

Area 5  
Club No 1475

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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)

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# ZONTA CLUB

## BURDEKIN Inc

**JUNE 2010**

### **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

*Hi Ladies*

The meeting last month was rather packed and our new member, Diana, was unable to be present so our installation of the new (returning) board and new member induction was postponed to this month's meeting.

There are a few changes happening this year.

Firstly, our meeting venue will be determined by the number of members attending each meeting. This means each of us will need to respond to the attendance officer, Beth with either an acceptance or an apology by the Friday prior to the meeting. We need to call Beth Hancock on her home phone and leave a message.

Two committees are trialling committee meetings before our monthly meeting. This is purely a committee based decision and is an effort to reduce the number of times busy members have to attend meetings.

If your committee has a suggestion for a club activity, it does need to be accompanied with a draft budget if there are any costs involved. The service committee is currently working on the budget for the club's curry stall at the Food Fair. As a club we cannot expect or rely on members' generosity for all club functions.

Each meeting will now have a short club information session so we can all be kept up to date and learn a little more on how ZONTA International operates. I know we have tried this unsuccessfully in the past but Mary and her committee has offered to take this on as a committee goal.

We already have a few nominations for prospective members and added to this, OMC under Raelene's guidance will be doing an audit of the skills required in the club and target prospective members accordingly. Sounds like a hunt, doesn't it? But it does give us purpose and direction where membership is concerned.

Raelene is also investigating the possibility of FOZ. Unsure what FOZ is? Come to the meeting and all shall be revealed!

*See you Tuesday evening at Yvettes .*

*Rita*



## **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**

Tonight: Judy Scanlan  
Next month : Peta Bird (July)

*Happy Birthday*

*Ruth  
Giovanna  
Mary  
Majella*



### BUDDY SYSTEM

Peta Bird	Lyndy McCathie
Rita Cranitch	Ruth Diehm
Karen Clarke	Majella Meehan
Pierina Dallescort	Giovanna Gabiola
MaryAnne Fraser	Judy Scanlon
Jill Giddy	Beth Hancock
Raelene Grantz	Rosemary Menkens
Robyn Haller	
Jan Hollingsworth	Dianna Moschen
Beth Honeycombe	Mary Lynch
Leith Kennedy	Janice Micola
Margaret Culpan	

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

### ZONTA KNOWLEDGE - Educating the members

#### Legislative Awareness and Advocacy

A major goal for the 2010-2012 Biennium is to ELIMINATE all advocacy/service projects which DO NOT meet one or more of Zonta's Objects. Do the following meet the objects?

1. Contributions to domestic violence safe house (personal care items, furnishings, clothing).

YES Any support for women domestic violence victims meets Zonta's Object of promoting justice and universal respect for human rights. It also meets CEDAW Article 3.

2. 'Tech savvy' programme to support young women getting into science/computing field.

YES This supports improving the educational status and economic status of women by assisting women to enter a non-traditional educational field and further their employment prospects. It meets CEDAW Article 4 (Special Measures) and Article 10.

3. Seminar on equal pay for men and women.

YES Any seminar which educates both men and women about the principles of equality between the sexes (be it pay or any other matter) meets CEDAW Article 2. Women should not be discriminated against on the basis of their sex.

4. Making/assembling birthing kits for distribution overseas.

YES Birthing kits provide 'access' to health care services which would otherwise not be available to women due to their extreme poverty and/or living in areas remote from post natal care. It meets CEDAW Article 12.

5. Support for regional oncology wellness centre.

NO Does not meet any 'status of women' criteria. If the oncology wellness centre was for women it would meet 'improving women's health - CEDAW Article 12. As a general rule, Zonta clubs should not be funding activities which are a government responsibility (health treatment facilities). In such cases where funding is needed, we should advocate that the responsible government provides this service.

6. Relay for life for cancer society.

NO Does not meet any 'status of women' criteria. Cancer societies are usually charitable organisations whereas Zonta clubs (outside the USA) cannot achieve this status due to tax laws. Cancer is an 'emotive' issue but not one for Zonta clubs as we focus on empowering the status of women.

