

# Zonta Club Burdekin



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Area 5  
Club No 1475  
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## JUNE 2013

*Dear Zontians*

Presidents Report June 2013

My First report as President ..... What a mile stone.

Firstly I would like to say a big thankyou to Raelene for her expert guidance as President over the last 2 years. I have learnt a lot from her and value her devotion to the Zonta Club.

This month we have the social gathering at Jo's place at Alligator Creek and I encourage as many members and spouses etc to try and come and have a good day out in the setting.

I will also remind everyone about the Area Conference at Noosa in September. If there is a chance of your being free in September think about it. I would then suggest that we consider a group adventure to the Mount Isa area meeting at Anzac Day long weekend next year as an alternative that people may feel more able to manage.

The Bush Poet's Breakfast was again a great success this year with more attendees and a lot more understanding from ourselves of what was needed to put it on. We hope to get up a Bush poetry segment in the 2014 Eisteddfod for next time and a different poet. But weren't our local poets good!

The wash up of the funds raised will probably take a week or more yet as the Theatre's invoice has to go through council first, but we were pretty bare bones with costs this year.

I would also encourage everyone to keep in touch with, if not actually attending the committee meetings, as we need ongoing discussions and ideas around our local DV prevention strategies and to gather some more members to enjoy the events and the networking.

Cheers from

*Marg Culpan*



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Meeting only \$5  
Fee if apology received \$5  
Fee if no apology made \$25

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Kalamia Hotel Ayr. Club meets second Tuesday of each month except January.

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Isabel Stubbs	Giovanna Gabiola
Nilda Piotto	Karen Clarke
Robyn Haller	Leanne Jamieson
Janice Micola	Judy Mitchell
Janice Micola	Leith Kennedy
Peta Bird	Mary Anne Fraser
Majella Meehan	Pierina Dalle Cort

Happy JUNE Birthday

Deb Giovanna Mary

Majella Nilda

**GUEST SPEAKER June Meeting**

Mandy Oats

Diversional Therapy Manager and  
Volunteer Coordinator Lower Burdekin  
Home for the Aged

**RAFFLE**

Rita Cranitch (June)  
Pierina Dalle Cort (July)  
(value \$10.00 - \$15.00)



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# CALENDAR 2012 - 2013

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

*Unfortunately this year we did not have anyone with 100% attendance.*



*However 4 ladies only missed one meeting: Raelene, Jan, Diana and Nilda.*

*7 ladies only missed 2 meetings: Karen, Marg, Robyn, Beth, Lyndy, Janice and Debbie.*

*We will all have to try harder this year.*

## **ANNUAL REPORT - PRESIDENT'S 2012 - 2013**

Tonight I hand the gavel over to Margaret which means my time as President has come to an end. The past 12 months has certainly been both challenging and rewarding. We have achieved a lot, some of our highlights were:- We started the year with our Inaugural Bush Poet's Breakfast, what a great event to start the year. Once again we had a successful curry stall at Tastes of the Burdekin. We had a great day assembling our 1000 birthing kits. It was a chance to catch up with Zontians we haven't seen in a while and also welcome some school students and friends. During the year we provided drainage bags to the Townsville Hospitals as they needed them. Thank you to those talented ladies who got their sewing machines fired up. We welcomed two new members to our club, Debbie & Leanne. Remember ladies it's not quantity of members but the quality. We celebrated the Zonta International Birthday in the Burdekin this year, a great night was had by all. Our IWD Breakfast was our biggest ever, with a wonderful guest speaker. We finished the year with the Bowen Workshop, unfortunately I couldn't attend but what I am hearing it was a great success, we will be hearing more about that later. Sincerely I would like to thank all the members of the board for their input and support not only for the past year but also for my time as President. In closing I challenge all of you to challenge yourselves to learn more about Zonta and grow with the organisation.

