



KIWANIS AUSTRALIA DISTRICT CONVENTION

SYDNEY 21 – 23 AUGUST 2026

57th CONVENTION

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WELCOME TO SYDNEY CONVENTION

AUSTRALIAN DISTRICT GOVERNOR



Welcome to Sydney to our 57th Australia District Convention. A special welcome to Kiwanians from overseas who have joined us. I invite you to share how Kiwanis works in your countries.

Thank you to the Convention Committee, led by Jeff Hudson, and the clubs of Division 2, for organising what I know will be a memorable convention. Make sure while you are here that you take time to see some of the sites of Sydney, especially since you are central to the city, where

there are so many easily accessible attractions.

Our District Convention gives us the opportunity to renew old friendships and make new ones. We also elect and install our new leaders for 2026 - 27, receive reports, make key awards and exchange ideas on service projects. The workshops planned will inspire us in our continuing work with children. Of course, we get the chance to have some fun, especially at our Saturday night *"Kruising with Kiwanis on a Hot August Night"*

There will be some inspirational speakers during the Convention who will replenish our energy to continue with the work we do in our communities.

Special thank you to our International Counsellor Ike Altavas, who has taken time out of his busy schedule to be here to learn about Kiwanis Australia, support the Board and offer advice to Governor Elect Peter and his team for next year .

Kiwanis Australia clubs continue to do fantastic work in their communities. We need to ask people to join us in order that the children we help continue to thrive into the future. Remember **#Kids need Kiwanis - Kiwanis needs You!**

I urge you to enjoy the fellowship and exchange ideas with other Kiwanians.

Steve Hughes

Governor 2025 - 2026

WELCOME FROM PRESIDENT KIWANIS SYDNEY



Welcome to the 57th Kiwanis Australia District Convention in the Big Smoke - the Harbour City. We look forward to an inspiring and memorable few days. Your presence reflects a shared commitment to service, leadership, and making a meaningful difference in the lives of children and communities. To those from abroad, we extend an especially warm welcome. Your fellowship is a reminder that Kiwanis knows no borders.

This convention is a chance to reconnect with our purpose, to celebrate the impact we have made over the past year, and to inspire one another for the work still ahead. Kiwanis has always been about people — the lives we touch, the communities we strengthen, and the future we help shape for children around the world.

Kiwanis Sydney and Division 2 is honoured to host this year's convention and we've embraced the spirit of the journey in our theme, *Kruising with Kiwanis*. We've worked to create an experience that is informative and engaging, and true to what Kiwanis stands for — collaboration, friendship, and service to the children of the world.

In the coming days, I encourage you to make the most of every opportunity. Join the conversations, share your stories, learn from those around you, and build connections that will last long after the convention concludes.

Most importantly, take a moment to acknowledge the collective impact represented. Each of you contributes to a larger movement - one that changes lives in ways both seen and unseen.

Angelique Mastoroudes

President, Kiwanis Club of Sydney

On behalf of Division 2, Kiwanis Australia

PETER E. ZANDER OAM

GOVERNOR-ELECT 2025 - 2026



Peter has been a member of KI since joining the Kiwanis Club of Brighton (SA) in the Australia District in 1987. Since then, Peter was the Charter President of the Kiwanis Club of Bus Service Operators (SA) formed in 2008 and a Charter Member of the Kiwanis Club of Centennial Internet in 2013 (part of the Pennsylvania District USA).

Peter is currently a member of 3 Kiwanis Clubs, holding club positions of Secretary/Treasurer for the Bus Operators Club and member of the Centennial Internet and Glenelg Clubs.

Peter has held multiple roles at the club, district and international level - Governor of the Australia District 2014/15. Secretary for the Australia District 2016 - 2018 and 2019 - 2021, District Treasurer (2022 - 2025), Master Instructor, Australia District 2011 - 2016, Chair ASPAC 2018 - 2019. Chair of the ASPAC Master Instructors Committee 2013/2014, Member of the International Committee for Aktion Clubs 2013 - present, District Trainee, Australia 2002 - present and District Administrator for Aktion Clubs, 2005 - present., lastly Governor-elect for the Australia District 2025 - 2026.

