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of wisdom,
power & passion

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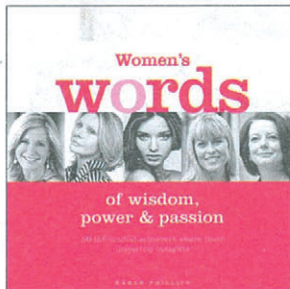
We're awash with dynamos on the Gold Coast. Business dynamos, sport dynamos, fashion dynamos, you can't go to any posh social occasion without tripping over at least three or four.

However, one who transcends the cliché is Karen Phillips, whose extensive career in public relations, media and communications is matched by her dedication to the support of women's issues.

The best known example of this is the Early Risers women's business club, which for umpteen years on the Gold Coast has hosted a legion of high-achieving and influential women – and the occasional bloke – whose messages seek to empower and inspire.

To that end, Phillips has enlisted the services of 50 women whose anecdotes, insights and advice are gathered in a book released to coincide with the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day on March 8.

Among the contributors are singers Olivia Newton-John and Kasey Chambers, designers Carla Zampatti and Collette Dinnigan, actress Sigrid Thornton, Governor-General Quentin Bryce and high-profile women from other fields, including Maggie Beer, Kathy Lette, Gai Waterhouse, Tara Moss, Deborah Hutton, Cathy Freeman and Prime Minister Julia Gillard.



Phillips says no one understands women better than women.

"Women should never doubt their power, strength and beauty, but from time to time we do – and it is on those days that I hope you open a page and your spirit is lifted and your heart warmed," she says in the introduction to *Women's Words of Wisdom, Power and Passion*.

Interviews with the 50 women celebrate the very different stories and motivations behind each one's success.

For heart transplant recipient Fiona Coote, the simplicity of appreciating what one has, rather than coveting what one has not, speaks volumes with regard to someone whose understanding of the preciousness of life was born of ordeal.

Terri Irwin tells of lessons drawn from the enthusiasm of late husband Steve: "Most of all he taught me to live every moment with passion . . . to live each day as if it were my last."

Roma Blair, who survived a Japanese prisoner of war camp – she gave birth to her son in the camp – to become Australia's yoga queen, offers a lesson in humility and diligence: "I feel saddened that over the decades I have seen the decline in values that I was raised with.

"For society to move forward, we need to develop our ability to listen to one another and appreciate that hard work and sacrifice must come before reward."

Author Kathy Lette typically maintains her penchant for one-liners for every occasion by observing: "Women are each other's human Wonderbras – uplifting, supportive and making each other look bigger and better."

There are many such gems of wisdom in this volume and their relevance spans the multitude of challenges posed by life's equally multitudinous whims.

Meanwhile, *Women's Words of Wisdom, Power and Passion* serves as a companion piece to an online forum also established by Karen Phillips.

The Women's Words project – www.womenswords.com – provides platforms for women to learn, share and comment on women's issues.

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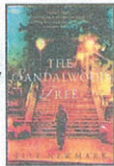
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