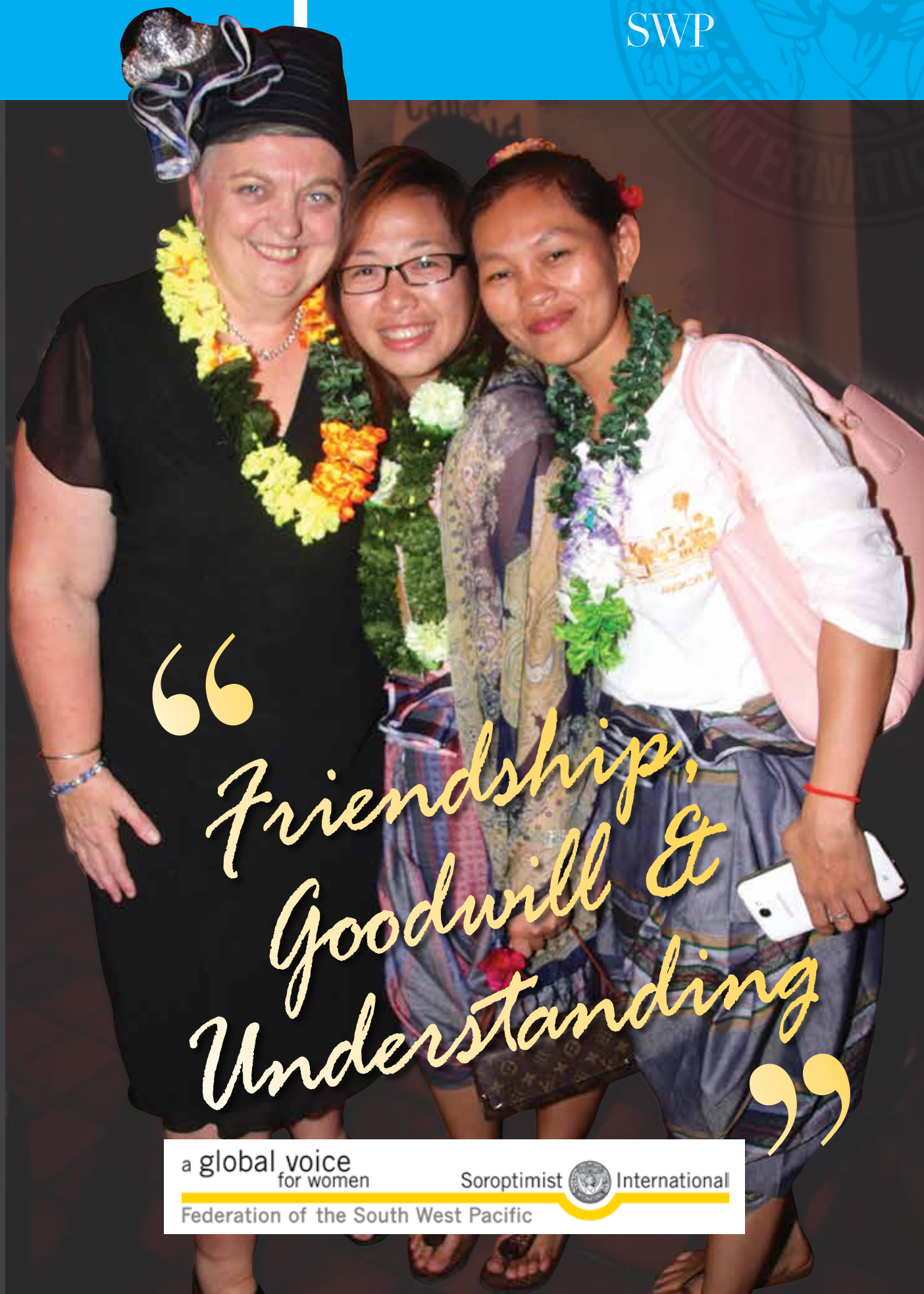


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## From the Editor

The theme of this issue of the SISWP Magazine is "Friendship, Goodwill and Understanding". It commemorates Club Friendship Day of Soroptimist International that is celebrated every year on 3 October. Did you know it is the day when the very first Soroptimist Club was established in Oakland, California in 1921 — more than 93 years ago, and SI is still going strong!

