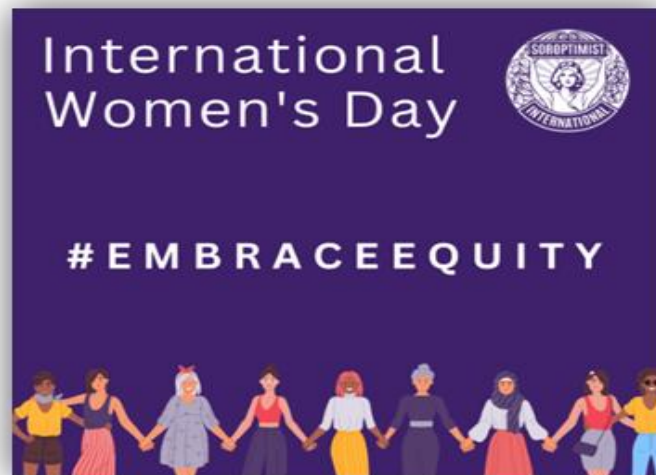


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Celebrating Our Diverse Community of Women



2023 SIMNI 11TH Annual IWD Awards Be Inspired Forum & Launch SIMNI Lead-HER-Ship Empowering Women's Mentoring Programme



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International Women's Day (IWD) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. It is also Our Call to Action for accelerating women's equality. Since the first IWD was celebrated in 1911, millions of people come together to raise awareness of the issues that still remain a barrier for women and to acknowledge women within our local community for their contributions. 2023 is the 11th Anniversary of hosting our SIMNI IWD Be Inspired Forum and IWD Awards. When asked "Why celebrate International Women's Day"? Our simple response is "because women and girls around the world are denied access to education, are married off as children, die during child birth, are trafficked into forced labour and sexual slavery and many are victims of rape during conflicts of war. One in four women and girls will experience some form of domestic violence or abuse in their lifetime and many more live in poverty". To our SIMNI Members International Women's Day symbolises our global efforts to improve Gender Equality and that we need to keep our foot firmly planted on the accelerator pedal if we are to achieve Gender Equality by 2030. Our Commitment is to ensure that Women Have A Voice at the Tables of Decision Making and that Our Collective Voices are Listened to.

SIMNI is a very different club for so many reasons. It includes our special friendships with each other, our diversity of professions and interests, using our expertise and our capacity to do what others consider is im-possible. We boldly go where few are prepared to go. We reach out to make sure no one is left behind. We stand in solidarity with women in good times and in sad. We use our SI Global Voice to advocate for human rights, gender equality and global peace. We are Change Makers for the Future. In the past six years (2017-2022) 12 SIMNI members have attended the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UN CSW) Parallel Sessions and Youth Forums in New York. This year SIMNI Member Dr Donnell Davis will be facilitating several interactive workshops with other Soroptimist International members and SI UN Representatives from around the world. We are looking forward to participating in these sessions online.

SIMNI Members also do local projects like cooking Monthly Tribal Lunches for the Staff and Students at Kairos Community College at Deception Bay, to packing food hampers and gifts for the vulnerable and disadvantaged and providing sanitary items and lobbying to end period poverty in collaboration with Share the Dignity. Members make little felt hearts for those who have experienced domestic violence and messages of support have been sent to those who have experienced natural disasters of fires in Cobargo and floods in Lismore and surrounding areas. SIMNI Members embrace the SI Educate to Lead Theme through our Annual Scholarships and Bursaries, in our Literacy and Early Learning Projects to support Little People to be better prepared to start their primary education with donations of books, stationary and many other gifts in kind.

Our SIMNI Members take on leadership roles within the club, the region, federation and internationally through SI and the many other organisations that our members belong to. What we do makes a difference and more importantly, what we do has a positive impact on

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the lives of women and girls locally and around the world. We facilitate events that empower women, we write articles to highlight the contributions of what we do, we support the young and the elderly and most importantly – we continue to care for each other. These past two years during and post covid have been our most challenging to date and where many clubs have lost members and some have even closed, SIMNI has continued to thrive. Our membership as at 31st December 2022 was 37. Our ages are from 16 to over 80. We had engagements, weddings, celebrations of life commemorations and we welcomed three little SoroptiBubs Zara, Matilda and Maya. We have mother daughter membership combo's as part of our succession planning for the future.

