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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



President Joanne Yeoh 2024-2026



Dear SISEAP Members,

As we prepare for our upcoming **Conference of Clubs**, I am pleased to share an important update on one of our key initiatives for 2026 — the **Plant a Mangrove Sapling Program**.

This initiative responds directly to the urgent challenges of **climate change**. Mangroves are critical natural defenders: they protect coastlines from erosion and storms, strengthen marine ecosystems, and store significant amounts of carbon. These benefits are especially meaningful for areas such as **Sabah**, where coastal communities face increasing environmental pressures.

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CLUB SECRETARY NEWS

Soroptimist International
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Conference 2026

SISEAP C²⁶C

Empowering Communities. Embracing Sustainability.

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

Joanne Yeoh
Conference Chair,
SISEAP President 2024-2026

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From the Federation Secretary

The SISEAP Board is moving toward a skills-based leadership model to strengthen governance and financial stewardship across the Federation. As part of this transition, the roles of **Finance Convenor** and **Treasurer** will be merged into a single **appointed Treasurer position**.



[SISEAP Treasurer – Recruitment Summary](#)

Purpose of the Role

The SISEAP Treasurer leads the financial management of the Federation, ensuring sustainability, integrity, and compliance. The role provides strategic financial oversight and supports the Board, President, Company Secretary and HQ Officer.

Key Responsibilities

Financial Leadership

- Oversee budgeting, financial planning and reporting.
- Monitor financial performance and advise the Board on risks, reserves and investments.
- Ensure compliance with Australian financial and company regulations.

Financial Operations

- Oversee financial transactions, expenditure approvals and record-keeping.

- Work with the HQ Officer/bookkeeper to prepare monthly and quarterly financial reports.
- Coordinate year-end accounts and the annual audit/financial review.

Budgeting & Strategy

- Prepare the annual draft budget with the President, Management Committee and HQ staff.
- Provide financial forecasts and sustainability recommendations.
- Support development of revenue and fundraising strategies.

Governance & Compliance

- Maintain strong internal controls and financial policies.
- Ensure accurate management of bank accounts, assets, insurance and financial documentation.

Skills & Experience (Preferred)

- Professional accounting qualification (highly desirable).
- Minimum 5 years' financial management experience.
- Experience with accounting software (e.g., MYOB) and financial reporting.
- Strong analytical, communication and organisational skills.
- Understanding of SISEAP's structure or willingness to learn.
- Current financial member of a Soroptimist club.

Personal Attributes

- High integrity and ethical judgement.
- Clear communicator with strong attention to detail.
- Culturally sensitive and collaborative.
- Adaptable, resilient and committed to SISEAP's mission.

Term of Appointment

- Appointed by the SISEAP Board following a nominations/assessment process.
- Ratified by clubs at the AGM.
- The treasurer will be a member of the Board and must have her Director's ID No before assuming the position.

- Standard term: **2 years**, with potential renewal based on performance.

More information on the terms and reference are attached.

SISEAP TREASURER TERMS OF REFERENCE

We are now inviting applications from Soroptimists who possess the relevant qualifications, experience and attributes for this role. Interested candidates are requested to submit their **CV** and a **cover letter** outlining their suitability to the Federation Secretary, **Cynthia Martin**, at federationsecretary@siseap.org.by **5pm AEDT, 28 February 2026**

[Annual Federation Fees 2026](#)

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 2026**.



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ACTION REQUIRED

[2026 Club Position Holders Changeover](#)

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 2026**. See Tipsheet (link below) on how to add club position holders to the SISEAP database.

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NEW MEMBER REGISTRATIONS
Link for Clubs to Register NEW MEMBERS



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

[Membership Message](#)

The members of SI North Canterbury demonstrated remarkable teamwork and dedication during the SISEAP M2M campaign, recruiting five new members! Their collaborative spirit was evident as they worked together to achieve shared goals and support meaningful causes.



In November, the club enthusiastically participated in the 'Frocktober' project to raise funds for the Ovarian Cancer Foundation NZ. This initiative was met with great success, as members 'frocked up' and enjoyed the camaraderie of the Soroptimist fellowship. At the same time, they took the opportunity to share vital information about the early signs of ovarian cancer, helping to spread awareness within the community.

These efforts serve as a shining example of how Soroptimist club membership can make a significant difference in the community. By working together, members not only support important causes but also foster a sense of belonging and purpose.

As we look toward 2026, we encourage all clubs to prepare their plans for the coming year. The Membership team is eager to hear about your upcoming initiatives and ideas.

Kristeen
Membership Convenor

Johnston

FROCKTOBER REPORT



[Friendship Links](#)

Hope 2026 has started well for you all and, no doubt, plenty of planning has been done for the year ahead. I am thrilled to let you know of the following friendship links that have been confirmed within the last month:

SI Logan, Queensland, Australia with:
SI North & West Vancouver West Canada SIA

SI Moreton North Inc, Australia with the following:

SI Dhanmondi Bangladesh SIGBI

SI Kernow CIO SIGBI

SI Bebington UK SIGBI

SI Boise Peaks & Plains, USA SIA

SI Helena WA AUS

Congratulations to these clubs on the establishment of these links and we look forward to hearing of shared projects, events and possibly visits between the clubs.

I look forward to hearing from further clubs wishing to form a friendship link with clubs both within our own and other Federations. Please remember the best way to do this is via the form under Friendship Links in the Members area of the SISEAP website, link below. Similarly if you wish to make changes concerning your club on the Friendship Link Database.

It will pay for all clubs to check the database regularly to ensure that their record of friendship links and those on our database match. Unfortunately there are some clubs in the Federation that will have closed during 2025 and if you are at all unsure as to whether one of your friendship links has done so, please feel free to email me and I can confirm or otherwise - my email is below.

Good luck to you all for the year ahead.

In friendship,

Eileen

FRIENDSHIP LINKS



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SISEAP WEBSITE - MEMBER AREAS
Webinar Tutorial
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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

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LEADERSHIP TEAM



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

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