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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



**President
Joanne Yeoh** 2024-2026



World Humanitarian Day:

A Tribute to Service, Hope, and the Spirit of Soroptimism

August 19 marks World Humanitarian Day, a day designated by the United Nations to honor humanitarian workers and recognize those who dedicate their lives to helping others in crises—whether caused by conflict, climate disasters, poverty, or inequality. For global NGOs like Soroptimist International, this day is not only a moment of reflection but also a reaffirmation of purpose: to serve, to uplift, and to stand in solidarity with women and girls across the world.



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CLUB SECRETARY NEWS



Nominations for 2026-2028 Position

Holders

Nominations are still being invited for the following Federation positions to take office on **1 June 2026**.

We encourage you to consider standing for these positions for the 2026-2028 Biennium.

Elected Positions

Communications Convenor
Finance Convenor
Governance Convenor
Membership Convenor
Assistant Membership Convenor [3 positions]
Programme Convenor
Assistant Programme Convenor [2 positions]
Programme Zone Co-ordinator [4 positions]

Appointed Positions

Archivist
Friendship Link Co-ordinator
ICT Liaison
Programme Communications Co-ordinator
Programme Database Support
Webinar Training Co-ordinator

There are 2 nomination forms, one for Elected Positions and one for Appointed Positions. The completed nomination form, CV and photo must be sent to the Federation Secretary / Returning Officer at federationsecretary@siseap.org with a copy to HQ hq@siseap.org by **5pm Thursday 28 August 2025** Australian Eastern Standard Time [AEST].

NOMINATION FORMS & CV TEMPLATES

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

ELECTION PROCESS TIMELINE

[Assistant Membership Convenor - Asia 2024-2026 Biennium](#)

Expressions of interest are being called for the Federation position of Assistant Membership Convenor - Asia. This is a great opportunity to play an important role within our Federation Membership Team for the remainder of the 2024-2026 Biennium.



EXPRESS INTEREST HERE



We're pleased to announce that SISEAP has officially approved a new [Privacy Policy](#). This comprehensive policy outlines how SISEAP handles and manages your personal information, ensuring greater transparency and protection.

You'll soon be able to download the full Privacy Policy directly from our website. Additionally, over the coming weeks, you'll see updated statements regarding our privacy practices accompanying our contact and inquiry forms, new member application forms, and annual club return forms.

We believe this new policy will enhance your understanding of our data handling practices and reinforce our commitment to your privacy.

Sadly, we send our Condolences as we say good bye to [Elaine Mooney](#), a Past SISWP President from 1990-1992. Elaine passed away on 13th July, her funeral was scheduled for the 25th July at 11.00am at St Patrick's Church, Murray Street Cooma.



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[SISEAP Shop - Postage Increase](#)

Due to Australia Post recently increasing their prices we have implemented some minor increases to the postage & handling costs on our Australian Shop Order Form.

The updated Shop Order Form will be effective for all orders received on or after 1 August 2025. If you wish to place an order, please complete the Shop Order Form and forward to HQ along with payment.



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SOROPTIMIST CLUB

PAULINE MILLS
BY JONNAH LUTZ

SISEAP SHOP

CATALOGUE & ORDER FORMS HERE





NEW MEMBER REGISTRATIONS

**Link for Clubs to
Register NEW MEMBERS**



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

[Congratulations SI North Shore!](#)

In January 2025, SI North Shore was a Club in crisis. In five months, by developing the **Sew Up for Change** initiative, they have turned the club around, adding **four new members**. Congratulations SI North Shore, outstanding result!



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Congratulations to our Sisters Online club who have had the following two [Friendship Links](#) confirmed within the last month:

- with SI Thunder Bay, Eastern Canada, Soroptimist International of the Americas
 - with SI Tricities, Western Canada, Soroptimist International of the Americas

We look forward to following these Friendship Links and hearing of future projects and events which the two clubs share.

Do remember to make your requests for Friendship Links, or for an update of any information on the Friendship Links Database, via the form under Friendship Links in the Members area of the SISEAP website.

[FRIENDSHIP LINKS DATABASE](#)

PROGRAMME NEWS

[SISEAP Federation Public Speaking Competition](#)

Has your region or country nominated to participate in this Federation activity? Empower our youth to raise their voices, present bold ideas and solutions for a sustainable future. Nominate now!



So far, Region of Queensland, Mongolia, Malaysia and Fiji are participating in the Public Speaking Competition. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to showcase the voices and talents of your region/country! Let's make this a truly vibrant and inspiring event with representation from across our federation. Registering your interest with Committee Member, Anne Allen, programmedatabase.anne@siseap.org before **31 August 2025**.

This year's theme, "**Empowered Voices, Sustainable Choices**," encourages young people to explore how individuals and communities can make informed, ethical, and bold decisions that support a more sustainable and equitable future. The categories are:

Category 1 - 12 years -15 years. [Three minute talk]. Topic: Small Actions, Big Difference: How I can make the world a better place?

Category 2 - 16 years - 19 years. [Four minute talk]. Topic: How can young people shape cities that are inclusive, green and resilient?

Regions/Countries are encouraged to hold heats from which they should find a winner or max 2 winners to represent them in each category in the Federation level of the competition. Videos of their speeches should be submitted by the country or region by **10 December 2025**. This will allow videos to be made of each finalist with a view to being able to showcase the speeches as part of the Federation activities for Education Day on the 24th of January 2026.



The Federation Grand Final winners will receive the following prizes per category:

First prize	\$200AUD
Second Prize	\$150AUD
Third Prize	\$100AUD

Contacts are Anne Allen programmedatabase.anne@siseap.org or Cesarina Gigante programmecommunications.cesarina@siseap.org

GUIDELINES DOCUMENT

Projects & Appeals - Donate Now



The **President's Special Appeal** "[*Myanmar Rising: Earthquake Response Fund*](#)" has now closed effective 31 July.

Thank you to the members and Clubs that generously donated. We are proud to announce that we received over \$3,000 in donations which will be sent directly to a member of the **Emergency Action Alliance**, a trusted collective of leading Australian aid organizations, who are working together to deliver fast, effective, and coordinated help on the ground in Myanmar.





FROM SISEAP ICT



Watch the [tutorial](#) to learn what information is available in the member areas of our website, creating a club page, posting events, viewing the membership Directory and other resources.

COMMUNICATIONS & EVENTS



[SIGBI 91st Federation Conference](#)

31 October – 2 November 2025
Registrations close 12th October 2025

[FIND OUT MORE & REGISTER](#)

[SI Convention 2027](#)

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The *eBulletin* includes stories and documents you can also find on the [SISEAP website](#).

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