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International

Federation of the

South West Pacific



As the end of the calendar year is approaching you should be finalising your club reports and entering all activities, donations, advocacy activities and projects into the programme database. You will no doubt be considering your projects and determining whether to nominate them for Best Practice Awards.

As you know the **16 days of activism starting 25th November**, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, lead up to International Human Rights Day 10th December. What activities is your club planning for these 16 days of activism commencing 25th November? Don't forget to use the [16 days of Activism toolkit](#) put together by the programme team, read more below.

International Human Rights Day 10th December is also the day when we remember to specifically donate to the International President's Appeal.

International President Mariet's Project 'Women Water & Leadership' (W,W&L) finished 31st September. I understand that International President Mariet's International Appeal 'W,W & L' achieved over 400,000 pounds and as you know the Indonesian earthquake also received monies from the WW&L President's appeal to help the recovery process even though it was not one of the proposed projects. The SISWP Indonesian disaster has been very fortunate to be included in the funds raised for the W,W & L Appeal.

The incoming International President Sharon Fisher, a Canadian Soroptimist from the Federation of the Americas, announced her International President's Appeal at the International Convention in Kuala Lumpur in July. Those who attended the International Convention will know that Incoming International President Sharon's President's Appeal is ['The Road to Equality'](#) with 2 figures, a red bus and the curly SIA logo surrounding the SI emblem. There will probably be a Parallel presentation at the Commission for the Status of Women (CSW) in New York in March 2020. A

parallel presentation usually occurs in buildings outside the UN building whereas Side events with government involvement and promotion can be held in the UN building itself or sometimes in the UN country missions located in New York.

I was delighted with the large number of applicants for both the funded CSW scholarship and the self-funded nominations for CSW 64, a 25 year review of the achievements for women since the 4th World Congress of Women in Beijing in 1995. I can remember the fund raising that the Canberra women's community undertook to sponsor 2 women from Canberra to Beijing. President Anusha mentioned both groups in the November eBulletin so make sure you take note of the travellers to CSW and catch up with them when they return.

Catherine Evans

Programme Director 2018-2020

Successful CSW 64 Delegates

President Anusha along with Catherine Evans who will be attending CSW 64 are pleased to announce the nominees that will be joining them in 2020. This amazing opportunity was well sought after with many more applications than in previous years. For 2020 CSW64 there were 4 Soroptimists chosen for the Fully Funded Position, congratulations to:

**Oyungerel Rentsen (Mongolia),
Sylva Maria Hutagalung (Indonesia),
Joanne Fannin (New Zealand) and
Machellee Kosiak (Australia)**

We also congratulate the following members who have been selected as self-funded delegates. Theresa Lyford, Christine Johnstone, Wendy Logan, Cesarina Gigante, Judy Toll, Chris Knight, Shanay Fannin and Natasha Chilton. This provides SISWP with a solid team for CSW 64.



Best Practice Awards Nominations

President Anusha and Programme Director Catherine are pleased to announce that the Best Practice Award nominations are now open. Nominations will be received from clubs who have completed a project during the 2019 year.

This year there will be two types of awards. The Programme Team Best Practice Award for a project completed in any of the 8 Objectives, plus 8 Presidential Awards. These awards will be showcased at the Conference of Clubs 2020, this provides a wonderful opportunity for your club to

showcase to SISWP how powerful your project was.

SISWP 8 Objectives Awards

and

The 8 Presidential Awards are:

Best Short Documentary Video

Best SI Club Facebook Page

Best Social Enterprise Development

Iconic Rural Women Leaders

Mentor Young Creators

Prosper Across Borders

Rural/Indigenous Women/Girls Best Social Media Advocacy Campaign

To read more information about the Objectives awards and the Presidential Awards head to the Programme page on the members area of the website. [Read More](#)

Links to the forms can be found on the [Programme page](#) on the website or in the download area of the website.

[Downloads > Programme Information > Programme Forms](#). (please note you will need to log onto the website to use these links)

Advocacy Work

What are priorities in your country? What are clubs doing in advocacy?

Advocating on behalf of women is a core Soroptimist function, this month the programme team brings to you SDG Report fact sheets for our countries in the Asia Pacific. We hope that these fact sheets will assist you when advocating on the behalf of women and girls.

