian, and they've experienced being called racist names from time to time at primary school in the UK. Recently they've been called 'gay' by boys playing football, and last night one of them came home from the park, where some slightly older boys called him and his friends 'pussies'.

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Being called unpleasant names is, for many children, the first time they come across the practice of putting someone firmly in their place by referring to some aspect of their identity in a shaming or humiliating way. As their mother I find it upsetting, but my sons know the politics which lie behind all this. Name-calling among children is part of the training they receive as they grow up to 'learn their place'. It's a way for elites - dominated by affluent, socially successful men - to keep hold of their power. And part of progressive social change is to fight for people's right to be different, and to choose identities and roles freely, without the fear of social opprobrium.

The new issue of *Gender & Development* (G&D) showcases fascinating examples of pro-feminist work with men, to challenge limiting stereotypes of what it means to be male in a world in which power remains the reserve of the few, yet being seen as a successful man means getting a slice of the action: in business, with women, in public life.

Articles in the issue show the importance of enabling today's men and boys to see how ideas about gender identity need to be loosened up and challenged - allowing them to show emotion, to stay at home and care for their children, to have faithful, deep relationships with women (or men).

Critically, because the journal focuses on gender in relation to international development, authors show how this work impacts on development outcomes for both sexes. Without it, sustainable change for women is not possible in the near future. Working with men from a feminist perspective is the flip-side to working on women's empowerment.

How so? Here's a story to explain why. In 1997, a few years after I returned from living in the tiny country of Lesotho in southern Africa, I suggested to colleagues in Oxfam that we should focus on Men and Masculinity in G&D. Reactions were strong. 'Would we focus on landlords if we were talking about landlessness?' asked one. Yet the experience I'd had living in Lesotho was one which showed me the need to analyse men's roles and realities.

First, this was out of the sheer humanity of not allowing children's opportunities to be determined by their sex - every year, one or two pre-adolescent herd-boys froze to death in the mountains while their sisters got an education (boys in the 1990s were not seen as needing education, because of unskilled work opportunities in the gold mines of South Africa).

Today, Lesotho is right at the top of countries with high 'female empowerment' - a result of women's relatively high education and role in work and public life. Yet this obscures the story of why they are there, which rests on those lost opportunities for boys. *And the story of successful female empowerment hides the appalling levels of gender-based violence in the country, as men who have lost their role as breadwinners and leaders vent their anger on women.* This is the second reason for feminists to welcome pro-feminist work with men which gets them to think about what makes a 'real man' - the cost to women. The 1997 issue of G&D spoke about all this.



Anti-rape protesters in Dehli, December 2012.

Sixteen years on, this new issue on Working With Men On Gender Equality shows the current popularity of working with men on gender equality. In her article in this issue, Desiree Lwambo tells the story of the impact of conflict on men's notions of masculinity in the Democratic Republic of Congo. This context is an extreme example of a society in which the same tensions are present as those in Lesotho. In DRC, where norms support men's dominance of women both at home and outside, confusion abounds about gender relations, past and present.

Neither peace nor the ability to provide for families is a reality, and male violence is condoned by society. Desiree argues, alongside other contributors to this new issue of G&D, that ending sexual and gender-based violence requires working with men to challenge their own behaviour. A colleague of mine here in Oxfam this morning told me about a visit to a Pakistan village where one man told her, 'if you come here any more talking about empowering women, we will kill you'.

The social rules of status and success tell us all very clearly that men should be dominant, provide for their families, elicit admiration from other men and from women. For men who can't live up to these ideals of masculinity, name-calling and abuse about their 'failure' lead to anxiety, embarrassment and struggles to try to live the dream.

Development organisations are piloting new approaches to help men through this labyrinth, value harmony and sharing, and champion women's rights and gender equality. Save The Children is working with pre-adolescent boys and girls in Nepal to get them to accept ideas of female education and ultimately plan their families, seeing girls as more than future mothers and wives. Community educators from organisations including Sonke Gender Justice Network, Promundo, Healthbridge International, Oxfam, and CARE are working with men as spouses and fathers in countries all over the world, including Peru, Vietnam, Rwanda, South Africa, and India.