7. Gifts to aged women.

NO A nice thing to do but it does not improve the 'status' of the women according to Zonta's Objects.

8. Providing infants' cots for nursery ward at a local hospital.

NO This does not meet any 'status of women' criteria. In developed countries provision of hospital equipment is the responsibility of the state (if a public hospital) or hospital administration if a private facility. Most hospitals in developed countries have their own foundations and fundraising activities.

GUEST SPEAKER JULY MEETING GRAEME HALLER  
On his recent visit to the Indian Orphanage

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

## CLUB BOARD 2010-2011

**President:** Rita Cranitch  
**Vice - president:** Raelene Grantz  
**Treasurer:** Lyndy McCathie  
**Minutes Secretary:** Ruth Diehm  
**Correspondence Secretary:** Leith Kennedy

### Committee Chairs:

**Status of Women:** Karen Clarke  
**Public Relations & Communications:** Mary Lynch  
**Service:** Peta Bird  
**Organisation and Membership:** Raelene Grantz

## COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>STATUS of WOMEN</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">International Womens Day Woman of Achievement Birthing Kits</p> <p>Karen Clarke (C) Janice Micola Rosemary Menkens Leith Kennedy Giovanna Gabiola Jill Giddy</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PUBLIC RELATIONS &amp; COMMUNICATIONS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Newsletter Archives Website Maintenance Publicity Guest Speakers Education</p> <p>Mary Lynch (C) Robyn Haller Mary Anne Fraser Beth Honeycombe</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SERVICE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Breast Care Cushions Driver Reviver Rape Kits Anzac Day</p> <p>Peta Bird (C) Beth Hancock Judy Scanlon Pierina Dallecorte Dianna Moschen Margaret Culpan</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ORGANISATION and MEMBERSHIP</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">New members Information Sessions Classifications Mentoring Social</p> <p>Raelene Grantz (C) Lyndy McCathie Majella Meehan Ruth Diehm Jan Hollingsworth</p>

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2010 – 2011

JNE 10	JLY 10	AUG 10	SEPT 10	OCT 10	NOV 10
*CHANGEOVER RIYAWAT 3RD	*FOOD FAIR 17TH *COOK UP PETA'S 15TH	*CHARITY BOWLS		*POT NIGHT *NEW MEMBER INFO EVENING *GIRLS NIGHT IN	*ZONTA INT BIRTHDAY
DEC 10	JAN 11	FEB 11	MAR 11	APR 11	MAY 11
*CHRISTMAS PARTY	*DRIVER REVIVER 26TH		*IWD *ANNUAL FEES DUE *YELLOW ROSE DAY	*ANZAC DAY BOOK (P & R) *BIRTHING KITS *WORLD HEALTH DAY	*CLUB BIRTHDAY *AGM *BIGGEST MORNING TEA

### **Riyawat - the movie:**

Several Zontians and partners attended this revealing film produced by Prof Ajay Rane and shown last Thursday evening to a large group of people at the Kalamia.

It hi-lighted the reprehensible practice that has been the culture in India and worldwide for generations, by both the rich and the poor, the killing of girl babies in the womb (feticide) and after birth (infanticide).

The aim of the producers is to not only expose this practice but to force those living where it is happening, even doctors, to accept that it does occur.

Whilst the ratio of girls to boys should be 1005 girls to 1000 boys, in India it is 876 girls to 1000 boys.

## ***PRESIDENT'S REPORT MAY 11<sup>th</sup> 2010***

It is with pleasure I present the president's report for the 2009-2010 ZONTA Year. If I were to select an image for the year, it would have to be a steamboat with full steam – no idling allowed.

The year was filled with activities that seem to keep coming one after the other. Most of these will be mentioned in the committee reports so I will not mention these in this report.

