

# *Celebrating* International Women's Day

## International Women's Day is...

A celebration of what has been achieved for women's rights and equality throughout the years. I pay homage to those visionary first and second wave feminists who really created the path for my generation to be who we are as women today. They were trailblazers and I celebrate their fortitude and their courage.

## Embodying Mater mission and values

I am enormously proud to be a 'Mater Person' and I have been since joining the organisation 18 years ago. Mater mission and values resonate with me as they're how I try my best to live my life both personally and professionally. I strive to build commitment to organisational goals and priorities and foster a work environment characterised by the values of the organisation.

## Female influences who have helped shape my life

My life is surrounded by strong, resilient and capable women who have been and continue to be influencers in my life. These are my sisters, nieces, girlfriends, academics and mentors, all who provide support, guidance, love and encouragement to back myself.



## Words of wisdom

Be true to yourself even if at times it's uncomfortable and may mean standing apart from others.

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