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MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER JULIA GILLARD

**WOMEN IN ROTARY AND THE ROTARY CLUB OF ALBERT PARK
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST**

One of the most remarkable changes over the past century has been the recognition of women's rights – an outstanding, transformative achievement in human history.

It has been a successful journey but still an incomplete one; there is so much more still to be done, both here and in other nations where progress has not been so great.

I am proud of the commitment to women's participation shown by Rotary, including the work of Women in Rotary so that female Rotarians have a fair chance to undertake leadership and service.

On International Women's Day, we affirm enduring values that lie at the heart of modern Australian life, namely equality and dignity for all women so we can enjoy lives filled with opportunity and freed from discrimination and violence.

I know these are values shared deeply by Rotary and by men and women of goodwill throughout our society. Let us celebrate those values and recommit ourselves to their fullest realisation here in Australia and everywhere we can make a difference.

Have a wonderful, inspiring International Women's Day.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Julia Gillard'.

The Honourable Julia Gillard
Prime Minister of Australia