Kiwanis Awards include Legion of Honor recipient - 35 years, Life Member of Kiwanis International (1999), George F. Hixon Recipient (2001), International Presidents Leadership Development Award (2012), Distinguished Service Award for the Kiwanis International Foundation's George F Hixon Fellowship Program in 2001, Distinguished Lt Governor (2012), Distinguished Club President (multiple years), Distinguished Club Secretary (multiple years), Distinguished Kiwanian (2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2019). Apart from Kiwanis awards, Peter was a recipient of the Medal of the Order of Australia in 2010 for his services to Kiwanis and the community in general, but especially for the work Peter does with people living with disabilities.

Peter has worked in Information Technology for over 40 years, working on mainframe computer systems. He is now semi-retired, works as an Admin Manager for Bowden Engineering Solutions, an aeronautical engineering company. Peter spends most of his spare time devoted to his community service endeavours. Peter was also a member of the Australian Army Reserve, having served over 23 years in both the Infantry and Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineer Corps. Peter is married to Yvonne, about to celebrate their 44th Wedding Anniversary. They have 2 adult children, Melissa and Sandie and 2 grand-children, Amelie (14 years old) and Toby (12 years old).

JOSÉ RAMON “IKE” ALTAVAS

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEE ASIA PACIFIC



José Ramon “Ike” Altavas of Roxas City, Capiz, Philippines, was elected to a three-year term on the **Kiwanis International Board of Trustees** during the 2026 Kiwanis International Convention in Manila, where he represents the **Asia-Pacific Region**.

A dedicated Kiwanian since 1978, Ike has devoted nearly five decades to advancing the mission of Kiwanis — serving the children of the world. He is an active member of the **Kiwanis Club of New Kapis** and the **Kiwanis Club of Kalibo** of the Southern Philippine District.

Throughout his distinguished Kiwanis journey, he has served in numerous leadership positions, including **Club President, Lieutenant Governor, District Governor, District Ambassador, ASPAC Secretary, and ASPAC Chairman (2014 - 2015)**. His leadership has been characterized by innovation, collaboration, and a steadfast commitment to sustainable community service.

Ike has championed numerous high-impact projects that have transformed communities across the region. His initiatives include feeding and nutrition programs, benefiting thousands of malnourished children, literacy and community book bank projects, free medical and prosthetic missions, solar lamp distribution to underserved island communities, anti-drug awareness campaigns, the establishment of a Kiwanis Island Marine Fish Sanctuary and Reef Rehabilitation Project, disaster relief and community resilience programs, and health and wellness initiatives. These projects reflect his belief that meaningful service is measured by lasting impact and empowered communities.

Professionally, Ike pursued studies in Political Science, Public Administration & Governance, Coastal Resource Management, Humanitarian Assistance, Project Management . Beyond Kiwanis, he is a farmer and agriculturist, marine conservation advocate, property lessor, public speaker, community organizer, and certified scuba diver—interests that reinforce his passion for environmental stewardship and grassroots development.

He is a George F. Hixson Fellow, a recipient of Coral Award for Multi-Projects, a member of the Kiwanis Heritage Society, and has served as District Coordinator for Project ELIMINATE. Ike is married to **Joshie Altavas**, a member of the Kiwanis Club of New Kapis, and Trustee of the National Board of the Catholic Women’s League of the Philippines. Together, they are blessed with five accomplished children who are engaged in public governance, social development work, international relations and entrepreneurship.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM

Australians all let us rejoice
For we are one and free
We've golden soil and wealth for toil
Our home is girt by sea
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare
In history's page let every stage
Advance Australia Fair
In joyful strains then let us sing
Advance Australia Fair

PHILIPPINES NATIONAL ANTHEM

Filipino

Bayang magiliw
Perlas ng Silanganan,
Alab ng puso
Sa dibdib mo'y buhay.
Lupang hinirang
Duyan ka ng magiting
Sa manlulupig
Di ka pasisiil.
Sa dagat at bundok
Sa simoy at sa langit mong bughaw,
May dilag ang tula
At awit sa paglayang minamahal.
Ang kislap ng watawat mo'y
Tagumpay na nangniningning;
Ang bituin at araw niya
Kailan pa ma'y di magdidilim.
Lupa ng araw, ng luwalhati't pagsinta,
Buhay ay langit sa piling mo,
Aming ligaya na pag may mang-aapi
Ang mamatay nang dahil sa iyo.