SIMNI also has a special group of partners that we collaborate with and support and we have a wonderful cohort of men who support us in all that we do. We are travellers and home makers. We do the big picture stuff as well as the small. This year's IWD Be Inspired Forum includes special guest speaker and local business owner Susanne Jones and a workshop facilitated by our incoming SIMNI President Fiona Cullen. We hope to continue to inspire and to assist women in our local area to define what Lead-HER-Ship means to them and to equip them with practical tools to lead themselves, their families, workplaces, and their communities in the future through a mentoring programme.

Thank you to everyone who has shared this journey with us.

Namaste



Chris Knight Life Member

SIMNI President 2021-22 - *Your Voice Matters*

We Stand Up For Women - We Are Stronger Together – We Make an Impact

Quote of Note

“Who but a good friend would put her life on hold in order to listen, advise, sympathise and send you on your way secure in the knowledge that someone cares?”

Lois Wyse

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2023 SIMNI Be Inspired Awardee



SIMNI IWD Woman of the Year

Susanne Jones

Just Better Care Brisbane North CBD

Susanne Jones is an amazing local businesswoman who has worked tirelessly in the aged care industry to create change and empower others. She has systematically grown two franchise areas to achieve peak performance and built a solid local business presence by ensuring the provision of high quality in home aged care and disability support services. Susanne works from the heart and ensures her employees do the same. She believes in 'living your truth' and leading by example. Susanne is meticulous about the services provided by herself and her team by ensuring that they are tailored to each individual and their unique needs. She is grateful to be part of each client's journey.

Susanne has been a finalist for the last two years in the Moreton Bay Innovation and Business Awards, Businesswoman of the Year category. This is an award that recognises leading business women who are contributing to our vibrant and diverse region. It has been a tough couple of years, which began with COVID, higher needs cases, staff shortages and floods that greatly impacted businesses such as aged care and disability services. Susanne's leadership and innovative business skills showed immense resilience, capacity to adapt and perseverance to prosper and grow. Susanne is a kindhearted person constantly giving back to her community. She aspires to be known for her contribution to people, leadership and workplace culture in her industry. She is continually growing into, and improving, her business; and strives to demonstrate that private sector provision of disability and in-home aged-care services can be both ethical and commercially viable. Susanne is a wonderful role model for her family, staff, and her community. She happily shines her light for others.



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2023 SIMNI Be Inspired Awardee



SIMNI IWD Young Woman

Tamika Bennett

2022 Year 12 Graduate

Kairos Community College Deception Bay Campus

2023 Tertiary Student Nursing Science SCU - Petrie

Tamika's academic achievements in 2022 have been exceptional. She started the year with a very clear goal and that was to be accepted into university so that she could study nursing / midwifery. She worked hard to achieve this goal and has been accepted into Nursing Science at the Sunshine Coast University Campus at Petrie. She also completed a Certificate II in Health Services and in 2020 she completed a Certificate II in Active Volunteering. Tamika attended our IWD 2022 event and loved meeting the members and sharing her dreams for the future.

Tamika has assisted SIMNI members with several projects at the Kairos Community College that focused on the recipes and meals for the Tribal Lunches and an understanding of the impact on refugees who have been displaced and who have migrated to other countries. The other project related to the Social Impact on mental health and wellness with other students and in the broader community who have experienced anxiety and depression. Tamika has a vibrant personality. She works hard and is dedicated to always giving her best and encouraging others to succeed to achieve their own goals – she is very much a team player. Her caring nature and desire to support others is another of her redeeming qualities. We are very much looking forward to welcoming Tamika as a member of SIMNI and encouraging and supporting her through her tertiary studies and placements. Tamika is a wonderful example of never giving up on your dreams and encouraging others to pursue theirs too.

2022 SHARE A MEAL SHARE A STORY



A Healing Journey



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SIMNI IWD Business Woman

Cheryl Gray

Owner & CEO Women's Network Australia

Cheryl has spent the past 30 years as an advocate for empowering and connecting women through her professional career and experience as a journalist, in public affairs and running her own communication consultancy. Cheryl in her role as Owner and CEO of Women's Network Australia has supported our SIMNI events with sponsorship, copies of the WNA Magazines and subsidising advertorials published in the WNA Magazine which reach an audience of over 40,000 people around Australia. Thanks to Cheryl's support we have been able to raise awareness of our SIMNI projects locally and internationally especially our Soroptimist response to the crisis in the Ukraine.

