

Zonta's Woman of Achievement 2025

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INTERNATIONAL Women's Day is also Zonta Rose Day where Zonta Clubs worldwide recognise an extraordinary woman in their local area. They are presented with a yellow rose to acknowledge their effort and achievement in making the community a better place to live.

Last weekend, members and guests of Zonta Club of Blackall Range gathered on the deck of Maleny Community Centre for their tenth annual Rose Day celebration.

Gillian Allen was named 2025's Woman of Achievement, honouring her outstanding contributions to community, supporting the work of Zonta, the Birthing Kit Foundation Australia, Royal Flying Doctor Service, and more.

Gillian's commitment to the hinterland includes having served as Secretary of the Maleny Hospital Auxiliary, she was a past President of Zonta Club of Blackall Range, and she continues in her dedicated efforts to strengthen our community.

Club President, Margy Henderson said "Gillian is an inspirational leader, making a difference through her tireless volunteer service, and we are thrilled to recognise her work with this award."

The evening was generously supported by local businesses Judi Coey Optometry, Easton Lawyers, and Brandt Property; with performances by *Sweet Chilli* delighting the audience.

Zonta is a global organisation of individuals working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy. For more information see: www.bit.ly/ZontaBlackallRange.



Judi Coey, Linda McElrea & Lyndel Grant.

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Gillian Allen with President Margy Henderson.



Rita Kerr with MNCs Madonna Hampson.



Robyn Tindall_ and Michele Retschlag.