Yet there's a health warning attached to the popularity of working with men on gender equality: and that's the cost to working with women. Ironically, in a male-dominated world - and aid industry - this kind of work often attracts funds and gains praise because it seems not to be challenging or 'difficult' in the way feminist work with women seems. If this work hijacks the change agenda and results in women's movements finding it impossible to get the support they need from aid agencies and governments, we're back to square one, in a male-dominated world.

Mature understanding that this is feminist work, which is difficult and just as challenging as working with women, is required. And we need a bigger overall pot of money, with resourcing and goodwill, to work at both ends of the gender change agenda. A key part of progressive work is for pro-feminist men's organisations to work with women's movements in ways which mobilise funding for both, and increase the impact of the work overall.

Gender stereotypes are sticky things, and they make happiness more elusive by constraining the activities we can do, policing our behaviour, and endangering us if we dare to defy them. Let's try to work together to get greater understanding of the damage they do to all of us.



a little light relief



Raelene: Had a great holiday down at Bribie Island. Such a very relaxing time. It was great to catch up with my sister. It was amazing to see some of the juniors bowling. Although Lachlan didn't come home with a medal he bowled really well, beating some of the top junior bowlers in QLD. He only missed out of the final by 1 point. He had a great time and learnt a lot. They were amazed by the talent coming from North Queensland. Looking forward to next year when we will be heading down to the Gold Coast for the titles.



Margaret: I will have to boast and say my event has been my son Jonathon's graduation in Chemical Engineering and having a little gathering of his god parents and boss who believed in him and close friends at the Ayr Traveller. I am still waiting on his official grad photo [he forgot to order it] for the paper. I also attended the Premier's community cocktail party which was interesting to see who was there etc.

Robyn: In February my daughter gave me a Kiva voucher for \$25.00 as part of my birthday present from her. This gift is then lent to a person of my choosing in a third world country and the idea is that they repay you in due course or at least hopefully they will. I lent my \$25.00 to a lady in Pakistan who wanted to buy some goats. I am delighted to advise that she has just made her first repayment of \$1.77. At this rate she will repay me in 14 months assuming she can afford to pay me off in full.

Lyndy: I'm having a week off to spend with my Japanese penfriend Yoshiko and her sister Hiroko who are coming on Saturday the 11th for 10 days. They are coming to celebrate my 60th birthday with me. Looking forward to shopping with them and spending a few days in Bowen just relaxing.

Nilda: I attended my high school reunion on the weekend, it was amazing. Saw people I hadn't seen for 35 years! The principal and deputy principal and 19 teachers also attended. I had a ball!

Mary: I have just returned from a couple of weeks in W A, visiting my nephew, who is a sea captain, working on the pilot vessels in Dampier. It's a lovely little port, with the countryside surrounded by plenty of red rocks, red dirt, and, fortunately red wine!, and not forgetting, RED DOG, or rather his historical statue. We went across to Exmouth, and snorkelled with the whale sharks on Ningaloo Reef, which was an amazing experience, and one which I only took part in, once I was assured that they only eat KRILL! As long as I have lived in the north I had not had a look at Darwin, so made a point of spending a couple of days there on the way home. Great place, very cosmopolitan, as expected, and after spending a day in a National Park rock climbing and swimming in whichever of the waterfall pools were crocodile free, I hopped on a RED bus, by way of respite, and saw around the place, tourist style. The red bus service has only been going for a week, so being privately owned by the same company who does the Sydney red buses, I'm hoping for their sake that they get more takers as they progress, otherwise, it'll be bye bye busses, as they were very scantily patronised. I, however, had a lovely time going through the local museum, and all the other places of interest, fish feeding etc., it is really a very pleasurable town, with its interesting history. So now, it's back to work for me, outfitting the local lovelies, for the Grower Races!

ASPIRE
INSPIRE
EXPIRE

*A couple of signs I
saw in the Indian
countryside which
took my fancy.*

GUTS
GUMPTION
GLORY