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Soroptimist International



South East Asia Pacific

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SISEAP BULLETIN

Welcome to the September 2023 Bulletin

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



**President
Christine Johnstone
2022-2024**

How important is it to you to make a difference? During my recent **Cultural Exchange visit to Mongolia**, I was accompanied by Federation Life Member Lorna Mead, Catherine Evans and Cherrie Power. We visited with the 4 Soroptimists club's and their members, witnessing firsthand how being a Soroptimist does make that difference. The Mongolian Soroptimists projects meet many of the Federation's 8 objectives.



Homelessness is at a crisis point in many of our Federation countries and the SI Darkhan Ger Project (a Ger is a Mongolian dwelling ideally suited to Mongolia's harsh terrain and lifestyle) provides a home to a woman and her family.

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CLUB SECRETARY NEWS

Congratulations to our Federation Leadership Team 2024-2026

FEDERATION POSITIONS FOR THE 2024-2026 BIENNIUM

There was only one eligible nomination received and the following people were duly elected.

FEDERATION POSITIONS

Federation Treasurer – **Wendy Evans**

Programme Convenor – **Donnell Davis**

Finance Convenor – **Helena Cheah**

Assistant Programme Convenor – **Saradha Narayanan**

Assistant Programme Convenor – **Cesarina Gigante**

Programme Zone Coordinator – **Rhonda McCormack**

Programme Zone Coordinator - **Nooraini Yasin**

Programme Zone Coordinator – **Robyn Cain**

Programme Zone Coordinator – **Pauline Glover**

Assistant Membership Convenor Australia – **Elizabeth (Liz) Butson**

Congratulations to each and every one of you on your successful nomination to the Federation leadership team. These positions will take office on **1 June 2024**. Click on the link below to read the nominations and CVs.

[NOMINATIONS & CV](#)

Call for Unfilled Federation Positions

UNFILLED FEDERATION POSITIONS FOR THE 2024-2026 BIENNIUM

Nominations were not received or didn't meet the criteria for the positions listed below and a call for nominations for the unfilled federation positions is hereby announced. In accordance with the Company Constitution Clause 60 Elections to Federation Positions and Company By-Laws and the Roles & Responsibilities Manual.

UNFILLED FEDERATION POSITIONS

Governance Convenor
Membership Convenor
Communications Convenor
Assistant Membership Convenor NZ & Pacific
Assistant Membership Convenor Asia
Webinar Training Coordinator
Friendship Link Coordinator



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 29 September 2023, 5 pm Sydney (AEST)**.

If an election is not needed the elected person will be announced in the **October Bulletin**.

Elections

If elections are required the nominations and CVs will be emailed to clubs on Sunday 1 October 2023. 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 **13 to 26 November 2023**. Voting by clubs will close at **midnight Australian Eastern Daylight Saving Time on Sunday 26 November 2023**. Results will be announced in the **December 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 and ICT Liaison. Please email your expressions of interest and completed CV Federation Appointees Form to:

President Elect swppresidentelect2020@siswp.org and:

Federation Secretary swpsecretary2020@siswp.org

NOMINATION FORMS

Call for Company Secretary

Company Secretary

SISEAP is looking for a Soroptimist to fulfil the role of understudy to Carolyn Hudson as SISEAP Company Secretary. This is a vital role in governance and compliance and enables the smooth operation and functioning of the organisation.



The successful applicant will work alongside current Company Secretary Carolyn Hudson and HQ Officer Gabbi Kearney, learning the requirements and processes of the role, then

when ready will progress to being appointed as Company Secretary. Details on the requirements of the Company Secretary are outlined in the Role and Responsibilities document, link below. For more information please contact Federation Secretary swpsecretary2020@siswp.org

[COMPANY SECRETARY ROLE & RESPONSIBILITIES](#)

News from Soroptimist International



New SI Emblem Webinar

Soroptimist International's new logo. A Webinar will be held on **28 September 2023 at 5.00 pm BST (London)** where SI will advise those who wish to know more about their reasoning, the process followed and how SI wish the Emblem to be used. The link will be forwarded once received from SI HQ.



NEW MEMBER
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Soroptimists are women coming together to change lives

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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

Applications Close 5th September

The next applications for a AUD10,000 Brilliant Futures Fund Grant are due on **5th September**.



Submitted projects are advised to address, but not inclusive, the following:

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

[APPLY FOR GRANT HERE](#)



Campaigns & Programme Training Webinar

If you missed the Webinar or would like to use it for club training the recording is now available.

[WEBINAR RECORDING HERE](#)

"Climate Change:

Women Leading the Way"

The SISEAP "Climate Change: Women Leading the Way" workshop garnered a positive reception at the SI Convention in Dublin last month. *Click on image to access the powerpoint presentation.*



Visible and Vocal

A Public Speaking Competition for 10 & 11 Years Old Girls

The first Soroptimist International Foundation project in partnership with The Commonwealth Business Women's Network has launched. This public speaking competition will be held across the 5 Federations and is open to girls aged 10-11 years old. The final will be held on **10th December** online. *Click on image for more details.*



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.*

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

'Every Woman Treaty' are working towards the goal of implementing a treaty to end violence against women worldwide and are collecting signatures for a 'Sign on Letter' to submit to 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.

[SIGN ON LETTER](#)

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

Global Declaration to Eliminate Cervical Cancer

WHO want global action to create a cervical cancer-free future for girls and women everywhere.

[SIGN THE DECLARATION](#)

[CERVICAL CANCER TOOLKIT](#)

Projects & Appeals - Donate Now



**OPENING DOORS
TO A BRIGHT FUTURE**

SI PRESIDENT'S
APPEAL 2021 - 2023



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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Launch of Dual Membership

SISEAP announces an additional new membership category, DUAL membership. SISEAP Soroptimists can now be paid members of two SISEAP clubs at the same time. Dual membership supports struggling clubs and enables Soroptimists to give service at the club level in two clubs.



DUAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION SHEET



Under 45's Soroptimist Taskforce

As we prepare for 2024, a new year and a new biennium, the Membership Committee would like to set up a Taskforce of Soroptimists under 45 years of age to brainstorm ideas for initiatives that will assist membership growth for their age group.

If you meet this criteria please contact Yvonne Simpson, Membership Convenor:

swpmembership2020@siswp.org.



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



RECRUIT & RETAIN MEMBERS

Tip Sheets



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**SOROPTIMISTS -
TRANSFORMING THE
LIVES AND STATUS
OF WOMEN AND
GIRLS
SINCE 1921**



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**THRIVING FUTURES
PROGRAM**



**SISEAP
Member-get-a-Member
Campaign
2023**

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Conventions & Conferences



**Want to Hear from Members Who
Attended the Dublin Convention?**
Sunday 8th October 11am AEST
via Zoom

Join the Online Community where we will share insights from the Convention and encourage knowledge-sharing on women and girls' issues. Don't miss this opportunity to learn and connect!

- Hear from a panel of members who attended the Dublin Convention
- Listen to their experiences and insights
- Explore visions and ideas for the future of Soroptimist
- Connect with others and learn more about our Online Community

[REGISTER FOR WEBINAR HERE](#)

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**.

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 September 2023**.

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

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