English Translation

Land of the morning,
child of the sun returning,
With fervour burning,
thee do our souls adore.
Land dear and holy,
cradle of noble heroes,
Ne'er shall invaders
trample thy sacred shore.
Ever within thy skies and
through thy clouds
And o'er thy hills and sea
Do we behold the radiance,
feel the throb
Of glorious liberty.
Thy banner, dear to all our hearts,
Its sun and stars alight,
O, never shall its shining field
Be dimmed by tyrant's might!
Beautiful land of love, O land of light,
In thine embrace 'tis rapture to lie,
But it is glory ever,
when thou art wronged,
For us, thy sons, to suffer and die

OBJECTS OF KIWANIS

- 1. To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.**
- 2. To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.**
- 3. To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards.**
- 4. To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.**
- 5. To provide, through Kiwanis Clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.**
- 6. To co-operate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which makes possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and goodwill.**

WELCOME INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

Philippines



NZ



India



PROGRAM

Pads & Pens will be available at venue.

Friday 21st August

Venue

9:00am - 12pm	District Board meeting & 2026/27 Preliminary Board Meeting Taylor Boardroom
11:00am	Registration desk opens Foyer Oxford 1&2
1:00pm	<i>Opening Session</i> <i>Oxford 1+2</i> Call to Order - MC Angelique Mastoroudes and Belinda Hughes Welcome and Official Introductions Acknowledgement of Country Australian National Anthem Philippines National Anthem Official Opening of Convention by Rev Bill Crews Introduction of International Counsellor "Ike" Altavas Acknowledgement of International Visitors
1:45pm	<i>Business Session 1</i> Reports - Chaired by Secretary Kavitha Hapuarachchi ○ District Governor - Steve Hughes ○ District Secretary - Kavitha Hapuarachchi ○ District Treasurer - Rose Hepple ○ KADCF - Bryan Williams ○ Motion to accept all reports as submitted ○ Presentation of ALL cheque
2:30pm	House of Delegates. Elections - Kavitha Appointment of the following by Governor Steve Hughes Parliamentarian Tony Gunn Sgt at Arms Ken Archer Returning Officer Bob Sitters 3 delegates per club, delegates at large A. Roll call of clubs and confirmation of quorum B. Nomination & Election of 2026 - 27 District Governor Designate C. Nomination & Election of 2026 - 27 District Governor Elect D. Nomination & Election of 2026 - 27 District Treasurer

- E. Brief address by District Governor Designate
- F. Governor Designate to introduce his 2026 - 27 District Secretary
- G. Brief address by District Governor Elect
Proposed Resolutions - Kavitha
Resolutions by Acclamation
- H. Resolution of Thanks to International Board Trustee
- I. Resolution of Thanks to 2025 - 26 District Governor
- J. Resolution of Thanks to Convention organising committee
- K. Resolution recognising the services of past Governor Spencer

3:15pm	Workshop 1 - Child Protection Policy update - Gov Steve Hughes
3:45pm	Speaker - Kirsty-Leah Goymour - Sydney Children's Hospital Comfort Care Cases
4:30pm	Adjourn day session
6:30pm	Formal Dinner The Surry Rooftop Cash/card Bar - Dinner Drinks at own expense
6:40pm	MC for evening Belinda Hughes Introduction of Official Party Invocation and Toasts - Dave Jeffrey
6:55pm	Address by International Trustee Ike Altavas
7.15pm	Main course Served
8:00pm	Address - District Governor Steve Hughes International trustee Ike Altavas to Retire the 2025 - 2026 Board Installation of Board of Trustees for 2026/27
8:45pm	Dessert Served
9:15pm	Angelique Mastoroudes - Kiwanis Membership
9:30pm	Vote of thanks and presentation to District Governor Steve Hughes Steve Hughes presents gift to District Secretary and Treasurer Steve to present gift to International Trustee Ike Altavas
9:50pm	Announcements Objects of Kiwanis by Kelli Schuh
10:00pm	Close of Evening

Saturday 22nd August

Venue

8:15am	Registration Desk opens	Foyer Oxford 1+2
8:00am - 3pm	Continuous tea and coffee	Foyer Oxford 1&2
8:30am - 9am	Pastries on arrival	Foyer Oxford 1 &2

