

Zonta celebrates International Women's Day

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GUESTS at Beaudesert Zonta's International Women's Day lunch were treated to a special presentation by one of Queensland's most respected and prominent business-women.

Brisbane's first and only female lord mayor Sallyanne Atkinson AO, kept the 82 strong crowd enthralled with details of her life in the spotlight.

Ms Atkinson, who said she was honoured to be the chosen speaker for the day, spoke about her journey on developing a career in a male dominated industry.

Throughout the years Ms Atkinson has taken on several different roles including as Australian Trade Commissioner to France, Australia's representative to the International Chamber of Commerce, and representative of the Australian Olympic Committee.

During her career she also juggled

marriage and motherhood, responsibilities most women today face, she said. Zonta president Alice Warby said the club was thrilled to have such an accomplished woman address the crowd.

The lunch was mainly made up of women with two men adding to the crowd, Ms Warby said, and was beautifully decorated with purple, the official colour of International Women's Day.

International Women's Day, which is observed on March 8 each year, seeks to celebrate women and raise awareness of the political and social struggles women face worldwide.

This year Zonta plans to continue making breast cushions for women who have undergone breast surgery as well as birthing kits for women in third world countries.

The group will also continue to support girls at Beaudesert State School as well as the high school.

Zonta is a worldwide organisation that aims to promote the status of women through service and advocacy.



Founding member of Beaudesert Zonta Joan Gray, president Alice Warby and guest speaker Sally Ann Atkinson (AO) at Zonta's International Women's Day lunch.