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# SISEAP BULLETIN

Welcome to the November 2023 Bulletin

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



**President  
Christine Johnstone  
2022-2024**

**E**ducate, **E**mpower, **E**nable three statements we refer to in written and vocal communication. As Soroptimists we create projects which empower women every day, but to do this important work we must empower ourselves. SISEAP has recently ran two **Thriving Futures** programs, where 28 attended the Kuala Lumpur program and 15 attended the Western Australia program. Through the participation in these

courses, our members have gained empowerment as this training equips them with essential tools, resources, and skills required to make informed choices and effectively solve problems. If you would like to know more about this program, reach out to your membership zone coordinators or Membership convenor Yvonne, and enquire if the Thriving Futures program can be held in your area.

The **Living with Nature** art competition, a project I created to provide a voice to our youth through visual art has crowned its champions. Visual art provides communication and self-expression beyond what words can convey. My hope was that our youth would be engaged, and that the clubs which participated in this environment awareness campaign would connect with their community through this project. Artwork was received from 3 countries, Malaysia, Australia and New Zealand. The artists are very talented, including two budding film makers Matilda Grant and Tianian Shen - their video covers the impact of waste with a strong call to action of **'Pick it up'**. Please visit the website to view these artworks, and consider speaking to your club members to participate in this competition next year.



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## FROM OUR PRESIDENT

### CONFERENCE 2024—YOUR VOICE – OUR FUTURE

Message from Conference Chair - Rada Forzin.

This is the official call to our first face to face Federation Conference since 2018.

WHEN – May 3 – 5, 2024

WHERE – Twin Towns Conference & Function Centre, Tweed Heads – less than 5 minutes from Coolangatta airport.



### A Federation Conference of Firsts

- This is the first SI South East Asia Pacific Conference.
- It is the first Federation Conference that is not a Conference of Clubs. There will be no business, no voting delegates – just Speakers, Panels and Workshops with a focus on core Soroptimist business and current issues. That also means there will be no financial support for delegates to conference.

That is why we have worked so hard to keep the registration costs as low as possible:

- Early Bird = \$350 – by January 1, 2024
- Standard = \$420 – by March 31, 2024
- Late = \$450.

### A Federation Conference Celebrating the Past and Looking to the Future

While this is a conference with a difference, it will still be familiar, starting with a Friendship Night on Friday evening (included in the full registration) and ending with a Banquet - at an extra cost of \$100. There will still be the opportunity to meet long term friends and make new ones. Importantly, it will be designed to learn and understand, explore issues, and inspire future directions. We will welcome a new President and a new direction.

We have established a website which will keep us up to date and link to Registration.

[Click HERE to 2024 Federation Conference page](#)

### Company AGM, General Meeting and Federation Meeting

Information regarding the 2024 SISEAP company AGM, General Meeting and Federation Meeting. These meetings have been scheduled to be held on Friday 3 May 2024. the same day as the Federation conference, which begins on Friday evening at 6.30 pm. The AGM and general meeting will be held in the morning. The Federation Meeting will commence at 12.30 pm until 4.30 pm. The Federation meeting will

consist of general federation business, Programme, Membership and the National President reports. These meetings all require a quorum of members (clubs).

Members are reminded that resolutions to the company constitution can be put forward by members as per clause 31 of the company constitution.

### **Constitution**

#### 3.1 Members' resolutions and statements

31.1 Members with at least 5% of the votes that may be cast on a resolution may give:

31.1.1 a written notice to the company of a resolution they propose to move at a general meeting (members' resolution), and/or

31.1.2 a written request to the company that the company give all of its members a statement about a proposed resolution or any other matter that may properly be considered at a general meeting (members' statement).

Refer to the constitution for the full clause.

Members wishing to recommend changes to the bylaws.

### **By laws**

3.2 Members, national presidents and committee convenors may recommend changes to these by-laws by sending their recommendations in writing to company headquarters for the attention of the directors. Such recommendations shall not be binding on the directors.

Members (clubs) will need to have their resolutions and or recommendations emailed to HQ (hq@siswp.org) and Federation Secretary (swpsecretary2020@siswp.org) **by 4 pm Sydney time (ADST) on 1 February** to allow for internal process and ready to distribute to members (clubs) on the **1st of March 2024**.

