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April 2025

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



President Joanne Yeoh 2024-2026



My First Experience at CSW69: A Journey of Advocacy, Reflection, and Action

Attending the 69th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW69) at the United Nations was a truly transformative experience. As a first-time participant, I was immersed in a global dialogue that not only celebrated progress but also critically examined the persistent gaps in gender equality and women's rights. The energy, passion, and commitment of advocates, policymakers, and civil society leaders were palpable, reinforcing the urgent need to accelerate action towards gender justice.

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Statement of Support for Earthquake Survivors in Myanmar



Leadership Team
Soroptimist International South East Asia Pacific



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CLUB SECRETARY NEWS

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 Forms

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.

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.**

[MEETING INFORMATION, REGISTRATIONS, QUESTION FORM HERE](#)

[Federation General Meeting](#)

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



Sydney, Australia	Sun, 18 May 2025 at 10:00 a.m. AEST
Lae, Papua New Guinea	Sun, 18 May 2025 at 10:00 a.m. PGT
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Sun, 18 May 2025 at 8:00 a.m. MYT
Singapore, Singapore	Sun, 18 May 2025 at 8:00 a.m. SGT
Hong Kong, Hong Kong	Sun, 18 May 2025 at 8:00 a.m. HKT
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia	Sun, 18 May 2025 at 8:00 a.m. ULAT
Bangkok, Thailand	Sun, 18 May 2025 at 7:00 a.m. ICT
Phnom Penh, Cambodia	Sun, 18 May 2025 at 7:00 a.m. ICT
Myanmar Time, MMT	Sun, 18 May 2025 at 6:30 a.m. MMT
Lautoka, Fiji	Sun, 18 May 2025 at 12:00 Noon FJT
Auckland, New Zealand	Sun, 18 May 2025 at 12:00 Noon NZST
Apia, Samoa	Sun, 18 May 2025 at 1:00 p.m. WST

Club Representative

An authorised representative from each financial member (Club) within the Federation or a proxy representative must attend this meeting. A proxy representative must be an individual Soroptimist from another member club i.e. a club within SISEAP.

Registrations will close Thursday 1 May at 5 pm AEST (Sydney time)

Silent Observers

All other Soroptimists are invited to join the Federation Meeting as a Silent Observer.

Registrations will close Thursday 1 May at 5 pm AEST (Sydney time)

Papers, Resolutions & Items for Discussion

Business papers including the Agenda, Resolutions, Items for Discussion and Reports will be sent to the Club's official email address on **Wednesday 16 April**.

Question Form For the Federation General Meetings

Clubs are invited to submit questions to the Federation Team for the Federation Meeting. Please submit your questions by **Thursday 1 May** to enable a comprehensive answer to be given.

SISEAP Honours & Remembrance Form

Please complete the Honours and Remembrance form along with a photo to the Federation Secretary federationsecretary@siseap.org by **Thursday 1 May**.

[MEETING INFORMATION, REGISTRATION & FORM LINKS HERE](#)

Reminder to all Federation Position Holders

Your reports need to be sent to the Federation Secretary federationsecretary@siseap.org and HQ hq@siseap.org by **Friday 11 April** so that they can be collated and sent to clubs.



Nominations President-Elect



Nominations for SISEAP President-Elect 2026-2028

Nominations have been received for the following people:

Kerry Beer

[SI North Canterbury / SI Melba]

Oyungerel Rentsen

[SI Ulaanbaatar / SI Canberra]

Links to information about these two candidates along with their video presentations are available to view on the SISEAP website so that clubs can discuss and make a decision as to who will receive their vote at club meetings during April.

NOMINEE APPLICATIONS

On **12 May** clubs will be sent a link to Opavote using their club generic email address. Elections open on the **14 May** 1 minute after midnight AEDT, and conclude on the **29 May** at 1 minute to midnight AEDT. Results will be announced in the **June Bulletin**.

Website

Website Security Upgrade

The SISEAP website will be undergoing major security maintenance commencing on the 1st of April. This work is scheduled to take approximately 2 weeks and then 1-2 weeks of testing. Members will be informed when this work is completed.



Impact to Members

The website will still function, and members will still be able to access both the public and the members area.

Payment of new members

HQ will continue to process payment of new members and outstanding capitation fees. However, any new members and exited members **WILL NOT** be posted to the membership database. New members will not receive their membership number, password, welcome letter and access to the members area of the website until this work is completed.

What you cannot do:

Members will not be able to update position holders, and or make amendments to the membership personal details area.

What you can do:

Events and Club Pages

Members can still publicise events and update club pages, but you will need to replicate this work on the new website when it becomes available (you will be informed).

Payments

Membership payments can still be paid via the website.

Donations

Donations can still be made through the website

Directory

Members will still be able to search the directory for member's information.

Downloads

All downloads will still work, and all links will still operate.

Please continue to utilize the website and all of its resources. The AGM, General Meeting and Federation meeting information will be constantly updated with information and links to complete registration forms and download documents for these important meetings.



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NEW MEMBER REGISTRATIONS
Link for Clubs to Register NEW MEMBERS



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Membership Month

Membership Month

April is here, and that means it's **Membership Month!** We want to remind you to take advantage of this opportunity to strengthen our community and engage with fellow members.

