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# SISEAP BULLETIN

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



# President Joanne Yeoh 2024-2026



As we celebrate International Women's Day 2025, let us be reminded that true gender equality must uplift and include all women, everywhere. This year's theme, "**For all women and all: Rights. Equality. Empowerment.**", reinforces the urgent need for collective action to ensure that no woman is left behind in the pursuit of justice, opportunity, and dignity.

Women of all backgrounds, abilities, and circumstances deserve access to education, economic security, safety, and leadership opportunities. Achieving true equality requires dismantling systemic barriers, challenging biases, and fostering environments where women can thrive.

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## CLUB SECRETARY NEWS

### Call for Directors

#### Call for Directors

Here's your chance to make a difference and further your professional experience. Soroptimist International South East Asia Pacific (SISEAP) is seeking applications from interested and qualified Soroptimists for vacancies for Directors. The successful applicants will take office at the end of the AGM on **May 10, 2025** and in the first instance, serve for three years, renewable to a maximum of eight years.



SISEAP has seven Directors and one third must retire each year. According to the Corporations Act, at each annual general meeting, any Director appointed by the Directors to fill a casual vacancy or as an additional Director must retire, and at least one-third of the remaining Directors must retire. Under our Constitution, the Immediate Past President automatically retires after one year in that position and is replaced by the new President Elect. At the end of her biennium, the President remains for one year as Immediate Past President and a Director.

It is a legal requirement you have a Director Identification Number before you can be appointed and we will only consider applicants that have already obtained their Director Identification Number. Refer to the Australian Business Registry website for further information here <https://www.abrs.gov.au/director-identification-number>

For further information please contact:

**Company Secretary Theresa Lyford** [companysecretary@siseap.org](mailto:companysecretary@siseap.org)

***Applications close 5.00pm Friday 28 March 2025 (ADST Sydney Time)***

[GOOGLE APPLICATION FORM](#)

You will need to upload your CV, photo and supporting documents.

[DIRECTOR ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES](#)

## 2026-2028 President Elect Nominations



### [SISEAP President-Elect 2026-2028 Biennium](#)

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.

It was recently brought to our attention that the President Elect's application form contained some incorrect information. When a member is applying to nominate for the position of President Elect it is not a requirement that when they submit their application they hold an

Australian Directors Identification Number. The **successful applicant will have 12 months to secure their Australian Directors Identification Number**, this is a requirement of being a director of an Australian company.

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.

[READ MORE](#)

[NOMINATION & CV FORMS](#)

## Meetings

### [AGM & Company General Meeting](#)

The **Virtual 14th Annual General Meeting** of Soroptimist International South East Asia Pacific (SISEAP) will be held on **Saturday 10 May 2025 at 3.00pm AEST**.



The **Company General Meeting** will follow the AGM. There is no cost to attend this meeting.

**Draft Agenda** for **Company Annual General Meeting** and **Company General Meeting** to be circulated to Members (Clubs) on **1 April 2025**.

### **Representation**

One **authorised representative** from each **financial member (Club)** within the Federation or a proxy representative should attend this meeting. A proxy representative must be an individual Soroptimist from another member club ie a club within SISEAP. Other Club members may also attend all meetings but will be Observers and not be able to speak.

### **Registration**

These will be sent on **1 April 2025**. There will be separate registration forms for Club Representatives and Silent Observers for the Annual General Meeting and Company Meeting.

### **Forms**

## **Distribution of Business Papers**

Business papers including the Final Agenda, Resolutions, Items for Discussion and Reports will be circulated to Clubs on **30 April 2025**.

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### [Federation General Meeting](#)

The **Virtual Federation General Meeting** will be held on **Sunday 18 May 2025**.



### **Reports**

Would all Federation Position Holders and National Presidents ensure that their reports are sent to the Federation Secretary and HQ before 22 March so that they can be sent out on 1 April.

### **Representation**

One authorised representative from each financial member (Club) within the Federation or a proxy representative should attend this meeting. A proxy representative must be an individual Soroptimist from another member club i.e. a club within SISEAP. Other Club members may also attend all meetings but will be Observers and not be able to speak.

### **Registration Forms**

These will be sent on **1 April 2025**. There will be separate registration forms for Club Representatives and Silent Observers for the Federation General Meeting.

### **Distribution of Business Papers**

Business papers including the Agenda, Resolutions, Items for Discussion and Reports will be circulated to Clubs on **1 April 2025**.

### **Question Form For the Federation General Meetings**

Clubs will be invited to submit questions of the Federation Position Holders and National Presidents for the Federation General Meeting. This form will be distributed with the business papers on **1 April 2025**.

### **SISEAP Honours & Remembrance Form**

Please return the completed Honours and Remembrance form to the Federation Secretary by **15 April 2025**.

## [HONOURS & REMEMBRANCE FORM](#)

### [Federation Fees 2025](#)

**PAST DUE**

A reminder that Federation Capitation fees were due on **28 February**. For Clubs that have not yet made their payment they are now overdue, please submit your Annual Return forms and payment as soon as possible.

All Clubs who have submitted their Annual Return forms and made payment, 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.