Cheryl is a quiet achiever often working behind the scenes to volunteer and to support many other organisations and women in business. She is a wife and mother of two young men and knows the challenges of trying to find that happy work life balance. In 2022, Cheryl and her Team at Mulberry Seed responded to our shout out for financial assistance to provide basic food hampers for needy families on the north side. Cheryl's ongoing commitment to empowering women with the necessary skills, tools, resources and support has contributed to her own business acumen and success. She is also the Australian representative for WEConnect International that helps drive more money into the hands of Australian women-owned businesses, and assisting companies to meet their commitment to diversity and inclusion. She is a business builder, catalyst for change and also a great friend to spend fun time with. We look forward to welcoming Cheryl as a SIMNI member in 2023 as we work together to improve the lives of women and girls locally, nationally and internationally.



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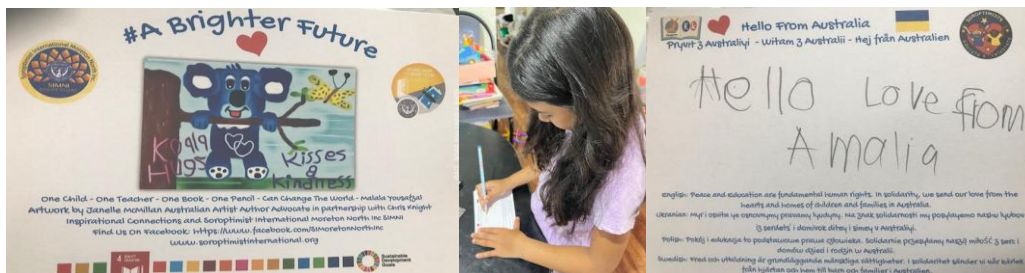


SIMNI IWD Young Community Volunteer

Amalia Fraser

Educate to Lead

Amalia is a very gifted child with a great deal of empathy and compassion especially for children who are disadvantaged. Last year she committed to collecting 108 backpacks with school supplies. SIMNI Members helped to contribute to 8 packs in 2022 and 10 packs in 2023. Amalia also selected 10 reading books for inclusion in the backpacks. SIMNI President Chris Knight shared with Amalia the postcard project of supporting children from the Ukraine by writing a message to them which will be sent to Soroptimist Sisters in Sweden and Poland. Amalia also made a little video message with a greeting to these children that has been shared on our SIMNI Facebook Page and other social media feeds.



Writing Postcards to Children from the Ukraine now living in Poland and Sweden

Amalia's father Eddie Fraser is a SIMNI Soroptimister and participated in our Special Conversations with Dad's Building Respectful Relationships project when Amalia was first born. Eddie is a Crown Prosecutor and Amalia's mother Marissa has attended our SIMNI events and works as a Settlement Team Leader helping individuals and families with budget management strategies. SIMNI loves supporting the efforts of our next generation of Soroptimist young girls in their endeavours to make a difference to the lives of others. Amalia is a wonderful example of how she is empowering others by Educating to Lead.



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Early Learning & Literacy
#Educate to Lead



Book Labels and Backpacks for Children in Local Schools in the Moreton Bay Region

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SIMNI IWD

Community Volunteer

Michelle Feuerriegel

EMM Power Shop of Opportunity

SIMNI members first got to know Michelle when she worked at Chameleon House- a youth crisis housing support home for young parents on the peninsula. Michelle's career as a housing support officer for at risk youth and families spans 19 years, across many areas in Southeast Queensland including the Redcliffe Peninsula, Logan City Council and Zillmere. As many workers in youth and housing crisis care, work hours don't finish at a regular time. Michelle would give many volunteer hours and energy freely to help those in need. Especially young mums and families. Michelle has a calm and supportive energy and is passionate about helping those experiencing difficult times. She connects with the youth at a heart level, and they find her easy and helpful to talk to. She has a great capacity to connect people with the support and help they require, both through her work, her volunteering and as a local living on the Peninsula. She is an amazing role model and is always giving her best.

Michelle has been a volunteer at Peninsula Power Soccer Club, (previously Margate and Redcliffe City) and a coach and manager of the younger teams, volunteered in many of the executive and non-executive roles in the club, events manager, and coordinator and also as a player and mentor for the youth and ladies' teams. During this time Michelle saw the struggle many players experienced emotionally. Sadly, several young friends/players took their own lives, and this added to Michelle's desire to provide a hub for those feeling challenged. A place that provided comfort, a willing ear, and a nonjudgmental environment.