**Raelene Grantz**

## **ANNUAL REPORT - MEMBERSHIP 2012-2013**

This last 12 months seems to have flown with several prospective members being invited and attending meetings. We also had an information night back in August 2012.

This year we have inducted Debbie Watson and Leanne Jamieson and again, as a club, welcome them to our Burdekin Zonta Club and the greater world of Zonta International.

We have conferred extended leave to Peta Bird, Leith Kennedy and Ardella Alberts in the last year. Beth Honeycombe relocated to Townsville and may decide to transfer to a Townsville club. During the year, we have tried to keep the ZI Biennium project updates before the club members as, I believe, these projects give us a focus for the International Zonta ideals and efforts in the world. This coming year we will also, through "Membership", try to update the

members at Dinner meetings on the UN actions of ZI. I can greatly recommend to you the Area Workshops that just lately we had the 2013 one at Bowen. The next one is in Mount Isa on the Anzac Day long weekend and so we need to plan an adventure together. Getting to one of these workshops is a worthwhile investment in time for all members for the networking with the other clubs in our area, the educational component about Zonta itself but also for personal development eg in Marketing or communication are stimulating. It revitalizes you and extends your understanding of the Zonta goals and how we as a club are contributing both locally and internationally.

In June, we are organizing a social get together at Jo Gabiola's to allow a more informal gathering for ourselves as opposed to our working meetings. I encourage you all to come along.

From the last Area Workshop at Bowen, the Lieutenant Governor spoke of membership issues, partly on recruitment but also retention. The ZI has accepted the establishment of E-Clubs and despite this not being an option in our region, more for Western Queensland, it does raise the concept of E membership. As we are all aware, especially in North Queensland, the manner of work here can require a lot of travel from home or placement in other areas for periods of time that then preclude attendance at Dinner Meetings. Retention of established members is therefore a priority when their work or home circumstances change and cause the lack of ability to comply with the long held attendance standards. The feeling of the District Zonta board members at the Bowen meeting was supportive for trials of E Membership where a longstanding member's circumstances changed in these ways but they still wanted to connect and remain with their present Zonta Club. This however is not the acknowledged policy of the District Board and so is a future possibility and I think we can think about it for the District conference.

No guidelines are in place as yet so the field is open to interpretation for trialing the concept. Raelene and myself have formulated a list of requirements to be fulfilled to be an E member which we will bring to the Club in my presidency and propose to District for discussion. As a further recruitment initiative, we are copying Bowen's Club brochure to be available to hand out at any event and also at a static display. This will raise the profile and understanding of the general public as to what Zonta is and also initiate some interest in membership. The Bush Poet's Breakfast is on us again Sunday the 2nd June. This year as we again gained the RADF grant. I hope we will accumulate enough additional funds to significantly invest in DV prevention in the Burdekin. I would like to thank my committee for their help and support over the last 12 months and with Jan Hollingsworth at the helm next year, wish you all the best for the next year in the membership committee.

**Margaret Culpan**

## **ANNUAL REPORT - ADVOCACY 2012-2013**

It is with pleasure that I present my report for 2012/2013.

I would firstly like to thank my team of Jan, Nilda, Deb, Karen, Mary Anne, Seanne, Rosemary and Beth. Our committee meetings have been well attended and we have always had vigorous discussion on all topics. We have enjoyed 9 guest speakers this year, 3 of whom were Zontians and all speakers were interesting and informative.

UN Day last year slipped off our radar and as such was celebrated in a very low key manner but we did however have an international speaker in Vivi who was quite delightful and very entertaining as she spoke on her life growing up in China.

Our task after that was organising our International Birthday which I had to leave to my team as I left on holidays. It was supported by Bowen, CT, Tville and TM clubs and I am advised a thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all. The room looked wonderful thanks to the ladies and my thanks also to Deb who had to put together a quiz at the last minute because I ran out of time. Thanks also to Rosemary and Beth who donated wine and the "to die for" cake. And to the club members who donated an item for the raffle. This is a great bonding avenue for local clubs.

