

Multiple District 201 International Director Candidate Profiles

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International Director Candidate Profiles

Dear Lions,

Please find following the candidate profiles for the 2022-24 International Director nominees in alphabetical order.

Lions Clubs International is governed by a Board of Directors. The number of Board positions broadly reflects the proportion of Lions. Constitutional Area 7 incorporating Australia, PNG, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands and Indonesia are able to elect 1 International Director who will serve for a term of two years. By agreement within our area, it is the turn of Multiple District 201 to select the Candidate and we have six excellent Lions nominated by their Districts, presented to you in this brochure.

It is an important role that provides the opportunity for the views of our Lions to be represented on the International Board.

I encourage you to discuss the candidate selection within your club prior to the vote.

In addition to this information presented by the candidates, you should view the speeches by the candidates that will be available on the Lions Australia YouTube channel from the start of April. A Lion will introduce the candidate in a four-minute speech, and the candidate will speak for five minutes.

The link may be found here. <https://tinyurl.com/MD201-ID2022> .

How voting will be conducted...

Voting for the International Director Candidate will be conducted by electronic ballot.

The Cabinet Secretaries are currently compiling a list of authorised delegates within Multiple District 201. Each Club has a voting entitlement determined under the Constitution.

Authorised delegates will receive a personal and secure e-mail link to enable them to vote online in the election. This link must not be shared and can only be used once. It is personal to the delegate. The e-mail will contain information about how to vote and provide a link to the appropriate website.

Voting will open on Friday 29 April 2022 and close at 5:00pm Australian Eastern Standard time on Monday 9 May 2022.

Voting Format

Delegates will be asked to select their preferred candidates, inserting the number 1 next to the most preferred candidate, 2 next to the second-preferred candidate, through to the number 6.

The outcome of all ballots will be announced at the Mini-Convention in Melbourne.

Rob Oerlemans
Executive Officer



PDG Dr Peter Ho AM

"Our voice of ANZI Pacific"

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Peter is a retired civil/structural engineer and a passionate servant to both professional and community organisations for over 45 years. He came to Australia in 1981 to pursue his Doctoral studies in Engineering at The University of Queensland. Peter is a leader in his profession, being called upon as an expert witness in court proceedings for forensic engineering and investigation cases.

He is supported by his wife June, and they have always participated in community activities together. As a team, they would be worthy successors to the Lions and their partners who have previously represented ANZI Pacific on the International Board.

LIONS & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Lion Peter has extensive experience in serving the community. His journey as a Lions member commenced in 1996, as a Charter member of Brisbane Chinese Lions Club serving numerous positions, including President in 1998-99. Since 1999, Peter has held senior positions within the District Cabinet including Chairperson for Zone and Region, ALF & LCIF Coordinator, Lions 100 Coordinator, Guiding Lion, Sergeant-At-Arms, Global Service Team Coordinator, and Constitution & By-Laws Chairperson. His District Governorship was served in 2005-2006 with the theme "Harmony-Acceptance-Tolerance". Peter is currently the Region/Zone Chair Coordinator in the 201Q1 District Cabinet.

In recognition for his services contribution to the community, in 2015, Peter received the Member of the **Order of Australia (AM)** award for his "*significant service to civil and structural engineering, and to professional organisations*". He also received the Multicultural Services Award in 1999 from Queensland Premier, and the Centenary Medal in 2002.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

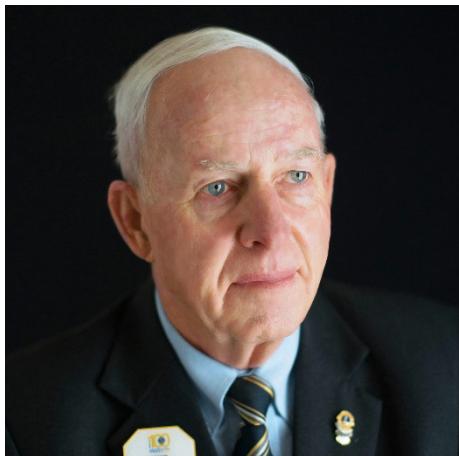
Peter is a Chartered Engineer, a Fellow of Engineers Australia and the Institution of Structural Engineers, a Doctor of Philosophy in Structural Engineering and an Adjunct Professor. He has commercial experience through establishing his own engineering consulting firm in 2004. Since retiring in 2018, Peter lectures as a Sessional and Adjunct Professor at Queensland University of Technology.

He has held influential leadership positions including President of Ethnic Radio 4EBFM, Executive Member and Treasurer of the National Ethnic Multicultural Broadcasting Council, President of Engineers Australia (Queensland Division) and Member of the University of Queensland Senate.

