

Zonta Changeover

By Sonia Isaacs

A WONDERFUL evening of excellent conversation and camaraderie at the Zonta Club of Blackall Range Changeover Dinner at Flaxton Gardens last Tuesday June 24.

It was a well attended celebration of both the Zonta volunteers and the successful collaboration with Maleny and Blackall range community groups and individuals that support the long running organisation.

The evening saw several

donations presented to charities who support women and girls across the region.

Federal member for Fisher, Andrew Wallace was also in attendance.

Zonta aims to build a better world for women and girls by expanding their access to education, health care, economic opportunities, and safe living conditions.

Congratulations to the incoming office bearers to the Zonta Club of the Blackall Range.

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The New Zonta committee for 2025.



Scott, Paulette and Sherryl.



Ann, Margy and Val.



Andrew Wallace MP, Lea and Rob Dodd.



Peter, Tove and Louise.



Julia, Gillian and Dianne.



Alena and Bronwyn.



Prue, Gayle and David.

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ZONTA CELEBRATES SERVICE AND IMPACT

The Zonta Club of Blackall Range celebrated another successful year of service and welcomed its new leadership at the annual Changeover Dinner held this week at Flaxton Gardens. The event was attended by members, community leaders, and special guests including Andrew Wallace MP, Past District Governor Lyn Agnew, and Governor of Zonta District 22 Petra Ladwig, who officially inducted the incoming office bearers.



In her address, returning President Margy Henderson reflected on the club's achievements in 2024, acknowledging the dedication and teamwork of members. Over the past year, the club raised vital funds through events such as the Valentine's Trivia Night, monthly plant stalls, and the annual Zonta Hinterland Business Directory.

These efforts funded Zonta's donations to local organisations including Sonshine Sanctuary, Lily House, Mapleton Library Community Centre, and Breaking Thru. The club also provided educational scholarships, supported women's refuges, assembled 600 birthing kits for women in developing countries, and recognised a local Woman of Achievement on International Women's Day.

As challenges like the rising rates of domestic violence, elder abuse, and homelessness persist, Zonta's mission remains vital. "With new members, an enlarged Board and new energy, I feel we will achieve a lot to improve the lives of women and girls, both locally and internationally," said Ms Henderson.

The Changeover Dinner is a cherished tradition in the Zonta calendar, marking both continuity and fresh momentum. At the heart of everything the club does is the spirit of the Zonta mission – to build a better world for women and girls, so that everyone can thrive.

For more information email membership@zontablackallrange.org.au

Image: (L-R), the District Governor with 2025 Zonta Board Petra Ladwig with Margy Henderson, Rita Kerr, Lyndel Grant, Linda McElrea, Lynette Mackenzie, Alison Huth, Micheline Batchler, Chris Andrade, Sue McCleary, (Eva-Marie Seeto absent).