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Soroptimist International



South East Asia Pacific

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# SISEAP BULLETIN

Welcome to the March 2024 Bulletin

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



**President**  
**Christine Johnstone**  
**2022-2024**

International Women’s Day (IWD), #InspireInclusion, Inclusion is a verb, or that is how I was going to start my March article, and then I thought better check that Inclusion is a verb (and I say this tongue in cheek), don’t want to offend our grammar members, only to go to the dictionary and see that it is a NOUN, I thought wait a minute a NOUN refers to a ‘thing’ whereas as to me Inclusion is something we should all be doing, so it is a doing word a VERB, so I put down my dictionary, and when to google, and guess what there are others out there who think similarly, there are even authors who have written books titled Inclusion is a Verb, so much for my thinking I was being original. But back to Inclusion, Inclusion is something we can act out everyday, invite someone into your life, advocate for all people, make sure that everyone at the committee table is included in the discussion and jobs, be respectful to all, we all want to be included in some way, valued and respected, be that person who acts to be inclusive.

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## Conference 2024 - Your Voice Our Future



*You're invited to*

**SISEAP 2024 Conference**  
**YOUR VOICE**  
**OUR FUTURE**



Fri 3 May – Sun 5 May 2024  
Tweed Heads / Gold Coast  
Australia



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[www.siseap.org](http://www.siseap.org)



## SISEAP CONFERENCE 2024 WEBPAGE

### Message from Conference Chair - Ralda Forzin

We have developed an exciting program with a focus on Soroptimist Awareness, Advocacy and Action – with the workshops designed to explore what members can do to address the issues, ongoing and emerging, and to embrace the changes and build a stronger organisation and community. The opening session will focus on core business – women working for women. Then the program is built around a number of themes -

- Being An Effective Global Voice
- A Climate for Change - The Power of Community and Commitment
- Digital Communication – The Good the Bad & the Ugly

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### Expressions of Interest for SISEAP Merchandise



**Exciting news!** We're now accepting expressions of interest for our unique SISEAP merchandise collection. This special range includes SISEAP ribbons, pens, water bottles, and even our very own Gin! You can pre-order these items and pay before the 2024 conference, conveniently picking them up at the event to save on postage and delivery costs.

These keepsakes not only help you remember the event, but also reflect your passion for SISEAP. So, why wait? Express your interest today by completing the form below. Just remember, we need to receive your interest **by 31 March**

**2024.** Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to show off your SISEAP spirit!



IWD Purple Ribbons



16 Days of Activism Orange the World Ribbons



SISEAP Water Bottle



SISEAP Pens

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM**

**Creative Arts Competition**



### Creative Arts Competition

Our youth amplify their voice through art. The Creative Art Competition provides children and youth aged 8-18 a voice to communicate through art about their environment and climate change, what it means to them, what do they see as the most pressing areas, The competition provides them with 3 mediums, art, poetry and video. Did you see how impressive the art work from last year's entries were, if not visit the website here.

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## CLUB SECRETARY NEWS

### Federation Capitation Fees 2024

A reminder that the final due date for Clubs to pay their Federation Capitation fees was **29 February**. For any Clubs that have not yet made their payment, they are now overdue so please do so as soon as possible. For Clubs that have paid and sent in their Annual Return forms, thank you for your patience in advance as there is a large volume and we hope to process them over the coming weeks. Once processed you will receive an invoice receipt along with any new membership numbers if applicable.

[WATCH THE TUTORIAL ON HOW TO HERE](#)

[LODGE YOUR ANNUAL RETURNS HERE](#)

*Please note, you must be logged in to submit your forms*

### 2024 Club Position Holders Changeovers

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 after their AGM and by 31 March 2024.**

## Company AGM, General & Federation Meetings

The 13th Annual General Meeting of Soroptimist International South East Asia Pacific (SISEAP) will be held on **Friday 3 May 2024 at 9.00 am AEST** at Twin Towns Conference and Function Centre, Wharf Street, Tweed Heads, NSW, Australia. The Company General Meeting will follow the AGM. There is no cost to attend this meeting.

