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Soroptimist International



South East Asia Pacific

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# SISEAP BULLETIN

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



**President  
Joanne Yeoh** 2024-2026



CSW70 proved to be a defining and historic session. For the first time in the Commission’s history, the **Agreed Conclusions were put to a vote** following late-stage amendments introduced by a Member State after weeks of negotiations. These amendments were **resoundingly rejected**, and a clear majority adopted the Conclusions.

When a further attempt was made to **redefine existing terminology in UN documents**, Soroptimist International (SI) worked closely with civil society partners and supportive delegations to oppose the change. Through coordinated advocacy, the effort was halted via a **no-action motion led by Belgium on behalf of the European Union** — a significant outcome to which SI’s unified engagement strongly contributed.

[CONTINUE READING](#)

## CLUB SECRETARY NEWS



[2026 Conference of Clubs](#)

We are delighted to bring you the latest update on the SISEAP Conference of Clubs 2026! The countdown is on, and we are thrilled by the enthusiasm and strong response from across the region.

<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Selection</b>	<b>Now</b>	<b>Open!</b>
Our conference offers four dynamic and highly anticipated workshops—each designed to strengthen	capacity,	leadership,	and community impact.

All participants are requested to log in to the Conference Website and select your preferred workshop and completing the google form below.

Spaces are limited and will be allocated strictly on a **first-come, first-served basis**, so please make your selection as soon as possible to secure your spot.

[WORKSHOP FORM](#)

### Don't Miss Our Exciting Raffle!

We're also thrilled to announce our line-up of fabulous raffle prizes! From stunning earrings worth **RM3,000**, to **Mini iPads**, premium **perfumes**, and many more surprises—there's something for everyone.

All details, including how to purchase tickets, are available on the **Conference Website**. Be sure to join in the fun and try your luck.



We look forward to welcoming you to an inspiring, enriching, and unforgettable conference.

Safe travel to all participants!

Warmest

**SISEAP Conference Team**

regards,

[COC WEBSITE](#)



**Important Update: Transition to Hybrid Meetings for the Company AGM, General Meeting and Federation Meeting.**

Please be advised of a significant update regarding our upcoming Company AGM, General Meeting and Federation General Meeting scheduled for **Friday 1 May 2026**. To ensure greater accessibility for all our members, the meeting has been transitioned from an exclusively in-person event to a **hybrid format**, allowing you the choice to attend either **in person** at The Pacific Sutera Hotel in Malaysia or **virtually** from your own location.

This change means that clubs previously relying on proxies for the in-person session may now choose to have a club representative participate directly online. Detailed information regarding registration links for representatives and silent observers, updated proxy procedures, and critical deadlines—including the registration cutoff of **Monday 20 April 2026**—can be found in the **attached document and also on the SISEAP website**. <https://www.siseap.org/events/company-federation-meetings.html>

**TRANSITION TO HYBRID DOCUMENT**



**Attendance at Company and Federation Meetings**

Dear Members,  
The Board wishes to update you on the upcoming Company and Federation Meetings. These meetings are an important part of our governance responsibilities and ensure

that **Soroptimist International South East Asia Pacific** continues to operate with transparency, accountability, and alignment with our shared mission.

We are pleased to inform you that **all SISEAP members attending the Company and Federation Meetings will not be charged any meeting fees.**

Members who have already registered and paid the **A\$75** fee will receive a **full refund**. Tea, coffee, and water will be served during the meetings for all attendees, and the meeting room can comfortably accommodate **up to 100 members**. Lunch will be at your own cost @ Cafe Boleh on the ground floor of the conference hotel, The Pacific Sutera, Sutera Harbour.

Full meeting details, including agendas and key documents, will be circulated shortly. We encourage all members to review the materials and participate actively, as your engagement strengthens our Federation.



[Notice of SISEAP 15th Annual General Meeting & General Meeting](#)

The 15th **Annual General Meeting** (AGM) of Soroptimist International South East Asia Pacific will be held on Friday 1 May 2026 at 9:00am (Malaysian time), followed by a **General Meeting of the Company**.

