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**MULTIPLE DISTRICT 202  
49th ANNUAL CONVENTION  
24 - 26 APRIL, 2009**





## Message from the Mayor of Wellington



It is with pleasure that I provide my strong support for Wellington's bid to host the Lions Club Multiple District 202 49th Annual Convention 24-26 April 2009.

Wellington would be honoured to host your conference! We have fantastic conference facilities that, combined with the friendliness and willingness of our people to help, make this city a great place for you to meet, talk and update yourselves on the latest issues.

Wellington's compactness as a city makes it highly accessible and easy to get around. Most activities are within walking distance but we also have an efficient, reliable transport system. And there is plenty to see and do before, during and after your conference. Wellington's reputation as the events and cultural capital of New Zealand is unrivalled.

Our city offers a unique shopping experience, a diverse range of wining and dining experiences at countless restaurants, cafés and bars and an intriguing selection of theatre productions, live music, operas and exhibitions all within easy walking distance of Wellington hotels. Wellington is sophisticated, dynamic and vibrant.

Wellington is the absolutely positively best place to hold the Lions Club Multiple District Convention in April of 2009.

We would love to have you here and I can guarantee you won't be disappointed!

Yours sincerely

Kerry Prendergast  
Mayor of Wellington

## TO THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

Dear Convention Delegates,

On behalf of the Lions Club of Wellington (Host) we seek your support to host the 49th Annual Convention of Multiple District 202 in April 2009.

We recognise that 2009 will be an important year for Lions in New Zealand, the 50th Anniversary of the presentation of our Charter apart, as it is extremely likely that this will be the year PID Ron Luxton steps up as endorsed candidate for International 2nd VP. Where more appropriate, as the final step before Minnesota, for a ringing endorsement of PID Ron than in the nation's capital from both Lions and public leaders? The anticipated attendance of IP Al Brandel and Lion Maureen will add further support to the occasion.

Since our Club made the decision to investigate bidding for this Convention we have gained the support of Her Worship the Mayor of Wellington, Positively Wellington Tourism and the Wellington Convention Bureau, the Wellington Convention Centre incorporating the Wellington Town Hall and the Duxton Hotel which will serve as the Headquarters Hotel. In addition a substantial number of accommodation providers in Wellington, from motel and backpacker through apartments to 5 star hotels, have already confirmed their support and assured us of their assistance and co-operation.

Although it is still early days we have sought and gained the support of the Clubs in what will become Zone 7 of District 202M and are confident that together we will give Lions a Convention to remember. We are mindful that our dates fall over the weekend of the 90th Anniversary of the first peacetime ANZAC Day commemoration and our programme will make provision to suitably acknowledge the service and sacrifice of those who went before. But the weekend will also be a celebration of the future!

Fellow Lions we seek your endorsement of Wellington as the Host for the Multiple District Convention April 2009.

Mark Matthew

President



## THE LIONS CLUB OF WELLINGTON

For over 48 years the Lions Club of Wellington (Host) has proudly carried the banner of Lionism in the nation's capital. To probably hundreds of thousands of children the Lion's Train was the first stop on any visit to Wellington Zoo and the Club is proud that today the train continues to bring joy to children of all ages, even if it is at Timaru!

Whether the Club was the 5th or 6th to be established (depending on who you talk to) there is no doubt that it made an indelible mark on Lions in New Zealand as the home club of Keith Mitchell – a title present members are very proud to acknowledge. Members were active in the organisation of the first Conventions and remain active at all levels of our organisation. Led by Keith, the Club actively supported the campaign and International Presidency of Lloyd Morgan.



## CONVENTION WEEK PROGRAMME

*Note this is a concept example only.*

### Monday 20 – Thursday 23 April 2009

Multiple District Council Meeting, District Governor Elect Training, Council Last Supper, IOSC and other meetings as scheduled

Venue: DUXTON HOTEL

### Friday 24 April 2009

AM MD Council and other meetings as scheduled

Venue: DUXTON HOTEL

AM Registration Opens

Venue: WELLINGTON TOWN HALL FOYER

PM Convention Displays Open

Venue: WELLINGTON TOWN HALL FOYER

### Pre Convention Tour Programme available

PM Mayoral Reception for Guests

Venue: MAYORAL CHAMBERS TOWN HALL

7.00pm Official Opening & Flag Ceremony

Post Opening Supper

Venue: WELLINGTON TOWN HALL

### Saturday 25 April 2009

5.30am Dawn Parade and Wreath Laying

Venue: CITIZENS WAR MEMORIAL

7.00am Early Breakfast

Venue: DUXTON HOTEL

9.00am Convention Keynote Address & Business Session

Venue: WELLINGTON TOWN HALL

### Partners Programme available

7.00pm International Banquet & Cabaret

Venue: WELLINGTON TOWN HALL

### Sunday 26 April 2009

7.30am Key Breakfast

Venue: DUXTON HOTEL

10.00am Service of Remembrance & Rededication

Venue: WELLINGTON TOWN HALL

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## WELLINGTON SIGHTSEEING

Got a half day or even just a few hours? No problem – you're spoiled for choice in Wellington! Here are some highlights.

