



# SIPOM EDA GADO

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL CLUB OF PORT MORESBY NEWSLETTER

## FIRST MEET OF 2025

### Soroptimist International Club of Port Moresby Hosts Annual General Meeting at Ela Beach Hotel

The Soroptimist International Club of Port Moresby held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on the 8th of February, 2025, at the Ela Beach Hotel. The event marked a significant occasion for the club, with four new members inducted and a new executive team elected to guide the organization through the upcoming year.

The AGM provided an opportunity for members to reflect on the club's achievements from previous years, and outline programs to be rolled out in 2025.



During the meeting, the club warmly welcomed its newest members; Alison Kabewa, Lorraine Wapi, Debra Opa, and Jenny Frank.

Following the induction, the club's executive team for 2025 was also elected. The new leadership will work together to

maintain the club's growth and to further its mission of promoting opportunities for women and girls through its network of volunteers.

### MEET OUR EXECUTIVES (2025):



**President**

Barbra Nenewa



**Treasurer**

Monica Salter



**Secretary**

Alison Kabewa



**Past President**

Belinda Sinen



**Membership Convenor**

Kylian Kenni



**UN Liaison**

Winsome Nenewa



**ICT/Publication Officer**

Lorraine Wapi

## SIPOM featured on the FM100 Talkback Show



On Monday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March, SIPOM's Winsome Nenewa was invited to the FM100 TalkBack Show, hosted by Cullighan Tanda. During the show, Winsome gave a brief on the Soroptimist International Club of Port Moresby; the work we do; and our upcoming projects. She also had the opportunity to field calls from listeners and discuss our Club's mission.

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### 2025 UPCOMING PROGRAMS!

- 1.**  **HEALTH**  
**MATERNAL HEALTH PROGRAM DONATION**  
7th March, 2025 ✓
- 2.**  **ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT**  
**4E's COMMUNITY GRANT TRAINING PROGRAM FOR WOMEN**  
6th March, 2025 ✓
- 3.**  **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**  
**SCHOOL BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM**  
5th June, 2025
- 4.**  **EDUCATION**  
**BOOK DRIVE AND BOOK DONATIONS**  
8th September, 2025
- 5.**  **ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE**  
**TRAINING FOR MEMBERS & VOLUNTEERS**  
May - October, 2025

Join us in our monthly meetings to learn more about how you can volunteer and be a part of these Programs! Check out our facebook page for more information on our meeting dates.

## SIPOM SPONSORS FINANCIAL LITERACY TRAINING FOR INMATES IN CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

As a gesture of empowerment and community support, Soroptimist International Club of Port Moresby sponsored a financial literacy training session for 21 inmates and 11 correctional service officers at the Female wing of the Bomana Prison on Thursday, March 6th 2025. The initiative, aimed at promoting financial independence and knowledge, came as part of the lead-up to celebrating International Women's Day, a global celebration of women's achievements and a call to action for acceleration of gender equality.



*From left: Officer Georgina Wilson (Financial Literacy Training Participant), Barbra Nenewa (President - Soroptimist International Port Moresby) and Ruth Landi (Financial Literacy Trainer - Women's Micro Bank).*

The training, delivered by Women's Micro Bank, focused on equipping the participants with essential financial skills, such as budgeting, saving, and managing money effectively. These skills are crucial for the inmates' reintegration into society, particularly for women who may face unique financial challenges upon release.

SIPOM president, Ms. Barbra Nenewa, who attended the session, highlighted the importance of such programs in offering second chances and enabling personal growth for women and men alike, regardless of their circumstances. "This financial literacy program aligns with our mission to help women gain the knowledge and confidence to lead independent, fulfilled lives. By reaching out to women in all areas of society, including those incarcerated, we can help foster their sense of self-worth and readiness for life after prison," said Barbra.

The training was especially meaningful as it coincided with International Women's Day, as well as the launch of the Soroptimist International Club of Port Moresby 4E's Community Training Grant Program. The Program is aimed at providing small grants for women's groups in Port Moresby, Motu Koitabu and Central Province, to access financial literacy training for its members.

# Soroptimist International Club of Port Moresby : 4E's Community Training Grant.



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## THEME: BUILDING BRIDGES TO FREEDOM

Are you a Women's group in Port Moresby, Motu Koitabu or Central Province looking to empower your members? The Soroptimist International Club of Port Moresby is offering a unique opportunity for your group to participate in a financial literacy training program!



### Topics to be covered

- Savings and budgeting
- Managing debt effectively
- Financial planning for life
- Opening bank accounts
- Empower women through financial literacy.
- Equip women with essential financial skills.
- Break cycles of dependency and pave the way for personal transformation.