From a young age Michelle always dreamed of opening a community focused, family supportive Op Shop. Last year she opened the EMM Power Shop of Opportunity. Named after the three young women, Emma, Moi and Mary, who tragically took their own lives, the shop has fast become a haven for community. She continues to support women in football on the peninsula, sponsoring 2 females masters teams, her wonderful "Wobbybum" team and by providing mentoring, love and compassion to all who ask for it. The shop has also provided a space for others to volunteer and give back. Michelle is a quintessential volunteer, always putting up her hand to help others. Digging deep within her own personal emotional well of resilience and tenacity to support those around her. She doesn't ask others to do anything she is not prepared to do herself. She talks her talk and walks her walk.

Emm Power shop of opportunity 184A Hornibrook Esplanade, Clontarf QLD 4019

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SIMNI IWD Business Sponsor

Patricia (Trishie) Johnson

Our SIMNI Global Ambassador

Currently living in China

Trishie Johnson is a Small Business Owner and has been a Soroptimist Member for over 25 years. She has used her extensive networking skills and contacts to raise thousands of dollars for many charities and organisations. Trishie has served in a number of positions including Club and Region President. She is one of our SIMNI Global Ambassadors who loves meeting up with Soroptimist Members from all around the world. Trishie and her husband Peter now live in China and prior to the covid pandemic Trishie was teaching English to young Chinese Students. She is one of our SIMNI Linked Members and joins our meetings via Zoom each month. She keeps in touch via email and WeChat and has participated in SI Conventions and Zoom meetings.

Trishie's generosity has no limits and while she is abroad she continues to provide additional financial assistance to SIMNI that has supported our Love for Lismore Projects, our Fire and Flood Appeals, SIE Disaster Relief Fund for people from the Ukraine and Christmas Hampers. She is a Pay it Forward Angel and sponsors some of our younger tertiary members. On her visit back to Australia in late 2022 to see her family, we were able to catch up with her for a coffee chat. In true Trishie form she had brought 100 pencils for inclusion in our Early Learning and Reading Projects and our SI President's Appeal Opening Doors to a Brighter Future. Trishie always follows through with any task that she is given and provides a précis of our SISEAP Bulletin and E-SPAN at our monthly meetings. Trishie has helped us to expand our digital technology skills to ensure that we leave no one behind no matter where they live.



#Memories Matter



Caring for Our Community is a Mental Health & Wellness Project

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SIMNI BE INSPIRED INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AWARDEES

2013-2023

2023

IWD Woman of the Year
IWD Young Women of the Year
IWD Business Woman of the Year
IWD Community Volunteer/Workers
IWD Business Sponsor

Susanne Jones Just Better Care
Tamika Bennett Graduate/Tertiary Student
Cheryl Gray Owner/CEO WNA
Amalia Fraser & Michelle Feuerriegel
Patricia (Trishie) Johnson

2022

IWD Woman of the Year
IWD Young Women of the Year
IWD Business Woman
IWD Community Volunteer/Workers

Trish Jenkins Author / International Speaker
Zoey-Brooke Jenson & Emma Burrige Kairos
Kylie Knight Journalist/Editor Moreton News
Bettina Nissen & Sherryn Patterson

2021

IWD Woman of the Year
IWD Young Woman of the Year
IWD Small Business Woman
IWD Community Volunteer/Workers

Marney Perna Natural Therapist/Kinesiologist
Bec Killen Youth Advocate/Recovery Coach
Kassandra Behrendt CEO Pagoni Jewellery
Gail Robinson & Mary Otto

2020

IWD Woman of the Year
IWD Young Woman of the Year
IWD Small Business Woman
IWD Community Volunteer

Dr Belinda Barnett Psychologist/Maternity Care
Jasmine King Youth Worker/Peer Mentor
Thuy Hook Finance Broker EZ Financing
Lynelle (Nelli) Waldron Hand in Hand

2019

IWD Woman of the Year
IWD Young Woman of the Year
IWD Small Business Woman
IWD Community Volunteer

Sharon Armstrong Embrace Life
Wendy Wood GuysNDolls Director/Actor
Kim Knapp The Traffic Design Company
Dr Donnell Davis UNAAQ / SIMNI

2018

IWD Woman of the Year
IWD Young Woman of the Year
IWD Small Business Woman
IWD Community Volunteer

