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<b>Title of project/innovation/initiative</b>	<b>Gorgeous Girls Tea and Trivia (International Women's Day 2011)</b>
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#### **The issue/challenge**

Rockhampton Regional Council has traditionally celebrated International Women's Day each year, with consistently popular events coordinated by Council's Community and Cultural Development unit (including libraries). Previous outreach events have profiled round the world authors and yacht adventurers; a 'Spicks and Specks' type women's trivia event; historical homage to local women and their achievements; book launches; heritage exhibitions, and lectures.

The centenary of International Women's Day in 2011 was an important historical event with the decision to stage a fun, interactive activity at the Rockhampton Regional Library in March attracting interest from a wide range of the community.

The 'Gorgeous Girls Tea and Trivia' event was engaging and placed the library firmly as a responsive cultural institution.

#### **Project details**

There were out of control 'Fro's', genteel 1940's chic, a bit of punk, rock 'n' rollers, and retro 80's styles in the Fitzroy Room at the Rockhampton Regional Library in March, as ladies donned their finest vintage gear to attend the 'Gorgeous Girls Tea and Trivia' afternoon as part of celebrations to mark the centenary of International Women's Day.

Trivia questions featuring women and women's achievements were pored over by the eight teams with one gorgeously dressed girl from the Central Queensland University team launching into the 1970 Diana Ross classic "Ain't no mountain high enough" to gain bonus points. Teams engaged in a bit of creative sledging and bribery throughout the afternoon to gain extra points on the scoreboard. Champagne and an elegant ladies' afternoon tea was served, with guests modelling their creative outfits in a fashion parade showcasing each decade.

MC Cheryl Houghton presented a great range of questions to challenge participants, with *The Call Girls* (Rockhampton Regional Council's Customer Service team and IT staff) proving victorious in the trivia stakes, ousting other high-scoring teams in the competition.



Rockhampton Regional Council has had a proud tradition of celebrating this special day over the years, with guest speakers, exhibitions, book launches and other community events acknowledging and honouring the role of women.

Proceeds of the afternoon were presented to the Women's Shelter, Rockhampton.

International Women's Day was also celebrated with displays at each of the major libraries in the service.