Soroptimists worldwide work together through projects, friendship links with other clubs, and partnerships with local organizations.

What a wonderful way to increase our knowledge and understanding of different cultures and life-styles. Above all, it is a way of forming lasting friendships throughout the world, bringing Soroptimists together to make a difference to improve the lives of girls and women!

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## SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL A Global Voice for Women

The *Soroptimist SWP* is the Magazine of Soroptimist International of the South West Pacific.

Soroptimists are business and professional women who work to maintain high ethical standards in their business and professional life and who use their talents and energy in the service of their local and global communities.

Through international partnerships and a global network of members, Soroptimists inspire action and create opportunities to transform the lives of women and girls. Soroptimist International (SI) is a Global Voice for Women working through AWARENESS, ADVOCACY and ACTION.

One of four Federations globally, SI of the South West Pacific (SISWP) is the smallest in terms of membership with 13 member countries. The other federations are SI of the Americas, SI of Europe, and Great Britain and Ireland.

### An Expanding and Dynamic Federation

Since its Charter as a Federation in its own right in 1978, SI of the South West Pacific has grown from three member countries -- Australia, New Zealand and Fiji -- to include 13 countries including Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands as well as many in Asia, namely Cambodia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Singapore, and Thailand.

Clubs within the Federation provide service to their local, national and international communities.

**Front cover:** SI President Elect Yvonne Simpson with Bunthary Srun and Phunlang Sun of Soroptimist International Phnom Penh, Cambodia, at Friendship Night, SISWP Conference of Clubs, Kuching 2014.

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# Friendship, Goodwill & Understanding

Here is an abridged version of excerpts from the 3 October message from Chris Knight, SISWP Friendship Link Coordinator 2012-2016.



As we celebrate the occasion of SI Club Friendship Day on 3 October each year it is a testament to our global commitment to make a difference. My Quote of Note for the Day: Commitment is what transforms a promise into reality.

This can be done more effectively when we support our SI Sisters Projects locally and around the world so can I encourage Clubs to continue to seek opportunities where you can work together with other Sister Soroptimist Clubs within your Region, Country, Federation and/or in another Federation.

Let us remember the many happy times that we have shared and will continue to share together over the years in the Spirit of International Friendship and Goodwill.

Chris Knight  
 SISWP Friendship Link Coordinator 2012-2016



## SI JAKARTA-SI HOBART FRIENDSHIP LINK

In 2012, SI Jakarta (SIJ) entered into a Friendship Link with SI Hobart. As part of this link, there has been on-going communication between both clubs, culminating in a Friendship Exchange Programme. Through an SISWP Innovation Grant of \$5,000, SIJ and SIH each selected a female university student from their respective cities, for a week-long study tour, to the cities of Jakarta/Yogya and Hobart.

The main aims of this programme are to introduce young, female university students to the work and projects of Soroptimists and to foster goodwill and friendship, not only between Clubs but also between Indonesia and Australia.

Pictured on 4 October 2014 at Salamanca Markets in Hobart are Ade Rizky, the Indonesian exchange student funded under the Innovation Grant, accompanied by SIJ President, Any Aryany, and SIJ members, Chris Richardson and Isla Winarto. SISWP President Elect, Theresa Lyford, was also in Hobart for SIH's 65th anniversary celebrations.

Isla Winarto & Chris Richardson  
 SI Jakarta



SI Singapore Garden City meets SI Sigatoka, Fiji.

## SI ULAANBAATAR

SI Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (SI South West Pacific) and SI Shizuoka, Japan (SI of the Americas) formalized a Friendship Link on 14 October 2014.

Dorjsumiya Yondonperenlei  
 President, SI Ulaanbaatar



# INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S APPEAL "SEE SOLAR, COOK SOLAR"



Soroptimist International President Ann Garvie's project "See Solar, Cook Solar" is all set to greatly benefit families and especially women in Fiji.

Every year, on 10 December the President of Soroptimist International invites all Soroptimists to join her in supporting a Soroptimist project that improves the lives of women and girls through improving access to education and/or leadership opportunities.

For 2013-2015, President Ann Garvie launched the "See Solar, Cook Solar" appeal, to support Soroptimist projects all over the world that educate women about renewable energy and empower and enable opportunities for them by providing solar lanterns and cookers.

