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Soroptimist International



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SISEAP BULLETIN

Welcome to the August 2023 Bulletin

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



**President
Christine Johnstone
2022-2024**



A global voice for women, Soroptimists voices were indeed strong and loud over the last week in July, as 1,700 Soroptimists from across the globe convened in Dublin. A taxi driver remarked to one of our Federation Soroptimists “So many women in town, what is going on?”. We were indeed visual and vocal.

The SEAP Federation was well represented at the convention, with over 100 members attending, the group photo tells it all.

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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

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.

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

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

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.

News from Soroptimist International

Soroptimist International Foundation

Announced at the SI Convention, SI has established a Foundation via a declaration of Trust and with Charitable Status. It has been set up to maximise opportunities for SI's work around the world.

The Soroptimist International Foundation will deliver short, medium and long-term projects internationally. Donations will be collected and grants provided that educate, empower and enable all women and girls. For the next 5 years projects will focus on the following objectives:

- The advancement of Education
- The relief and/or prevention of poverty

- The advancement of Human Rights, Peace, Equality and Diversity

The current SI Presidents appeal "**Opening Doors to a Bright Future**" projects have been moved across to the Foundation.

International Foundation Day will be held on December 10th each year. Soroptimists are encouraged to raise funds or donate to the fund via their Federation.

Your support, whether through donations or legacy gifts, has the power to change lives and build a better world for all.

[SI FOUNDATION - READ MORE](#)



New SI Logo

Soroptimist International has announced the launch of a new logo. SI will be releasing the brand guidelines and how to guidance along with dates for webinars which will aim to help members to understand how to use and apply the branding of the new SI Logo. The release date will be in September.

In the meantime, if there are any members who have any comments and or questions regarding the new SI Logo please email them to Federation Secretary Sue Latta swpsecretary2020@siswp.org. Please include your reasoning with your comments.

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.

Applications Close 17:00 BST 31 August.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

Welcome & Best Wishes



Announcement of President Elect 2024-2026

Congratulations to **Anthea Penny** on her successful nomination for President Elect 2024-2026. Thank you to Anthea for nominating for this very important role for our Federation.

[NOMINATION & CV FORMS](#)

[VIDEO ADDRESS TO MEMBERS](#)



Welcome to our New SISEAP Director

Welcome to our newly appointed SISEAP Director **Gail Ker**. Thank you to Gail for undertaking this role and we welcome her to our team of Directors. Gail will commence effective from the August Directors Meeting.



Congratulations to HQ Communications & Admin Assistant

Congratulations to **Jessica Aylward** on the safe arrival of baby Archer John Evans, born on 10 July at 3.11 am, weighing a healthy 3.85kg. What a wonderful new addition to Jessica's family!

In Memory

Vale Meryl Caldwell-Smith

With deep sadness we inform you that Meryl-Caldwell-Smith passed away peacefully in her sleep on the 23rd of July. Meryl was a SISWP Past President (Pre Federation), Life Member of the Federation and a Soroptimist for 67 years. She would have turned 97 in October this year.



[READ MORE & FUNERAL DETAILS](#)

Condolence

It is with much sadness to inform you that husband of SISEAP Federation Past President and Incoming Soroptimist International President Elect Siew Yong Gnanalingam, Tan Sri Datuk Gnanalingam, passed away on the 11th of July.



[READ MORE](#)

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](#)

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 Team 2024-2026

We are reforming our Programme Team and we have vacancies. The maximum stay is 2 terms, so we will miss Anne Allen next year. Applications close 25 August. Application details in Club Secretary News.



- Assistant Programme Director
- Zone Programme Co-ordinators



New Funding Round Now Open

Applications are now open for the next AUD10,000 Brilliant Futures Fund Grant. The project can be new or existing but must have a strong educational focus.