Rochelle Gilbert Courtenay Share the Dignity
Sarah Cowley Advocate / Peace Ambassador
Sandy Moore Northside Children's Contact Centre
Danielle Villosesi Youth Worker PCYC

2017

IWD Woman of the Year
IWD Young Woman of the Year
IWD Small Business Woman

Allison Kelly Encircle Ltd
Dr Catherine (Cat) Perna Veterinarian
Sue Lester Growing Content

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2013-2023

2016

IWD Woman of the Year
IWD Young Woman of the Year
IWD Small Business Woman

Fiona Worrall PRADO
Samara Behrendt Peace Ambassador
Kirsty O'Callaghan Unity Words

2015

IWD Woman of the Year
IWD Young Woman of the Year
IWD Small Business Woman

Estrella Herzog CADA
Lakeisha Patterson OAM Elite Athlete
Jo Connelly Dreamtime Kullilla Arts

2014

IWD Woman of the Year
IWD Young Woman of the Year

Dr Eve Fesl OAM Academic / Linguist
Bindi Irwin Wildlife Warrior

2013

IWD Woman of the Year
IWD Young Woman of the Year

Jane Coe Zonta Club Redcliffe
Adele Nugara Queens Guide

2021 INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY GLOBAL CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONIES



WHY DO WE VOLUNTEER

Our members volunteer not for fame or any personal gain. We volunteer because it enables us to lend a helping hand in the good times and the sad. Our reward is being part of a caring community that gives from the heart...



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2022 SIMNI CLUB MEMBERS

Sharon Armstrong	Embrace Life
Dr Belinda Barnett	Psychologist / Researcher/ Advocate
Dr Karen Barnett	Government Researcher / Evaluation (Retired)
Kassandra Behrendt	Pagoni Jewellery International
Samara Behrendt	Tutor / Tertiary Student
Courtney Chilton	High School Student
Makalya Chilton	High School Student
Natasha Chilton	Primary Education / Administration
Rochelle Gilbert (Courtenay)	Founder & Managing Director Share the Dignity
Nadya De Vos	Creative Arts
Fiona Cullen	Local Government Trainer/ Elite Athlete
Dr Donnell Davis	Sustainability / Climate Change / Urban Design
Cathy Evans	Tertiary Student Social Work
Bridget Ferguson	Midwife / Educator / Academic
Donna Willett-Flockhart	Intern & Foundation Coach
Chiapello Holdings	Corporate Member
Trish Jenkins	Small Business Owner/ Author / Speaker
Patricia Johnson	Educator English Language (China)
Caitlyn Hockam	Tertiary Student Education
Bec Killen	Support Coordinator & Psychosocial Recovery Coach
Jasmine King	Youth Worker Communities for Children
Chris Knight (LM)	Small Business Owner / Trainer/ Mentor / Speaker
Machellee Kosiak	Midwife / Educator / Academic / Speaker
Audrey Martin (LM)	Teacher / Leather Crafter (Retired)
Claire Moore	Social Justice Advocate / Senator Queensland (Retired)
Kaede Miyamura	Creative Arts
Kylian Kenni-Naeman	Logistics/Mechanical Engineer (Wewak PNG)
Bettina Nissen	Storyteller / Librarian (Retired)
Caitlin Pabst'	Tertiary Student Nursing
Dr Catherine (Cat) Gaffee	Veterinarian / Cake Designer & Decorator
Marney Perna	Natural Therapist / Kinesiologist / Author/ Speaker
Lakeisha Patterson PLY OAM	Tertiary Student / World Champion Paralympian
Sherryn Patterson	Supply Manager / Disability Advocate
Adele Rice AM	Refugee Advocate / Educator (Retired)
Sarah Shotunde (Cowley)	UNICEF Australia /Peace Ambassador
Anna Toomey	Creative Arts
Tracy Watson	Community Director Aspire AC & C Inc.

