



From left, Pat Cussens, Ann Koenig, Lyndel Grant, Julie Bevan, Margy Henderson, Linda McElrea and Trisha Steer.

Zonta reflects on year of achievement

ZONTA Club of Blackall Range held their AGM and Change-over at On Obi restaurant in Maleny on May 18. New members, Margy Henderson and Jean Coffey were inducted and Office Bearers were elected.

It was a night of reflection on the past 12 months achievements of Zonta, with one of the most prominent activities being the involvement in the Combined Services Group, Speak Up Now - Stop Domestic and Family Violence.

Speak Up Now has produced signs to go into men's toilets, which have given rele-

vant information specifically for men. In March, they conducted a session for local hairdressers and beauty therapists whereby the program Hairdressers with Heart training was introduced to them.

With the increase in homelessness on the Coast, Zonta Clubs were invited to participate in The Better Housing Program. This program for homeless women over 55 involves a website where women can connect with others who are looking for a house, or may have a house to share.

Recipients of funding included Sunshine Sanctuary, Lily House, Lions Emergency House, Mapleton Library, Women's House MNC, Zonta Scholarships and Sweet Chilli Choir. Funding was also allocated to Hamlin Fistula Clinic, YWPA Scholarship and Maleny State High School Award, Better Together Housing, Birthing Kits, refuge emergency packs and Speak Up Now.

Despite the challenges of 2020, the Club achieved the fundraising and advocacy goals they had set.