

Area 5  
Club No 1475

CHARTERED 10.5.1994

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Karen Clarke  
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*PR&C*  
Mary Lynch

**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

NOVEMBER 2009

### PRESIDENTS REPORT

*Hi Ladies*

The saying in ZONTA is: 'If you want something done always ask a busy lady.' Definitely true when describing the Burdekin ZONTA ladies!

Since our last club meeting we have been a very active group. Once the business was completed at our last Board meeting we moved into working bee mode and made the placemats for the Dinner & Wine evening. Some of us know and accept that our skills do not extend to ruling and cutting straight lines on black cardboard unless we have lots of help. However, the finished product was elegant. Thanks Lyndy for the food to get us going and the organisation of the materials.

Our Information Evening was well attended by 6 prospective members and a further 2 offering apologies and requesting an invitation to the next event. Even a few technical challenges weren't enough to dampen our enthusiasm. Thanks to Janice and her committee for the organisation of the evening and the delightful supper.

Karen's 'Girls' Night In' followed on Friday and again another successful activity with lots of effort by all involved to create the Halloween theme. Thanks to Karen for the organisation and the wonderful fundraising effort.

Tuesday we attended the ZONTA birthday party in Townsville and had the opportunity to catch up with fellow Zontians. These functions are always enjoyable times of sharing and laughing as everyone is always so welcoming. Thanks to our drivers Janice, Raelene, Jan and Leith. Congratulations to Jo for winning the prize for the best equipped handbag.

Our final function for the month, and an overwhelmingly successful one, was the Wine and Dinner evening. The evening flowed smoothly and the food was exquisite, again, another enjoyable function for all who were able to attend. Congratulations to Lyndy and her committee and a thankyou to Pierina who added to the evening by dressing in a sari complete with red dot.

At Tuesday's meeting we will be hearing about the details of the successes for the month.

We will be joined by guests at our club meeting. Nancy Mathers who is in the Burdekin on a short contract at the Lower Burdekin Home for the Aged and is a member of the Mornington Peninsula Club will be joining us as well as some of the ladies who attended our information evening. WELCOME!



I think we may have a month to relax so ENJOY!

*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

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

## International Dues

- Members admitted from 1 June through 30 November pay dues for the full year.
- Members admitted from 1 December through 31 May pay dues for one-half year.
- New and charter members pay a special “new member fee” and reinstated members pay a processing fee in addition to the dues.

## Clubs with outstanding dues

- The executive director will notify clubs with outstanding dues, as soon as possible after 45 days from the due date, that the dues are in arrears and that unless their financial obligations are met within 45 days the governor, area director, club president and treasurer will be notified that the club has forfeited its membership.
- The executive director will notify the ZI Board when club dues are unpaid.



Tonight: Majella Meehan  
Next month (Nov): Lyndie McCathie

*Happy Birthday*

*Karen*



## 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?

## OMC GUIDE LINES FOR INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS July 2009

1. Complete the prospective member form (consider the classification rating and also the 12 qualities of a Zontian)
2. Present to OMC Chair (who with committee will check for classification balance in club)
3. Present to Board and then club via the committee chairs at committee meeting.
4. Invitation to attend dinner meeting sent to prospective member (sent by club)
5. Written invitation followed up with a phone call closer to meeting date (it would be appropriate if the nominee would do the follow up contact and also attend the dinner meetings and information evening with the prospective member)
6. Information evening during the next 2-3 months (to be held at a mutual venue and present Zonta members would be encouraged to also attend)
7. Prospective member makes decision re membership after attending 3 club dinner meetings and the information session. (if this criteria is not met then perhaps the prospective member is not ready to become a member)
8. Prepare information folder for each prospective member and include local club information eg membership fees, sample of newsletter, biennial goals, 12 qualities of a zontian, objects of zonta, international projects as well as local projects.)

