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February 2025

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



**President  
Joanne Yeoh** 2024-2026



As we celebrate Education Day (24 January), let us reflect on the transformative power of education in shaping individuals, communities, and the future of our world. Education is not just a fundamental right but a cornerstone for achieving equality, opportunity, and empowerment.

As Soroptimists, we are committed to advancing **Sustainable Development Goal 4: Quality Education**. This goal reminds us that inclusive and equitable education is essential for breaking the cycle of poverty, reducing inequalities, and fostering innovation.

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## CLUB SECRETARY NEWS

### 2026-2028 President Elect Nominations



[SISEAP PRESIDENT-ELECT 2026-2028](#)

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#### **Nomination & Election Process**

Nominations are invited for the position of Federation President-Elect 2026-2028.

The successful candidate will automatically become Federation President for the 2028-2030 Biennium.

Completed nominations must be sent to Federation Secretary/Returning officer [federationsecretary@siseap.org](mailto:federationsecretary@siseap.org) and SISEAP HQ [hq@siseap.org](mailto:hq@siseap.org) by **27 March 2025 5pm AEDT**

Read more for the list of those who are Eligible to Nominate, Eligibility Criteria, Roles & Responsibilities, Election Timeline and Nomination and CV Forms.

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[NOMINATION & CV FORMS](#)

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### Company AGM, General & Federation Meetings

A reminder to clubs to submit any **Resolutions to the Company Constitution** to Company Secretary Theresa Lyford [companysecretary@siseap.org](mailto:companysecretary@siseap.org) and **Resolutions for the Federation Meeting** to Federation Secretary Berice [federationsecretary@siseap.org](mailto:federationsecretary@siseap.org)



All Resolutions need to be written on the Resolutions form and the deadline for submission is **4pm Sydney time (AEDT) 15 February 2025.**

[COMPANY MEETING RESOLUTION FORMS](#)

[FEDERATION MEETING RESOLUTION FORMS](#)



### [Federation Fees 2025](#)

A reminder for Clubs who have not taken advantage of the Early Payment Discount that the final due date to pay full fees to HQ is **28 February 2025.**

[INFORMATION ON MEMBERSHIP FEES](#)

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## [2025 Club Position Holders](#)

### [Changeovers](#)

Each year after the Club AGM, the newly elected Club Officers & Position Holders need to be added into our database. It is very important that each Club completes this task **by 31 March 2025**. (See ICT Information below on how to update Club Position Holders).

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**ACTION REQUIRED**



### [Programme Zone Coordinator 4](#)

Welcome to **Elizabeth Harrison** who has recently joined the Federation Programme Team as Programme Zone Coordinator 4. See link below for the full Federation Leadership team along with their email addresses.

## FEDERATION LEADERSHIP TEAM

Shop

### [New Name Badge Design](#)

We are thrilled to announce a fresh update to our SISEAP name badges. The new design incorporates the new SI emblem, includes our Federation name and is consistent with our SISEAP branding colours. The new design is available now.



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## New Member Badges



We're also excited to announce that we have received our newly designed member badges, featuring the new SI emblem and our Federation name. These are now available for purchase. Our previous badges with the old SI emblem will continue to be sold until stocks run out at a discounted price.



## Updated Membership Post Cards

We have just received updated stock of membership postcards featuring the new SI emblem. These postcards are a fantastic tool for promoting SISEAP and engaging prospective members. Get yours today and help spread the word about SISEAP.

[SHOP ORDER FORMS & CATALOGUE](#)

NEW MEMBER REGISTRATIONS  
**Link for Clubs to Register NEW MEMBERS**

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Membership Best Practice Awards

## Membership BPA

Clubs are invited to celebrate their membership initiatives and successes. Along with the Best Practice Award certificate, clubs have an exciting opportunity to win prizes! This is for the Recruitment Awards only:



1. The highest number of new members recruited for a club from 1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025. 1st prize AU\$100, 2nd prize AU\$75.
2. The highest % growth in membership for a club from 1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025. 1st prize A\$100, 2nd prize A\$75

Nominations are required by **25 March 2025**. The Awards will be presented at the Federation meeting in **May 2025**.

[MORE INFORMATION & NOMINATE HERE](#)



## What's Your Elevator Pitch?

Have you heard of an “elevator pitch”?

It's a simple, short way to explain something important—like what it means to be a Soroptimist. Imagine you had just 30 seconds to tell someone why you are part of this organization. What would you say?

I spoke with Hanaa Wong Abdullah, the SISEAP Communication Convenor, about her elevator pitch. Her advice? “Create one that's true to you. It should feel natural and reflect your own voice—that way, it's authentic and impactful.” Why does this matter? Because when someone asks, “What's a Soroptimist?” or “Why do you volunteer?” it's your chance to inspire them.

Whether they're a potential member, donor, or supporter, your pitch can show them what Soroptimists do and why it matters.

