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# SISEAP BULLETIN

Welcome to the May 2024 Bulletin

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



**President  
Christine Johnstone  
2022-2024**

I sat down to write my last article for the Bulletin and I think I am about all written out, in the past two weeks I have written my Presidents Report, the opening address for the AGM, the article for the company annual report, my opening address for the conference and am currently working on my closing address for the conference. I begin to wonder how many times one can say Soroptimists are amazing people and I love being a Soroptimist, all of which is factual and true.

But before we get to that, there is still some business topics to cover. We are entering one of the most important weeks of our Soroptimist year, I hope that clubs are prepared for the AGM, General Meeting and the Federation meeting.

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## Conference 2024 - Your Voice Our Future



*You're invited to*

SISEAP 2024 Conference  
**YOUR VOICE  
OUR FUTURE**

Fri 3 May – Sun 5 May 2024  
Tweed Heads / Gold Coast  
Australia



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[SISEAP CONFERENCE 2024 WEBPAGE](#)



### SISEAP Shop at the Conference

For your convenience, the SISEAP Shop will be operating at the Meetings on **Friday 3rd May** and at the Conference on **Saturday 4th May ONLY** (prior to the conference commencing, during morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea break.

### New Shop Stock

We are excited to announce that new **16 Days of Activism Ribbons** are now available for purchase! Show your support for this important cause by wearing one of these ribbons and spreading awareness about ending gender-based violence. Get yours today and join us in taking a stand against this pervasive issue.

### Payment

We encourage the use of credit cards for payments. Cash will be accepted only if the **exact amount** is tendered.

### Methods

## Creative Arts Competition



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## CLUB SECRETARY NEWS

## Federation Capitation Fees 2024

A reminder that the final due date for Clubs to pay their Federation Capitation fees was **29 February**. For any Clubs that have not yet made their payment, they are now overdue so please do so as soon as possible. For Clubs that have paid and sent in their Annual Return forms, thank you for your patience in advance as there is a large volume and we hope to process them over the coming weeks. Once processed you will receive an invoice receipt along with any new membership numbers if applicable.

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**Online  
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PROGRAMME NEWS

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS



### **Your Voice Our Future**

The Membership Committee will be holding a workshop at the conference. We want to have your voice and while we will share what we have provided as resources, we also want to hear from you.

A survey has been created to gather thoughts of those who could not attend the workshop, or who want some reflection time to give their feedback. The link to the survey will be open until **23 May 2024**, and the current and incoming Membership Committees will be meeting together on **Sunday 26 May** to discuss your ideas.

[Survey Here](#)

[Membership Workshop Flyer](#)

## Soroptimist Stories

### **Focus on Friendship**

I am incredibly proud to share with you a story which in my eyes captures the essence of what Soroptimism is all about. It is a story of international friendship that has evolved through Soroptimism.

Annie Carswell (a member of SIF for some 37 years) heard about the plight of a beautiful couple from England who found themselves stranded in Fremantle, Western Australia recently. The story demonstrates how members pulled together to help Brenda, a Soroptimist from Yorkshire, England and her husband Peter who was hospitalised here in WA. Brenda was in dire need of physical and emotional support and some assistance which was duly provided by a very willing team of local SIF members.

***Ali Biddiscombe***

***Soroptimist International Fremantle member***

[Read the Full Story Here](#)

## Charter Celebrations

**Celebration of Nelson's 60<sup>th</sup> Charter April 1964**

SI Nelson celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a High Tea for members and guests. Highlights of the club's major achievements over the past 60 years were shared by Gay Northcott, a Past President and member since 1976. The club also recognised the service that member Elizabeth Bartlett has given to Soroptimist over the decades since 1976.



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## Member Information



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