Business Session 2

Oxford 1+2

9:00am	Start of proceedings by Angelique and Belinda	
9:15am	Award Presentations	
9:50am	Update on bushfire relief in Victoria	Tim Dawes
10:00am	Morning Tea break	
10:30am	Manjula's Dancing Girls	
10:50am	Workshop 2 - Kiwanis Voices	Ike Altavas Peter Zander
11:25am	Memorial Service	
11:55am	Kiwanis Children's Fund Report	Bob Sitters
12:05pm	Reports from International visitors NZ and India	

Lunch

Manna Loft

12:30pm		
1:15pm	Guest keynote speaker	
	Nathan Stafford "The Lawn Man" and HeartKids Ambassador	
	5 - 10 minutes question time	
	Presentation of HeartKids cheque	

Business Session 3

2:00pm	Workshops 3 - Kiwanis Engage	Kavitha
2:35pm	Short break - Last chance to top up Tea and Coffee	
2:50pm	Speaker - UNICEF Australia - Paul Johnston - Partnership Manager	
3:25pm	Workshop 4 - Successful Club Projects Forum	Steve and Peter
4:00pm	Presentation by 2027 Convention organisers	
4:10pm	Closing words Governor Steve	
	Handover of banner, gong and gavel to Gov. Designate Peter Zander	
	Farewell message from Peter Zander	
4:30pm	Business Session Close	

(Please place your lanyard in the box at the door for next year)

6:30pm - 10pm	Saturday Fun night	The Surry Rooftop
	Theme: <i>"Kruising with Kiwanis on a Hot August Night"</i>	
	MC - Gladys Mitchell	
	<i>Raffle during the evening (credit card payment available)</i>	
	DJ - Dance like no one is watching	
7:00pm	Buffet dinner Served	
9:00pm	Prizes and Raffle	
10:00pm	Fun Night concludes	
	End of 57 th Australia District Convention	

Sunday 23rd August

Venue

8am - 10am	Farewell cocktail breakfast	Taylor room
	<i>For members/guests who have booked and paid</i>	

***Have a memorable stay in Sydney.
There are so many experiences available.
Safe journey home.***

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Val Gilchrist**

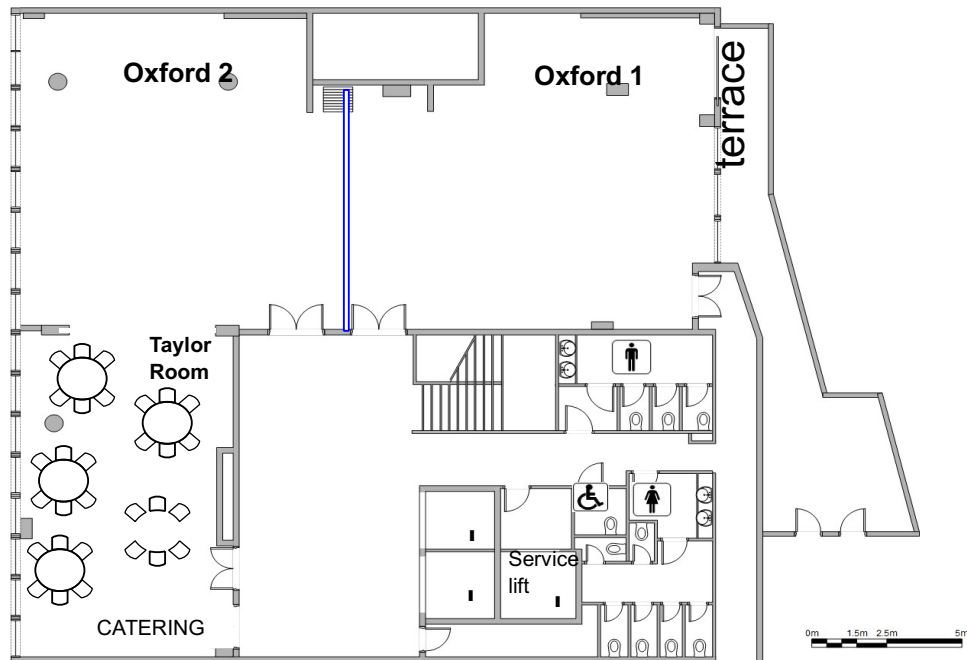


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