

Area 5  
Club No 1475

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Meeting Time  
6pm for 6.30pm start  
TROPICAL CITY MOTEL

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

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# ZONTA CLUB

## BURDEKIN Inc

APRIL 2010

### PRESIDENTS REPORT

*Hi Ladies*

Congratulations to all members involved in the Week end area meeting and evening function. We had an excellent example of what can be achieved when we each share our skills and carry part of the load.

As usual, the meeting was informative and I am sure each of us present came away with new understandings. For me, it was the freedom to consider members who were once active, but are now at a stage in their life, due to work, health or family commitments, where they can no longer be as involved as previously. Often these members feel as if they are letting the club down and should resign. If you see yourself in this light then ask yourself: Do I support the goals and objectives of ZONTA and am I willing to do what I can when I can? If the answer is 'yes' then you are an extremely valuable member and as a club we are here to support you. There are many ways you can contribute and still be and feel involved.

The area meeting was the last activity for a busy year. Monday evening ( April 26<sup>th</sup> – change of date) we will be planning for the next ZONTA year. Thanks to everyone who returned their email survey as I will collate these in preparation for our planning meeting. Don't forget this is an after dinner meeting commencing at 6:50p.m. with no fees and supper provided. Just bring your membership fees as these are due to Lyndy by April 30<sup>th</sup>

**Our May meeting will be our AGM so could all committee chairs please have a report ready to present at this meeting.**

I have just finished 3 days of professional development and I would like to share the presenter's parting words .

*' People are like boats and there are usually 5 types : The speedboat represents the people who welcome new ideas and are enthusiastic about what will come out of them. The sail boat are those who need a bit of wind to get them going – just an encouraging word will help. The tug boat people need to be pulled – lots of support . Then there is the shipwreck that represents those people who don't and won't do a thing. They readily recognise this trait in themselves and are open about it and you can still carry on effectively. Finally.....There is the submarine! This is the one you don't want. It represents the people who swim below the surface. They pretend to agree and then approach individuals to undermine the ideas presented. I wish each of you a few speedboats in your groups.'*

I think this is probably true of all organisations except for Burdekin ZONTA where there are only speed boats and sailboats!

*See you Monday evening*

*Rita*



## ATTENDANCE

Sandi Milani is our attendance officer. **Please advise Sandi by 10am on FRIDAY if you cannot attend the meeting** or are unable to stay for the meal.

Sandi can be contacted on:

47821065 home phone

0427821065 mobile email: [milanigs@tpg.com.au](mailto:milanigs@tpg.com.au)

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



## RAFFLE

Tonight: Janice Micola  
Next month : Sandi Milani (May)

*Happy Birthday*

*Mary Anne Fraser*

*Rita Cranitch*

*Janice Micola*

*Joan Heatley*



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

## REMINDER

Annual fees of \$150.00 due NOW.  
See Lyndy.

**With our changed focus now in Zonta – that is improving the status of women through service and advocacy – we need to have some information to hand to demonstrate that our cause is still relevant.**

We need to see ourselves in relation to other service organisations in Australia.

*(The top 4 are community service organisations, organisations with their major focus on their local communities. The bottom 4 are service organisations with a focus on women.)*

**Rotary** - brings together business and professional leaders to provide humanitarian service

**Lions** - 'we serve'; focus on sight, hearing, speech conservation; diabetes awareness

**Probus** - community service program of Rotary clubs – association of active retirees whose basic purpose is to keep the mind active and expand interests

**CWA** - *improve conditions for women and children and make life better for families on the land \* is a member of the Associated Country Women of the World – in 62 countries with over 9 million members*

**ZI** - *improving the legal, political, health, educational, economic and professional status of women*

**UNIFEM** - *one of 17 national committees Soroptimist International \* advocate for equity and equality, creating safe and healthy environments; increasing access to education, developing leadership skills to transform the lives of women and girls*

**Quota** - *'we share'; service to disadvantaged women and children as well as hard of hearing and speech impaired people*

## BUDDY SYSTEM

Peta Bird	Lyndie McCathie
Rita Cranitch	Ruth Diehm
Karen Clarke	Majella Meehan
Pierina Dallecort	Giovanna Gabiola
MaryAnne Fraser	Judy Scanlon
Jill Giddy	Beth Hancock
Raelene Grantz	Rosemary Menkens
Joan Heatley	Robyn Haller
Jan Hollingsworth	Sandra Roncato
Beth Honeycombe	Mary Lynch
Leith Kennedy	Janice Micola
Margaret Williams	Sandi Milani

*Ladies have you made contact with each other recently?*

## COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP – President Rita Cranitch

### Status of Women

Karen Clarke (C)  
Margaret Williams  
Sandi Milani (Att Off)  
Giovanna Gabiola  
Jill Giddy  
Leith Kennedy

### PR & Communications

Mary Lynch (C)  
Robyn Haller (NL Ed)  
Jan Hollingsworth  
Mary Anne Fraser

### Service

Peta Bird (C)  
Raelene Grantz  
Beth Honeycombe  
Judy Scanlan  
Pierina DalleCorte  
Ruth Diehm

### Organisation & Membership

Janice Micola (C)  
Sandra Roncato (Dep Tr)  
Lyndy McCathie  
Rosemary Menkens  
Beth Hancock  
Majella Meehan  
Joan Heatley

To: All Zontians

With Zonta International’s support of the UN Trust Fund, the Say NO - UNiTE to End Violence Against Women campaign successfully reached its goal of 100,000 actions by International Women’s Day. Zonta’s US\$100,000 donation was featured on the Say NO website, and our participation was highlighted in the announcement that the campaign had met and surpassed its initial goal of 100,000 actions.