According to President Garvie, one quarter of the world's population do not have reliable access to electricity and 70 per cent of these are women and girls living in developing countries.

"Can you imagine finding time to earn your living if you had to spend hours every day collecting firewood? Or how you would study with no electric light in the evening?"

In Fiji, "See Solar, Cook Solar" will provide solar cookers to



Zareena Bi  
SI Lautoka, Fiji

women in remote rural and island locations, providing a safer, more economical and environmentally sustainable alternative to traditional kerosene stoves.

According to project coordinator Suman Lal SI clubs in Fiji are working to develop this programme with the Ministry of Women, Welfare and Poverty Alleviation, who are already promoting solar lighting in remote areas.

"Being a tropical country we enjoy a lot of sunshine. However, the country's economy is such that electricity cannot reach the remote islands and rural areas.

"The success of this project will help in empowering our women and in turn help them in shaping a better future for themselves and their families."

Each year Soroptimists are encouraged to donate to and promote the SI President's appeal. For more information, visit <<http://www.siswp.org>>. See the Action Ideas of fun quizzes and events, and how

you can donate to this appeal.

# LET'S MEET IN ISTANBUL 2015!

The 20th SI International Convention from 9 to 12 July 2015 will be a wonderful gathering in Istanbul, one of the largest cities in the world and a melting pot of European and Asian influences where East meets West. Fascinating, bustling and friendly – Istanbul is a mix of traditional and modern worlds.

The SI Convention venue will be the Hilton Istanbul Bosphorus Hotel, with a beautiful view of the Bosphorus. The Opening Ceremony, keynote sessions, closing ceremony, breaks, exhibitions, as well as workshops will all take place there.

### Expect a Versatile Programme

The Convention Committee is a dedicated team of Soroptimists from the Turkish Union. They are working tirelessly to ensure that as many people as possible take part in this event and enjoy the special atmosphere. The theme is "SOROPTIMISTS EDUCATE TO LEAD: Fresh Ideas Empowering Women".

The Convention will offer an interesting and enlightening programme, including keynote speakers, debates and professional workshops, some of them with a Turkish flavour! There will also be ample opportunities to meet inspiring Turkish businesswomen. And of course time will also be allotted to Soroptimist matters.

### Pre- and Post- Convention Tours

Information on pre- and post-Convention tours will be available in late October 2014. This will enable you to book early flights. And check



the Convention website <[www.si-istanbul2015.org](http://www.si-istanbul2015.org)> for a special offer from Turkish Airlines, the official carrier of SI Convention 2015!

### Registration Starts November 2014!

Details of programme, hotels, registration, and all other relevant information, will be available from November 2014 onwards! Register at

<[www.si-istanbul2015.org](http://www.si-istanbul2015.org)>

### Exhibition Stands

Unions/Federations and single clubs may rent exhibition stands to publicize their organization or sell goods. The cost is 170 Euros per stand for 3 days (including VAT). For further information, please email <[info@si-istanbul2015.org](mailto:info@si-istanbul2015.org)>

### Sponsorship

You can help to find sponsors! The support of your company or business for this convention will be a valuable form of social involvement. The SI Convention offers an excellent platform to present companies, brands, products and services to our powerful global network. It will be an ideal opportunity to gain potential customers. The sponsorship brochure can be found on: <[www.si-istanbul2015.org](http://www.si-istanbul2015.org)>

Istanbul awaits Soroptimists from all over the world!

Beril Atakul  
SI Convention 2015 Istanbul  
Local Committee Communication Officer



# GRANT OF FRIENDSHIP, ENGLAND

South East England Region offers a Grant of Friendship to one or two Soroptimists for up to three weeks in 2015 to include the Regional Council Meeting on 3 October 2015. Visits to places and events within the areas of the 13 South East England Clubs in Kent and East Sussex will be arranged to suit the interests of the applicant(s). Cost of travel to and from the UK must be borne by the selected person(s). Hospitality will be offered in members' homes. Applicants must speak English and be able to correspond by e-mail. The application should be no

more than 500 words and should include the applicants' Soroptimist background, occupation, interests and reasons for applying. Preference will be given to those who have not received a previous grant of friendship.

Please e-mail your application to SISEEfriendship@btinternet.com by 31 January 2015.

