

## Speak up now

A group comprising Quota, Lions, Rotary and Zonta Service clubs of the Blackall Range recently held a meeting in the Maleny RSL Hall, to gauge interest in the fight against domestic and family violence on a focussed and local level.

Speakers from key help organisations, including the Queensland Police, addressed the audience on what was available in terms of ongoing investigation, prevention, and support.

A spokesperson said the group had already taken steps to implement strategies.

"Print media across the Range has already featured our new logo SPEAK UP NOW and we have fixed signs in men's toilets that include support phone numbers.

"We are giving ongoing support for the Red Rose Foundation, placing red benches in public areas to raise awareness. The first will be the refurbished Quota bench outside the Maleny Post Office, in association with the Men's Shed," she said.

Pictured are SPEAK UP's Val France and speakers Kate Teasdale, Stacy Oehlman, Karen Marsh and Fiona Dempster.