[SDG report Fact Sheet Eastern and South Eastern Asia](#)

[SDG report Fact Sheet Australia and New Zealand](#)

[SDG report Fact Sheet Central and Southern Asia](#)

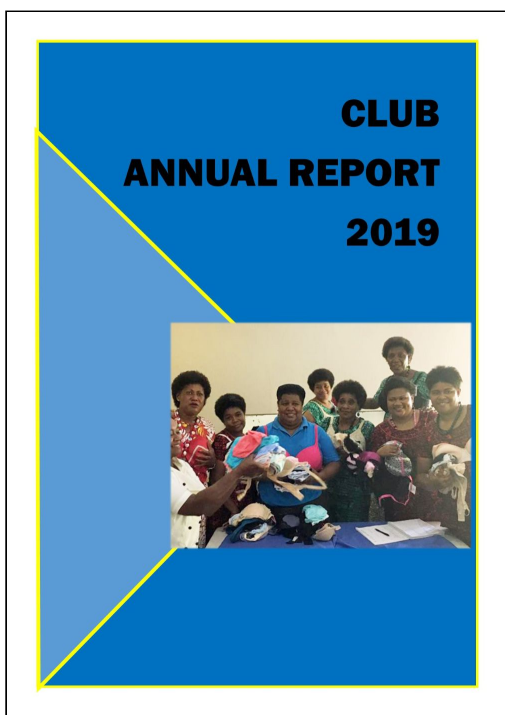
[SDG report Fact Sheet Oceania](#)

Tell us what your club is doing to Advocate on behalf of women. Send us the information or complete a Advocacy Programme Report

Programme Database

Not many weeks left for clubs to submit their projects, activities, donations, scholarship and

advocacy work for the 2019 year. It is important that this information be submitted to the database. Did you know that you won't be able to complete the annual club report unless this information is submitted.



Club Annual Reports are due in February. These reports will be produced automatically from information submitted to the programme database. To see an example of what a club annual report will look like, this can be downloaded from the siswp website [Downloads > Programme Information > Programme General Information](#)

Training Video on how to reuse a rejected report. There are times when the programme team have to reject a report, whilst we are reluctant to do this it is often necessary. You will receive feedback comments with the rejected report, this feedback is designed to assist you with resubmitting a rejected report. The reports which are rejected can be found when you log onto the programme database;

- To locate these report - Click on Reports > click on the down arrow to the right of Published and choose from the menu list Rejected.
- You will then see a list of rejected reports. To re-use (edit) the rejected report click on the I icon to display the report.
- Now click on the Re-use button to the right hand side top. (This reuse button uses a save as function)
- You will be asked to provide a title name for your report, this can be the same name as used previously. Click OK. This will create a new report, with all the existing information in it. You can then edit all sections of this report.
- Once completed either save or submit the report.
- NOTE: You will now have the original rejected report and this new report. Go back to Rejected reports and now delete the original report from the database.

To assist you with this process a training video has been produced, which you can watch which explains how to do this. [Watch the Video by clicking here.](#) or alternatively, it is available from the link on the SISWP website - [Link to All SISWP Webinars.](#)



16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

Sunday 25 November is the **International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women** and marks day one of the **16 Days of Activism**.

Each year, from 25 November to 10 December, World Human Rights Day, the 16 Days of Activism campaign calls for action against one of the world's most persistent violations of human rights – violence against women.

During the 16 Days of Activism, Soroptimists will UNite people to raise awareness about gender-based violence, challenge discriminatory attitudes and call for improved laws and services to end violence against women for good.

These 16 days provides clubs with programme, awareness and advocacy momentum to Walk the Talk and bring about change.

The Programme Team along with the Communications team have provided clubs with a 16 Days of Activism Toolkit. The Toolkit Includes:

- 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Campaign Toolkit Overview Document.
- Facebook banner to be used by all clubs on your Club Facebook page – (This can also be used to add to the bottom of your email signature.)
- Facebook Profile Frame.
- Facebook Profile Frame Instructions on How to Update your SISWP Club/Members Facebook Profile Frame to promote campaign.
- Banners to be used on publications, websites, brochures.
- Orange SISWP emblem.
- 16 Days of Activism Campaign Slogans - PDF Documents. – Which Clubs should print out and take to Club meetings, project days and use to photograph Club members in action holding slogans and then post these photos on your Club Facebook page Link to the full toolkit available on the SISWP website - [Downloads > 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence Club Toolkit](#)

Clubs are encouraged to share your social media campaigns with hq@siswp.org so that we can share them our the SISWP website and facebook site, remember to include **@soroptimistsouthwestpacific** in all your Facebook posts.