The SISEAP Federation Meeting will be held on Friday 3 May 2024 at 12.30 pm (AEST) in River Room L3, Twin Towns Conference and Function Centre, Wharf Street, Tweed Heads, NSW, Australia. The cost is \$26.00pp which includes afternoon tea. You must register and pay via the SISEAP Conference 2024 page on the website.

An authorised representative from each financial member (club) within the Federation or a proxy representative must attend each meeting. A proxy representative must be an individual Soroptimist from another member club i.e. a club within SISEAP.

The Google form **must be completed** even if you have already registered via the Conference 2024 page on the website [Representative & Proxy Form](#)

**Registrations close on Tuesday 30 April 2024 at 5 pm AEST (Sydney time).**

### **Papers, Resolutions & Items For Discussion For Meetings**

Business papers including the Agenda, Resolutions, Items for Discussion and Reports will be circulated to Clubs at the end of March 2024.

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

The Honours and Remembrance form is available on the website [download here](#). Please return the completed form to the Federation Secretary by **30 March 2024**.

### **Question Form For Company & Federation Meetings**

Clubs are invited to submit questions of the Directors and/or the Auditor for the AGM and/or company meeting and/or to the Federation Team for the Federation Meeting.

Please submit your questions from your club email address **by 5.00 pm Friday 26 April**

2024 to enable a comprehensive answer to be given.

[Question Form](#)

### **Silent Observers For The Company & Federation Meetings**

There is no cost to attend the Company AGM and General Meeting. The cost to attend the Federation Meeting is \$26.00 pp which includes afternoon tea.

Please register and pay via the SISEAP Conference 2024 page on the website.

[Registration Page Conference 2024](#)

## Directors Wanted

Have you ever become impatient with the way SISEAP is governed? Have you said to yourself, 'I could do better than those directors'? Now's your chance!

Soroptimist International South East Asia Pacific (SISEAP) is seeking applications from interested and qualified Soroptimists for two vacancies for directors. The successful applicants will take office at the end of the AGM on May 3, 2024, and, in the first instance, serve for three years, renewable to a maximum of eight years.

SISEAP has seven directors and one third must retire each year. According to the Corporations Act, at each annual general meeting, any director appointed by the directors to fill a casual vacancy or as an additional director must retire, and at least one-third of the remaining directors must retire. Under our Constitution, the immediate past president automatically retires after one year in that position and is replaced by the new President Elect. At the end of her biennium, the President remains for one year as Immediate Past President and a director.

The directors who will be retiring at this year's AGM are Christine Johnstone, Sonia Casanova and Gail Ker. Gail was appointed to fill a vacancy that was not filled at the 2023 AGM and Sonia has volunteered to retire this year. Both are eligible to re-apply.

Under our constitution, the IPP serves one year of the biennium as a director.

It is a legal requirement that you have a Director Identification Number before you can be appointed. Refer to the Australian Business Registry website for further information. Here is the link to the site: <https://www.abrs.gov.au/director-identification-number>

## [GOOGLE APPLICATION FORM](#)

You will need to upload your CV, photo and supporting documents.

## [DIRECTOR ROLE & RESPONSIBILITIES](#)

**Applications close at 5.00 pm on Thursday 28 March 2024.**

## [FIND OUT MORE HERE](#)



NEW MEMBER  
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### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



### IWD Ribbons

Don't miss your chance to support International Women's Day with our special IWD ribbons. As we unite and inspire change, these ribbons are quickly flying off the shelves. Act fast, as stock is running low. Secure your IWD ribbon today and wear it proudly!

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS



## Membership Best Practice Awards

Clubs are invited to celebrate their membership initiatives and successes. Nominations will be sought in 1 February and 1 March Bulletin with a close off date of **25 March 2024**. The Awards will be presented at the Federation meeting prior to the SISEAP conference on Friday 3 May 2024, Gold Coast.