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HISTORY OF SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

Soroptimist International (SI) was formed in 1921 in Oakland California. The name Soroptimist is Latin in origin and simply translates to Sisters Best or Best Sisters – Women who give of their best to support others to be Their Best. We are a women’s organisation with over 66,000 members representing women from different professions, businesses, cultures and community development expertise. We have SI members in 121 countries who work at the grass roots level in our local community and advocate on behalf of women at all levels of government and within civil society. As a Global Voice for Women we are an accredited Non Government Organisation (NGO) with Consultative Status with various United Nations (UN) Agencies and have volunteer representatives in New York, Geneva, Nairobi, Western Asia, Thailand, the Caribbean, Rome, Vienna and Paris. www.soroptimistinternational.org

Our Soroptimist International Objectives align to the UN Sustainability Goals (SDG) and are included in our Programme Focus Reports (PR’s)

1. Education (SDG 4 and most of other SDGs in some way)
2. Elimination of Violence (SDGs 3,5,11,16)
3. Economic Empowerment (SDG’s 1,2,7,8,9)
4. Food Security (SDG’s 1,2,3,15)
5. Health Care (SDG’s 2,3,10,11)
6. Environmental Sustainability / Water and Sanitation (SDGs 6,7,11,12,14,15)
7. Conflict Resolution / Peace Promotion (SDG’s 11,16)
8. Disaster Relief, Mitigation and Resilience (SDG’s 5,13,16)

SDG 1: No poverty

SDG 2: Zero hunger

SDG 3: Good health and well-being

SDG 4: Quality education

SDG 5: Gender equality

SDG 6: Clean water and sanitation

SDG 7: Affordable and clean energy

SDG 8: Decent work and economic growth

SDG 9: Industry, innovation, infrastructure

SDG 10: Reduced inequalities

SDG 11: Sustainable cities and communities

SDG 12: Responsible consumption, production

SDG 13: Climate action

SDG 14: Life below water

SDG 15: Life on land

SDG 16: Peace, justice and strong institutions

SDG 17: Partnerships for the goals

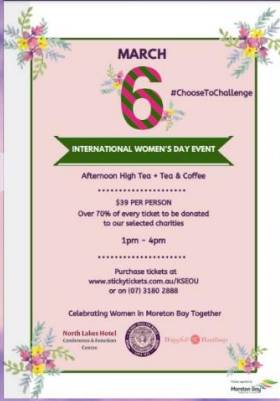
Soroptimist International Moreton North Inc (SIMNI) was chartered under the name of SI Pine Rivers in 1996. We changed our name to SI Moreton North Inc. after the Moreton Bay Regional Council was formed. We are extremely grateful for their ongoing commitment and grants that support our community volunteer projects and activities.

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SIMNI IWD 2021

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Choose To Challenge Gender Bias and Inequality

Soroptimist International of the South West Pacific

#ChooseToChallenge #IWD2021 siswp.org International Women's Day

Including our
SIMNI 9th Annual 2021 - IWD - Be Inspired Awards .



Congratulations to our 2021 IWD - Be Inspired - Inspirational Women.



Inspirational Woman of the Year
Marney Perna



Inspirational Young Woman of the Year
Bec Killen



Inspirational Business Woman of the Year
Kassandra Behrendt



Inspirational Community Volunteers of the Year
Mary Otto & Gail Robinson



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SI 100 YEARS CELEBRATIONS – 1921 - 2021

SIMNI Members with the Lady Mayoress Nina & Region President Barb



Host Club SIMNI SISQ Centenary Conference Gala Dinner North Lakes Hotel



Orange the World – Eliminate All Forms of Violence



SIMNI & Marcharie Stummer Austria

Soroptimists Sing the Orange Song to Raise Awareness for the Elimination of All Forms of Violence

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SIMNI 2022 IWD AWARDEES



SIMNI Club Rocks!



Be Inspired
2022 IWD Awards
Trish Jenkins
"Woman of the Year"



SIMNI Club Rocks!



Be Inspired
2022 IWD Awards
Kylie Knight
"Business Woman"



SIMNI Club Rocks!



Be Inspired
2022 IWD Awards
Emma Burrige
"Young Woman of the Year"



SIMNI Club Rocks!



Be Inspired
2022 IWD Awards
Zoey-Brooke Jenson
"Young Woman of the Year"



SIMNI Club Rocks!



Be Inspired
2022 IWD Awards
Sherryn Patterson
"Community Volunteer"



SIMNI Club Rocks!



Be Inspired
2022 IWD Award
Bettina Nissen
"Community Volunteer"



SIMNI Club Rocks!