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## **SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL EMBLEM 2023 - UPDATE**



New Soroptimist International (SI) Emblem kit and its latest brand application guide are available to download.

A detail guide of to how to apply new branding, its logo and other branding elements under the form of an interactive flipbook is also available in SI's website.

Click below links to view or download documents.

[Link to SISEAP Resource](#)

[Link to SISEAP Trello](#)

[Link to SI Branding Page](#)

## SISWP PRESIDENTIAL CHAIN OF OFFICE

With the name change from SISWP to SISEAP, there has been discussion by the directors in regards to the Federation Presidential jewel and chain. To assist with a decision, the jewel and chain was taken to a manufacturing jeweler who cleaned the pieces. It was his recommendation that the piece be preserved for historical purposes, as it had already been altered once before, and we start fresh. This is now the course of action to be taken. The jewel and chain will be preserved by mounting in a glass frame.



A small committee will now be set up to work on details for the new design, Soroptimists from our Federation who have jewelry or design skills and who wish to be part of this committee can please contact myself or Federation secretary Sue Latta.

## BRILLIANT FUTURES FUNDS UPDATE



There have been 5 successful rounds of funding for this Biennium. SI Hornsby report on the success of the Stitching Dreams project. Click link below for report.

Round 5 winner will be announced shortly. Nominations are now open for Round 6. Important dates for Round 6:

- Opens: 1- November
- Closes: 30 - November
- Judging: 11 - December

*Are you prepared?*

*Do you have a project which just needs that financial support to make it happen?*

**Apply now**

SI Hornsby Report

## Round 6 Application Form

### DONATION CALL

As we come to the end of our SISEAP financial year, Clubs and members are reminded to donate to the Federation Brilliant Futures Fund when considering their gift giving for the year. Support first and foremost our own clubs' endeavours to provide Education and Empowerment to women and girls.



*Your donations are life changing.*

[Donate Here](#)

## CLUB SECRETARY NEWS

### Federation New Position

#### FEDERATION NEW POSITION - FUND RAISING OFFICER

SISEAP is excited to announce that a position of a fundraising officer has been created. This decision was taken after much deliberation by the directors and evolved out of a lengthy discussion on the revenue stream and financial future of the organization. This position will be advertised in SEEK in the coming weeks.

Fund raising and grant writing is considered one of the important aspect of nonprofit management, contributing to operational, project management and implementation resulting in significant benefits to our vision and mission.

### Call for Company Secretary

**Company Secretary**

SISEAP is looking for a Soroptimist to fulfil the role of understudy to SISEAP Company Secretary Carolyn Hudson. This plays 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](mailto:swpsecretary2020@siswp.org)

## COMPANY SECRETARY ROLE & RESPONSIBILITIES

A horizontal banner with an orange background. On the left, there is an illustration of four diverse women. In the center, the text reads "NEW MEMBER Online Registrations Here" in white. On the right is the Soroptimist International logo, which features a woman's profile inside a circular emblem with the words "SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL".

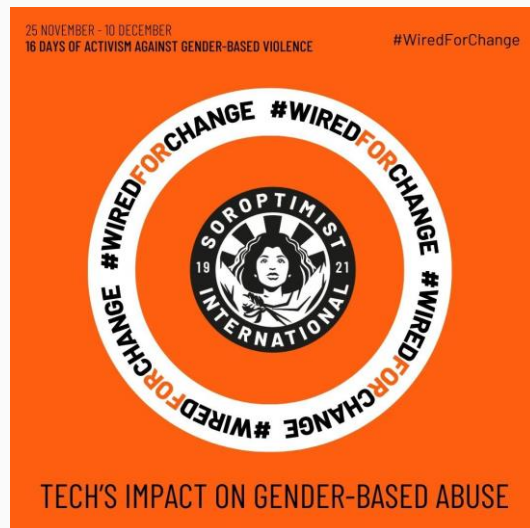
## Shop

An advertisement for joining a local Soroptimist Club. It features a photograph of a diverse group of women smiling. Below the photo is a white box with the text "Join your local SOROPTIMIST CLUB" and "Soroptimists are women coming together to change lives". At the bottom left is the Soroptimist International South East Asia Pacific logo, and at the bottom right is the text "SISEAP.ORG" and "#SEAPINSPIRINGWOMEN".