After much discussion finally our Zonta Burdekin bios were purchased and look excellent.

Zonta flew the flag as we enjoyed bowls in support of Burdekin Mental Health.

Our committee organised the Christmas party with many thanks to Joan for her plum pudding and to Karen for her help and her house for pre dinner drinks. Beth won the pudding and a great night was had by all.

Four ladies in our committee enjoyed the recent District Workshop in Bowen along with 3 others. As always it was a great way to re charge the batteries, meet up with old friends and garner ideas from other clubs as they in turn do from ours.

Finally our screening of the Redcliffe DVD on Breast Cancer Support was held recently and whilst attendance was only small it was an opportunity to view the DVD and for those of us there to be aware of its existence in case we hear of someone struggling with their situation.

Our IWD guest speaker Dr Shannon Spriggs made a big impression on us, Rotarians and high school children. At our last committee meeting we had a robust discussion on the problem of DV, therefore I am really pleased that the club has passed a motion to concentrate our efforts for the next 2 years on DV.

We have the opportunity to show this community how our club members feel about DV and I do look forward to getting a programme up and going in the primary schools in due course. Of course our wish would be to have Dr Spriggs involved in this important endeavour. In conclusion I would like to thank Jan for all her support. She has done the running around for me in Ayr whilst she is out and about and I live on the other side of the river. Whilst it has been 2 years on the job for me I have enjoyed it immensely and now look forward to being one of the team.

**Robyn Haller**

## **ANNUAL REPORT – SERVICE 2012-2013**

Service Committee, as always, has had many fingers in many pies for the year, or more strictly speaking, much musing over mega curry, as in our Tastes of the Burdekin project, where we sorely missed Peta who was on leave of absence, and has been chief organizer and chef.

However Chef Lyndy's expertise and kitchen extraordinaire, saved the day and as usual we had fun chopping and chatting. The monetary outcome was unfortunately less than anticipated bringing into question for this year, both size of container and price charged.

Dr Shannon Spriggs' acceptance as our guest speaker for our International Womens' Day Breakfast, was a fantastic highlight to what is always a start turn on our Zonta calendar, so much so that we hope to have her return annually, to share her great practical skills with Mentors in Violence Prevention and Lifeskills issues, thus benefitting the whole community including schools and chaplaincy service by her very animated re-inforcement for positive outcomes.

This project also saw good partnering co-operation with the local Rotary Club who went halves in Dr Spriggs appearance expenses, thereby contributing to a healthier bottom line and a greater sharing of resources focus for community service.

Birthing Kits have remained a much enjoyed service project for our members and participants have included retired Zontians, visiting exchange students, co-workers and friends and relations.

Thanks go to Raelene for her setting up and organizing and to everyone who helped in the hands-on, collating, packaging and production line. Jo, as usual pre-cut the plastic squares to give us a head start.

As the cost of components has risen we have determined that our future contributions will be pledged by monetary value rather than number of kits to keep the project affordable.

Bearing in mind that Zonta Clubs should aim to be highly visible within their communities, and ultimately their country and internationally we have as a club participated in as many worthwhile projects as time

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and resources have allowed.

These have included a charity bowls night, whose proceeds benefit the Burdekin Mental Health Foundation and more recently arranged a Breast Cancer DVD presentation with resource provider Shirley Gilmore to whom we have donated several of the DVD's produced by the Zonta Club of Redcliffe for women facing this challenge who need such support. We are also continuing to serve the passing motoring parade 'cuppas' on Australia Day at the Driver Reviver Booth on the main highway between Ayr and Townsville.

We look forward to our Bush Poet's Breakfast which is fast approaching and anticipate that the very entertaining Melanie Hall and her partner in crime and humour will draw a good crowd and boost our fundraising account accordingly.

My sincere thanks to President Raelene for her great assistance in filling in the gaps whenever I was unable and to my Service Committee member for their outstanding support.