Angela Howe  
Grant of Friendship Co-ordinator  
SI South East England Region

# Friendship, Goodwill & Understanding

## SI LAUTOKA OBSERVES FRIENDSHIP DAY

SI Friendship Day on 3 October provided a perfect opportunity for the Lautoka club members to get together for coffee after work and exchange friendship gifts. This was indeed a fresh change from the normal monthly meetings or projects and activities.

Apart from relaxing and catching up with each other the coffee session also provided the perfect tool for membership extension and retention. Members were encouraged to bring along prospective members to share valuable information regarding SI in a less formal setting.

Zareena Bi  
SI Lautoka



SI Lautoka members displaying their lovely friendship bracelets.

## FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS



SI Joondalup were happy to welcome to their May Business Meeting at Hillarys Yacht Club Kate Mason from Canberra who is a friend of one of our Members, Wendy Wheildon, Membership Convenor. Kate who is an avid knitter has always generously responded to any appeal for knitted goods. She has made many blankets for Wheelchairs for Kids, Beanie hats for people living on the streets and most recently 24 Trauma Teddies for the Red Cross. Many thanks to our friends like Kate!

Margaret Martin  
Publicity Convenor  
SI Joondalup

## FRIENDSHIP LINK SI MORNINGTON PENINSULA-SI PHNOM PENH

SIMP club members Bronwyn van der Meche and Sue Slater travelled to Cambodia in January 2014 and over a period of two days, met with the President and Treasurer of SI Phnom Penh (SIPP), Bunthary and Phun Lang. On behalf of SIMP Bronwyn and Sue presented funding to support the continued growth and development of the SIPP club. The paperwork for the Friendship Link was completed and a plan which focused on increasing membership and developing SIPP member's leadership capacity was discussed and partially developed.



Sue Slater and Bronwyn van der Meche presenting funds from SI Mornington Peninsula to SI Phnom Penh President Bunthary and Treasurer Phun Lang.

Bunthary and Phun Lang then participated with Bronwyn and Sue in the Teachers Across Borders (TAB) programme in Battambang where they made presentations to the Cambodian workshop participants on their Breast Cancer Awareness Project. They also participated in a TAB leadership workshop with local school directors on examining ways to enhance community participation in projects.

Sue Slater  
SI Mornington Peninsula

## MIDWINTER MERRY-MAKING

SI Wellington and guests enjoyed an evening of midwinter fun and friendship in July while raising money to support the Wellington arm of charity Bellyful.

Roast turkey and plum pudding warmed a chilly wet night, and were followed by a hilarious presentation by celebrity comedienne Pinky Agnew. The actor and co-writer of the upcoming musical comedy "Destination Beehive" (produced to coincide with the run-up to New Zealand's general election in September) read some of her feminist and satirical poetry



Jane Chapman  
SI Wellington, NZ

Pinky Agnew,  
celebrity comedienne.

and gave a humorous and engaging insight to many of the defining events of her life. The audience was captivated.

Two Bellyful members thanked the Club and talked about their charity that provides nutritious home-cooked meals for stressed families of new-borns and others in need.

## HOMELESS IN THE HILLS

It was wet and cold but the downpour never happened much to the relief of those who signed up for the Mayoral Sleep-out at Bella Vista Farm. Soroptimists of The Hills helped raise more than \$40,000 for the homeless.

Hills Shire Mayor Michelle Byrne and businessman Dr Jim Taggart joined forces with the Community Foundation of North Western Sydney and Hills Community Aid to make a difference.

Carmen Lalehzari  
SI of The Hills



Photo courtesy of the Hills Shire Times, and abridged text from report by Bev Jordan, Senior Journalist.

Soroptimists of the Hills:  
Carmen Lalehzari, Lesley Lawson, Jenny McGlashan & Susan Crux with Hills Shire Mayor Michelle Byrne (centre).

## SI DEAKIN INC

Birthdays are always a special event, so on the 12 May 2014 SI Deakin Inc went to Soroptimist House to celebrate our 51st. Before our birthday "feast" began we had a special candle-lighting ceremony. Candles symbolized our SI activities by joining together to share our common aims and objectives where we strive to raise the status of women. Individuals lit one candle each and read a small verse relating to: Human Rights and the Status of Women; Education; Health; Economic and Social Development; Environment; International Goodwill and Understanding. We were also treated to a fascinating powerpoint presentation of a successful Ikebana fundraiser organized by Marilyn Woodward and Gale Jurkiw.