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## PROGRAMME NEWS

# COMMISSION *on the* STATUS OF WOMEN



### [CSW69 10-21 March 2025](#)

The CSW (Commission on the Status of Women) meetings are an important platform for advancing gender equality and women's rights globally. CSW69 will be a significant event for SISEAP with President Joanne Yeoh and Dr. Donnell Davis leading such a large delegation from SISEAP. The energy from a big group like that will really make an impact at the meetings.

We are pleased to announce the following will be representing SISEAP at the upcoming CSW69:

Dr Senata Tinaiseru Ratumaitavuki - Fiji  
Munkhtsetseg Jargalsaikhan - Mongolia  
Lindasari Anggorowati - Indonesia  
Raelene McMullen - New Zealand  
Theresa Lyford - Company Secretary and SI Board member  
Indira Chatterjee - South Australia  
Cherrie Power - Victoria and National Treasurer Australia  
Judy Toll - Western Australia  
Sarah Barnbrook - Melbourne

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## Programme Best Practice Awards

### Programme BPA

Does your club have a project or advocacy campaign which you consider is worthy of recognition? Nominate your club now for a SISEAP Federation Programme Best Practice Award.



Projects or Advocacy must have been started and completed during 2024, and it may be a new phase of an ongoing project or advocacy.

Nominations close on **1st April 2025**. The Awards will be presented at the Federation meeting in **May 2025**.

[MORE INFORMATION & NOMINATE HERE](#)

## Projects & Appeals - Donate Now



### Round 7 of Funding Now Open!

We are thrilled to announce that we will be launching another round of Brilliant Future Funds soon!

Full details, including application processes, will be unveiled in the **February eSPAN**.

[READ DETAILS ON HOW TO APPLY](#)

## Want to increase your impact for more women and girls?

Supporting the **Brilliant Futures Fund** Appeal is the way to do it. The more we can grow the **Brilliant Futures Fund**, the more projects we can fund for clubs across our Federation. Growing our project work is how we are going to impact the lives of more women and girls – life changing activities, on the ground. Don't delay, add your support today and help us scale up our efforts to provide '**pathways to future possibilities**'.



[READ ABOUT OUR BFF FUNDED PROJECTS SO FAR](#)



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

## COMMUNICATIONS & EVENTS



### [Save the Date: IWD Webinar](#)

SISEAP will be presenting an International Women's Day Webinar

### **Sunday 2nd March, 3pm AEDT**

Theme: For all Women and Girls: Rights Equality and Empowerment

The theme has universal relevance across our 13 countries, it addresses fundamental human rights and the Beijing Platform for Action, Our expert speakers will talk about their own stories and how their Soroptimist work and the work of our members empowers, not just individual women and girls but whole communities.

Speakers: SISEAP President Joanne Yeoh, Programme Convenor Dr. Donnell Davis, Dr. Saradah Narayanan, and two more guest speakers to be announced.

Mark your diaries! Link to join the webinar and promotional material will be shared shortly, on the link below.

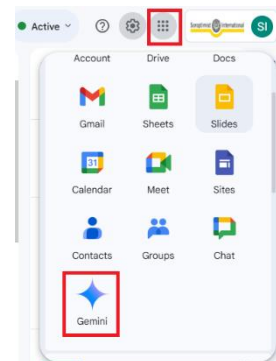
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## ICT

### [Google Gemini AI](#)

Announcing that Google has released Gemini to Not for Profits (NFP). SISEAP's license with Google allows the use of the basic version of Google's Gemini AI.

Read more on how to access Gemini from the SISEAP accounts.



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### GoTo Webinar



Great news, it was recently announced that GoTo now integrate Interprefy on all their Goto Webinars. Now when you hold a Webinar using the GOTO platform, your audience can request to have the session translated.

This will enable your webinars to be more inclusive and this provides opportunities to increase your audience participation and awareness.

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## Notice for clubs which use Humanitix for event booking

Recently the NFP ticketing rate for SISEAP users for Humanitix had reverted to the general fee. They were contacted and they have reapplied the NFP booking fee to all SISEAP account holders. Next time you are creating an event, please check your ticket sales to ensure that you are being charged the NFP price for ticket sales.

The right-hand column is the NFP discount price per ticket:

<b>AUD</b>	<b>4% + \$0.99</b> per paid ticket <i>(excl GST)</i>	<b>2.5% + \$0.50</b> per paid ticket <i>(GST not applicable)</i>
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## Add Club Position Holders to the Members Database

The club secretary, president, treasurer or ICT (for the previous year) will have to log onto the website, go to Members on the left-hand menu, and scroll down to club positions link to update their current club position holders.

- My Page
- My Region
- Region Positions
- Club Positions**
- eBulletin

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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 February 2025**.

Please click to send to [hq@siseap.org](mailto:hq@siseap.org). Thank you.

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