UN SDG Work



Soroptimist United National Representatives have been busy over the past few months. Did you know you can read the latest blogs from the work the UN Representative are doing at the various UN agencies on the Soroptimist International website covering such topics as **RURAL WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS AS AGENTS OF CHANGE**, SI UN Representative,

Kristin Reynisdottir, and SI Advocacy Coordinator, Hannah Agius, report from the 'Rural Women Entrepreneurs as Agents of Change' side event held on 30 October at the Beijing +25 Regional Meeting in Geneva.

GENDER EQUALITY: AREAS OF PROGRESS VS. KEY OBSTACLES - A blog by SI Advocacy Coordinator, Hannah Agius, following her first visit to the United Nations Office of Geneva for the Beijing +25 Regional Review Forum, 28-29 October. [Read More Here](#)

Closer to home will be the **ASIA-PACIFIC BEIJING +25 REGIONAL CSO FORUM**. Organised by the Asia-Pacific Beijing+25 Civil Society Steering Committee with support from UN Women's Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Soroptimists will be represented at this meeting by Theresa W. Devasahayam and Christine Johnstone, this event will be held from the 23 - 29 of November. Look out for posts and blogs.



**Sanctuary: Shelter for Women
Federation Project**

Find out more and donate now at www.siswp.org

Sanctuary: Shelter for Women Federation project will finish at the end of this biennium.

As Christmas approaches consider your end of year club donations and or your personal donations. This building will provide shelter for vulnerable women and children who are victims of domestic violence and natural disasters. Your donation will help us with the internal fit out of the building, purchases such as lounges and cushions, dining table and chairs enabling our guests to feel safe and rest within our Sanctuary building in Lautoka Fiji. To read more about this project, to download the latest flyer and Donate [READ MORE](#)



The Road to Equality

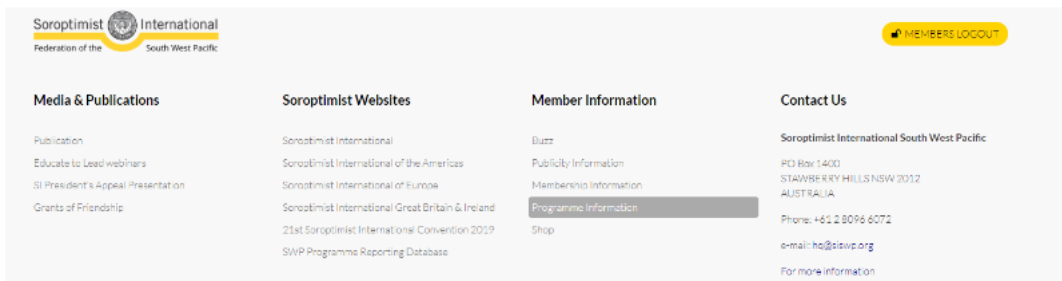
SI PRESIDENT'S APPEAL 2019 - 2021

December 10th - Human Rights Day, marks the day that Soroptimists traditionally have been asked to give up a pleasure for the day or week and use the money usually spent on that cup of coffee, chocolate, etc and raise funds, giving a personal donation and raising awareness to the incoming **President Sharon Fisher's - The Road to Equality Appeal**, this project will support projects that educate, empower and enable women and girls to ensure no one is left behind. I also know that some clubs have a Donation Bowl at their end of year or Christmas events for this appeal.

The Road to Equality Appeal, 2019-2021, will focus on issues already the focus of much of the SI advocacy work, such as child marriage, FGM/C, the rights of older women, human trafficking, migration, and domestic violence. A grassroots project for each topic will bring stories from the field that we can share, allowing Soroptimists to turn up the volume of our global voice. [Download the postcard brochure](#) here, and visit the [Soroptimist International Appeal page](#)

Programme Information Web Page

How long since you visited the SISWP website? Did you know that in the members area, there are dedicated pages for Publicity, Membership and Programme Information. This is available from the footer area on the SISWP website.



The Programme page will provide you with latest news, links to downloads area, who the programme team area, programme zones, and links to the BPA nomination forms. Do have a visit to this page, and if there is further information you would like to see here contact Programme Director Catherine Evans on swpprogrammedirector@siswp.org

Around the Federation

October was Membership Month. Many clubs used this month to promote their grass roots project work to prospective members. Membership growth is important to Soroptimists as it enables the organisation to meet their Programme Objectives and deliver projects which help SWP achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

SI Lae Club reports - that the Executive took a different approach to celebrate the October Membership Month by being Inclusive of those around us. We also decide to celebrate two United Nation Observed Days as well in our Activity. The Executives include the “**World Mental Health Day**” which falls on 10th October and “**International Day for Girl Child**” which falls on 11th October into our Program.