Zonta International is now focused on helping the campaign reach its next goal of 1 million actions by November 2010. With more than 30,000 members worldwide, Zonta can have a big impact; however, only 937 individuals have added their names to the global call on Zonta’s Say NO page. I encourage every Zonta club to hold a club meeting during which every member of the club can add his/her name to the global call to end violence against women. To add a name to the global call, please click on the image below or visit <http://www.saynotoviolence.org/join-say-no/zonta-international-unites-say-no-violence-against-women>.

To support the ongoing efforts of its supporters to ending violence against women, UNiFEM has created and launched an online Global Virtual Knowledge Center. This site provides information on recommended practices and resources for ending violence against women and girls.

Please continue to send your club’s service and advocacy efforts to end violence against women to [advocacy@zonta.org](mailto:advocacy@zonta.org). Thank you all for your participation in the Say NO campaign.

Beryl Sten  
Zonta International President

**Did you read this in the latest Zontian?**

It is written in the words of a 25 year old Chhmang province (Asia) man who has a wife and 2 children.

“I used to regard myself as head household and last decision maker in my family. A men’s core group always visit me. He told me about law against domestic violence, which I did not hear before. He explained me about basic rights of women and as well as the gender relation between spouses in family. I also was invited to sit in the village meeting with other men where we shared each other about experiences of ourselves in relation violence against wives.

I started to realize about violence is violation of women’s right, then I decided to change my harmful behaviour and ideology. I now change and recognize the importance of my wife in promoting family harmony and development in our family. I helped my wife and family by looking for job as construction worker, I have some money for family, for children schooling and playing role model for them. For the future, I will reach for consultation with my men’s group in the village rather than committing violence. And now, I gain more respect from my neighbour.”



**Goods donated by our club to the Burdekin Community Association for women suffering from Domestic Violence.**

**STATUS OF WOMEN**

**Karen Clarke**

Our committee enjoyed an easy meeting now that our projects are over – we even considered wine!!

A thank you card has been sent to Aileen Cull for being our guest speaker at the International Women’s Day breakfast. The 2 other nominees for the Community Spirit Award are being written to by Leith to notify them that they were nominated.

Our committee is not keen on the Relay for Life event this year as it falls on Mother’s Day weekend.

Most will be able to make at least one session of the Area Meeting.

To date, we have no firm ideas for the fundraising project nor for a suitable stall for the food fair.

## Report on the Area 5 District 22 Workshop held in Ayr

Well the Area 5 Conference has come and gone. The weekend required lots of work but delivered lots of fun, information and ideas. Although grave fears were held by the organizing committee the number of attendees was better than expected. Poor Lyndy was having fun at registration trying to work out how many were going to be there for lunch on Saturday as some decided it would be no problem to turn up for the day. Really well done to some out of town members!!!! The food for all sessions could not have been better. I did not hear anything other than favourable comments on the catering for the weekend.

The District Governor, Vicki Varthas was fluent in all her presentations on the overview for the district. The presentations were concise in the difference between Z and B projects with special emphasis on the need to justify taking on projects that meet the Z criteria. I was really impressed by her presentations.

The 3 Advocacy sessions held on Saturday afternoon based on the resolutions from district conference were motivating.

The guest speaker on Saturday afternoon was Amanda Baker who had volunteered in Burma as a mid wife to help train the people who assisted in birthing in the native communities. Her main tool and resource was the Zonta birthing kits. Amanda had never seen the birthing kits until boarding the plane to fly to Burma for the first time. However, after seeing the conditions in the communities, could not believe something as small as the kits could be so useful.

Discussions were held on UN CEDAW which emphasized the importance that some committees of the UN placed on the involvement of Zonta in the status of women worldwide.

Membership discussions were tabled by Trish Collins who did an amazing job presenting the information. Some new ideas were circulated and well received.

Overall the theme of the conference was to focus our attention on all areas of Zonta. I am sure this objective was achieved.

*Jan Hollingsworth*



*As per tradition a great time was had on Saturday night with lots of fun enjoyed by all.*



*Care for  
women  
less  
fortunate  
plus fun  
=  
Zonta*



**We can feel justifiably proud of our efforts over the past 3 years since Ruth brought Paula's quest to our attention.**



## **RELIEF FOUNDATION**

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RF/Don/10  
6<sup>th</sup> Mar 10

Dear Patrons of Relief Foundation

Greetings from Chennai!

This letter is to thank you for your recent gesture of support  
Your hard work on raising funds for our Foundation is sincerely appreciated  
Support for Relief goes a long way to ensure progressive stable rehabilitation solutions for  
children in need.