IWD 2022
Guest Speaker
Adele Rice AM
Women, Peace and Security



Simni member Trishie Johnson returns from China for a visit



SIMNI Meeting Month Meet the Member Jasmine King



SIMNI Membership Month Meet the Members Lakeisha Patterson

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2022 KEYNOTE SPEAKERS 'IN CONVERSATION Q&A'



Soroptimist International Moreton North
Inc. (SIMNI) 2022 IWD 10th Annual
Be Inspired Forum
In Partnership with North Lakes Hotel



Purchase tickets

Sunday 6th March

1pm – 3.30pm

Tickets \$39pp

Featuring a Q&A In Conversation to celebrate International Women's Day.

Participants will have the opportunity to listen to the personal stories of four amazing local women who will share their insights and their experiences on how we can work together to #BreakTheBias and to become actively engaged discussions around political decision-making processes that impact on the lives of women.



Jodie Shipway Deputy Mayor, Division 4 Councillor Moreton Bay Regional Council

Jodie believes in putting the community first and in the inclusion and representation of all

Larissa Waters Greens Senator for Queensland Co-Deputy Leader of the Australian Greens

Larissa is passionate about representative democracy and public participation, accountability in government, equality for women, and protecting our environment



Rochelle Gilbert nee Courtenay Founder & Managing Director Share the Dignity

Rochelle is a woman on a mission to end period poverty and break the silence and stigma that surrounds women and periods in Australia and globally

Ali France Disability & Health Care Advocate / Candidate Dickson Electorate

Ali has continuously advocated for better resources for health and disability workers and is a passionate advocate for people accessing support



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KEEP MAKING **NOISE**

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not more reports and recommendations that are not implemented

Women's Rights are Human Rights

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Read these Reports and Recommendations and Take Action

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KEEP MAKING **NOISE**



International Women's Day

We will celebrate women's achievements

#BreakTheBias



YOUR VOICE MATTERS

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International Women's Day

We will challenge gender stereotypes, discrimination & bias

#BreakTheBias



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International Women's Day

We will forge positive visibility of women

#BreakTheBias



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International Women's Day

We will help forge a gender equal world

#BreakTheBias

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2022 Migration in Australia

Sharing a Meal Sharing a Story with Kairos Students



A Healing Journey



A Healing Journey begins when you have a Safe Space to Share Meals and Share Stories. It creates an opportunity for All People to be Listened to, to be Respected, to be Valued and to Feel a Sense of Belonging and Connection. A Healing Journey is a Partnership Project with Soroptimist International Moreton North Inc. (SIMNI) and Kairos Community College with support from the Moreton Bay Regional Council Community Grants Fund and Recipes and Resources from the Refugee Council of Australia

#FirstNations #WeAreOne #Refugees #LGBTIQ+ equality #mentalhealth

What is your Favorite Meal?



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Kairos Community College is an independent, non-government school for young people undertaking Years 10 – 12 who need a flexible and supportive approach to achieve their education and training aspirations. The school is situated on two campuses, located at Deception Bay and Caloundra. Website: <https://kairoscc.org.au/>
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Afghanistan
Shorwa Lamb & Potato Stew



Myanmar (Burma)
Lentil & Vegetable Soup



India
Red Lentil Dahl



Jewish
Lemon Syrup Cake



Bosnia
Zeljanica (Spinach & Cheese Pie)



Somalia
Maraq Digaag (Chicken)



Iran (Persia)
Dolmeh (Stuffed Capsicums)



Ukraine
Syrnyk Cherry Cheesecake



Iryna is 60 and from the Ukraine, “I fled shelling in Kharkiv with my husband, daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren. We found shelter in Dnipro – a safer option for many people escaping hard-hit areas in the east. However, they can’t afford accommodation and are staying at the State Academy of Physical Education and Sports. “We all want to go home but Kharkiv is still a dangerous area,” Iryna said. “And because of the children, we can’t go. One of my grandsons has already started to have neurological reactions to the stress – his face at times gets twisted.”

Nastia 43 is from the Ukraine - When bombs fell just one kilometre from my home in Dnipro, I decided to flee the country with my mother, Nadia, and my two children, aged one and five. They boarded a crowded evacuation train and took an arduous journey to the Polish border. “It was really terrible and we were afraid...All neighbouring towns and villages became a battlefield,” said Nastia. “The crowd [on the train] was insanely huge. My mother is bound to a wheelchair and for us it was a terrible experience. We left everything behind, absolutely everything.” They have now found safety in Wroclaw, and are grateful for UNHCR’s cash assistance as they have very little money left. However, Nastia’s five-year-old son is still afraid whenever he hears loud noises, such as ambulance sirens. They don’t know when they will be able to return home. “Poland is beautiful, but Ukraine is my homeland,” said Nastia



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2022 Mental Health Week

Creating a Social Impact – Artwork by Kairos Students



Mental Health Week 2022
All People need to be Listened to, to be Respected, to be Valued and to Feel a Sense of Belonging and Connection.

