



BUILD A BETTER WORLD FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

MEDIA / NEWS RELEASE

For more information contact:

Dawn Newman

Mob. 0428 196 406 or Email: dawn.newman3@bigpond.com

Date: 24 February 2025

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

RE-BADGED ZONTA AWARD GOES TO DUNCRAIG STUDENT

Allura Predovnik, a 2024 graduate of Duncraig Senior High School, has set her sights on a double degree in Business and Modern Languages at The University of Western Australia.

At an inspiring Presentation Dinner on 20 February at the Marmion Angling & Aquatic Club, the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs awarded Allura the 2025 '*Zonta Young Women in Leadership Award*' formerly known as the '*Young Women in Public Affairs Award*'. She received a framed certificate and a gift of \$1,000.

She aspires to work in business and sustainability, specifically in the field of finding a solution to textile waste. She has begun a social impact project with Rags Renewed, which upcycles and repurposes clothing to reduce environmental impact.

At Duncraig SHS, Allura was a Student Leader with the Climate Crew and a member of the Student Voice Portfolio. These roles provided a platform for students to voice their concerns on issues such as inclusivity and allowed her to develop strong communication and leadership skills.

Allura travelled to La Reunion as part of the WA/La Reunion Student Exchange Program and was able to see the interaction between the French, Creole, Indian, Chinese and African cultures and how they coexist. While there, attending a Social, Cultural and Emotional Intelligence Workshop further enhanced her understanding of fostering cultural diversity, especially in the workplace.

The other finalist was Claudia Gao from Churchlands SHS where she was a House Captain and student leader for World Challenge. Having become acutely aware of the profound impact of health care through personal experience within her family, Claudia plans to study Medicine and intends to continue her volunteer work.

Claudia would like to see educational programs in schools that focus on resilience and self-acceptance which could lead to conversations about mental health, body positivity and the importance of supportive friendships. She believes that it is important to highlight the progress women have made as well as the ongoing challenges that require attention.

Both young women exemplify leadership, compassion, and a commitment to creating a better future, embodying the values of the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs.

The event was sponsored by JT Metallurgical Services and [Bespoke Wills and Estates Lawyers](#).

Zonta International is a leading global organisation building a better world for women and girls.

PO Box 255, KARRINYUP, Western Australia 6921

Web: www.zontaperthns.org.au | Email: secretary@zontaperthns.org.au

ABN: 69 616 440 942 Assoc. No: A1000362L Charitable Collections Licence No. CC22522

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.

ENDS

High-resolution photos will be attached to the email separately.



L-R: Allura Predovnik and Claudia Gao



L-R: Allura Predovnik and
Dr Lesley Andrew (ZC PNS President)