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## Club Charters



## SISEAP Sisters Online

Congratulations to SISEAP Online Community Co-ordinator, Kim Hainsworth for the charter of SISEAP Sisters Online, Soroptimists Empowering Women and Girls.



## SI Pearl of the Orient

We are very pleased to announce the Charter of a new Club as follows:

**Club Name:** SI Pearl of the Orient  
**Country:** Malaysia  
**Charter Date:** 23 March 2024

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Member Information



# RECRUIT & RETAIN MEMBERS Tip Sheets



## PROGRAMME NEWS

### Volunteer Jobs

SISEAP Programme Team is inviting your expression of interest in the following roles by closing date **31 March 2024**.

1. **Two Youth Advocacy Representatives for Global Impact Committee** which meets every 2 months to contribute to SI strategic direction) Terms of Reference upon request.

#### [EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM](#)

2. **Programme Zone Coordinator for Programme Team 2024-2026**

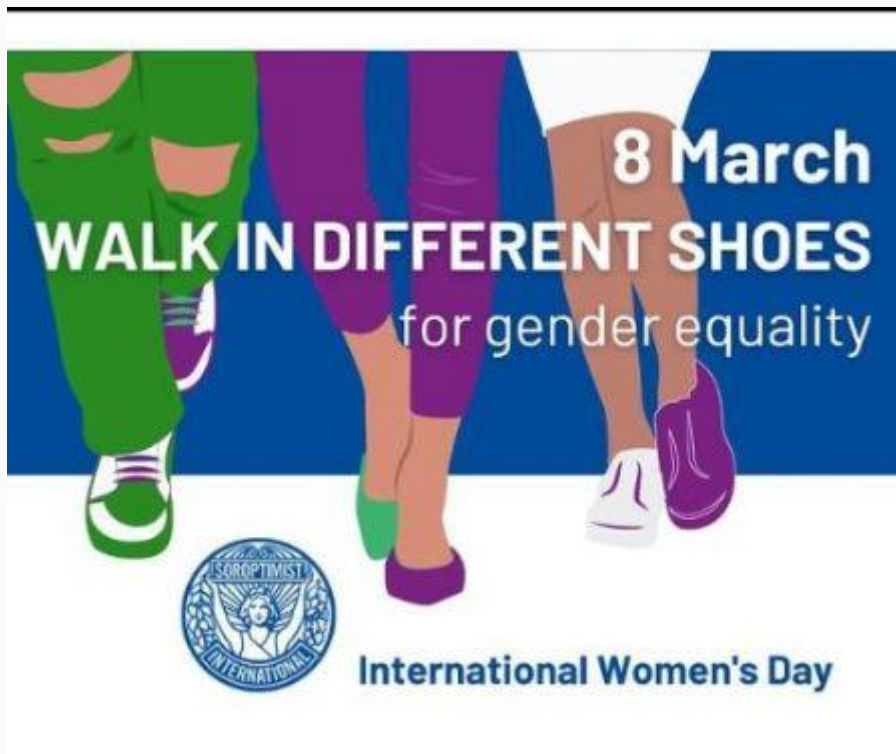
We are seeking an expression of interest from members to nominate for a 2-year term (2024 to 2026) as a Programme Zone Coordinator. The role and responsibility statement can be viewed below. The role involves supporting up to 35 clubs across the Federation with reporting on their actions. There is opportunity for progression, and participating regularly in some exciting events with the full programme team. If you are interested, please complete the CV template below.

#### [ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT](#)

3. **Assistant Programme Convenor for 2024-2026**

Please complete cv online with statement why you would be a good candidate through google drive

#### [CV TEMPLATE](#)



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## Contact Us

HEADQUARTERS

LEADERSHIP TEAM



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

Copy for the next edition of the *eBulletin* is required by **25 March 2024**.

Please click to send to [hq@siswp.org](mailto:hq@siswp.org) and [Public Relations](#). Thank you.

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