You Are Never Alone
Reach Out When You Are Not Feeling OK



Beyond Blue 1300 22 4636
Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800
1800RESPECT 1800 737 732
13YARN 13 92 76



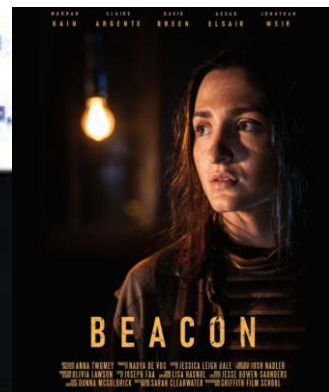
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Interviews with 3 SIMNI Tertiary Creative Art Students on Making A Social Impact
BEACON The Short Film <https://www.facebook.com/beaconthefilm/>



Meet the SIMNI Members Making a Social Impact!
 Our NCWQ Bursary Recipients Anna, Nadja and Kaede June 2022.



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In 2021-2022 SIMNI Members accelerated their Education into the Digital Age



With the launch of our SIMNI Youtube Channel we connect with many others around the world via Zoom Meetings and Webinars

<https://www.youtube.com/@simoretonnorth2022/videos>

A GLOBAL VOICE FOR WOMEN
Ask me why I am a member?

I AM WHOLE
I AM CREATIVE
I AM CAPABLE OF CHANGE.

YOU CAN CHANGE THE WORLD GIRL

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December 2021 - Guest Speaker SI...



Chris Knight and Dr Donnell Davis will be representing SIMNI at the Soroptimist International Convention in Dublin Ireland 27-29 July 2023

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WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT PRINCIPLES

EQUALITY MEANS BUSINESS

1 Establish high-level corporate leadership for gender equality.

2 Treat all women and men fairly at work – respect and support human rights and nondiscrimination.


3 Ensure the health, safety and well-being of all women and men workers.


4 Promote education, training and professional development for women.


5 Implement enterprise development, supply chain and marketing practices that empower women.

6 Promote equality through community initiatives and advocacy.

7 Measure and publicly report on progress to achieve gender equality.



 United Nations Global Compact

 **UN WOMEN**
United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

<https://www.soroptimistinternational.org/womens-economic-empowerment-in-the-changing-world-of-work/>

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2023 SIMNI Lead-HER-Ship

Launch

Empowering Women's Mentoring Programme

This mentoring programme is a collaboration between SIMNI and Women's Network Australia (WNA). Collectively we have an extensive number of outstanding women with great life experiences and professional backgrounds who are willing to support the next generation of business and professional women, women from indigenous and culturally linguistic backgrounds, women living with a disability and refugee and asylum seeker women who are seeking to enhance their skills and careers. The focus will include opportunities for Mentees to be able to develop a professional relationship with women working in a diverse number of backgrounds including:

- Art, culture and sport
- Business and Government
- Communication
- Economy and entrepreneurship
- Engineering, technology and computer science
- Law and citizenship
- Science and medicine

The programme will include assisting Mentee's to find relevant information and advice and to ask professional questions, suggestions for further training and work opportunities that may be beneficial for the Mentee to gain the relevant qualifications and skills needed to pursue their chosen careers. Further information will be shared at the 2023 SIMNI IWD Be Inspired Forum on how to become involved as a Mentee or Mentor.

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Lead-HER-Ship Luncheon



International Women's Day 2023



EVENT FEATURE

Be Inspired International Women's Day Awards

More than just another luncheon, this event also features a keynote address from local business owner, Susanne Jones plus a Lead-HER-ship workshop.



Sunday, 5 March 2023

10am - 2pm North Lakes Hotel

SI Moreton North - simoretonnorth@siswp.org - Fiona Cullen 0400 346 622



Facilitated by Fiona Cullen
2023 SIMNI President



Soroptimist International is a Global Voice for women. This event is the annual fundraiser for your local club SI Moreton North.

EVENT FEATURE

Keynote Speaker

Susanne Jones

Managing Director
Just Better Care Brisbane North



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