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

## STATUS OF WOMEN

Karen Clarke

SOW Report 13.11.09

### Committee Projects:

**Birthing Kits** – Funds have been received so this project will proceed on Feb 21<sup>st</sup>.

**IWD** – New QCCU manager David Smith, has been very supportive of Zonta and it's goals and has suggested the credit unions CEO or HR manager (both women) as potential speakers. Lyndy has made initial contact and we will hear Monday if either is available to speak. Dame Carol Kidu has made contact again but still does not know her timetable. The committee discussed possibility of meeting her if possible whenever she comes to Australia as she may be a good speaker for next years fund raising function if not for IWD.

### General Business.

**Raffle of jewellery at IWD.** Concerns that fundraising for this event may not do justice to Josephine and the value of the piece of jewellery as many of the IWD attendees are elderly ladies and won't buy more than one ticket. Will pre-selling by club members raise enough? Should we retain the remaining 2 pieces for the next 2 years fundraising event night as the Wine and Dinner night proved such a success.

**Gift/Flowers** – would be happy not to receive birthday cards as each birthday is acknowledged in the newsletter, and we can then save the funds for our projects. Flowers and a card to be sent in the event of the death of a member or their spouse only.

**Past members** - not to be notified of upcoming events – they can ask for a ticket for any function they see advertised but we should not have to keep track and invite past members. They are no longer members of the club.

**Christmas Party** – all happy with proposed theme to dress up as Christmas and put more effort than just wearing a red Christmas T shirt. Would like to have a game or 2.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS & COMMUNICATION Mary Lynch PR & C Report 9.11.09

Jan and I met and discussed the matters fed back to us for opinion by the board, and tossed around some ideas for our Christmas meeting, to add some festivity to the occasion, which will be held at our usual Tropical City venue, on our customary 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tuesday of month.

I have asked for menu submissions, which I'm assured will be to me by our meeting night at Lyndys', for just coffee and biscuits, on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup>. Nov. At 7.30 pm, so will seek member approval of food and whatever else at that time.

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## ORGANISATION & MEMBERSHIP Janice Micola

OMC Report - 9.11.09

Present - Beth Hancock, Joan, Sandra and Janice.

Apologies - Majella, Rosemary and Lyndy

**IWD** - Guest speakers to be inspirational, corporate presentation not essential, personal hurdles is always of interest, light hearted. Disappointed that Melody Hall was not considered.

**Information Evening** - Advised that our committee would refine the process and present to the club members at a dinner meeting before being presented at the information evening. This way the members could add or delete information that they felt to be of importance or not so important.

**Gifts/flowers** - feed back to be presented at Board.

**Past members/new Zontians to the district** - information to be presented at Board.

**Meeting Venue and price increase** - all are happy with the venue and there were to no objections to the price increase. From this came the discussion that the meal was being served too early. Suggestion that the meeting commence at 6.30 and meal be served at 7.30. The meeting time is getting too short and condensed. Also suggest important items on the agenda to be discussed first and that all personal correspondence be read by the Secretary. Amazing how when you discuss one issue there is an opening for other matters to pop up.

## UNITED NATIONS

Margaret Williams

The new Zonta International Headquarters at Oak Brook, Illinois was opened on June 20, 2009. President Elect Dianne Curtis was the Mistress of Ceremony and President Beryl Sten officially cut the symbolic ribbon and declared the new HQ opened. Past ZI President Ruth Walker elegantly reflected on her opening of the office at West Randolph Street. She then handed over the "key" to the new board room. Past Director Amy Hung represented two major donors of the artifacts in the board room and then hung the first board room key on the new wall. There was a lovely display of Japanese silk screens and a wish pond also. Well wishes came from all over the world and during the day many Zontians visited the new headquarters.



Halloween/Girls Night In at Karen's home. Great theme and artistry.

**Raelene** . For a belated birthday present I bought my husband tickets to see Andre Rieu in concert on the 22nd October in Brisbane. Yes it was a very belated birthday present, because his birthday was in March. It was truly worth the wait. He was fantastic, what a great entertainer. Not just him but his whole orchestra, and singers and dancers. When the concert was finished they announced that he was coming in October again next year and the tickets were on sale already, unbelievable! If anyone should get the chance to see him please do, you won't be disappointed.

