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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



**President
Joanne Yeoh** 2024-2026



In celebrating International Day of the Girl Child 2025, Sorooptimist International of the South East Asia Pacific (SISEAP) proudly stands with the global community to champion the rights, voices, and potential of girls everywhere.

Each year, this day reminds us of the urgent need to remove barriers that prevent girls from realising their full potential and to create spaces where they can thrive as leaders, change-makers, and contributors to society.

The United Nations theme for 2025, “Invest in Girls’ Rights: Our Leadership, Our Well-being,” calls on all of us to recognise that girls are not only beneficiaries of development, but powerful agents of change. When we invest in girls — through education, skills training, mentorship, and safe environments — we invest in healthier communities, stronger economies, and a brighter future for all.

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CLUB SECRETARY NEWS

Soroptimist International
South East Asia Pacific
Conference 2026



Joanne Yeoh
Conference Chair,
SISEAP President 2024-2026

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Empowering Communities. Embracing Sustainability.

The Magellan Sutera Resort, Kota Kinabalu | 1 - 3 May 2026

Conference of Clubs 2026

Hello Soroptimists, Changemakers and Friends,

It is my great pleasure to welcome all of you to the Soroptimist International South East Asia Pacific Conference of Clubs 2026 from **1 - 3 May 2026 at The Pacific Sutera, Sutera Harbour Resort, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.**

We gather with hearts full of purpose and hope, united by the theme:
“Empowering Communities, Embracing Sustainability”

CONFERENCE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION



Company General Meeting AGM Federation Meeting

Friday 1 May 2026 9am-5pm
Sutera Harbour Resort, Kota Kinabalu

Soroptimist International
South East Asia Pacific



Registrations are now open for the [2026 Company General Meeting, AGM and Federation Meeting](#). Club Representatives/Proxies, Federation Invitees and all Soroptimists (as Silent Observers) are welcome.

Friday 1st May 2026

9.00am-5.00pm

The Pacific Sutera Hotel, Sutera Harbour Resort, Kota Kinabalu

[REGISTER HERE](#)

[Use of Soroptimist Colours](#)

Soroptimist International (SI) has decided to adopt blue instead of black as the official colour for its emblem and identity.



The SI South East Asia Pacific (SISEAP) Federation, however, has already invested significant resources in implementing the black version of the emblem, including updates to digital platforms, stationery, and official materials.

In view of this, SISEAP will not undertake a full changeover to blue at this stage. The Federation will retain the black emblem for existing applications, and adopt the blue emblem where it is appropriate or when creating new materials or items.

This approach ensures consistency with SI's direction while maintaining responsible use of Federation resources.



[Federation Positions 2026-2028](#)

We have received the following nominations for Federation positions. The following positions have been filled with no election required:

Programme Communications
Cesarina Gigante

**ICT Liaison
Christine Johnstone**

Assistant Programme Convenor (2 positions)

- 1. Rhonda McCormack**
- 2. Sylvia Heywood**

For the other positions not filled, nominations will be called from the floor during the Federation Meeting on 1 May 2026 in accordance with the By-laws.

[Federation Representatives on SI
Committees](#)

We are pleased to inform you that Soroptimist International has recently approved a restructure of its Board and Committees. The new structure being implemented **01 January 2026** aims to be more inclusive, offering expanded opportunities through its Committees for Federation participation at international level.



All Committee meetings are held on line, most meeting once per month. Times often rotate to ensure fair allocation of having to attend outside of normal working hours.

If you are interested in applying for an SI Committee role to represent SISEAP, please review the skills and experience cited in the Committee descriptions and ensure that your CV (or resumé) and covering letter demonstrate your suitability. Please send your application to Federation Secretary, federationsecretary@siseap.org and cc a copy to HQ, hq@siseap.org by **5pm AEDT, 27 November 2025**.

[LETTER TO FEDERATION RE SI COMMITTEE](#)

[INFORMATION REGARDING 2026 SI COMMITTEE](#)

[SI COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM](#)



[Nomination for SI President Elect](#)

At the Soroptimist International Board Meeting held on 10 October 2025, SI received notification from Soroptimist International of Africa Federation that they would not nominate a candidate for Soroptimist International President 2028-2029. Therefore, the rotation system previously used to elect the Soroptimist International (SI) President will no longer be used. Instead, nominations will be open for candidates from all Federations, except Soroptimist International of Europe as Renata Trottman will be the SI President 2026-2027.

The relevant SI Bye-Laws were agreed at the 10 October 2025 Board Meeting detailing the requirements, process and timeline that need to be followed for the election of the SI President 2028-2029 / SI President Elect [Term of office 1 July 2026 – 31 December 2027].

