

ZONTA Woman of the Year

The Zonta Club of Blackall Range recently held its annual Zonta Woman of Achievement evening in Maleny. The word Zonta is derived from a Sioux American Indian word meaning 'honest and trustworthy'.

Zonta's motivating force is the improvement of women's status, making a practical difference and contributing to the improvement of the lives of women to live freely, without fear, to be treated equally and receive the same opportunities as others, both globally, nationally and locally.

As Zonta Club Blackall Range President, Margy Henderson, said: "Many of you will have seen, and generously contributed to, our fundraising activities over the past year.

"All the funds raised from these events enable us to donate funds and goods to three local women's refuges, award generous scholarships to local high school and tertiary students as well as contributing a small percentage to the millions of dollars Zonta International contributes to UN Women's projects around the world."

The Zonta Woman of Achievement was awarded to Diana Bryce, a member of the Hospital Auxiliary for 30 years. Diana also became involved with the Historical Society 22 years ago. Her particular interest now is as Curator of Bryce Cottage which is situated in Maleny Historical Village.

Congratulations Diana! (Pictured Diana Bryce, Margy Henderson and Val France.)