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SISEAP BULLETIN

Welcome to the June 2023 Bulletin

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



President
Christine Johnstone
2022-2024

I hope you were all energized by the information and story telling provided at the SISEAP AGM, General meeting and the Federation meeting. The two weekends highlighted your Soroptimist impact in your communities, and at the National and International level. The many hours (63,176) of volunteer service to implement and advocate for gender equality, education and empowerment of women and girls equated to the equivalent of \$3,790,560 AUD dollars in contribution to society, never doubt that Soroptimists do make a difference.

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CLUB SECRETARY NEWS

Calls for Federation Positions



Now is the Time to Think about The Future of Our Federation

Nominations have been called for President Elect 2024-2026 Biennium and so far we have not received any. A call will go out soon for all other positions on the Federation Team 2024-2026 and nomination and CV forms will be emailed to clubs.

How can you be of service to your Federation? Are you prepared to step up and take the next step in your Soroptimist journey and be part of the Programme, Membership, Communication, Finance and Governance Teams?

We need Soroptimists to step up to keep our future bright.



Federation President Elect 2024-2026 Biennium

Nominations are invited for the position of Federation President Elect for 2024-2026.

[More Information & Nomination Forms](#)

Cyber Security & Club Gmail Accounts



With the recent changes of club position holders it is a timely reminder to club secretaries to make sure that your club email account is secure. Cyber Security and the proliferation of hacking, spam and fraud to our phones, emails and SMS has increased. It is timely to remind members that the Club email account should be secured with 2 step authentication which is designed to prevent account hijacking and unauthorised access.

What is 2 Step Authentication?

2 step authentication is when you have to respond to either a SMS code on your phone or to another email verifying that it is you attempting to log into the club account. This setting is an optional setting in the club email settings accounts and it is highly desirable for secretaries to turn this on. This is a conversation you should be having with your Executive team to decide to turn this on or not.

Turning On 2 Step Authentication

If you do decide to turn on 2 step authentication, it is highly recommended that you also change your club password and remove all logged in devices from your account and start afresh by providing access to the agreed account holders. Follow the steps outlined in the Tip Sheet.

[Tip Sheet - How to Turn on 2 Step Verification](#)

REMINDER: Federation Fees for New Members

All Clubs now pay their new member Federation Fees direct to HQ. We are pleased to advise a **new online membership registration and payment gateway via the website is now ready!** All new members should now be registered and fees paid via this method.



A Video and Tip sheet have been created to explain the new procedure.
If you require assistance or have any questions please email hq@siswp.org

[NEW MEMBER PAYMENT PROCEDURE VIDEO](#)

[NEW MEMBER PAYMENT PROCEDURE TIP SHEET](#)

[REGISTER & PAYMENT FOR NEW MEMBERS HERE](#)



Membership Joining Date

Is the joining date in your Membership record correct? Please check your Membership record on our website. If your date of joining is 1980 and this is incorrect, please let HQ know at

hq@siswp.org

REMINDER: Members Attending the SI Convention

To assist the Federation with knowing who will be attending the SI Convention, please respond to the questionnaire.



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[SI Convention Questionnaire](#)

Shop



New SISEAP Membership Postcards, discounted SISWP stock and a SISWP memorabilia bundle are available for purchase now!

Click on the image for Shop Order Forms.

PROGRAMME NEWS

Programme Best Practice Awards

BEST PRACTICE

Congratulations to our Programme Best Practice Award Winners

BPA Winners

SI Bangsar – Disaster Relief
SI Brisbane Water – Economic Empowerment
SI Damansara – Environmental Sustainability
SI Griffith – Education
SI Nelson – Conflict Resolution
SI Penang – Health Care

BPA Highly Commended

SI Bangsar – Education
SI Brisbane Water – Education
SI Lautoka – Environmental Sustainability
SI Region Malaysia – Disaster Relief

[Read about the Awarding Winning Projects Here](#)



Winner of SISEAP Travel Assistance to SI Convention 2023 Appeal

President Christine is pleased to announce member and President of SI Nelson New Zealand, Stephanie Smith, is the very excited Soroptimist to be awarded winner of the SISEAP SI Convention Appeal. Stephanie is very excited to attend her first ever International convention, and we look forward to hearing about Stephanie's experience via social media and a report.

Living with Nature Art Competition

Is your club involved in this environmental awareness project? Find out more about hosting an art competition in your area. Promote Soroptimist and climate, environment awareness.

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SI PRESIDENT'S
APPEAL 2021 - 2023



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MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Federation Meeting - Member Feedback Slido Results

At the Federation Meeting on 13 May those attending were asked to give feedback on what we can do to recruit, retain, and take up leadership roles, plus state what they see as the priority for the future.

Membership Feedback Results

Membership Best Practice Awards

BEST PRACTICE

Congratulations to our Membership Best Practice Award Winners

SI Moreton North

Congratulations to SI Moreton North for diversity and inclusivity of membership, utilising the SISEAP categories to increase membership, welcoming members from other countries and including a wide range of ages.

SI Fiji

Congratulations to SI Fiji on a successful 2022 extension programme, with two new Clubs Chartered. Well done for the highest overall Region membership increase of 167% since 2011.

Long Service Awards



Congratulations & Thank You!

At the recent Federation Meeting, the SISEAP Directors, Convenors and staff extended congratulations and gratitude to our dedicated and long serving Soroptimists and their contribution to the Soroptimist International Mission: Soroptimists transform the lives and status of women and girls through education, empowerment and enabling opportunities. Please join with us in congratulating them on their 50 & 60 Years of Service.

[Long Service Award Recipients Listed Here](#)

Federation Life Member



Announcement of Federation Life Member

We are very pleased to advise that Federation Past President Lorna Mead has been awarded Federation Life Member. Lorna has been a member of SISEAP for 50 years, having held many positions at club, region, Federation and international level, including Federation and International board member. We thank Lorna for her dedication to service.

(Image of Lorna receiving her award and flowers at the Federation meeting)

Membership Team Update

Membership Convenor Yvonne Simpson is absent until 12 September.

Please address any issues to the following and copy in Yvonne.

- Australia - Liz Butson, swpmembershipaustralia2020@siswp.org
- Asia - Joyce Lim, swpmembershipasia2020@siswp.org
- NZ/ Pacific - Veena Sharma, swpmembershipnzp2020@siswp.org

- Online community, Kim Hainsworth, siseaponlinecommunity@siswp.org
- Other - Director Anthea Penny - directoranthep@siswp.org



REMINDER: Member Leadership Survey

It's becoming obvious that taking office at all levels across the Federation is problematic. Just getting someone to stand for a position is an issue . We need to understand what is really happening? Is it that the formal processes are proving too much? Are the formal rules and bylaws outdated / too much to cope with? Are clubs failing to “feel the love” and if so why? If so, what would make a difference?

[Member Survey on SISEAP Leadership](#)

Membership Resources

Skills Gained from Volunteering -

Tip Sheet 5

Being a volunteer can provide Soroptimists with skills that benefit other aspects of their lives. Let's celebrate these transferable skills. *Click on the image on right for Tip Sheet.*

MEMBERSHIP TIP SHEET



Soroptimists - Transforming the Lives of Women & Girls

Click on image below to download PDF.

Strengthen your Club Membership

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The *eBulletin* includes stories and documents you can also find on the [SISEAP website](#).

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