



Governor's Newsletter July 2026

Remember my Motto for this year is *#Kids need Kiwanis, Kiwanis needs You!*

Kiwaniis Australia District Convention on Fri 21st to Sun 23rd August 2026. We have 73 people registered, however would like over 80 to make it a great event. It's not too late to register but be quick.

<https://register.kiwanissydney.org>

2027 District Convention will celebrate our 60th Anniversary of Kiwanis in Australia since starting in October 1967. We need a Division or Club to host the event. Can your club please consider?

Kiwaniis Australia Governor Elect 2026-27 Would you like to nominate and lead Kiwanis Australia in 2027-28? You will join other leaders from around the world in Indianapolis in November 2026 for training. You will get the chance to attend ASPAC Convention in March 2027 in Guam and KI Convention in June 2027 in Dallas. This is a great opportunity to meet Kiwanians from around Australia and the world. Contact me if you would like to know more.

Australian Kiwanian (AK) Thanks to Trish Madsen for publishing her first edition of the AK last week. Take the time to read this great roundup of all that is happening in Kiwanis Australia and an insight as to what took place at the KI/ASPAC Convention in Manila. Send articles you would like published to ak@kiwanis.org.au.

New Members! Well done to Perth and Athelstone Clubs! Perth added 2 new members and Athelstone added 3 new members in July to take their clubs to "Charter II" strength of 21 and 20 respectively. We have now added 40 new members this year and their average age is 58 yo, with 3 being under 23 yo.

ASPAC Awards It was great that our Hills Aktion Club won a "ASPAC RISE" award for their Clean-up Australia Day project over 25 years which helps with a more sustainable environment. Their newsletter celebrated receiving the award from Lieutenant Governor Lousie. The other award of note was to the Perth for submission of "Why I joined Kiwanis" to the ASPAC Stories. Congratulations to Hills Aktion and Perth Clubs!

Club Elections You should have held your club elections by now. Make sure your club enters these to the Engage system. When preparing the new Kiwanis Australia directory for 2026-27 we use the Engage system to prepare the directory.

Growth Forum Last week our incoming Growth Chair, Angelique Mastoroudes held a brainstorming session with several members of the Board. There were lots of new ideas raised and discussed. We will hold these sessions monthly to select which ideas to trial and how we implement them.

Kiwaniis Club of Australia Online One of the ideas from the growth forum was that a great forum to share and hear about what other clubs are doing is to join or attend Kiwanis Australia Online meetings. Their meetings are held online on 2nd Thursday at 7pm AET and last for 1 hour. Contact Sue Kimberley on Australia_online@kiwanis.org.au for the link details. It would be great to have all clubs represented.

Earthquake Appeal Kiwanis Australia tries to support other Kiwanis districts in ASPAC in the event of a disaster. Recently we donated \$1,000 to the Kiwanis Southern Philippines District to assist with relief to victims of the June earthquake in Mindanao. Thousands of affected residents are currently facing tremendous hardships, including inadequate shelter, limited access to food, clean water, medicines and other basic necessities essential for their survival and recovery. Kiwanis Australia has received similar help in the past.

Thank you,

Steve Hughes – Governor 2025-26

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