Sandra Looker  
President, SI Deakin



Left to right: Gwen, Helen, Rebecca, Janet, Beth, Robyn, Gale, Joye, Rosemary, Sandra, Marilyn and Marilyn. Anne was taking the photograph.



Paula Siddle, NZ National Rep; Wendy Logan, Federation Treasurer; Yvonne Simpson, International President-Elect; Anne Gover, Federation Membership; & Chris Stet, Region President.

## SI NZ SOUTH

At our recent SI NZ South meeting held in Hanmer Springs, we were privileged to have the International President Elect, Yvonne Simpson along with Federation Treasurer, Wendy

Logan and Federation Membership, Anne Gover, all NZ South members. Also visiting us for the weekend was NZ National Rep, Paula Siddle. Our meeting took on a different format this year as on the Saturday we attended a seminar presented by HAGAR. It is an organization with New Zealander members working in Cambodia helping to rescue children and young adults to bring that them back into society, not just pass them onto orphanages or foster care.

Saturday night was a social event before the serious business of the Region Meeting and workshop held on Sunday. At this meeting we discussed Junior membership, Online membership and the Speech Competition as well as the usual business. Travel distance from North to South of the South Island is around 1,000 km -- about 12 hours non-stop driving. The wintry weather at this time of year can also make travel difficult so it was good to see 30 or so of our members in attendance. Our Region membership has steadily increased over the last few years. Our next Region meeting will be at the New Zealand Conference of Clubs at Palmerston North in March 2015.

Annette Smith  
Region Programme  
SI NZ South



## SI EDERNET DENTAL CARE PROJECT

The immune system of children with disabilities is very low, so there is a high risk of them falling ill. In order to reduce sickness amongst these children, SI Edernet in Mongolia has conducted a project jointly with the Odnodent dental clinic, whose staff is also an SI member, raising US\$1,000. A total of 83 children came from the Naidvar Centre and the 7th Secondary School. Some had hearing disabilities, others partial paralysis, speech impairment, lack of mobility, and other disabilities. The children were given a dental check-up and fluoride treatment to strengthen their teeth and prevent tooth decay. Children were taught the importance of dental hygiene.

Munkhzul Serod  
SI Edernet



Helen Elder wearing the traditional cloak, Te Amo, with Barbara Arnold and a group of Soroptimists.

## SI PALMERSTON NORTH

On 14 August SI Palmerston North hosted a dinner (in conjunction with our 43rd birthday) to honour Helen Elder for her 40 years of service to Soroptimism.

The dinner was held at the historic homestead, Kaingahou. We were delighted that Helen's special guest for the evening was Barbara Arnold, President of the National Council of Women of New Zealand.

It was a most enjoyable evening, with a special "two-sided" cake: one side honouring Helen's 40 years and the other SI Palmerston North's 43 years.

Anne Jamieson  
Treasurer and Acting Secretary  
SI Palmerston North, NZ



President Jenny Banks and Secretary Wendy Logan with the red roses, at the office of the Domestic Violence Resource Service.

## SI MACKAY

Soroptimist International of Mackay presented red roses to the Domestic Violence Resource Service during Domestic Violence Prevention month in May to mark the "Red Roses Installation - 20 Years 400 Tears". This is dedicated to the memory of Queensland lives lost to domestic and family violence in the 20 years the Resource Service has been operating.

Members purchased 150 artificial red roses, trimmed them and added bows in Soroptimist colours which were used as a gold coin donation to the Domestic Violence Resource Service of Mackay and Region.

Displays were set up at Paxton's Markets and Mackay Entertainment Centre during the Prevention Month programme.

Wendy Logan  
Secretary, SI Mackay Inc.



## SI BENDIGO'S LONG-SERVING MEMBERS

SI Bendigo celebrated its 36th birthday on 6 July with a lunch. Guests included Wendy Logan, SWP Treasurer from New Zealand, Sue Whitehead, SI Victoria President and former SWP President Christine Paton.

Service badges were awarded to five Soroptimists each with more than 30 years service to the Club.