Date: **Friday 1 May 2026**

Time: **9:00am**

Place: **Function Rooms 1-3, Level 1, The Pacific Sutera Hotel,  
Sutera Harbour, Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia**

#### **Quorum**

Required quorum for a general meeting to be held, at least thirty [30] members (a quorum) must be present (by representative or by proxy) for the whole meeting. When determining whether a quorum is present, a person may only be counted once (even if that person is a representative or proxy of more than one member). *[Company Constitution 24.1]*

**Club Representatives Registration Form for AGM & General Meeting**

An authorised representative must attend from **each financial member (clubs)** within the Federation. A proxy representative must be an individual Soroptimist from another member club.

Clubs will need to nominate a Club Representative for the AGM and Company General Meeting and you will need to show that the Club has voted on their Representative or Proxy Representative at a club business meeting and this will need to be recorded in your Club Minutes.

**Registrations close on 26 April 2026 at 5pm AEST (Sydney time)**

This link will take you to the Registration Form for the Club Representative or Proxy Representative and will be used for both the AGM and the Company General Meeting.

**[REGISTRATION - CLUB REPRESENTATIVE OR PROXY](#)**

**Please note:** Your club president, secretary or treasurer are required to use the link to register your club representative. This link will need to be utilized from your club email account, i.e. you will need to be logged into your club email account from [www.google.com](http://www.google.com). If you have your club email account forwarded to a personal email account such as outlook etc, the link will not work. The reason for this is that we need to register that the nomination was made from the club email account and that the president, secretary or treasurer have to acknowledge that they were authorised to complete this form on behalf of their club.

**Silent**

**Observers**

This link will take you to the Registration Form for Silent Observers and will be used for both the AGM and the Company General Meeting.

**[REGISTRATION - SILENT OBSERVERS](#)**

**Question to the Auditor and/or Directors**

Clubs are invited to submit questions to the Directors and/or the Auditor. Please submit your questions from your club email address by **Sunday 26 April 2026 5:00pm AEST** to enable a comprehensive answer to be given.

**[QUESTIONS FORM](#)**

## **Business**

Member (clubs) will be informed via their club official email address when business papers will be available for download from the website. Notifications will commence to be circulated to club's official email addresses on or before the **10 April 2026**. You are also able to log in and check for updates for the AGM and Company Meeting via the Members area of our SISEAP Website.

## **Papers**

We are looking forward to your attendance at the AGM and General Meeting.

*Warm*

*Theresa*

*Company Secretary*

*Regards,*

*Lyford*



[Notice of Federation](#)

[General Meeting](#)

The **Federation General Meeting** of Soroptimist International South East Asia Pacific will be held on:

Date: **Friday 1 May 2026**

Time: **1.00pm**

Place: **Function Rooms 1-3, Level 1, The Pacific Sutera Hotel,  
Sutera Harbour, Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia**

## **Quorum**

The required quorum for a General Meeting to be held is at least thirty [30] members who must be present (by representative or by proxy) for the whole meeting.

## **Club Representatives for Federation General Meeting**

An authorised representative or a proxy representative from **each financial member (club)** within the Federation must attend this meeting. A representative or proxy may only represent one member club. A proxy representative must be an individual Soroptimist from another member club.

Clubs will need to nominate a Club Representative for the Federation General Meeting. You

will need to show that the Club has voted on their Representative or Proxy Representative at a club business meeting and this will need to be recorded in your Club Minutes.

**Please note:** Your club president, secretary or treasurer are required to use the link to register your club representative. This link will need to be utilized from your club email account, i.e. you will need to be logged into your club email account from [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) If you have your club email account forwarded to a personal email account such as outlook etc, the link will not work.

**Registrations close on Monday 20 April 2026 at 12 Midnight AEST (Sydney time)**

This link will take you to the Registration Form for the Club Representative or Proxy Representative and will be used for the General Meeting.

[REGISTRATION - REPRESENTATIVES & PROXY](#)

#### **Silent Observers Registration Form**

This link will take you to the Registration Form for Silent Observers and will be used for the Federation General Meeting.

[REGISTRATION - SILENT OBSERVERS](#)

#### **Questions to the Federation Team**

Clubs are invited to submit questions to the Federation Team. Please submit your questions from your club email address by **Wednesday 1 April 2026 5pm AEST** to enable a comprehensive answer to be given.