As Beth Hancock will chair Service for the coming Zonta year I confidently leave the position in expert hands.

**Mary Lynch**

## CHARTERED JUNE 2013

Zonta Club of Daejeon III-FL, South Korea

Zonta Club of Greeley, USA

Zonta Club of Negombo, Sri Lanka

## LAUNCH OF SAMOA VICTIM SUPPORT GROUP HELPLINE

Zonta International is supporting efforts to empower women in rural Samoa to combat violence with UN Women and the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women.

The Samoa Victim Support Group (SVSG), the project's implementing organization in Samoa, launched their new help line for victims of violence in Samoa.

The launch was a great success. The Prime Minister of Samoa was the keynote speaker and commended SVSG's contribution to the community and their efforts to help the population of Samoa.

He also asked all the TV and radio stations in Samoa to inform the public about the help line and the telephone number.



Above: Council of Deputies supports the new help line



Right: Attendees at the launch



# BUSH POET'S BREAKFAST

Well what a fabulous morning we all enjoyed for our second Bush Poet's Breakfast. We sold out, can you believe it! The girls, talented Melanie Hall and Susie Carcary were in full flow and our locals were fabulous as well. Young bloke, Chris Vass has impressed the girls no end and for good reason - he was simply fabulous. He can only improve as he hones his technique. And what about those 2 wags from Townsville? Her sports bra poem was a total crack up. Congratulations to Marg, Raelene, Inez and Jan as the organising committee who have done a wonderful job. Thankyou also to the Rotarians who once again served up a hearty breakfast, one I am sure is more than we would normally eat at home. Clearly last year's breakfast was a hit given the crowd which now gives us a good problem as to what next. The venue has a wonderful ambience so I do hope we can work towards a solution within this complex.



Bush Poets extraordinaire Melanie Hall and Susie Carcary bringing down the house with the Australian Haka.



Andrew & Leanne with friends



Inez and Nilda with Marie (District 22 Chair Z Clubs) seen holding our Bush Poet's pannikin



Sandra, Janice and Matthew



Graeme and Robyn

This is Bill Lucas who with the help of his lovely wife Betty provided the damper seen cooking here with the coals on the lids of their camp ovens. Bill is in the process of making his famous billy tea which had you wishing you were out in the bush enjoying it even more. It would not be the same without them both. Bill is a bush poet to boot and entertained us in between pouring tea and turning out Betty's damper. Thanks Bill and Betty.



Member for Burdekin and Zontian Rosemary Menkens, Burdekin Shire Mayor Bill Lewis, Zonta Burdekin President Marg Culpan together with poets Melanie Hall and Susie Carcary in the forecourt of the Burdekin Theatre.



Toni and Karen



Marion, Lyn and Gerry



Pam and Mike



Rosemary and Ken



Alison and Diana



# DISTRICT 22 HISTORY

The first Zonta Club in Australia was established in 1929 in Sydney and included Australian poet, Dorothea Mackellar, among its members.

While the Club disbanded in 1935, a Canadian Zontian, Dorothy Thompson, reintroduced Zonta International in Australia and New Zealand in 1965 with the organisation of 12 Clubs, one in each Australian capital city and five in New Zealand. These Clubs became District 16 of Zonta International.

By 1990, the number of clubs in District 16 had grown to the extent that, at the Zonta International Convention in Dallas in 1990, District 16 was divided into 3 separate Districts: District 16 (New Zealand), District 23 (Victoria, Tasmania, Western Australia, South Australia, and the Northern Territory), and District 24 (Queensland, New South Wales, and the Australian Capital Territory).

Further growth in Clubs and membership led to a decision at the 2008 Zonta International Convention to divide District 24 into two Districts: District 22 (Queensland and the Northern Rivers of New South Wales) and District 24 (the remainder of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory).

District 22 has 47 Clubs from Cairns in the North and Mount Isa and Longreach in the west to Lismore in the Northern Rivers of New South Wales.