Wilma Skidmore  
Correspondence Secretary  
SI Bendigo Inc., Region of Victoria

From Left: Sue Whitehead, President SI Victoria, Edith Perry (32 years of service), Jessie Wade Charter Member (36 years), Christine Paton, Past President, SISWP, Myra Potter (34 years), Lyn Graham Charter Member (36 years). Unfortunately Helen Bruinier was unable to attend due to illness. Helen had 35 years of service.

## Mongolian Project for Disabled Children

SI Edernet club has been working with disabled children at the Naidvar Children's Development Centre since 2013. The focus of our project now is to refurbish and renovate the centre. It is essential to have adequate facilities to conduct programmes to develop the children's intellectual, physical, social, emotional, and language skills. We are kindly asking SI clubs to please donate to our project for these children.

A research report recently published revealed that Orkhon province, one of the biggest provinces in Mongolia, has more than 150 children who are invalids or disabled and not able to attend kindergarten or school. A few of them are at the Naidvar Centre. It has been more than 10 years since the Naidvar Centre was established so it really needs to be refurbished and renovated. When it rains, water leaks and trickles down from the ceiling. This creates potential risks to the children's health as their immune system is not strong.

The children need to study and exercise in a pleasant and comfortable environment. For example: they need toilets and showers specially designed for the handicapped, as well as dedicated equipment for exercising, and toys for activities to develop their physical, intellectual, social, emotional and language skills. Children at the centre have studied many things, such as how to socialize in public, how to work together to make things, etc. Our disabled children live in difficult conditions.

We appeal to our SI sisters to assist us in our continued efforts to improve the lives of these children. Our contact details are:

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• Club President Elect: Enkhtsozjol Usukhuu; Mob: 99352291, e-Mail: tsogi64@yahoo.com

Munkhzul Serod  
SI Edernet



## SI KUCHING'S PRESIDENT APPOINTED FRENCH HONORARY CONSUL IN SARAWAK



For those of you who attended the SISWP Conference of Clubs 2014 in Kuching, Sarawak, you will recall the soft-spoken but most impressive lady, Audry Wan Ullock, President of SI Kuching. She has now done us proud by being appointed the French Honorary Consul in Sarawak, by Her Excellency Martine Dorance, French Ambassador to Malaysia.

Her appointment received extensive press coverage in which Audry spoke at length about the role of SI and how it aims to educate, empower and encourage women to be their best.

*Triena Ong  
Editor  
SISWP Magazine*



## SI MORNINGTON PENINSULA



Fashion Parades are always fun events that generate a money-spinning bonus for Soroptimists in the Mornington Peninsula. The recent show on 5 September was no different. The weather was bright and sunny to lift the mood and ensure a generous attendance. It was a wonderful day and boosted SIMP funds to the tune of \$1,500.

The three models - Jenny Blackford, Kathy Warrington and Helen Beeby - showcased five outfits each from Blue Illusion's new range at their Mornington store. Fashionista friends of the club joined with members to enjoy a glass of bubbly and some nibbles provided by the good cooks of SIMP. Manageress Karen, the MC, described the outfits and gave some dressing tips to suit body shapes and styles.

*Helen Beeby  
SI Mornington Peninsula*



## BUSHFIRE APPEAL - JOONDALUP SOROPTIMISTS RESPOND

Five members of Soroptimist International Joondalup in May met up with Sue Reid, President of Mundaring Rotary Club which had been given the responsibility of managing and disbursing the total of \$115,722 generously donated by individuals, corporations and clubs from across Australia.

We were shown the devastating results of the fires -- all that remained of some properties were a burnt-out shell. It was a most distressing sight. However, already the clean-up campaign had started with some sites being totally cleared. What was surprising and pleasing was that the land and trees are starting to "green" up giving a lift to all around.

Our cheque for \$500 was presented to Sue Reid by Treasurer Joan Bowey on behalf of SI Joondalup with our heartfelt thoughts to all those affected by the fires and wishing them well in the future.

*Margaret Martin  
Publicity Convenor, SI Joondalup*



At the Hero House:  
Lynette Gilbert,  
Cheryl Dowrick and  
Pam Ellis wearing  
their SI aprons.

## HERO HOUSE - SI BEENLEIGH

A plea was distributed by a local councillor for volunteers to help with setting up a special needs house for a family with a disabled son. Calyn had been severely injured saving his brother from being run over by a vehicle.