We began the year with 24 members but unfortunately we have had 3 members resign this month. I thank those members for their contributions to the club. Each resigned because they felt they could not contribute, due to family commitments, the time they felt was needed to be effective members. I believe their decisions need to be respected and the thought they gave to their decision also needs to be acknowledged.

We began our year with an unfinished commitment to the Chennai India orphanage. This was a major task and thanks to Lyndy and helpers this was completed in a way that far surpassed all expectations. The area meeting which was just as successful as all the other functions was in the hands of a small committee and later assisted by all members in some way. The success of this function and the others, highlights the qualities of our members and it is to you, the members, I wish to pay tribute in this report. In September last year we had 50% of members attend the district conference. This was an excellent opportunity for members to expand their knowledge and understanding of ZONTA INTERNATIONAL. To listen to our International President who was quite an impressive woman was definitely an eye-opener for all of us. This followed by our area meeting last month, definitely provided focus for our recent planning meeting.

I believe we have all reached the stage where we have an appreciation of how our club belongs to the global collection of Zonta clubs in advancing the status of women. We have a greater understanding of how to select projects that meet the ZONTA goals.

The successes of this year are due to the contributions each of you has made during the year.

The committee system has worked well this year and I congratulate the committee chairs for persevering with these even when it was only, "me and myself" at the meetings.

I thank Karen, Lyndy and Raelene for the use of their premises for Board meetings and the planning evening.

I thank all the Board members, committee chairs, Janice, Peta, Mary and Karen, our secretaries, Ruth and Leith and of course our treasurer, Lyndy who each fulfilled their roles way beyond expectations, and for their honesty and support in all discussions.

Lastly I thank Janice. Firstly for taking on the role of vice president, with great persuasion, and for being an excellent sounding board, advisor and support and helping out when time didn't allow me to do what needed doing. On behalf of all of us, I wish her all the best in her next role as area director.

Rita Cranitch

## *SOW REPORT JUNE 2010 Karen Clarke Chairman*

We held our first meeting with the new members.

### **Birthing Kits**

Plan to have the assembly day this year in conjunction with a school – Karen is to check the criteria with Birthing Kits Australia

### **IWD Breakfast**

We have started to think of potential speakers and already have a few names to consider further.

### **Breast Cushions**

Karen has recently made contact with the Breast Cancer Nurses from the Mater and the Townsville Hospital, and she has spoken to one of the surgeons. They do receive cushions from Charters Towers and Townsville but do have the need for more. Our committee would like to see the club make some more cushions, for distribution to both the hospitals and to Shirley Gilmore. We would also like to recommend to the hospitals that 2 cushions are given to each patient.

## *SoW Chairman's Report for year ending May 2010.*

The SOW committee comprised of *Karen Clarke (Chair)* , *Giovanna Gabiola*, *Jill Giddy*, *Leith Kennedy*, *Margaret Williams* and *Sandi Milani*.

We had a successful year and managed to have regular committee meetings with a minimum of 3 but usually 4 or 5 members making every meeting. We enjoyed our lunches as we felt that we had the time to combine a social event with the meeting which gave us the opportunity to have time to get to know each other a little better as well as attending to club and committee business. We enjoyed the idea of lunch as it gave us the leeway of taking an hour or a little longer to cover the agenda.

We had an easy start to the Zonta year as our major goals were not until February and March when we had the birthing kits, IWD Breakfast and the Community Spirit Award within the space of just over a fortnight.

This year the Birthing Kits were assembled on 21<sup>st</sup> February and we managed to make 999 kits in the space of about 4 hours. 12 ladies attended including a non –Zontian. We used to take 2 days to assemble the kits and this year the reduced time was due to Giovanna and her family cutting and packaging the black plastic in the zip lock bags in advance. A special thank you to them. We only sent 999 kits away to Afghanistan as we kept a kit for display at the IWD Breakfast. Peta kindly donated the use of her office to assemble the kits and Mary and Raelene provided the bulk of the morning tea – thank you. The price of the kits has increased to \$2 kit. We plan to investigate assembling the kits next year in conjunction with a school as the price is then only \$1 so for the same club commitment we could assemble twice as many kits. Over 500,000 kits have been assembled in Australia so far since the project commenced and 80,000 have been sent to Afghanistan. At the Area Meeting last month it was wonderful to hear directly from Amanda Baker a midwife who has had 4 stints in Thailand where she has been teaching the nearby Burmese Traditional Birthing Assistants how to use the kits for more hygienic births. Mortality rates have been reduced by 50%.