If it's early, grab breakfast at one of Wellington's many quality cafés, then experience the eclectic, boutique shopping downtown.

Catch the Dominion Post Ferry across Wellington Harbour. Stop off at Matiu/Sommes Island along the way and wander amongst native plant and bird life. Jump back on and continue to Eastbourne's Days Bay. Relax with today's paper and a coffee from one of the cafés, then get some fresh air with a stroll along the beach.

Discover New Zealand's largest cultural attraction, Te Papa. This \$300 million national museum holds New Zealand's treasures and reveals the stories of our nation.

Head out to Karori Wildlife Sanctuary for a picnic lunch and test how well you know our native flora and fauna.

Visit Pataka, just 20 minutes from Wellington city. See contemporary Maori, Pacific and New Zealand art and then refuel at Café Kaisen.

Imagine life as a colonial family at the Colonial Cottage Museum – Wellington's oldest building.

Take a four wheel drive tour along the spectacular South Coast to a colony of New Zealand fur seals.

Have dinner at one of Wellington's international quality restaurants. Try Logan Brown, The White House, or Citron. For a more casual atmosphere try the quesdillas at The Flying Burrito Brothers, sample dishes from Asia at Monsoon Poon, or visit Calzone for upbeat Italian cuisine and fun atmosphere.

After dinner, drive to Mt Victoria Lookout for a stunning view of the city at night. Or test your limits on the vertical bungee in the heart of Courtenay Place, and then head out for dessert at Expressoholic or Strawberry Fare.

Relax over a glass of wine at one of the many bars in the Courtenay quarter. Try The Last Supper Club or Beau Monde for a quiet drink with friends, then pop into Ponderosa, Paradiso, Motel and Jet Bar on your way to Go Go where you can dance the night away.

## TON (HOST)

The Club had a closed membership of just over 100, and some present members remain proud they received an invitation to join. Today the membership may be smaller but the Club continues to play an active part in supporting the community.

Among the pioneering undertakings the Club introduced the first Dine Out voucher book to New Zealand, provided the first four wheel drive ambulance in New Zealand (outside the armed forces) to the Wellington Free Ambulance and funded a major campaign in the Cook Islands to totally eliminate Polio.

From its formation the Club, and our members, have actively supported Outward Bound, a tradition that continues to this day. Annual reports from the 1960's make constant reference to Club support for underprivileged children and today through the Magic Show we continue that tradition.

In 2005 the Club invested in a new initiative for the community bringing 60 Wellington regional charities together under one roof for *Wishtopia*, an opportunity for the public to learn about these organisations without being expected to give anything in return. As well as bringing the charities to the public it proved an opportunity for groups to meet and get to know others working in the community and created new relationships which will enhance their service.

Today the Club continues to be actively involved in the wider community, placing specific emphasis on supporting youth activities and opportunities. The Lions Club of Wellington (Host) is proud of the contribution it has made to Wellington and New Zealand over the past 48 years and looks forward to welcoming you to join us celebrating 50 years of Service in 2009.

# PROPOSED VENUE

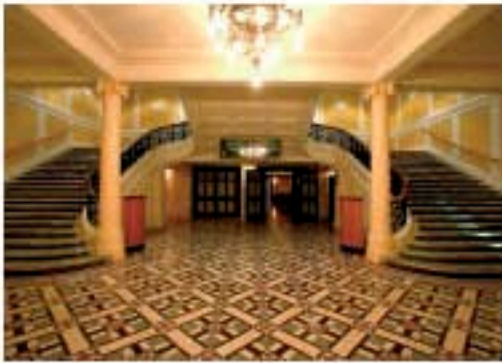
The proposed venue for the Lions MULTIPLE DISTRICT 202 49th ANNUAL CONVENTION is the Town Hall of the Wellington Convention Centre.

The Town Hall was built in 1904 and is a beautifully restored historical building.

There are another eighteen venue spaces within the Wellington Convention Centre able to cater for needs of the Convention.

The Wellington Convention Centre is also ideally situated in the heart and soul of Wellington city and is within walking distance from all the major hotels.

For more information have a look at [www.wellingtonconventioncentre.com](http://www.wellingtonconventioncentre.com)



# ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

Opposite the Wellington Convention Centre the Duxton Hotel Wellington is proposed as the Headquarters Hotel for the Convention.

The Duxton Hotel Wellington is a four and half star 192 room property offering a full range of Convention facilities including the largest ballroom in Wellington, able to comfortably cater for up to 850 people.

For more information have a look at [www.duxton.co.nz](http://www.duxton.co.nz)

Additionally there are a full range of accommodation options from backpackers, motels, budget three star hotels to five star hotels and apartments all within an easy walk of the Wellington Convention Centre.



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