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

This year we recognize **16 days of Respect** - UN day for the elimination of violence against women from **25 November to the 10 December** (UNHR day) when we celebrate 75 years of the signing of the UN Human Rights Declaration. For 2023, Soroptimist International wanted all federations to have the same message with as much consistency as possible. Please find SI's toolkit at link below.



Utilize last year's campaign materials developed by SISEAP to conserve resource is totally feasible.

[16 Days Toolkit](#)

## Projects & Appeals - Donate Now



*Click on the images above to Find Out More & Donate*

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

October is Membership Month



October is membership month. The Federation provides a tool kit and social media campaign to assist clubs promote and celebrate membership. We provided an email signature and a Facebook campaign of 30 days.



Our thanks to Naomi for her excellent work.

It is timely for clubs to review their year and plan for 2024. A Membership Plan template is available on the website.

[Membership Plan Template](#)



The programme involves webinars, a recruitment project, a 3-day face to face training, and coaching. 2023 successful events have now be held in Kuala Lumpur and Perth with 43 Soroptimists. To date Soroptimists from Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Mongolia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Myanmar, and Cambodia have joined the programme.

Our sincere thanks to Anthea Penny and Pip Mules (facilitators) and Joanne Yeoh and Jane Jones (organizers). The next New Zealand 3 day training will be **15 - 17 June 2024.**

### Dublin Convention Sharing from Participants.

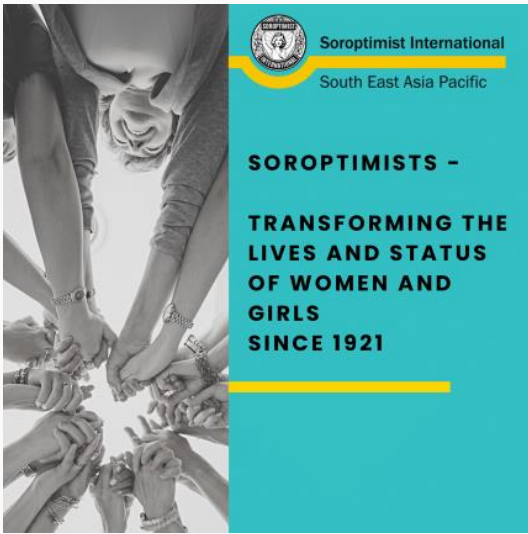
Did you miss going to the SI Convention in Dublin? The SISEAP Online Community held a webinar with a panel of those who attended. The recording has been uploaded to the SISEAP YouTube site, and a story has been created from the members news page.



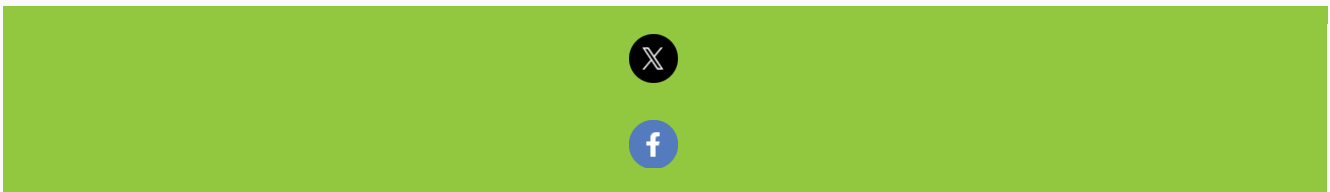
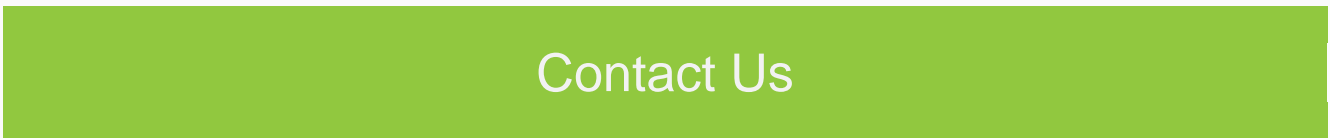
Dublin Convention seminar

## Membership Month Resources





*Click on images above to Find Out More*





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](mailto:hq@siswp.org) and [Public Relations](#). Thank you.

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