Over the last 20 years, Peter has been involved with the Institution of Structural Engineers based in London and was a Council Member in 2018-2021. As one of the Chief Examiners, he travels to London, Singapore, Shanghai, and USA to supervise the Chartered Membership Examinations. This, together with his professional experience in Australia, Europe, Asia and Middle East provides him with significant international experience.

During his tenure as the President of Ethnic Radio 4EBFM, his negotiation skills and knowledge allowed him to solve complex issues involving volunteers with different language and ethnic backgrounds.

Peter has over 25 years of experience with Lions Clubs possessing a good understanding of the many issues raised by Lions from the grass roots level. Together with his commercial experience, Peter is well positioned to be an effective advocate serving as "our voice of ANZI Pacific".



PCC Bruce Hudgson OAM

AMBASSADOR OF GOODWILL

OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

OUR approximately 50,000 Lions, (*Constitutional Area 7, Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, South Pacific Islands*), are an incredibly proud and significant population of amazingly diverse cultures. I am humbly asking to be elected to the position of International Director responsible for that area.

My number one, absolutely critical policy, is to uphold, respect, and advance, all of **our** varied Lions requirements and expectations, so that **we** can journey positively into the best Lions clubs' future possible. In much the same way that leadership at club level works, it will require from **all of us**, guiding inspiration, well organised, administrative and negotiating skills, plus dynamic leadership, common sense and calm diplomacy. **Our** International, national and local Lions organisation faces many vital changes **we all** need to address and put into place – **together!** Our Lions future can only be secured by the efforts of members. I would be honoured to accept a leading role in that team effort representing **us** at International Board level.

Thank you for reading my objectives and considering my nomination.

BRUCE HUGGSON'S PERSONAL & BUSINESS CAREER

Bruce is firmly and contentedly family based. Wife Barbara, sons Nicholas and Luke, and daughter Kate, are, as ever, completely supportive.

Agricultural Scientist Bruce and Barbara's businesses, in the fertiliser and machinery industry, along with Bruce's many varied corporate consultancies and chairmanships, (*some still ongoing*), were successful. The growth in business, people skills and learning brought many transferrable skills and insights. These skills are reflected equally in Bruce's chosen; Lions based humanitarian service career over 49 years.

LIONS HISTORY

- Currently a member of the Lions Club of Melton
- Member of Lions since 1972 (Portland)

INSPIRATIONAL LEADERSHIP ROLES

- Australian Lions Hearing Dogs Advisory Committee
- Chairman – V Districts Cancer Foundation (instigated and oversaw the setting up of the Skin Screening & Awareness Mobile Unit)
- 1981 – 1982 Council Chairman at age 35
- President Werribee
- President Portland (70 members)
- District Governor V2
- V2 – V4 Sight & Hearing Foundation Board Chairman
- Chairman, ANZI Pacific Forums Standing Committee 2018-2021
- Instrumental in encouraging and championing the New Caledonia ANZI Forum for 2024
- Lions Centennial Action Committee Vice Chairman CA7 (International Appointment)

**INTERNATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ROLES**

- Cabinet Secretary
- Three terms as Cabinet Treasurer
- Sydney 2000 Convention Committee
- Barry J Palmer Campaign Committee
- Vice Chair Sergeant at Arms Honolulu Convention
- Vice Chair Elections Toronto Convention
- Chair Sergeant at Arms Fukuoka Convention
- Co Vice Chair Melbourne 2024 International Convention Host Committee
- Attended 18 International Conventions
- Strong working relationships with Australian Lions HQ and International links

DISTRICT CABINET ROLES

- Foundation Crime Stoppers Lions Representative
- Membership & Extension
- Former Trustee & Chairman V2 Lions Charitable Trust
- Zone Chairman
- Sight & Hearing Chairman
- Four terms as Constitutional & By Laws

AWARDS

- Ambassador of Goodwill (highest award in Lions International)
- 100% District Governor
- Three International Presidents Medals
- Melvin Jones Fellowship
- James D Richardson Award
- Australian Lions Foundation Hall of Fame
- Key Member and Centennial Sponsor
- Life Member of Lions International & Past District Governors Association



PDG Tim Irvine

PDG Tim Irvine has been a Lion for 38 years. He is currently a member of the Club of Atwell Inc. 201W2 having previously been a Lion in Darwin and Townsville before transferring back to WA.

Tim is a qualified CPA and has held senior finance positions in three of WA's most well-known and iconic businesses. Throughout his professional career Tim has been a leader and team builder, often selected as the "go to" person in the development of new business systems and in difficult situations.

Tim has held numerous positions within the clubs having been President four times. At District Tim has also been a strong leader as Zone Chair, Cabinet Treasurer, CBL, Leadership, Vice District Governor and District Governor. At the National level Tim has been a Director for ALDAF, Trustee for ALCMF, on three MD Convention Committees (chair for the 2000 Convention) and held the MD Leadership & GLT positions for 10 years.