Additionally, we encourage you to explore our **Membership Toolkit**, now available on the SISEAP Trello board. It is a valuable resource designed to help you maximize your membership experience.



MEMBERSHIP MONTH TOOLKIT



Membership Webinar

Join us for our upcoming webinar, **"Together We Thrive: Real Stories of Membership Success,"** scheduled for **Sunday, 13th April 2025, at 3:30 PM AEST.** The session will last approximately 1.5 to 2 hours and will feature inspiring stories showcasing the power of membership and collaboration. This is a great chance to learn, share experiences, and discover how we can succeed together. Don't miss out!

Make sure to register for the webinar and utilise the toolkit to enhance your engagement.

Together, let's thrive!

REGISTER FOR THE WEBINAR

[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 and membership.kristeen@siseap.org and we will feature your Soroptimist Story on the SISEAP website.



[SOROPTIMIST STORY FORM](#)



[New Zealand Conference](#)

Today's world is one of rapid change, with huge challenges but also great opportunities. Various media present us with a constant flow of information, little of which is good news, so much more of troubles, disasters and need.

In this troubling environment we may question what does it mean to be a Soroptimist?

[READ MORE](#)



Updated Membership Resources

Great news! the following resources are now updated and on the SISEAP website under Membership downloads. Thank you to the team who helped make it happen.

MBF Claim Form

MBF Application Form

MBF Handbook

Establishment of a Club Manual

Membership Manual

MEMBERSHIP RESOURCES

Friendships



Friendship Links

Well done to those clubs who are pursuing friendship links both within the SISEAP Federation and beyond. Currently, there are six potential links under action and we look forward to formalising these and watching the friendships grow and the joint projects and celebrations that flow from that.

We are still looking for a club within our Federation that would like to form a friendship link with SI Nadi Jetset. Please let me know by email if you would like to pursue this.

In friendship,

SISEAP Friendship Link Coordinator 2024-2026

Eileen Middleton

friendship.eileen@siseap.org

SI Bangsar & SI Darkhan IWD Celebration

On Sunday 16 March 2025, in conjunction with IWD celebrations, members of SI Club of Bangsar held a virtual meeting with sisters of their Friendship Link club, SI Darkhan. They shared interesting information on their various activities to empower women and girls in their respective communities.



Bulgamaa Densambuu, the organizing chair of SI Darkhan's 20th Anniversary celebrations, gave a detailed briefing, not only on the two day programme 22-23 August, but furnished us with the itinerary on the SI Mongolian Friendship Tour 2025 which included the 25th Anniversary of SI Ulaanbaatar 19-20 August and Meeting with all four Mongolian clubs on 21 August 2025.

We in SI Bangsar are glad to inform that to date 7 members have signed up for the trip to Mongolia from 17-25 August 2025 and we are looking forward to participate in the programme.

PROGRAMME NEWS



For ALL women and girls
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International Women's Day

IWD

Webinar

View this informative webinar which featured an amazing lineup of guest speakers who are passionate about empowering women and girls, along with a focus on SISEAP projects and advocacy which emphasize the importance and impact of Soroptimist work. It provided a powerful platform to celebrate women's achievements, raise awareness about important

issues, and inspire action towards a more equitable world for women and girls. The Webinar is viewable from GoTo channel or Youtube below.

[SISEAP GO TO STAGE](#)

[SISEAP YOUTUBE](#)

COMMISSION *on the* STATUS OF WOMEN



[CSW69](#)

South East East Asia Pacific women have unique challenges. However, these women are resilient, innovative and collaborative.

View the presentation of SISEAP at CSW69: **Adolescents: Agents for Advocacy webinar.**

The webinar showcased how SISEAP members are providing pathways for Adolescents to advocate and participate in the Pact for the Future.

With over 60% of our population under 25 years old (UNFPA), their future needs to have a safer environment from climate, conflict and corruption. Young girls and women are at highest risk of danger, disease, distress, duress, and denied freedom through modern slavery and human trafficking.

[WATCH THE WEBINAR](#)

SISEAP President Joanne Yeoh presents **Save Mother Earth**, our environmental impact study of projects for 2024. SISEAP is pleased to present an extract of the in-person event from CSW69 New York.

[WATCH THE WEBINAR](#)



[Photo Competition](#)

Does your club project want to appear on the cover of the **SISEAP Company Annual Report**? Calling on all clubs to submit their best action shot of a club project/activity or club membership activity. The most impactful images will be considered to appear on the cover of the Company Annual Report, and form a image repository, as the communication team are always seeking quality projects to promote our work.

The successful entry will also win a AUD 30.00 gift voucher to spend at our SISEAP HQ Shop.



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Brilliant Futures Fund

The Programme Team is seeking feedback from clubs on the **Federation project - The Brilliant Futures Fund Process**. We invite all clubs to provide feedback to the Programme Team via the feedback form



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[BFF FEEDBACK](#)

[READ ABOUT OUR BFF FUNDED PROJECTS](#)



COMMUNICATIONS & EVENTS



AGM
Company General Meeting
Federation Meeting
Sunday 18 May 2025

Soroptimist International
South East Asia Pacific





[SIAF 3rd Biennial Conference](#)

Dates: 8-11 May 2025

Location: Hotel Dominium, Agadir, Morocco

www.siafagadir2025.com

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 April 2025**.

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