

# Zonta club focuses on women helping women

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CELEBRATING WOMEN: At the Blackall Range Zonta Club event are (from left) Judith Ross-Smith, president Julie Bevan, and Woman of Achievement 2018 Norma McCleod. Picture: Contributed

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The evening had awards for some very hardworking women: Pam Marsden, Dianne Wilson and Norma McCleod.

Norma won the overall award for voluntary efforts in the Maleny Garden Club, the Maleny Hospital Auxiliary, the Walk of Remembrance and the Maleny Show Society, winning the Zonta Yellow Rose.

The club gave special thanks to the Sweet Chilli Choir, which performed a small showcase of songs. The choir is focused on showcasing peace, unity, mothers and children through music.

Zonta started in New York in 1919 with an international mission to support women and education. The mission is to volunteer time and talents, and to address women's issues in the community with the motto: "We empower, and become empowered".

The local club is fundraising for a bursary for a tertiary student who is either living in or from the Blackall Range and Sunshine Coast hinterland.

The winning student must also be studying for qualifications at a tertiary institution or equivalent education and show dedication to her chosen field.

The club has put together a wonderful raffle of an acrylic original painting, donated by Howard Steer, of Broken Hill.

The raffle will be drawn on May 15, with tickets \$20 each. Only 500 tickets, available from Art on Cairncross, Maleny, will be sold.