It is in the area of training and leadership development that Tim is most recognised. He is a qualified International Trainer and has conducted much of the training for DGE's and VDG's as well as numerous LCI institutes and training programmes. He was selected to attend the first Lions Certified Instructor Programme held in Chicago and has since been selected to be a part of the faculty for the only two LCIP training programmes in CA7. He has presented at numerous district conventions throughout MD201 and has facilitated at six ANZI forums.

Through his involvement in various LCI Institutes and ANZI Forums Tim has become well known across CA7 and has a good understanding of the needs of the Lions in our area.

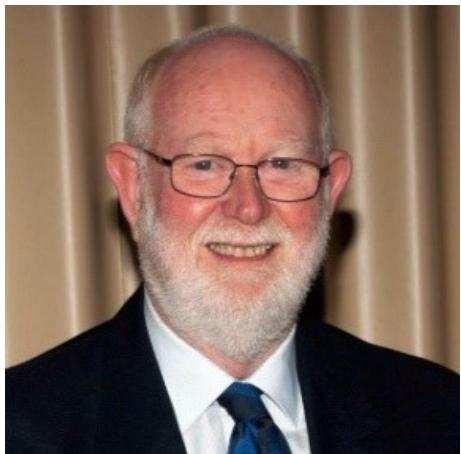
Tim has received many recognitions including International President's Medals, International President's Leadership Award, and 100% District Governor Award. He has been inducted into both the Australian Lions Foundation and the Western Australian Lions Halls of Fame and has a 10 diamond level Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship. He is also a life member of the Past District Governor's Association.

Throughout his professional and Lions careers family has always been important to Tim. He is married to Pene and they have raised two sons. Their eldest son was tragically killed in 1995. This has increased their commitment to the importance of a close-knit family and both Pene and son, Chris, are fully supportive of Tim's involvement in Lions. Tim and Pene are proud grandparents to John and Chloe.

Tim has the expertise, skill and knowledge of Lions to undertake this important role of International Director for our Constitutional Area. He is committed to furthering the development of Lions in a changing world, seeking out innovative approaches for growth, both now and into the longer term future.

Personal mission statement:

- To be a dedicated and passionate representative and advocate for the Lions and Leos on the International Board.
- Promote the growth of Lions throughout CA7.
- Ensure Board policy is visionary, relevant to changing society and meets the needs of our communities.



PCC Phillip Johnson

Phillip is a dedicated Lion of 35 years, currently serving as a member of the Multiple District Global Action Team as Global Leadership Coordinator. He has the knowledge of our Lions Organisation at International, Multiple District, District and Club level. He is committed to the ideals of Lionism.

He was born in Melbourne in 1950, living in East Bentleigh before relocating to Ferntree Gully. He completed his formal education and began a 40 year teaching career.

In 1987, Phillip took up the position of Principal at St Joseph's in Coleraine and over the next 24 years moved around country Victoria in the role of Principal at the Catholic Primary Schools in Koroit, Elmore and Corangulac before retiring at the end of the 2010 school year and now lives in Colac with his wife Anne who has accompanied and strongly supported him through his Lions involvement.

Since his retirement, Phillip has devoted his time to his family of three children and four grandsons, Lions (Local, District, National and International), gardening, chairing the Community Advisory Committee at Colac Area Health and supporting local causes such as the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal as Colac Area Coordinator on an annual basis.

Phillip constantly strives to enable good communication so as to give a fuller understanding of the operations and projects of Lions Clubs International and is excellent in his ability to articulate his thoughts and beliefs. He is known for his friendly and helpful communication at all levels of Lions and has a passion to make a difference in the lives of those he comes in contact with.

Phillip has served on District Cabinet since 2011 as Region Chairperson, 2nd VDG/GMT Retention, 1st VDG/Zone Chairperson Co-ordinator, District Governor, Youth of the Year Chairperson, VLF Councillor and Global Leadership Chairperson. At National level he has served as Council Chairperson, Victorian State Youth of the Year Coordinator, Multiple District Trainer and MD GLT Coordinator.

Phillip was recognised for service to his local community and was named Citizen of the Year in Colac Otway Shire and for his service to Lions he has been recognised with a Progressive Melvin Jones and Lions Australia Outstanding Achievement Award.

Regularly, he and his wife Anne, attend District, Multiple District and International Conventions. Phillip has strived to enrich his knowledge of Lions through attending the ANZI Pacific Forums for the past eight years, attend Lions Faculty courses and involved himself to the fullest extent when nominated as a Club Delegate.

Phillip has a diverse background working with people in the teaching profession and in Lions, holding management and leadership roles within these respected areas. Combining these attributes, he believes that he has the experience, drive and devotion necessary to be considered a worthy endorsed candidate for International Director.