SI Beenleigh was the only service club to answer the call and for four days members and husbands cleaned, ironed, swept, washed and provided food. Some tradesmen from Sydney also volunteered their time and skills. They had considerable satisfaction in being able to help in this way, and to see the delight of the family with the finished product. Supported by the Logan City Council and Channel 7 that featured the project on their Sunday Night Show, our service as Soroptimists was well publicized.

*Jean Fornasier  
SI Beenleigh*

## SISWP DISASTER FUND GRANT FOR FLOOD VICTIMS



Following the January 2013 floods in southeast Queensland, SI Brisbane, in partnership with the Combined Churches of Bundaberg, identified the Bundaberg Netball Association as a survivor needing support. Floodwaters had engulfed their buildings and facilities.

Volunteers took on a massive clean-up. But most equipment was lost, so SI Brisbane sought a \$3,500 grant from the SISWP Federation Disaster Fund. State Government funds helped relocate playing fields but, according to Netball Association Publicity Officer Jodie Brooks, teams still lacked most of the gear needed to play.

"Nothing could be salvaged and for hygienic reasons, everything had to be thrown to the tip," Ms Brooks said. "That left us with no equipment -- with the season starting in March. Only the generosity of benefactors like Soroptimists International helped us buy these things in time to join the start of the season."

The Netball Association coordinates inter-club competition involving more than 300 young women and girls. The loss of sporting facilities seriously affected players and their families who also suffered severe personal loss due to the floods. Netball is a healthy year-round activity. It encourages a sense of commitment within a team environment. It develops leadership skills among women and girls and fits the Soroptimist motto: Educate to Lead.

*Moya Pennell  
SI Brisbane*



## WOMEN WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Left to right: Elizabeth Flint (Club President), Joyce Hammill, Lois Allen, Marjon Martin, & Allison Gaskin

SI Eastern Districts of Adelaide held their annual morning tea and presentation of certificates to women who volunteer in the community. The function was held in April and we had four recipients who spoke to the group about their activities.

*Louise Bruce*  
SI Eastern Districts

## SI NEW PLYMOUTH

Doing their bit for the Birthing in the Pacific Project, our members made Birthing Dolls. Dolls/babies were cut out, sewed up and stuffed. A lot of hilarity was had in the doing!

*Karen Eagles*  
SI New Plymouth, NZ

Left: Claire Chamberlain (new member), Judith Bennett (President), Jill Baker and Marilla Tyalor.



## JOY CLARK QSM



It is with sadness that we report the passing of SI Lower Hutt Charter Member Joy Clark QSM on Sunday, 10 August 2014.

Although Joy had some heart issues recently she appeared to be on the mend and thus her death has been a shock not only to her club members, but also to Soroptimists worldwide who knew and loved her. Tributes to Joy have been received from members worldwide.

Joy came from Falkirk in Scotland to NZ with her parents in 1948.

From 1952 Joy was involved in education in a wide variety of positions, including six years as a teacher in Fiji, then as principal of Chilton St James, a day and boarding school for girls in Lower Hutt, for 11 years. For a number of years Joy taught English to Teachers of English in China, during which time she was instrumental in the chartering of the two clubs in Mongolia and later assisted with the formation of a club in the Solomon Islands

She joined SI Lower Hutt in 1962 and was its first President upon chartering in 1965. As a Soroptimist Joy was Region Extension Officer 1975-77, President of the Region of NZ North 1981-82 and in that position was involved with the organization of the conference of NZ Clubs in Wellington in 1982.

In 1990 Joy was awarded the New Zealand Queen's Service Medal.

In 1992 Joy was appointed Chairperson of the 20-20 Committee – a position she held for 6 years and which saw the proposed re-organization of our Federation. She was also instrumental together with others in achieving the daunting task of rewriting the Constitution.

Joy was a Life Member of Federation of the South West Pacific, Life Member of Central Region of New Zealand, Life Member of Soroptimist International of Lower Hutt.

*Sheilah Downs*  
SI of Lower Hutt, NZ

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 8 March 2015: International Women's Day.
- 9-12 July 2015: SI Convention in Istanbul
- 30 December 2014: deadline for submission of articles for SISWP Magazine (Feb 2015 issue) on the theme "Membership Matters". Tell us about your innovative ways to attract new members and feature some of your young members.