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Soroptimist International



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SISEAP BULLETIN

Welcome to the July 2023 Bulletin

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



**President
Christine Johnstone
2022-2024**

How long has it been since you reviewed our vision and mission?

Our **Vision** is that women and girls will achieve their individual and collective potential, realise aspirations and have an equal voice in creating strong, peaceful communities worldwide.

Our **Mission** is for Soroptimists to transform the lives and status of women and girls through education, empowerment and enabling opportunities.

Do these words inspire you? Do they provide you with the renewed energy and inspiration to continue to be a Soroptimist, they do me. Often when talking to potential members or partners in projects, I will respond that as a Soroptimist my work transforms the lives of women and girls through our project work. At your next club meeting, consider reading the vision and mission statements at the start of the meeting and remember in your project planning to consider the vision and mission objectives and ensure that the project is going to deliver on an aspect from each.

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CLUB SECRETARY NEWS

Call for Federation Positions



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

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.



A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR FEDERATION POSITIONS FOR THE 2024-2026 BIENNIUM

In accordance with the Company Constitution Clause 60 Elections to Federation Positions and Company By-Laws and the Roles & Responsibilities Manual a call for nominations for the following Federation positions are hereby announced.

FEDERATION POSITIONS

President Elect

Treasurer

Programme Convenor

Finance Convenor

Governance Convenor

Membership Convenor

Communications Convenor

Assistant Programme Director (2)

Assistant Membership Convenors (3)

Zone Programme Co-ordinators (4)

Nominees for election shall be nominated in writing by one member (Club) and seconded in writing by another member (Club). The Nominee shall give her written consent to her nomination by signing the nomination form.

Please note that the Nomination Form and Roles and Responsibilities for President Elect have been updated to include the Company position in the criteria for nomination and the length of service has been amended.

CV templates have been created that are specific to each position and may be downloaded from the website.

CV TEMPLATES

Please refer to the relevant **Federation Roles and Responsibilities Manual** to check the criteria for nomination and responsibilities of each role. Available below or request from the Federation Secretary.

FEDERATION ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES MANUAL

Nominations for President Elect

Nominations must be returned together with the CV form and a separate jpeg photo for each nominee to:

Federation Secretary swpsecretary2020@siswp.org with a copy to
SISWEAP HQ hq@siswp.org

by **Sunday 23 July 2023, 5 pm Sydney Time (AEST)**.

Nominations for all other Federation positions

Nominations must be returned together with the CV form and a separate jpeg photo for each nominee to:

Federation Secretary swpsecretary2020@siswp.org with a copy to:
SISEAP HQ hq@siswp.org

by **Friday 25 August 2023, 5 pm Sydney (AEST)**.

The nominations and CVs will be emailed to clubs on **Friday 1 September 2023** and will be announced in the **September Bulletin**.

Elections

If elections are required Clubs will have 6 weeks to discuss the nominations and then two weeks for voting. The elections will be conducted by a secret electronic ballot of clubs from **14 to 28 October 2023**. Voting by clubs will close at **midnight Australian Eastern Daylight Time on Saturday 28 October 2023**. Results will be announced in the **November Bulletin**.

Those elected shall take office on 1 June 2024 for the start of the 2024-2026 Biennium.

Federation Appointees

Expressions of interest are also being called for **Federation Appointees** for: Archivist, Friendship Link Coordinator, ICT Liaison, and Webinar Training Coordinator. Please email your expressions of interest and completed CV Federation Appointees Form to swppresidentelect2020@siswp.org and swpsecretary2020@siswp.org.

NOMINATION FORMS - President Elect & Federation Positions

Seeking Federation Committee Members - Risk Management Review

We are seeking interested members with suitable qualification and/or expertise who would like to join a committee being formed to review the current Risk Management plan for the Company and Federation.

Please notify Federation Secretary Sue Latta swpsecretary2020@siswp.org with your proposal.

Call for International Position



Soroptimist International - Volunteer Vacancy: Safeguarding Officer

Soroptimist International is pleased to announce they are recruiting a voluntary Safeguarding Officer for the recently established Soroptimist International Foundation. The role will carry the responsibility, ownership and accountability for all aspects of Safeguarding for Soroptimist International Foundation with the expectation that the post holder will be suitably qualified and work closely with the Chair of the Foundation.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

Welcome & Best Wishes



Welcome to Federation Governance Convenor

Welcome to our newly appointed Governance Convenor for the Federation, **Michele Kaur**. Thank you to Michele for undertaking this role and we welcome her on board for the remainder of the 2022-2024 Biennium. Michele can be contacted at swpgovernance2020@siswp.org



Best Wishes to HQ Communications & Administration

Assistant

Wishing **Jessica Aylward** all the very best as she commences her 6 months maternity leave and keenly awaiting the safe arrival of baby. We look forward to hearing of Jessica's new addition to her family and her return in January 2024.

Jessica pictured with President Christine at a recent lunch.



Welcome to HQ Administration Assistant

Welcome to **Naomi To** who is joining us for 6 months whilst Jessica is on her maternity leave. Naomi, originally from Vietnam and currently residing in Australia, has a background in accounting and marketing. Please make her welcome at HQ as she settles into her new role. Naomi can be contacted at

hq2@siswp.org

REMINDERS

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.



[REGISTER & PAYMENT FOR NEW MEMBERS](#)

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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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

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. The competition is open until **10 October 2023**.

Click on image to Find Out More.



Projects & Appeals - Donate Now



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SI PRESIDENT'S
APPEAL 2021 - 2023



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MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Club Charter Congratulations
Congratulations to SI Inner City Sydney,
NSW Australia,
on their Charter on 2 June 2023.

The Floor is Yours 2023 - A Collaborative Club Project to Empower Women

This was the 5th year of the competition that is a collaborative project by 5 clubs and supported by the Region of WA. Some 30 students registered to participate in 6 heats across 6 campuses from April through to May. Culminating in 6 articulate and confident women making the 'floor theirs' in the Grand Final of the **SIWA The Floor is Yours** public speaking competition for women enrolled in a tertiary institution.



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Order of Australia Medal - Awarded to Audrey McCallum

Congratulations to Audrey who received a Medal of the Order of Australia in the General Division - OAM, for services to the community through a range of organisations.



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Reminder - 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, siseaonlinecommunity@siswp.org
- Other - Director Anthea Penny - directoranthep@siswp.org

Membership Resources

Tip Sheet 6

Follow Up on Prospective Members

For recruitment efforts to be successful it is very important to follow up. When someone expresses interest in joining or helping out in some way, we've got their attention and this is the time to follow up - while the first positive impression is ready



MEMBERSHIP TIP SHEET

TIPS

to be built on.

Click on the image on right for Tip Sheet.

Soroptimists - Transforming the Lives of Women & Girls

Click on image below to download PDF.



Strengthen your Club Membership

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Conventions & Conferences



SIGBI 89th Federation Conference

3rd-4th November 2023

Have you registered for the SIGBI London 2023 Conference? The closing date for registrations is **9 October 2023**. Please note: Early Bird Registration ends **31 July 2023**.

Click on image to Register.



Contact Us

HEADQUARTERS

LEADERSHIP TEAM



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

Copy for the next edition of the eBulletin is required by **20 May 2023**.

Please click to send to hq@siswp.org and [Public Relations](#). Thank you.

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