[NOMINATION FORM FOR SI PRESIDENT](#)

[NOMINATIONS REQUESTED FOR SI PRESIDENT](#)

[SI LETTER TO FEDERATION](#)

[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](#)



[October-December 2025 New Member Fees Waived!](#)

Fees will be waived for all members joining throughout October to December 2025 as part of our Federation-wide M2M campaign.

[Annual Federation Fees 2026](#)

All Clubs have been emailed notification of the Federation Fees and the Annual Return Packs for 2025.

All Soroptimists:

A reminder that the due date for Soroptimists to pay their membership fee to their Club is **31 December 2025**.



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To be eligible for the **Early Payment Discount**, Federation Fees must be received at HQ by no later than **31 January 2026**. Otherwise, the final due date for Clubs to pay fees is **28 February 2026**.

Clubs:

[SOROPTIMIST NEW FORM](#)

[SOROPTIMIST TRANSFER FORM](#)

[SOROPTIMIST EXIT FORM](#)

[CLUB MEMBERSHIP LISTING](#)

[HQ Officer – Long Service & Annual Leave](#)

HQ Officer Gabbi Kearney commences her long service and annual leave in November, with her final working day for 2025 on **Thursday 30 October**. Gabbi will return **Wednesday 21 January 2026**. All HQ emails and phone messages will be monitored by Jessica during this period.



[SISEAP Shop](#)

Final Shop Orders for 2026

Please submit your final Shop Orders for 2025 by **31 November**.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

[The Member-to-Member Campaign](#)

What does a Successful Membership Recruitment Programme for a Soroptimist Club Look Like?

A successful recruitment programme is essential for the growth, vitality, and sustainability of any Soroptimist club. As a global volunteer organisation for women, Soroptimists focus on empowering women

URGENT CALL TO ACTION
MEMBER-TO-MEMBER CAMPAIGN

A high-impact Federation-wide membership recruitment campaign from now continuing through 2026

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and girls through projects, advocacy, and networking.

Attracting new members ensures fresh perspectives, increased resources, and the continued ability to make a positive impact in local and international communities.

[READ MORE](#)

[M2M CAMPAIGN](#)



[You Make A Difference](#)

Discover how our Clubs are transforming the lives of women and girls — thanks to members like you.

[CLUB PROJECTS CHANGING LIVES](#)



[Friendship Links](#)

SI Bangsar and SI Darkhan & the Mongolian Experience with members of SI Ulaanbaatar and Australia, Malaysia, Indonesia and Europe.

The celebration in August 2025 of SI Darkhan's 25th Anniversary, in conjunction with the celebration of SI Ulaanbaatar's 20th anniversary, was an amazing experience for 7 sisters from SI Bangsar. Our friendship link with SI Darkhan manifested into reality and we made new friendships with members from other Clubs more than we ever expected.

[READ MORE](#)

[FRIENDSHIP LINKS](#)

PROGRAMME NEWS

[SISEAP Federation Public Speaking Competition](#)

By now many clubs have completed their heats and many have been entertained and amazed by the standard and passion of the presentations thus far.

The time is approaching to video their winners and submit these for consideration by the Federation.

The link for submission is on the SEAP website and can be accessed via the link below.

[SPEAKING COMPETITION SUBMISSIONS & INFORMATION](#)

Some handy reminders:

1. The speaker should state their name and the Club/Region or Country they represent before commencing their speech.



2. The physical background should be as plain as possible so as not to distract the judges from the presentation.
3. Props are not permitted, however hand held notes if required are allowed.
4. No high tech or studio style production of the video is permitted.
5. Recording of the video is recommended to be made by mobile phone.
6. Speakers may wear their school uniform if they wish.

Remember to have the Video, Entry Form and Permission form completed and ready to upload.

These must be uploaded by **10th December 2025**.

If you have any questions please contact committee member Cesarina Gigante programmecomunications.cesarina@siseap.org



[CSW70](#)

We are seeking any expressions of interest from members who are interested, or maybe need to know more about attending in person to **CSW70** from **9th to 20th March 2026**.

The formal accreditation process has been brought forward and your visa needs to be approved in advance.

Please email programme.donnell@siseap.org (with CSW70 EOI in the subject line) to receive the information pack. Please include your phone number so we can discuss.

There is one SISEAP scholarship and one New Zealand scholarship available for approved applicants to attend.

SI have released their draft for CSW 70. This can be read [HERE](#).

Projects & Appeals - Donate Now



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

[SI Australia Webinar](#)

Join Soroptimist International Australia for an insightful and empowering webinar exploring coercive control — what it is, why it matters, and how we can work together to create stronger protections for all. Our expert presenters will unpack how coercive control operates as a form of domestic and family abuse, what current and emerging legislation means, and how individuals and communities can advocate for meaningful change and safety.



Vicki Johnston



Daphne White

Register and find out more via the link below.

[FIND OUT MORE & REGISTER](#)



[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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Convention 2027
Prague



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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 November 2025**.

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