

Zonta celebrates

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DID you know International Women's Day (8 March) was first celebrated in 1911? It is even a public holiday in many countries. IWD is a day for getting together and recognising the social, political, cultural, and economic achievements of women. It is also an important call to action for changes that still need to come.

This year's goal is #AccelerateAction, because according to the World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Report, it could take until 2158 before we see equal gender outcomes.

The measures they use across 146 countries for women's rights, equality, and justice are: Economic Participation and Opportunity; Education; Health and Survival; and Political Empowerment.

Everyone can be a champion of change, and contribute to accelerating action.

The Zonta Club of Blackall Range has local and global



**Kelly Schofield
(Zonta's Young
Women in Public
Affairs 2024 award
recipient) and
Linda McElrea.**

projects you can be part of, including: fundraising for education scholarships; packing birthing kits that are sent worldwide to reduce mother and infant mortality in vulnerable areas; advocating to stop domestic and family violence. "More rights and opportunities for women doesn't mean less rights for others," said Zonta President, Margy Henderson.

"It's about creating a

fairer world for everyone to thrive. Even by just sharing information about women's issues and achievements (International Women's Day!) and having open discussions, we can make an impact together for current and future generations."

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