[QUESTIONS FORM](#)

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

Soroptimists are invited to submit notices for Soroptimists who have received Honours throughout 2025, and to remember Soroptimists now passed. **Submissions close 15 April 2026 midnight AEST.**

[HONOURS & REMEMBRANCE FORM](#)

We are looking forward to your attendance at the Federation General Meeting.

[Nominations for 2026-2028 Position Holders](#)



Our By-laws state the following -

15.16 Positions unfilled by 1 February in each even-numbered year

15.16.1 If there are positions for which no nominations have been received, nominations shall be called for at the beginning of the next Federation meeting.

If more than one nomination per position is received, and the nominees meet the eligibility criteria, voting will be required.

As a number of Federation positions were not filled on 1 February, nominations are still being invited for the following Federation positions with the closing date now being **1pm MYT / 3pm AEST on Friday 1 May 2026.**

We encourage you to consider standing for these positions for the 2026-2028 Biennium which will take office on **1 June 2026.** It is recommended that nominations be sent prior to the Federation Meeting, as long as the correct form and requirements are all received.

Nominations have already been received for the positions highlighted below. Roles and responsibilities are currently being reviewed and will take effect for the next biennium, but the current roles and responsibilities are valid for these nominations.

**LIST OF FEDERATION POSITIONS TO BE FILLED AT FEDERATION MEETING**

- Programme Convenor
- Zone Programme Coordinator (4 positions)
- Governance Convenor
- Communication Convenor
- Membership Convenor
- Assistant Membership Convenor (Asia)
- Assistant Membership Convenor (NZ & Pacific) – **Jane Stent**
- Assistant Membership Convenor (Australia)

- Programme Database Support
- Friendship Link Coordinator - ***Eileen Middleton***

The completed nomination form, CV and photo must be received by the Federation Secretary/Returning Officer at [federationsecretary@siseap.org](mailto:federationsecretary@siseap.org) with a copy to HQ [hq@siseap.org](mailto:hq@siseap.org) by **1pm MYT / 3pm AEST on Friday 1 May 2026.**



### [Shop Pre-Orders for Conference](#)

Planning to attend the Conference? Don't miss the chance to pick up your favourite items from our Shop!

Place your pre-order by **Thursday 9 April** for printed Name Badges or by **Thursday 16 April** for other stock orders to have your items ready and waiting for you to collect at the event.

Please note that the Shop won't be open for on-site purchases during the Conference—so be sure to order in advance to avoid missing out.



### [Club President Chains of Office](#)

Did you know we have a number of Club President Chains of Office from closed Clubs currently held at SISEAP HQ?

These items are available for reuse, whether for your Club or to support the chartering of a new Club. If your Club could benefit from one, we'd love to hear from you—please contact HQ for more information.



### [HQ Officer Farewell](#)

Dear Soroptimists, after more than 15 years working at SISEAP, I have decided to move on to explore new challenges and begin a new chapter. I am incredibly grateful for the relationships I've built and for my experiences at SISEAP which have been a significant part of my professional and personal journey.

I have very much valued supporting each of the Biennium position holders and all the members over the years in the wonderful work you all do. My final day will be Thursday 16 April. I leave with genuine appreciation and wish SISEAP and every Soroptimist success as you continue your inspiring work to improve the lives of women and girls well into the future.

**Warm  
Gabbi  
HQ Officer**

**Regards,  
Kearney**

NEW MEMBER REGISTRATIONS  
**Link for Clubs to  
Register NEW MEMBERS**



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Help Power Our Impact! - [Join the SISEAP Fundraising Committee](#)

Are you passionate about advancing opportunities for women and girls across the SISEAP Federation? Do you have fundraising, grantwriting, or donor stewardship experience you'd like to put to powerful use? We need you.



SISEAP is forming a dedicated Fundraising Committee to build sustainable income streams that will fund our programmes, strengthen clubs, and secure the Federation's future. If you bring practical experience in grants, major gifts, corporate partnerships, events fundraising, or digital fundraising campaigns — please consider joining us.

### **Purpose of the Fundraising Committee**

- Develop and deliver a multiyear fundraising strategy that diversifies income sources and reduces reliance on membership fees.
- Support SISEAP's biennium programmes, campaigns (e.g., Women's Health), and core operations through targeted income generation and donor stewardship.