The **Fashion & Cocktail Evening Objective** was drafted to showcase works of Soroptimist in Lae, Morobe Province and also the highlight of Soroptimist and get young women and girls signing up to join Soroptimist Clubs.



Top Left Presenting of cheque to Well's Women's Clinic. Top right induction of the 3 new members. Bottom Left and Right, models

We had a Fashion Show that involved nine Women groups who had been consistent in all three Flea Markets that has been hosted by Soroptimist Lae in 2018 & 2019 as part of our Economic Empowerment Program.

We had a young Professional Designer, Christopher Lam from Barata PNG as well in this Fashion Show as we have been partners with him in his various Education Programs. He as a Young PNG Climate Change Ambassador who was also collaborating with us in our various activities and Programs the most recent one being the Youth Development Forum here in Lae.

On this evening, we also inducted two new Members and gave away Funds to Organisations that we support to highlight what we do in our Organisation.

SI Griffith - October was membership month and we smashed it with three new members. We welcome Leanne Adamthwaite, Doris Mancinelli and Linda Panazzolo. We wore pink to recognise and remember those who have been affected by breast cancer and listened to Major Lyn Cathcart from the Salvation Army, who spoke to us about her 'Positive Lifestyle Program.'



Soroptimists love to enjoy themselves, and what better way to do this than combine your fun activities with a activity to raise funds.

SI Penang organised a Masquerade Gala Dinner. This event looked like a lavish affair and congratulations go to the amount of funds raised is amazing and a great credit to the team led by organising chair Anita Pater.. SI Penang President Michele Lim welcomed the guest of honour YBhg Mdm. Tan Lean Kee & thanked the Chairman Mdm Anita Pater and her Organising Committee for arranging the event. She also welcome and thanked all present for their great support of the SI Penang fundraising Masquerade Gala dinner



November 25th marks the beginning of the 16 days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence. Whilst this time provides the clubs with many opportunities to speak out against Gender Violence, many clubs advocate to an end to Domestic Violence through out the year.

SI Torrens Changing Attitudes:and Creating Safer Communities Forum. Family violence remains a major issue but many workers in the field are unaware of the range of programmes and organisations that could be utilised by their clients, SI Torrens and Women's Legal Services SA planned the symposium, the object of the symposium was to give diverse groups a chance to display and explain their work.This would help locate the best option for those experiencing problems either perpetrators or victims, 15 organisations participated on the day.

Sector workers were better informed, establish contacts and learnt new information to enable them to better assist clients. Evaluation sheets were very positive and included requests for similar events.

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Go to the 'Members Area' in yellow at the top left of screen.

Here you can access all previous copies of eSPAN Newsletters Archived. Or if you are already logged in [Click Here](#)

United Nation Days

20 November- [World Children's Day.](#)

This day was established in 1954 and in 1959 the UN General Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child. Later in 1989 the UN General Assembly adopted the Convention for the Rights of the Child. Since 1990, this day also marks the date that the UN General Assembly adopted both the Declaration and the Convention on Children's rights.

25 November - [International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women](#) Violence against women and girls (VAWG) is one of the most widespread, persistent and devastating human rights violations in our world today remains largely unreported due to the impunity, silence, stigma and shame surrounding it.

In general terms, it manifests itself in physical, sexual and psychological forms.

1 December – [World Aids Day:](#) A disease that hopefully will soon be eradicated

2 December - [International Day for the Abolition of Slavery.](#)

Slavery is not merely a historical relic. According to the International Labour Organisation (ILO) more than 40 million people worldwide are victims of modern slavery, a term covering practices such as forced labour, debt bondage, forced marriage and human trafficking, all examples of exploitation particularly of women and children. It is estimated that over 40 million people are subject to modern slavery. The ILO has adopted a new legally binding Protocol designed to strengthen global efforts to eliminate forced labour, which came into force in November 2016. ILO celebrated its centenary this year.

3 December – [International Day of Persons with Disabilities](#)

The observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons was proclaimed in 1992, by the UN General Assembly to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society and development. In 2006, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities was adopted.

10 December – [Human Rights Day & International President's Appeal Day](#) donation. Let's stand up for equality, justice and human dignity.

Human Rights Day is observed every year on 10 December – the day the United Nations General Assembly adopted, in 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This year, Human Rights Day marks the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a milestone document that proclaimed the inalienable rights which everyone is inherently entitled to as a human being -- regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. It is the most translated document in the world, available in more than 500 languages



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