**Janice** Now has a gorgeous granddaughter Freya Belle. She is an absolute doll says Janice. Beautiful name isn't it?



**Leith** Kennedy at the Home Hill Races where she was named Best Dressed. Congratulations Leith.

**Karen** and Neville are already the proud parents of twin granddaughter's thanks to Neville's son Wade. Neville's second son Brett and his wife have recently announced that they are having twins next year. And the boys' cousin is also having twins. So all the teachers from the local primary schools have handed in their resignations for 2013 onwards because "can you imagine, 3 sets of Eathorne twins in the one school!!!"

**Rita** Brian and I are eagerly awaiting the arrival of Michelle, John and Leah, Joel and Sam next Sunday from South Africa. They have a trip of 29 hours ahead of them.

In December we'll be going to Canberra for a nephew's wedding and we'll be joined for the weekend by Martin who is here for work for a week, so it will be lovely to have both our children in the same spot - 1st time in 21 months.

**Lyndy** I have just returned from 4 days in Kuala Lumpur. I went with my good friend Lyn Stenning and my 2 daughters, Leisa and Kari. We had 4 days of madness, laughing, shopping, foot massages, feeding monkeys, rowing down the Selangor River looking at the fire flies, just magic.



**Karen** We had a great night at my home on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October, with a pink theme or a Halloween theme. A number of the Zonta ladies came and brought a few friends each. In total we had 15 people attend, and we raised \$500 for Breast Cancer which was matched \$ for \$ by the AMP Foundation so we were able to donate \$1,000. 2 unnamed Zontians were still opening bottles of pink champagne at 11.30pm. We also raised about \$140 for the jewellery raffle for the Indian orphanage.

## 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 21ST	*ANNUAL FEES DUE *IWD/YELLOW ROSE DAY *ZONTA BURDEKIN WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT	*WORLD HEALTH DAY *AREA WORKSHOP 17 <sup>TH</sup> & 18TH TROPICAL CITY MOTEL *WELCOME CLOVES	*CLUB BIRTHDAY *AGM *RELAY FOR LIFE *BIGGEST MORNING TEA	* CHANGEOVER

### 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

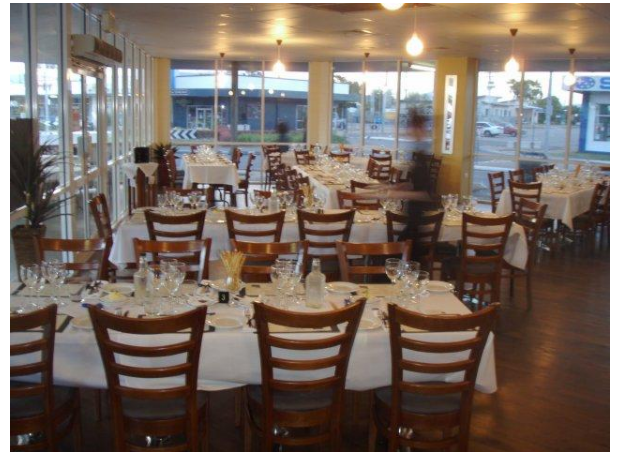


# *Wine and Dinner Evening*

**Lyndy:** This evening was an overwhelming success. We will have raised \$10,000 just from last night, not including ticket sales and pre sold raffle tickets. I have attached 3 photos, No 64 is the room after we set up, 76 is Paul and Gail Brice as they paid \$2000 for the coffee set donated by Jo's Gifts and Linen in the Silent Auction and the third is the desert. Couldn't resist taking this photo as they had put a 'Z' on one of the desert treats. The necklace was won by Regina Studt who was a very excited winner. Everybody had a great time. I will be writing a full report with all the finances as soon as I have a chance and that will appear in the next newsletter.



"Z" dessert



Elegantly set up



Paul & Gail Brice . More next newsletter