

Why do.. Over 75,000 worldwide call themselves a Soroptimist?

Because they want to make a difference in today's world.

Soroptimists speak up for women of all nations through AWARENESS, ADVOCACY AND ACTION.

# Educate, Empower, Enable

**Soroptimists** are women who come from a wide diversity of cultures and circumstances united in working together through service projects to:

- Raise the status of women
- Advance human rights for all
- Promote equality, development and peace





Soroptimist International - once again a Launch Partner for the campaign - supports Say NO -UNITE to End Violence against Women, a global call for action

Visit: www.saynotoviolence.org

### Soroptimist International, Port Pirie Recent activities / local projects

- Facilitate Look Good Feel Better workshops for women who are being treated for cancer.
- Donate funds for worthy causes such as essentials packs for women's refuges, a pony for Riding for Disabled, computer and printer for Parenting House, above ground herb garden for SCOSA.
- Advocacy: such as support for upgrade of Women's War memorial.
- Recognise contributions of local women to the community through Women Achievers Awards.
- Support combined service club activities including Driver Reviver and Christmas Pageant.
- Hold an annual pasty drive as fund raiser for local projects. Also PC Lottery ticket sales.

#### Where do we meet in Port Pirie?

Soroptimist International, Port Pirie meets on the second and fifth Tuesdays at 7 pm. Meetings consist of a business meeting with supper or a guest speaker and dinner. Both incorporate time for friendship activities.

Monthly social lunch first Friday of month 1pm At International Hotel, All welcome.

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## **Soroptimist International of South West Pacific Federation Projects**

Every two years, clubs have the opportunity to put forward a proposal for a new Federation Project. Previous Federation Projects have resulted in:

- Birthing in the Pacific: Improving maternal health; educating midwives, community health workers and village birth attendants. Providing opportunities for up-skilling, medical equipment and training supplies.
- Hands across the Borders: Bringing health, education and economic opportunities to Sampovloun, Cambodia. Improving sanitation and infrastructure. Providing basic supplies for the School and Hospital and the up-skilling of nurses.
- Establishing the first clinic in Papua New Guinea for victims of domestic violence.

Current Federation Project: Sanctuary: Shelter for Women is in Fiji.

The project aims to provide shelter to the most vulnerable in our community, especially women and children who have been the victims of domestic violence and natural disasters and who are often the last to receive care and attention.