

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)

*Postal Address*  
PO Box 2204  
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# ZONTA CLUB

## BURDEKIN Inc

**MARCH 2010**

### **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

*Hi Ladies*

Happy International Women's Day for yesterday.

I hope you enjoyed the celebrations. Many thanks to Karen and her SOW committee members for organising the IWD function. Thanks also to all club members who donated for the raffle.

Thanks are also due to all members who participated in the Birthing Kits activity which was another SOW event. It was so efficient having the plastic cut and bagged prior to the day. Thank you Jo! Thanks to Peta for the use of her venue and of course Mary and Raelene for the morning tea.

Peta's Service committee is co-ordinating the information evening on 'Beating the Bladder Blues'. This will be held at the Pantry Door on Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. More details on this at our Club meeting but I hope you have marked your diaries.

Another important event on our ZONTA calendar and for our club is the Area meeting in April. You would have already received your registration forms and hopefully we will have a large representation from ZONTA BURDEKIN. At our March meeting we will be asking for volunteers to help out at the Area Meeting.

Our April meeting which will be a Workshop will be on April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Pantry Door commencing at 7:00p.m. As members have had a few demands on the budget with the IWD breakfast and the area meeting, this will not be a dinner meeting and there will be no costs involved. It is being held after the area meeting so we will be able to put to use in planning our next ZONTA year what we learn from the area meeting.

This month we welcome Margaret Culpan to our club. Margaret was a member of the Mt. Isa Club and has now relocated to Ayr. Many of you would remember Margaret as a guest speaker at a meeting last year.

See you Tuesday night

*Rita*



**ADVANCING THE STATUS OF WOMEN WORLDWIDE**

## 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: Rosemary Menkens  
Next month : Janice Micola (April)

*Happy Birthday*

*Beth (Hancock)*



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 April meeting

AUDREY DEAN is an active volunteer of the Lower Burdekin Home for the Aged Society – both Ayr and Home Hill.

She commenced her involvement with the Society in 1994 playing the piano accordion for residents. This instigated the introduction of Happy Hour on a Tuesday afternoon.

In 1997 Audrey became an active member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Home for the Aged and assists with fundraising. She, amongst others, organises and runs functions to aid the Home.

Audrey also started a choir group with a few local ladies and they also perform.

Not only in the music field, Audrey assists with hoy and various morning teas. She is a much loved member of the LBHA team – gives her time freely, willingly and rarely misses an event or activity. At the end of a function she often comments that “this is what it is all about – look at their faces – smiling.”

Audrey also assists weekly at an Aged Care facility in Townsville. She is a true woman – worthy of a community spirit award.

### BUDDY SYSTEM

Peta Bird	Lyndie McCathie
Rita Cranitch	Ruth Diehm
Karen Clarke	Majella Meehan
Pierina Dallescort	Giovanna Gabiola
MaryAnne Fraser	Judy Scanlan
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



Beth Hancock hands over a cheque for \$10,000.00 representing the proceeds from our Wine Dinner to Dr. Paula Hegarty for the orphanage in Chennai India.

## UNITED NATIONS

Margaret Williams

Dear Zontians,

Zonta International expresses its sincere concern for the people of Chile in the aftermath of this weekend's earthquake. Our thoughts are with all Chileans who are suffering. I am, however, pleased to report that we have received word from the three Zonta clubs in Chile, and their members are all safe.

Like the recent earthquake in Haiti, many of you may want to know how you can help. I encourage you, as individuals, to volunteer and/or donate to established relief organizations that are already managing the recovery and rebuilding efforts on the ground in Chile.