Our initiatives for providing quality education to children in rural underprivileged communities  
is made possible by contributions from individuals and organisations like you.

We have received an amount of Rs **408000/-** (/Rs. Four hundred and eight thousands) towards the  
cost of:

**VSR Montessori school** (*supported by us for infrastructure and teacher training*),  
**Madanapalli**

- 2.5 lakhs for building a classroom dedicated to the donor (name to be informed)
- Rs 58,000 towards basic furniture in the school

**Shriram Matriculation school, Thiruneermalai**  
- Rs 1 lakh towards 4 computers for the school

We shall send you the report on the progress we have made on utilisation of the funds  
Meanwhile, on behalf of the families and children to whom your contribution gives the hope of  
the future, we gratefully thank you.

Yours truly,

**VIDYA SHANKAR**  
Chairperson

### **Thank – you notice for Advocate paper**

Drs Paula Heggarty and Ajay Rane would like to thank the Zonta Club of the Burdekin for all their support over the last 3 years. In 2007 Zonta pledged to offer support to orphans in the Ashram Orphanage in Chennai, India. Initially this was to provide funds for schooling. Over the years this support has extended to funding learning materials, 4 computers, the building of a new classroom and the purchase of an auto rickshaw for the school.

This has made a tremendous difference to these children. The support this community has received has increased their confidence and a more positive outlook exists.

Now teachers are being trained and books donated are shared between schools so more children can benefit. The Zonta Club has achieved so much in a relatively short time in this community.

I would like to express my thanks and admiration for the Zonta Club for supporting this project. I have enjoyed the company and friendship of the women of the Zonta Club over the last 3 years and continue to be inspired by their generosity and enthusiasm.

Thank – you

21/2/10

To all Members of Zonta Club, Burdekin

I would like to express my sincere thanks for all the work, support and financial support you have offered to the Ashram school and orphanage over the last 3 years.

I will be placing the following notice into the newspaper and I enclose a copy for you. (above on previous page)

I have waited to get a letter from Mrs Vidya Shankar to detail what she planned to do with the money. It would also have been nice to have had a picture of the auto rickshaw with Zonta Burdekin painted on the side but this has been delayed and I will forward this as soon as possible.

There was a delay of 2 weeks with transferring of the money because the sort code of the bank in India was wrong and needed to be clarified by the bank in Australia. This has now gone through and I am forwarding the e mails from Vidya the lady who runs the Ashram orphanage and school to me.

I am so grateful for all that you have done. I will take photos and provide more feedback when I go in August.

I am also grateful for the opportunity to meet and get to know a remarkable bunch of women and you have inspired me to continue.

Thank you very much

Paula



**Peta:** Peter and Peta are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Gemma to Scott McAllister. Gemma and Scott live in Townsville – Gemma at uni and Telstra and Scott at the mines.

**Robyn:** Graeme is in India at the moment and was being encouraged to go to the cricket in Bangalore by son Matthew. That same night 2 bombs went off outside the cricket and 2 more were diffused. Next day, when he was in a taxi there was a huge storm with cyclonic winds and lightning hit a tree just 2 metres from Graeme and showered the taxi with debris. Not finished with the excitement, whilst navigating the road back to the hotel with 8 inches (20 cm) of water over the road, the back window of the taxi blew out. Graeme is questioning Matthew’s succession plans! Whilst in Chennai he is planning to visit the Orphanage. Vidya has just asked him if he would like to go on an outing with the kids to Lake Pulicat on Saturday but he has appointments regrettably. He is however hoping he can still see them all on Sunday as planned.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2009 – 2010					
JLY 09	AUG 09	SEPT 09	OCT 09	NOV 09	DEC 09
*CHARITY BOWLS END MONTH	*BOOK BIZ 21-29TH	*DIST 22 CONF 25-27TH *FOOD FAIR *SELECT PRES ELECT	*INFORMATION NIGHT 20TH NEIGHBOURHEAD CENTRE *CANCER COUNCIL GIRLS NIGHT IN KAREN'S PLACE 30 <sup>TH</sup>	*ZONTA INT B/DAY TVILLE 10TH *WINE DINNER 12 <sup>TH</sup> CLOVES *DINNER MEETING 17TH	*CHRISTMAS PARTY 8 <sup>TH</sup> DEC TROPICAL CITY
JAN 10	FEB 10	MARCH 10	APRIL 10	MAY 10	JUNE 10
*DRIVER REVIVER 26 <sup>TH</sup>	*FIRST MEETING *BIRTHING KITS 21 <sup>ST</sup> KUMON CENTRE	*ANNUAL FEES DUE *IWD/YELLOW ROSE DAY *ZONTA BURDEKIN COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD *BEATING BLADDER BLUES 25 <sup>TH</sup>	*WORLD HEALTH DAY *AREA WORKSHOP 17 <sup>TH</sup> & 18 <sup>TH</sup> TROPICAL CITY MOTEL *WELCOME CLOVES *WORKSHOP 27TH	*CLUB BIRTHDAY *AGM *RELAY FOR LIFE *BIGGEST MORNING TEA	* CHANGEOVER