



## Zonta Club of Blackall Range celebrates 25 years

Zonta Club of Blackall Range had a low-key celebration of its 25th Birthday on October 18.

Ann Koenig, the current President of the branch, and a 25-year veteran stated "I am so proud of all we have achieved over this quarter of a century. I acknowledge my

fellow foundation members Barb Inwood and Tricia Steer. I also wish to acknowledge Judi Ross-Smith, who has been a Zontian for 38 years and who has contributed to Zonta's work locally, nationally and internationally."

Ann outlined the achievements of the club which included the book *Sweet Sisters*, two annual tertiary scholarships, a celebration of International Women's Day, Women in Art, packing birthing kits, a local business directory for the northern end of the Range, breast cushions for cancer survivors, refuge packs for women, and participation and support for Speak Up Now, a domestic and family violence awareness organisation.

Zonta is an international organisation and was founded more than 100 years ago to empower women and girls through service and advocacy. (Pictured: Lieutenant Governor Petra Ladwig with 25-year veterans Ann Koenig, Tricia Steer and Barb Inwood.)