The International Women's Day Breakfast was held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March at Cloves. We had an excellent attendance with approximately 63 ladies attending and one gentleman. As usual Cloves provided a delicious breakfast and a well decorated venue. Our guest speaker was Aileen Cull, the CEO of the QCCU who gave an enthralling talk on her rise to the top of a large financial organisation after previously taking time out to spend years sailing round Asia and the Pacific in a yacht fulfilling a special dream. Aileen's theme was that women can achieve their goals in the work force as well as pursuing personal goals which may take them out of the work force for some time – study, raising a family or as in Aileen's case, chasing a dream. This year we had a few high school students attend the breakfast and we hope they took away this message. \$953 was raised which went towards the birthing kits.

Community Spirit Award – we received 3 nominations and the winner was Audrey Dean. Audrey is a very active member with the 2 local Aged Homes and an aged care facility in Townsville. She helps organise fund raising, social events and plays the piano accordion for the residents, and is a bit of a wit. This year, the committee decided to only contact those clubs or organisations who were likely to nominate someone for the awards.

Thanks to Giovanna and Sandi who donated gifts for the guest speaker and for the raffle. Thank you also to Peta the MC, Mary for her vote of thanks to the speaker and Jan for announcing the winner of the Community Spirit Award.

Karen



*SERVICE REPORT June 2010 Peta Bird Chairman*

Off to a running start for this committee!

Our first event for the Zonta year is the Tastes of the Burdekin Food Fair, on the 17th July from 5pm to 9.30pm. We will be at the front of Jo's Gifts and Linen for the evening.

We will be doing Curry this year and are in the midst of organizing food and what we would like everyone to bring/do. Beth Honeycombe will be asking for help at this month's meeting so please put your name on a list or two.

The big cook up will be at Peta Birds, 9 Rossiter St, Ayr on Thursday the 15th July any time from 5.30pm.

*Childbirth is more admirable than conquest, more amazing than self-defence, and as courageous as either one. Gloria Steinem*

*OMC Chairman's Report for year ending May 2010*

The Membership Committee for 2009/2010 comprised of *Janice Micola (Chair) Sandra Roncato, Lyndy McCathie Rosemary Menkens, Beth Hancock, Majella Meehan, and Joan Heatley.*

Our goal for the year was to review and consolidate the guidelines for new members, and to prepare and present an information evening for prospective new members.

The information evening was organised for 20 October 2009. Letters were posted to 14 prospective members and 5 attended the evening. Several of the invited ladies had prior arrangements and asked to be invited to the next information evening.

We have one new member joining the Club in 2010. Welcome Diana.

With the achievements of the past year I hope the incoming OMC will continue and thus rebuild membership.

The achievements of the past year are due to the hard work of my committee members. The members have a wealth of knowledge and experience and I wish to express my thanks and appreciation for the commitment of the tasks undertaken by them.

Janice

*There are people who have money and people who are rich. Coco Chanel*

*PR & Communications Chairman's Report for year ending May 2010*

The PR committee comprised of *Mary Lynch (Chair) Jan Hollingsworth, Mary Anne Fraser and Robyn Haller*

My small committee has done well to fulfil our Public Relations & Communications obligations this year. I have had enthusiastic co-operation with our social events – shades of Jan dressed as a christmas elf and Mary Anne as a very decorative christmas parcel for our December meeting and lots of fun producing exquisite gowns from scrap materials from Lyndy's sewing room at our District Workshop dinner, where we even had a gentleman cross dresser to brighten up the night!