**Beryl Sten**

Zonta International President

## STATUS OF WOMEN

Karen Clarke

General Club Business

- Relay for Life – our committee not too keen as it is Mother's Day weekend

SoW business

- *Community Spirit (Women of Achievement) Award* – we have rec'd 2 nominations so far. *IWD for 2010* – March Mon 8<sup>th</sup>. Reminder that tickets are now on sale at Jo's gifts and linen - we would like as many members to attend as possible. As of Thursday afternoon 34 tickets have been sold – expecting a few more before the weekend is over. *Gift/raffles* – Our committee would like to give a special thanks to Giovanna and Sandi for donating the gift and first raffle prize – thank you. *Gourmet Raffle* –. We have received a good range of items for the gourmet raffle so thank you to those who have donated. We would like someone as a second door person, or as a second ticket seller to assist Pierina if needs be. Peta is going to be our *MC* – thank you. So far, 3 high school students are coming from HHH so hopefully we may be able to extend the understanding of Zonta and its goals to a younger age group.
- *Birthing Kits* – Feb 21<sup>st</sup> –very successful – finished by early afternoon. Thanks very much to those who came and helped us all – and very special thanks to Givoanna and her family as cutting the black plastic in advance seems to have halved the time taken on the assembly day. Over 500,000 kits have been done by Australian Zontians since the project started and over 80,000 kits have gone to Afghanistan which is where ours are destined this year.

## BIRTHING KIT ASSEMBLY DAY

### Status of Women

The morning went very quickly with 12 ladies in attendance, and we were finished by 1.30. Special thanks to Giovanna and her family for doing the black plastic in advance and putting it in the zip lock bags – we think that saves us over a day in assembly time. Also thanks to Peta for offering her premises.

As usual 1,000 kits were made and this year they are going to Afghanistan. Since the project has been running in Australia, over 500,000 kits have been sent overseas. Our target country Afghanistan, has received over 80,000 kits. We have been advised that mortality rates for infants and mothers have been reduced by up to 50%.

As a group we enjoyed a lot of laughs, some homemade treats, and once again we know we have contributed to a great cause of helping those less fortunate than us to have a right to a safe and healthy birth.



Grateful Afghan women in the central state of Dikundi Afghanistan – note the ceiling and light in photo on right.

## a little light relief

**Karen:** Neville is a celebrity dancer in the annual “Take the Floor” Surf life saving fundraising event. He is being partnered by Eliesha Roberts who is a trainee vet nurse at Des Viero’s vet surgery. He does not have much chance of being successful as his son Brett, is on the panel of judges!! Eliesha and Neville are doing the twist and “Greased Lightning.”

**Robyn:** On Wednesday night we received the lovely news that Graeme and I were now grandparents of a bouncing baby boy, Jobie Felix. Big sister Marli is very excited and gentle with her new baby brother.

**Janice:** Not too much to report except that I was hoping for a cool change but unfortunately we took the heat with us. 27 - 30 each day (but no humidity). No air con or fans in the home, but thank goodness for aircon in the vehicle. Also packed the winter woolies (not quite woolies) but jeans and long sleeve t-shirts, took the denim jacket and scarves (just extra weight in the suitcase). The two children were wonderful and behaved very well but it was hectic moving through the airport. Went over the alps through Arthur's Pass to Greymouth, down to Banks Peninsula to Akaroa and to Orana Wildlife Park. I had a little retail therapy. Bryce and I enjoyed a punt ride on the Avon River and we all had a tour of the City Square on the Tram. The trip was mainly to visit Emma's Nanna, who is 80+. Nanna has only 3 grand children and 2 great grandchildren so the visit was very special. (Janice and Bryce under the brollie.)



### 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 WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT (COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD)	*WORLD HEALTH DAY *AREA WORKSHOP 17 <sup>TH</sup> & 18 <sup>TH</sup> TROPICAL CITY MOTEL *WELCOME CLOVES	*CLUB BIRTHDAY *AGM *RELAY FOR LIFE *BIGGEST MORNING TEA	*CHANGEVER



**Zonta Club of Burdekin**  
Member of Zonta International  
*Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*

**2010 - AREA 5  
MEETING  
17th—18th April, 2010**

*Proudly sponsored by*

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*Tropical City Motor Inn  
121 MacMillan Street, Ayr*