We ask for your support of Phillip to serve Lions and Leos of Constitutional Area 7 in the role of International Director for 2022 to 2024 and be the voice of CA7 on the Lions International Board.



PDG John D W Muller OAM

Candidate for the Office of International Director

John is a dedicated Lion of more than 33 years and has held many positions at Club, District and Multiple District level. He currently serves as Global Action Team – Service National Coordinator.

He has also served at the International Level as Global Membership Team Constitutional Area 7 Leader with responsibility for Australia & PNG, New Zealand and the Islands of the South Pacific, and Indonesia, and was

International President Barry Palmer's Host Committee Chairperson of the International Board Meeting in Port Douglas. John and Shirley have attended 12 International Conventions, presented at 8 ANZI Pacific Forums and is Program Coordinator for ANZI Cairns 2022.

He has planted mangrove trees in Indonesia as a Service Project to regenerate marine life, participated in projects with Lions in New Zealand, built relationships with the Lions of New Caledonia, and actively participated in rebuilding Lions Clubs in PNG, all of which has increased his understanding of the customs and culture of these countries within our Constitutional Area. He has assisted in Flood and Drought relief operations and lead Lions Recovery efforts in North Queensland following Cyclone Yasi.

In all roles John has built strong working relationships and had strong interface with many staff at Lions Clubs International and with other International Officers. He is a dedicated and respected Lion with vast experience and knowledge of our organisation at all levels. His contribution to our organisation has been extensive and he is a Lion well known throughout our Constitutional Area. He has been strongly encouraged to nominate for the position of International Director by many Lions both in Australia and overseas, and was endorsed as a Candidate at his District's Zoom Convention.

John was recognised for service to his community as Citizen of the Year, received numerous Lions Awards including Life Membership of his club, 9 International Presidents Medals, is a Key Member having personally sponsored 93 new Lions, and is a progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. He was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for his services to the military.

John has a passion for service which he has exhibited at all levels. As a retired Westpac Senior Banker (39 years) who also served 36 years concurrently as a volunteer soldier in the Australian Army Reserve and a volunteer Rural Fireman for 2 years during a country Bank posting, he has a wealth of business and community involvement which gives him tremendous background to undertake the role of International Director.

John and his wife Shirley, also a Melvin Jones Fellow, are blessed with three children and 5 "Grandies". Shirley has been actively involved in Lions with John through all of his service, initially as a "Lions Lady" and now a Lion for the past 12 years, and has fully supported and accompanied John throughout his Lions career.

We seek your support of John as International Director, and together with Shirley they will be great ambassadors for our Multiple District and all of the Lions Family within Constitutional Area 7.



PCC Gary Parker

Change begins today. We are being invited to support change within our organisation and to this end the Global Membership Approach will be introduced in all Districts and then to Clubs. The Specialty Club is just one of many exciting developments within Lions that we will undertake as we accept the challenges of a rapidly changing future. How we deliver these changes will determine our growth and development moving forward. I am happy to embrace the changes and will help guide Lions into the next generation.

The world is changing so quickly that it is hard to keep up. Recent events have shown that our world could change completely tomorrow. The future of Lions will be impacted by some of those changes. We need to provide a readiness for such change.

I am honoured to be an endorsed candidate for the position of International Director 2022-2024. I seek your vote to allow me to serve Constitutional Area 7 in this role.

I have a lifetime of community engagement with 27 years as a member of the Lions Club of Canberra Valley. I am an active member of my club today and a current member of the District 201N2 Cabinet serving as the District Global Leadership Coordinator and Christmas Cake Chairperson. Each role needed changes to happen for our District and I am pleased that we have responded successfully.

I am conscious of the challenges to attract and maintain members so we can serve our local community. I have served as a Club President on 3 occasions and have held the position of Secretary and Treasurer. I received the Builder Key Membership Award for introducing 10 members.

I was privileged to serve as a District Governor in 2012-2013 and was the Council Chair for 2013-2014. I openly promoted the Reading Action program with our District Clubs purchasing and donating books to local schools.

My involvement as a Lion has been complimented by my wife Lois. We have been married for 48 years and have worked on our journey together. Lois will continue to support and assist me in this role of International Director as we serve our Constitutional area.

I enjoy serving locally as a member of my Lions Club and as a Trustee of the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation. To assist this outstanding organisation is so rewarding.

My varied professional career in sales, management and administration provides me with the expertise, skills and knowledge to contribute to the role of International Director for our Constitutional area. I have knowledge of the workings of Lions Clubs International and will enthusiastically embrace the position, not only to serve for the two-year term, but will continue to support and be active in our area for many years to come.

I welcome the opportunity to serve as your spokesperson by raising issues of concern for members. I want to contribute to the decisions of the International Board in setting policies and goals for the future of the organisation.