### [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 important that each Club completes this task **by 31 March 2025**.

**ACTION REQUIRED**

Shop

## New Shop Stock

We are thrilled to announce a fresh update to our SISEAP name badges, member badges and membership postcards. The new design for these items is consistent with our SISEAP branding colours. These are available to purchase now.



## SHOP ORDER FORMS & CATALOGUE



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## Membership Month

### April is Membership Month

Join us as we celebrate the incredible members of SISEAP. In honour of this special month, we've created a comprehensive toolkit filled with resources designed to support our clubs and empower our members. Let's come



together to recognise the hard work and dedication of all our clubs and members throughout April.

## [MEMBERSHIP MONTH TOOLKIT](#)



### [Together we Thrive: Real Stories of Membership Success - Webinar](#)

Welcome to 2025. I hope you all had a relaxing time over the festive season and are now ready and energised to plan for the Soroptimist year ahead.

During April Membership Month, we are excited to invite you the opportunity to attend a **SISEAP webinar: Together we Thrive: Real Stories of Membership Success**. You will hear from members and clubs about their insights on a successful member recruitment strategy. It will be an opportune time to pick up tips and enthuse our clubs into 2025. Four speakers from across Australia, Asia, and New Zealand/Pacific will share a short presentation on the 'how', the outcomes and their experience of a thriving recruitment action plan. The webinar concludes with a Q & A session and is free to members.

**Sunday 13th April 2025**  
**3:30 pm AEST (Duration 1.5hr - 2hr)**

[REGISTER HERE](#)

### [Share Your Soroptimist Story](#)

In the Spirit of Membership Month, we want to hear your Soroptimist Story. Simply fill out the Form and send it to [hq2@siseap.org](mailto:hq2@siseap.org) and [membership.kristeen@siseap.org](mailto:membership.kristeen@siseap.org) and we will feature your Soroptimist Story on the SISEAP website.



[SOROPTIMIST STORY FORM](#)

## 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 January 2024 - 31st December 2024. 1st prize AU\$100, 2nd prize AU\$75.

2. The highest % growth in membership for a club from 1st January 2024 - 31st December 2024. 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](#)

## Friendships



## Friendship Links

Congratulations to three of our clubs who have recently formed friendship links:

**SI Wellington, NZ with SI Mainz, Germany (SIE)**  
**SI Kapiti Coast, NZ with SI Barry and District, UK (SIGBI)**  
**SI South West Slopes, AUS, with SI Manchester, UK (SIGBI)**

We look forward to hearing of any partnership projects, visits or joint celebrations between these clubs. There are also several other friendship links in the pipeline and I hope to confirm these soon. Is there any club who would be keen and able to enter into a friendship link with **SI Nadi Jetset**? They have requested a link within our Federation and if you are interested, please email me, it would be great to arrange this for them.

I appreciate that there are likely to be more changes as clubs have moved into the New Year and I will review the database again in the near future. I am also working through a list with the SIGBI Friendship Link Coordinator and will be in touch with respective clubs to update any links as need be. I hope to do this with the other Federation Coordinators also. I am pleased to let you know also that I have completed the "first" update of our **SISEAP Friendship Link Database** and ask that you now do a recheck of what is showing and let me know of any further changes required. Please do this using the form under Friendship Links on SISEAP's website, this form doubles to request any changes on the website or new friendship link requests. Wishing you every success for 2025.

In friendship,  
**SISEAP Friendship Link Coordinator 2024-2026, Eileen Middleton**  
[friendship.eileen@siseap.org](mailto:friendship.eileen@siseap.org)

### **SI Mongolia Friendship Tour 2025**

SI Ulaanbaatar and SI Darkhan invite Soroptimists to visit with them **19-25th of August 2025** for the twin Charter Celebrations of **SI Ulaanbaatar 25 Years** and **SI Darkhan 20 Years**.



[MORE INFORMATION & REGISTER INTEREST](#)

## PROGRAMME NEWS



**For ALL women and girls**  
Rights. Equality. Empowerment.

Soroptimist International South East Asia Pacific



International Women's Day

[International](#) [Women's](#) [Day](#) - [8](#) [March](#)

This year's theme calls for action that can unlock equal rights, power and opportunities for all and a feminist future where no one is left behind.

[IWD RESOURCES -TRELLO BOARD](#)

[IWD TOOLKIT](#)

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[CSW69](#)

SISEAP President Joanne Yeoh and Programme Convenor Dr Donnell Davis will be representing SISEAP at CSW69 from the **10-21 March 2025**. They will be accompanied by SISEAP registered delegates and joining Soroptimists from across the 5 Federations.

To stay actively involved with all Soroptimist actions at CSW69, a dedicated CSW69 website page has been created. This page will be updated on a regular basis as information becomes available.

## [CSW69 NEWS](#)

# 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 8 is now open & closes on the 31st March**

Does your club have a project which requires funding?, consider applying now for funding of up to \$10,000 AUD to bring your club project to life. Read the guidelines document, and the supporting documents and then make your application. Members of the Programme

Team are ready to assist you in completing your application.

[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](#)



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

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 **20 March 2025**.

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

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