*It is with great pleasure that I invite you all to the 2010 Area 5 Meeting on 17 & 18th April in Ayr and hosted by the Burdekin Club. Area meetings are a great opportunity to catch up with our friends, reflect and share what we have achieved over the past year, and be inspired to plan and achieve more in the year to come. I hope that many of you will make the journey to Ayr for the meeting, as the Burdekin club has worked hard to make sure that the 2010 Area 5 Meeting will be a resounding success. I would encourage you to meet and introduce yourself to Trish Collins, incoming District Governor and Janice Micola, incoming Area 5 Director. Bring along as many members as you can, especially the newer ones, as your Zontian energies will be bolstered by your fellow wonderful women.*

*See you there!*

*Kelly Stokes, area 5 Director*



*Bowen, Burdekin, Cairns, Charters Towers,  
Mackay, Mount Isa, Townsville and Whitsunday  
Zontians linking together*

**Don't be the missing link!**

**PROGRAMME:**

**SATURDAY 17TH April, 2010**

11.00am	Registration
12 noon	Lunch
12.45pm	Welcome
1.00pm	District Governor—Vicki Varthas
1.30pm	Advocacy—3 concurrent sessions
3.00pm	Afternoon Tea
3.30pm	Guest Speaker
4.00pm	Club Showcase—One Club “In the Spotlight”
5.00pm	Close
7.00pm	Evening Function—Clove Licenced Restaurant

**SUNDAY 18TH April, 2010**

6.30am	Optional “Juru Walk” Plantation park approx 30 mins.
8.45am	Welcome
9.00am	UN CED AW
10.00am	Morning Tea
10.30am	Access All Areas
11.30am	Membership
12.30pm	Lunch

**AGENDA DETAILS**

**SATURDAY:**

District Governor—Vicki Varthas will give a district overview.  
The 3 Advocacy sessions will be based on the resolutions from the District Conference.  
The Guest Speaker, Amanda Baker, will talk on her experience as a midwife using the Zonta Birthing Kits.

**SUNDAY:**

UN & CEDAW—Zonta's Involvement.  
Access all areas—extension of District Conference discussions with focus on making a global project relevant at a local level.  
Membership—Lt. Governor, Trish Collins, techniques and tips to meet Beryl's challenge.

*Each club is asked to produce and bring along a static photo display with the focus on “Fundraising”.*

*1 x A4 page of photo and 1 x A4 page of description or details.  
These will be put on display for all attendees to see, and give members an opportunity to discuss their fundraising efforts.*

## REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and return with your payment.

**Whole weekend**..... \$80.00    yes/no  
2 day workshop, Lunch Saturday, afternoon tea, morning tea, Lunch Sunday

**Saturday Only**..... \$40.00    yes/no  
Workshop, Lunch and Afternoon Tea

**Sunday Only**..... \$40.00    yes/no  
Workshop, Morning Tea and Lunch

**Saturday Evening Function**..... \$45.00    yes/no  
This will include a complimentary drink on arrival

**Number of Extra Guests @ \$45.00 each** ..... \$

**TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE** ..... \$

Payment due by 30th March, 2010.

Cheques made payable to Zonta Club of Burdekin, PO Box 2204, Ayr 4807

EFT details: BSB 633-000 A/C No: 112849005

### **DETAILS:**

**Name**.....

**Address:**.....  
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**Phone: (Home)**.....**(Business)**.....

**Mobile**.....

**Email:**.....

**I am a member of the Zonta Club of** .....

**Please advise if you have any special diet/mobility needs (eg. Gluten free, vegetarian, nut allergy, fish or seafood allergy, wheelchair access)**

*The members of the Zonta Club of Burdekin look forward to your attendance at the Area 5 Meeting. This is a great opportunity to renew acquaintances and make new friends. We look forward to sharing ideas and improving our knowledge of Zonta in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.*

**For more information contact: Rita Cranitch (President)**

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