

# Wear orange on the range

THIS week marks the start of the 16 Days of Activism campaign. Beginning on Monday, November 25 (International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women), the initiative runs until World Human Rights Day on Thursday December 10.

This global effort calls for action against one of the world's most persistent human rights violations – violence against women.

The campaign aims to raise awareness, challenge discriminatory attitudes, and advocate for stronger laws and services to end violence against women and girls for good.

The Zonta Club of Blackall Range, along with Speak Up Now – Stop Domestic and Family Violence, Maleny and Blackall Range, will provide information, including emergency services and contact numbers, at their red benches and other prominent locations across the Range, including Maleny, Montville, Mapleton, and Kenilworth.

By sharing information and fostering open discussions, we can work towards building safer



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communities.

Orange, the key United Nations colour, symbolises global unity in promoting women's safety. Zonta Club President, Margy Henderson said "We all have a role to play, and we are thrilled that Zonta Club of Blackall Range is once again collaborating with Speak Up Now to raise awareness of this vital issue," Ms Henderson said.

During the 16 Days of Activism, Zonta and Speak Up Now encourage everyone in the community to wear orange.

"We also encourage people to 'orange up' their digital spaces, display awareness posters, and consider how they can continue to advocate for an end to violence against women and girls, so they are 'Safe Everywhere Always,'" she added.