### **Who we're looking for**

- Experience in successful grant writing, major donor fundraising, corporate partnerships, or running fundraising campaigns.
- Strong written and interpersonal skills, strategic thinking, and a collaborative mindset.
- Ability to commit time for virtual meetings, proposal development, and occasional country level support.

## How to apply / next steps

Interested? Please send a brief expression of interest (name, country, relevant experience, and availability) to Anthea Penny, President Elect, [presidentelect.anthea@siseap.org](mailto:presidentelect.anthea@siseap.org) by **30 April 2026**. Include "SISEAP Fundraising Committee" in the subject line.

Join us and be part of the team that secures resources so SISEAP can continue empowering futures across our Federation. Together we can turn vision into sustainable impact.



[Soroptimist International Victoria  
Foundation](#)

### **Soroptimist International Victoria Foundation launched with \$5M commitment to women and children**

Soroptimist International Victoria (SIV) officially launched the Soroptimist International Victoria Foundation, a \$5 million fund dedicated to empowering women and children across the state in November 2025.

When SIV sold its South Yarra headquarters after more than 50 years, members saw an opportunity to turn bricks and mortar into a legacy that would continue advancing women's and girls' rights for generations to come. "Our vision is that women and girls will achieve their individual and collective potential, realise aspirations and have an equal voice in creating strong, peaceful communities worldwide," says Kerry Beer, Chair - Management Committee Soroptimist International Victoria Foundation (SIVF).

[READ MORE](#)

## Expressions of Interest from Members



[SISEAP Online Leadership Programme 2026 - "Leading Change for Impact"](#)

6 Online Sessions - By the end, participants will be able to:

1. Lead change in their clubs/regions using simple tools and good communication.
  2. Design stronger programme/advocacy projects aligned with SI's 5 Pillars and SISEAP priorities.
  3. Advocate more effectively (locally and nationally) using evidence, stories and partnerships.
  4. Work better across cultures and online, strengthening collaboration across the Federation.
  5. Create a personal leadership/action plan for the next 6–12 months.
- Conducted by Jill Godwin – M2M Trainer – of SI Brisbane Water

Sessions will run every two weeks via Zoom from mid to late May 2026.

Please send your expression of interest to attend the Leadership Programme as follows:

Name and club  
Day and time of the week

Send to Leadership Program to [membership.kerry@siseap.org](mailto:membership.kerry@siseap.org)

[Friendship Links](#)



Congratulations to the following clubs on the formation of their friendship links:

**SI Westland NZ & SI Vilnius 1st LITHUANIA (SIE)**

and

## SI Moreton North Online & SISEAP Sisters Online

We look forward to following any joint projects and events that come about from these newly formed links.

SI Melbourne, Australia, recently shared that they have a joint project for 2025/2026 with their friendship link SI Nara, Japan. They are jointly gifting two scholarships to the River Nile School for refugee girls in Melbourne, to the value of \$600 each. The River Nile School is an Independent Secondary School providing a specialised and supportive educational experience that empowers young women from refugee backgrounds. Well done to both clubs for your cooperative spirit and for making a difference to the lives of these young women.

Remember to let me know of any other "joint ventures" that your club has entered into through your friendship link; you are welcome to email me at the address below.

Should any club be concerned that they have not heard from their friendship link for a considerable period, again you are welcome to email me at the address below with the details and I am happy to follow up with either the club directly or via the contact person in the respective Federation if the link is outside of SISEAP. It is often just a case of obsolete postal or email addresses and, for this reason, it is preferable that club email addresses rather than personal ones are used for communicating with your friendship link.

A further reminder to use the online link on the Federation website to either request new friendship links or database changes; this is in the Friendship Links Section under Membership on the SISEAP website.

*In*

*Eileen*

[friendship.eileen@siseap.org](mailto:friendship.eileen@siseap.org)

*friendship,*

*Middleton*

**FRIENDSHIP LINKS**

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[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](#)

# PROGRAMME NEWS

[Projects & Appeals - Donate Now](#)



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 Convention 2027](#)

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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 2026**.

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

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