






Kiwanis Australia District Convention 2015



Program

Friday 28 August	
12:00pm	Registration Desk Opens
12:30pm	BOT meeting
5:00pm	Welcome Reception Join us for an arrival drink and some canapes while meeting up with fellow Kiwanians then make your own dinner arrangements.
Saturday 29 August	
7am	Registration desk opens
8am	Seated Breakfast Chair: Official Welcome and Convention Opening Speaker: George Halkias George Halkias is a well-respected community figure who has supported some of the most vulnerable members in our community. Over more than 20 years he has coordinated innovative services and programs that have changed the lives of many Australians. George has worked extensively in the government and community sectors on various ground breaking projects. Having being instrumental in formulating the winning bid to bring the 2008 Homeless World Cup to Melbourne, George became the public face of the games. He played a vital role in planning, marketing and staging this amazing international community and sporting event. A passionate and entertaining speaker, George now passes on much of his insight, experience and wisdom to professionals, aspiring leaders and the wider community. He believes in raising the awareness and educating individuals on a range of social issues while inspiring them to reach higher levels in their own fields. In 1998 George Halkias managed the Victims Referral and Assistance Service on behalf of the Department of Justice Victoria. A highly respected statewide service, it supported victims of violent crime and incorporated a call centre/helpline in which up to 20 professional staff responded immediately to victims that needed accurate information and emotional support. In 2004 George began the street soccer program in Fitzroy with volunteers and staff from the Big Issue. In 2005 he sourced corporate support and coordinated the first Australian team to participate in the Homeless World Cup, Edinburgh, Scotland. He has since coached and coordinated Australian teams at six Homeless World Cup events: Edinburgh 2005, Cape Town 2006, Copenhagen 2007, Melbourne 2008, Milan 2009 and Paris 2011.
	
9am	Stretch your legs
9:30am	Business Session 1 Chair: District Secretary - Tony Gunn Official Reports
10:00am	Business Session 2 Chair: Immediate Past President John Bromilow House of Delegates Elections
10:45am	Morning Tea Chair:
11:00am	Heart Kids Report and Presentation Speaker: Heart Kids Board Member - Erin Cerevelli Erin has been a volunteer with Heartkids for 12 years. Her initial involvement was because she is a 'HeartKid' – diagnosed at 6 months with a VSD & being operated on at 5 years of age she is now a 'healthy' heart kid with only a 'zipper' as proof of her status. Her voluntary work has been fairly consistent with HeartKids, mainly through support/involvement of the annual 'Teen Camps.' During her 12 year involvement. In addition, she also assists the running of the annual Heartkids Victoria 'Tween Camps' which are successfully going into their third year – a great stepping stone for our kids in Victoria to prepare themselves for national camp. Erin has recently taken the position of Chair of the HeartKids Victoria 'Youth' Committee & is a current Board member. Outside of HeartKids Erin is a Campaign Operations Manager at Salmat, in their Field & Retail division and has been with the company for 10 years.
	
12:00pm	Eliminate Report
12:15pm	Memorial for deceased Kiwanians
12:30pm	Lunch Chair:
1:00pm	Speakers: Unicef Young Ambassador Jay Gajera Jay is one of ten UNICEF Australia Young Ambassadors for 2014-15. He has recently graduated as a Doctor of Medicine from the University of Melbourne and is currently working at Sunshine Hospital, which serves a large multicultural population. Jay has a keen interest in diversity and multiculturalism, and his interest in speaking up for the rights of children stems from witnessing children experiencing poverty and inequality during his time in India. UNICEF works in over 190 countries to promote and protect the rights of children. In Australia, UNICEF advocates to increase public and government support for improvements to children's lives both in Australia and through its international development programs. The UNICEF Australia Young Ambassadors are a team of child rights advocates aged 15-24 years, who voluntarily join UNICEF Australia for one year to further children's rights being realised in Australia and internationally.
	
2:00pm	District Strategic Plan and Terrific Kids Strategic Plan
3:00pm	Afternoon Tea Chair:
3:15pm	Speaker: International Trustee/Board Counselor Marcel Kreienbühl Marcel Kreienbühl of Waldkirch, Switzerland, was elected to a three-year term as a trustee of Kiwanis International at the 2013 Kiwanis International-European Federation Convention in Berlin, Germany by delegates from Europe. Marcel began his Kiwanis service in 1983. A 31-year member of the Kiwanis Club of Gossau-Flawil, he served as club president in 2008-09 and district governor in 1998-99. Marcel has held various European and international posts, including KIEF President in 2005-06; chairman of Growth KIEF; and chairman of Past KIEF Presidents. He's also a life member, a George F. Hixson Fellow, a Mel Osborne Fellow and a distinguished governor. A retired notary, Marcel spends his non-Kiwanis time golfing, skiing, listening to classical music and enjoying his family. He and his wife, Heidi, have four children and five grandchildren.
	
3:45pm	Awards
4:15pm	Retirement of outgoing Board
5:00pm	Meeting Close
7:00pm	 Kiwanis International's 100th Birthday Party MC: Lounge Suit (No Fancy Dress). 2 course meal with complementary first drink
11:00pm	Convention Close