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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



President Joanne Yeoh 2024-2026



On **World Clean Up Day** on 20 September 2025, let us stand together as a Federation to take a visible, united stand against pollution. This day is more than just a clean-up - it is a global movement of citizens who refuse to accept waste and environmental neglect as the norm.

Each of us can make a difference by dedicating just one day to act: picking up litter in our neighbourhoods, organising beach or riverbank clean-ups, reducing single-use plastics, or educating our communities on sustainable practices. When we come together in action, we send a powerful message—that pollution is not someone else’s problem, it is ours to solve.

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CLUB SECRETARY NEWS



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

Nominations are still being invited for the following Federation positions with the closing date now **extended to Sunday 28 September 2025 5pm (AEST)**.

We encourage you to consider standing for these positions for the 2026-2028 Biennium which will take office on 1 June 2026.

Elected Positions

Communications Convenor
Finance Convenor
Governance Convenor
Membership Convenor
Assistant Membership Convenor [3 positions]
Programme Convenor
Assistant Programme Convenor [2 positions]
Programme Zone Co-ordinator [4 positions]

Appointed Positions

Archivist
Friendship Link Co-ordinator
ICT Liaison
Programme Communications Co-ordinator
Programme Database Support
Webinar Training Co-ordinator

There are 2 nomination forms, one for Elected Positions and one for Appointed Positions. The completed nomination form, CV and photo must be sent to the Federation Secretary / Returning Officer at federationsecretary@siseap.org with a copy to HQ hq@siseap.org by the extended closing date **5pm Sunday 28 September 2025** Australian Eastern Standard Time [AEST].

NOMINATION FORMS & CV TEMPLATES

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

ELECTION PROCESS TIMELINE

[Assistant Membership Convenor - Asia
2024-2026 Biennium](#)

Expressions of interest are being called for the Federation position of Assistant Membership Convenor - Asia. This is a great opportunity to play an important role within our Federation Membership Team for the remainder of the 2024-2026 Biennium.



[EXPRESS INTEREST HERE](#)



[MEMBERSHIP NEWS](#)

[The Member-to-Member Campaign Has Launched!](#)

We recently shared the urgent call to action for our Federation-wide Member-to-Member (M2M) recruitment campaign. Have you seen it yet?

This campaign is about every Soroptimist sharing our mission, inviting new women into our clubs, and strengthening the future of SISEAP together.

We're here to support you with new practical tools and training. Over the coming weeks, we'll be adding:

- **Tools & Resources** — ready-to-use **social media graphics, email templates, tip sheets, club brochures, and step-by-step guides** to help you share the Soroptimist story and inspire others to join
- **Tutorials & Training** — practical guidance including **recruitment toolkits, skills workshops, campaign ideas, and mentorship** to grow your club's membership. Keep checking the campaign page to see the latest updates as we roll them out.

[READ MORE](#)

Together, we can grow stronger, welcome new voices, and expand our impact for women and girls across our communities.

Have you shared the campaign with your club yet? Let's make this a Federation-wide movement!





[Celebrating Growth and Connection: A Success Story](#)

Soroptimist International of South Perth is proud to share the growth and achievements of our club, which has steadily expanded since its chartering in 1998. Over the past five years alone, membership has increased by more than 50%, earning recognition with a Recruitment and Retention Award.

Through a clear strategy, welcoming culture, and strong community presence, our club continues to thrive. Together, we remain committed to empowering women and girls locally and globally through education, advocacy, and opportunity. Currently we have 53 members with a median age of 56 - each bringing unique skills, perspectives, and dedication to the Soroptimist mission.

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[Friendship Links](#)

I hope that you are all keeping in regular contact with your Friendship Links both within and outside our Federation. It is always great to hear how other clubs are faring and to get inspiration and new ideas from them. Hopefully, there may also be an opportunity to share a project going forward.

Do remember also to make your requests for Friendship Links, or for an update of any information on the SISEAP Friendship Links Database, via the form under Friendship Links in the Members area of the SISEAP website, link below

***In friendship,
Eileen Middleton***



FRIENDSHIP LINKS



[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

[SISEAP Federation Public Speaking Competition](#)

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to showcase the voices and talents of your Region/Country! Let's make this a truly vibrant and inspiring event with representation from across our Federation.



This year's theme, "**Empowered Voices, Sustainable Choices**," encourages young people to explore how individuals and communities can make informed, ethical, and bold decisions that support a more sustainable and equitable future. The categories are:

Category 1 - 12 years -15 years. [Three minute talk]. Topic: Small Actions, Big Difference: How I can make the world a better place?

Category 2 - 16 years - 19 years. [Four minute talk]. Topic: How can young people shape cities that are inclusive, green and resilient?

Regions/Countries are encouraged to hold heats from which they should find a winner or max 2 winners to represent them in each category in the Federation level of the competition. Videos of their speeches should be submitted by the Country or Region by **10 December 2025**. This will allow videos to be made of each finalist with a view to being able to showcase the speeches as part of the Federation activities for Education Day on the 24th of January 2026.

For further information, please use the link below or by contacting Cesarina Gigante at programmecommunications.cesarina@siseap.org

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION INFORMATION

Projects & Appeals - Donate Now



FROM SISEAP ICT

What is your Expertise?

We often need Soroptimist members with specific expertise to help shape statements and policy drafts for various meetings, including the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), the United Nations (UN), and other regional forums. Your professional input is crucial to ensure proper representation from the Soroptimist International South East Asia Pacific (SISEAP) Federation.



We are looking for expertise in the following areas:

- **Medical and Health:** Doctors, nurses, carers, and health policy professionals.
- **Education:** Teachers and experts in education policy and practice.
- **Science and Technology:** Engineers, urban designers, IT professionals, and environmental specialists.
- **Justice:** Police officers, victim services advocates, lawyers, and those with court preparation experience.

To help us connect with the right members for these opportunities, please log in and update your professional details on the "**My Page**" area of the members' website database. This will allow us to quickly identify and contact members whose expertise aligns with our needs.



SISEAP WEBSITE - MEMBER AREAS
Webinar Tutorial
VIEW HERE

A banner with a teal background. On the left, there is a photograph of four women. The text 'SISEAP WEBSITE - MEMBER AREAS' is in white, 'Webinar Tutorial' is in large white font, and 'VIEW HERE' is in smaller white font. On the right, there is a circular logo featuring a woman's face with a crown.

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



[SIGBI 91st Federation Conference](#)

31 October – 2 November 2025

Registrations close 12th October 2025

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[SI Convention 2027](#)

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LEADERSHIP TEAM



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

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