The District has more than 1100 active and engaged members including two former International Presidents of Zonta International: Leneen Forde AC who served for the 1990-1992 biennium; and Mary Magee OAM who served for the 2000-2002 biennium.

## District Conference

District Conference is the time each two years that we come together to determine the future of our District and elect our District leaders for the next biennium as well as renew friendships from previous Conferences and Area Meetings and make new friends from other Clubs.

**The 2013 District Conference will be held from 27-29 September 2013 at the Noosa Convention and Exhibition Centre, 3 Hilton Terrace, Tewantin, 4565.** DG Judith Anderson OAM and her Conference Chairman are working on a very interesting and innovative details of which will be available very soon.

### MEMBERSHIP MANUAL

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

Zonta is a membership organization. People join because they believe in Zonta's ideals and want to contribute their time and talents to fulfil these.

A vibrant growing membership is critical to securing Zonta's ideals. Zonta members come from many walks of life and live in all parts of the world. To assist clubs to grow their membership, this manual has been developed. It relates to both existing clubs and clubs that are being established. In addition to this manual, there is considerable material available to members on Zonta's website at [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org) and within the membership. Membership material is continually being updated and members are encouraged to visit the site regularly. If there are queries which cannot be answered by the club membership committee in the first instance, they can be referred to the District Organization, Membership and Classification Committee for further clarification.

This manual is in three parts: the first section is general, the second relates to growing membership and the third provides the requirements for starting new clubs. This manual replaces, and includes the appropriate content from, the *Organisation and Extension Manual* and the *Marian de Forest Membership and Classification Manual*. With your support and commitment, Zonta will continue to be an organization that is relevant and attracts and retains members committed to realising Zonta's mission of advancing the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy.



## MEMBERSHIP Jan Hollingsworth Chair

Our committee had an informal meeting at the Bush Poet's Breakfast and decided to try and have a formal meeting on Monday night 10/06/2013 for 7.30pm. Surprisingly most members were able to attend at this time slot. We are hoping to have short 5 minute sessions conducted by our committee members on matters relating to important issues and functions of Zonta both locally and internationally. The topic and presenter for Tuesday's meeting will be decided on Monday night. I would like to encourage old and new members to think of topics which they consider would be of benefit to themselves and other local members to help clarify the role, objectives and function of our Zonta organization. We firmly believe that the main role for our committee this year will be to promote as much information and support as we can for existing and potential members.



## ADVOCACY Debra Cochran Chair

We met on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June and Leanne agreed to be the new Attendance Officer with back up from Nilda when she's away. Robyn confirmed that Mandy Oats from the Lower Burdekin Home for the Aged will be the guest speaker for the June meeting. We discussed our preferences regarding the Zonta Grace and the need to plan for the United Nations Day pot night in October and the Christmas party. We also discussed strategies to prevent violence against women and girls in the Burdekin. This included the Motion to obtain Domestic Violence statistics from police stations, court houses and government funded DV Court Support programs we're drafting for the Zonta Conference, inviting Dr Shannon Spriggs back to the Burdekin to speak at schools, the need to purchase a Zonta Says NO Banner with the clubs name and logo printed on it and a representative attending the monthly Building Safer Communities Action Team (BSCAT) meetings. After all of that seriousness, it was great to end the night getting to know each other a little better with a chat around the table.



## SERVICE Beth Hancock Chair

We had a service committee meeting, and it was decided that each committee member would coordinate an event.

The food fair is being co ordinated by Lyndy and Mary, they will have a roster at the meeting. Cath has volunteered to be in charge of the birthing kits. That is all the plans we have made so far. I am hoping this system works well, as there is a lot to do in this committee and with each member taking on a co ordinator position the load is not so great for the chairperson. Also the newer members will gain experience and maybe one of them will be happy to take on the chairman position next year.

Beth Honeycombe's latest starring role.

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