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EMPOWERING EXCELLENCE: WOODVALE SECONDARY COLLEGE STUDENT WINS ZONTA AWARD

The picturesque Lake Karrinyup Country Club was abuzz with excitement and anticipation on Wednesday 9 August when the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs announced the winner of their 2023 Young Women in Public Affairs Award.

Amalea Halls, a Year 12 student from Woodvale Secondary College and one of the three Finalists, was announced the Zonta Club's 2023 Awardee after an intensive application process earlier in the year relating to leadership, community service, international awareness, and the status of women in Australia and worldwide.

All three Finalists -

- ❖ Amalea Halls (Woodvale Secondary College)
- ❖ Fatima Merchant (the University of Western Australia), and
- ❖ Nikita van Waaijenburg (Mt Lawley Senior High School)

are inspirational young women who demonstrated exceptional leadership and a commitment to public and civic causes. Each spoke about the '*Woman who inspires me most*'. These role models were varied in the extreme from Ashlee Harrison, Founder of 'Zero2Hero', to Sara El Hekma, selected to represent Australia at the World Kickboxing Championships later this year, to Sam Kerr, Captain of the Matildas.

It was a spectacular evening of celebration for the 84 distinguished guests, including the Hon. Ayor Makur Chuot MLC, Member for North Metropolitan Region, Libby Mettam MLA, Member for Vasse, Councillor Nige Jones from the City of Joondalup, Councillors Teresa Olow, Lisa Thornton and Elizabeth Re from the City of Stirling and Councillors Natalie Herridge and James Rowe from the City of Wanneroo. We were also privileged to have Irene Stainton AO, a highly respected Nyoongar Elder, conduct the Welcome to Country. The 2022 YWPA Awardee – Jasmina Nikolovski, also spoke and the Club's 1996 Awardee Dr Demelza Ireland emceed the event. Invaluable support from Silver Sponsors Bespoke Wills and Estate Lawyers and JT Metallurgical Services added to the success of the evening.

Zonta International is a leading global organization of individuals working together to build a better world for women and girls.

For more information about the organisation, refer to our websites: www.zonta.org, or www.zontaperthns.org.au, or contact us via secretary@zontaperthns.org.au.

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Empowering Excellence: Woodvale Secondary College Student Wins Zonta Award



L-R: Nikita van Waaijenburg (Finalist from Mt Lawley Senior High School), Amalea Mills (2023 Awardee from Woodvale Secondary College) and Fatima Merchant (Finalist from the University of Western Australia)

L-R: Amalea Mills (2023 Awardee from Woodvale Secondary College) with Dr Demelza Ireland (1996 Young Women in Public Affairs Awardee)