Register Today!  
For more information on how you can apply please contact us:

**Applications close on the 11th April, 2025 at 3pm.**



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Soroptimist International,  
Port Moresby PNG



Soroptimist International  
Club of Port Moresby

## SUPPORTING RURAL MOTHERS FOR HEALTHIER FUTURES

Continuing its effort to improve maternal health across Papua New Guinea, the Soroptimist International Club of Port Moresby has donated 42 birthing kits to ChildFund PNG for distribution in rural communities. The donation, made on March 7, is part of the club's ongoing commitment to promoting maternal health and providing essential care for women and girls in underserved areas. Since the inception of the maternal health program in 2022, SIPOM has sourced and donated over 450 birthing kits to 10 clinics and aid posts in 4 provinces across PNG. The birthing kits, which were sourced through the Rotary Club of Port Moresby, contain essential supplies needed for safe deliveries, including gloves, sterile blades, and other critical items. These kits were distributed to rural

areas, where access to medical facilities and trained professionals are limited.

On receiving the donation, ChildFund PNG Program Manager-Health, Olive Oa, expressed her thanks, "We are proud to be able to continue our support for women and girls in rural areas, ensuring that they have access to the basic necessities for safe childbirth. The birthing kits, although they appear small, provide what is essential for a safe birthing environment."

The donation is part of Soroptimist International's broader mission to empower women and girls, particularly through healthcare initiatives that focus on maternal and child well-being. The club hopes to expand its reach, continuing to address the pressing health needs in rural communities across the country.



*Barbra and Lorraine of SIPOM, presenting the birthing kits to the ChildFund PNG Health team.*

### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY SOLIDARITY WALK



The Soroptimist International Club of Port Moresby proudly participated in the International Women's Day Solidarity Walk, on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March, joining many other organizations and individuals in advocating for gender equality and women's empowerment. The walk, which began at 6 AM, started from APEC Haus at Ela Beach and concluded at Sir Hubert Murray Stadium in Konedobu. This year's theme, "Accelerate Action," called for urgent and continued action toward achieving gender equality and improving the lives of women and girls globally.

Following the walk, participants gathered at Sir Hubert Murray Stadium, where various groups had set up booths and stalls. These displays provided an opportunity for organizations to showcase their work, share resources, and engage with the public on issues affecting women and girls in Papua New Guinea. SIPOM was among those actively engaging with attendees, promoting their initiatives and encouraging more women to take part in community projects and advocacy efforts.

The walk was organized by the National Capital District Commission (NCDC) Gender Secretariat, the Department for Community Development and Religion, the Office for the Development of Women, and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), in collaboration with various stakeholders and partners. It aimed to highlight the importance of women's rights, celebrate achievements, and call for further momentum in the push for gender equality. Members of the SIPOM joined the procession, walking alongside representatives from government agencies, NGOs, corporate organizations, and community groups. Their participation underscored the club's commitment to improving the lives of women and girls through equity, equality, education, and empowerment.



## **THREE NEW MEMEBERS INDUCTED AT GENERAL MEETING**

On March 22, the Soroptimist International Club of Port Moresby gathered for their general meeting at the Paphos Conference Room at Lamana Hotel. The event marked a special occasion as three new members were officially inducted into the club.



The newly Inducted members were Dr. Alice Nipson, Ms. Kathy Kolokolo, and Miss Winsome Nenewa Jr. (pictured below).

The meeting also saw the presence of members from the civic and advocacy organization, HANIWA Inc. (Humanity and Nature Indigenous Women's Association), a women-led initiative focused on empowering indigenous women and advocating for the protection of nature.

The gathering provided an opportunity for both Soroptimist International and HANIWA Inc. to share insights, collaborate on initiatives, and discuss ways they can continue making a positive impact in their communities.



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## Our members

NO.	NAME	ORGANIZATION	SIPOM POSITION
1	Barbra Nenewa	Human Development Institute	President
2	Monica Salter	Monian	Treasurer & TRC Project Officer
3	Belinda Sinen	Pacific Legal Group	Immediate Past President
4	Winsome Nenewa	Salvation Army	UN Liaison
5	Alison Kabewa	University Student (UPNG)	Secretary
6	Kylian Kenni	Self employed	Membership Convenor (Dual)
6	Lorraine Wapi	NiuSky Pacific Limited	ICT/Publication Officer
7	Philomena Nawara	Brian Bell	Member
8	Courtenay Chue	Monian	Member -fundraising
9	Kathy Chue	Pacific Industries	Member -fundraising
10	Seema Dass-Raju	Nambawan Super	Past Treasurer
11	Tanya Kassman	East West Transport	Past President
12	Monica Seddon	Leasemaster	General Member
13	Lollou Tan	Self employed	General Member
15	Dr Alice Nipson	Hope Essential Dental Clinic	General Member
16	Leonilla Wapi	University Student (UPNG)	Tertiary Student
17	Jenny Frank	Koki Salvation Army	Primary School Student
18	Winsome Olyna Nenewa	Koki Salvation Army	Primary School Student
19	Debra Opa	Self employed	General Member
20	Kathy Kolokolo	Post PNG	General Member

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