Clubs, Regions and Countries can nominate a project which addresses but is not inclusive to the following:

- Vision & Mission of SISEAP
- Women's sustainable economic independence
- Increasing Education Opportunities
- Women in leadership
- Entrepreneurship project

Applications Close **5 September 2023**

[APPLY FOR GRANT HERE](#)

Campaigns & Programme Training

Saturday 2 September 2023

1pm-3pm AEST

Via Zoom

Learn how to design campaigns and report into the Programme Database from our Programme of Service (POS) team.



[REGISTER HERE](#)



Women's Climate Leadership Awards

The WIN DRR Leadership Awards recognize women's achievements in disaster risk reduction across the Asia-Pacific region and will be presented on 13 October 2023 – the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction.

The 2023 WIN DRR Leadership Awards are accepting nominations for:

The Excellence Award (US\$10,000) proudly supported by SM Prime Holdings Inc. and granted to an individual woman who has achieved exceptional professional success in disaster risk reduction.

Rising Star Award (US\$7,500) granted by UNDRR through support from Australia to an individual woman who has demonstrated leadership potential early in her career.

[SUBMIT NOMINATIONS HERE](#)

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.



Resourcing Resilience Grants

Grants for Asia Pacific **Resilience** (case by case) US\$5,000 must implement 3 months from receipt. *Click on image to apply.*

Call To all Soroptimists

Lauren Johnson, member of SI Launceston and a Youth member of SI Global Impact Committee, is putting a call out to **ALL Soroptimist International South East Asia Pacific members** to assist with the two below tasks. Contact silaunceston@siswp.org for assistance or further information.



Every Women Treaty

In 2022 Soroptimist International signed a memorandum of understanding with 'Every Woman Treaty' pledging to collaborate and work towards the goal of implementing a treaty to end violence against women worldwide. EWT are in the process of collecting signatures for a 'Sign on Letter' to submit to the Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau by October 2023 (in time for the International Day of the Girl). 7,500 signatures from people around the world are needed, signatories must be under the age of 35.

How can we help? By sharing this information with anyone in our circles. It would be fantastic to share on social media and tag 'Every Woman Treaty' in any posts.

[SIGN ON LETTER](#)

[MORE INFO & SUGGESTED SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS HERE](#)

Global Declaration to Eliminate Cervical Cancer

WHO want global action. With our support, WHO believe we can create a cervical cancer-free future for girls and women everywhere. We have the tools to eliminate cervical cancer. We must do everything we can to engage in collective action and turn this opportunity into reality to achieve our global health goals.

What can we do? Sign the Declaration and share the information.

[SIGN THE DECLARATION](#)

[CERVICAL CANCER TOOLKIT](#)



SISEAP Programme Database Maintenance

We are experiencing some issues at the moment with our Programme Database. We are working on resolving these issues as soon as possible. We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

**TOOLKIT
COMING SOON**



**INTERNATIONAL DAY
OF THE GIRL CHILD**

11 October 2023

Projects & Appeals - Donate Now



**OPENING DOORS
TO A BRIGHT FUTURE**

**SI PRESIDENT'S
APPEAL 2021 - 2023**



Click on the images above to Find Out More & Donate

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Congratulations SI Melbourne on 75 Years

On Saturday 24 June 2023, SI Melbourne celebrated their 75th Charter Anniversary. Chartered on 24 June 1948, Soroptimist International of Melbourne is the oldest Soroptimist International club in Victoria, Australia.

SI Melbourne are proud to have served their community for 75 years, empowering women and girls and striving for gender equality and are grateful for the support of their members, partners, and friends, who have helped us to achieve our goals and create positive change. They look forward to continuing to make a difference and committing to create a better world for women and girls.



[READ MORE](#)



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 - directorantheap@siswp.org

Membership Resources

Tip Sheet 7

Remove Barriers, Be Inclusive, Show Hospitality

First impressions are lasting. What impression does a prospective member take away from visiting your club for the first time? Welcoming a prospective member at your next meeting is the first step on the path to membership!

Click on the image for Tip Sheet.



Click on images above to Find Out More



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 **25 August 2023**.

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

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