Our exposure in the local newspaper has improved on coverage of our club activities and Robyn has done a brilliant job with the club newsletter each month despite her prolonged illness and inability to attend meetings.

Members have been generous as regards inspiration for guest speakers, which I hope will be an ongoing enthusiasm, so that we keep our dinner meetings infused with interesting subjects and a renewed sense of fun.

An addition to the coming year's programme will be Jan's monthly short report on the Zonta International Website updates, to ensure we are all appropriately informed in that regard.

I thank you all, including Sandi for her diligent attendance officer job which falls under the P & R umbrella and invite everyone to keep putting forward their ideas for the coming year, to further enhance our club's effectiveness.

Mary

*I consider sex a misdemeanour – the more I miss, the meaner I get. Mae West*

**Ruth Diehm:** I met up with my brothers and sisters to attend our Uncle's 90th Birthday in Murgon last weekend. Had a great weekend. I thought I had boasted enough about my little Callaghan Jack but maybe not. He arrived on 28th April, quite quickly in the end after causing many dramas. Incidentally the name Callaghan (silent G) is Irish meaning strife. He is now 5 weeks old and they went back to Perth 3 weeks ago.

**Beth Honeycombe:** I have been cast as Duchess of York, mother of the vile Richard in Shakespeare's Richard 111, Queen's Gardens, Townsville in Sept. That's better news than getting the moon boot off next Thursday! ...and don't say...break a leg.

**Lyndy McCathie:** McCathies Real Estate held the greatest morning tea on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> May. We had about 30 people drop in for a cuppa and we raised \$350 for cancer. All in all we had a lovely morning.

**Rita Cranitch:** I am just back from Brisbane having snatched 1 ½ days with son Martin and his wife Lisa who are in the country from USA with work. We shared our time together at relaxed I am exhausted.

**Mary Anne:** Well off to Uni for next 2 wks to start the 6th subject towards a Masters of Public Health and Tropical Medicine- that will keep me out of mischief- they call them "An Intensive" and it is true to name! Then my parents, five siblings and our children are meeting up at Magnetic Island. As I have the local knowledge I am doing the planning and food ordering etc- trying to remember all the "family favourites" etc. During that time we have my niece Carmen's 21st and my baby sister Alice is 40. I remember so vividly when one of the nuns at boarding school told me I had a new baby sister. I will just be happy to have Lewis and Nat close by for a week.

**Mary Lynch:** I am having the Queens Birthday weekend in Brisbane, catching up with family. Attended the AGM for the LNP yesterday, which Rosemary spoke very informatively at. Sorry that I cannot tell tales of anything fantastic that I have been up to, other than you resorting to saucy lies re my proposed week end in Brisbane, which would hardly be credible to anyone who even half knows me !

**Robyn Haller:** Attended a forum for the Home Hill Community Bank last Wednesday night where a large crowd put forward ideas for some wonderful projects for when the bank starts distributing money from their profits. Caught up with my 3 "Tuckshop" friends recently for our bi-annual 3 hour lunch at the Pantry Door. We were in the same group for 12 years through primary to high school and it is always a nonstop chat fest.



## PORK CHOPS

*In a zoo in California, a mother tiger gave birth to a rare set of triplet tiger cubs. Unfortunately, due to complications in the pregnancy, the cubs were born prematurely and due to their tiny size, they died shortly after birth. The mother tiger after recovering from the delivery suddenly started to decline in health, although physically she was fine.*

*The veterinarians felt that the loss of her litter had caused the tigress to fall into a depression. They decided that if the tigress could surrogate another mother's cubs, perhaps she would improve. After checking with many other zoos across the country, the depressing news was that there were no tiger cubs of the right age to introduce to the mourning mother. The veterinarians*

*Sometimes a mother of one species will take on the care of a different species. The only orphans that could be found quickly, were a litter of weanling pigs. The zoo keepers and vets wrapped the piglets in tiger skin and placed the babies around the mother tiger...*

*Would they become cubs or pork chops? It is hard to believe your eyes....*



