



Janet James and Dorothy Elliott with Rosalba Gustin from Mamma Lena Foundation.

# Kindness of their hearts

**GOLD Coast**  
Soroptimists Dorothy Elliott and Janet James were both thrilled to receive Heart of Mamma Lena medals recently for their charity work to help the victims of domestic violence and the homeless on the Gold Coast.

Rosalba Gustin of The Mamma Lena and Dino Gustin Foundation was established in 2001 with the express purpose of performing random acts of kindness and help for people in need and the Mamma Lena story is one of inspiration.

After arriving in Australia in 1956, Lena began an Italian language radio program, which kept the Italian community informed of news, social and entertainment events from Australia and Italy, spanning 1957 to 1985.

Their efforts were recognised with awards from both the Australian and Italian governments, and an MBE from the Queen.

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Mamma Lena died in 2003 aged 89 and Dino died in 2004, however their legacy lives on through the work of the foundation.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

● Business Meeting –  
Wednesday, June 16,  
6.30pm – Arts Centre  
Gold Coast. Guest  
speaker Pia Rollason,

with an interesting story about her village in PNG.

● Charity Trivia  
Night – Friday, June 18,  
6.30pm for a 7pm start  
– at Allsports and  
Community Club,  
Allsports Club Drive,  
Nerang. Prizes- raffles  
supporting projects to  
improve the lives of  
disadvantaged women  
and girls on the Coast.  
All welcome. \$10 entry.

Soroptimist  
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Coast meets on the third  
Wednesday of each  
month at the arts centre.  
Anyone interested  
please call Val Oliver on  
0414 984 365.