



Daily Programme for the 42nd District Fifteen Conference
Copthorne Hotel, Oriental Parade
Wellington 2026



**DISTRICT FIFTEEN ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL Inc.
42nd Conference April 30, May 1 -3 2026 Wellington**

THURSDAY April 30

12.30pm - 5.00pm	District Board Meeting	District Board Members and International Visitor Presiding: District Governor Margaret Melhop	At Industry Skills Board's Offices, 49 Tory Street, Wellington
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FRIDAY May 1

9.00am - 12.30pm	District Board Meeting	Presiding: District Governor Margaret Melhop	Jerningham room, Level 7 Copthorne Hotel.
12.00 noon	Past Governors Lunch	Past Governors and International Visitor	'Lola Stays' Cafe Oriental Parade.
12.00 noon	Registration Desk open Purchase Foundation Raffles	Registration and Credentials committee	Level 7 Copthorne Hotel

1.00pm – 3.30pm	President Training: All incoming 2026 to 2027 Presidents attend with support person welcome - this may be the incoming President Elect Treasurers also welcome.	District Leadership Committee	Jerningham Room, Level 7
1.00pm – 1.45pm	District Committee Chairs meet. Committee members welcome	Governor Margaret Melhop	Governors Suite
3.45 - 4.15pm	Welcome to all First Timers	District Director District Director	Jenny Wright Gardner Megan Harding
3.30 -3.45pm	Elections Committee		To meet with Governor In Hotel Foyer
5.00pm -6.00pm	Mix and Mingle – cocktail hour	Ticket holders for optional event	Embassy Theatre: Kent Terrace.
6.15 - 8.15pm	Movie: ‘Devil Wears Prada 2’	Ticket holders	Embassy Theatre: Kent Terrace
8.30pm	Free time – Supper and Socialise	Members make own arrangements.	
SATURDAY May 2nd			
7am - 8.00am	Leaders in Service Breakfast	By Invitation - 2025 - 2026 Presidents, District Chairs & Appointed Officers, District Board Members, Invited Guests	‘Lola Stays’ Oriental Parade

8.30 - 8.55am	Registration & Credentials Desk		Hotel Foyer - level 7.
8.30am	Banner Bearers Rehearsal	Leading -District Secretary <i>Banner bearers photos will be taken at this time</i>	Claire Paterson Foyer outside of Nicholson room.
8.50am	Official Party to assemble	District Board, Past Governors, and invited Guests	Foyer outside of Nicholson room
9am	OFFICIAL OPENING	Presiding: District Governor	Margaret Melhop Nicholson Room Level 7
	Karakia Timatanga	President Altrusa Int Morrinsville:	Linda Larsen
	Flag Ceremony	District Governor:	Margaret Melhop
	Singing of National Anthem of New Zealand		
	Introduction of Front table	District Governor	Margaret Melhop
	Welcome to Conference	District Conference Chair	Leanne Milligan
	Greetings from International	Int Visitor & Int Vice President	Penny Daugherty
	Other Greetings	District Secretary	Claire Paterson
	Roll Call		

		Registrations Chair	Pam Hayes	
	Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Past Governor	Patricia O'Donnel	
	Guest Speaker	Prof Bev Lawton <i>Maternity to Menopause</i>		
	Vote of Thanks	District Director	Robyn Brien	
10.30 - 11am	MORNING TEA			
11am	Opening of Business Session	District Governor	Margaret Melhop	
	Banner Parade	District Secretary	Claire Paterson	
	Accent	President Altrusa Int Tauranga	Maggie Dudfield	
	Apologies	District Secretary	Claire Paterson	
	Conference Rules	District Parliamentarian & Past Governor	Maria Mackay	
	Registration and Credentials Report	Credentials Chair	Pam Hayes	
		Number of Registrations:		
		Number of Clubs..... out of a possible 17		
		Number of Delegates out of a possible		
		Number of Alternates out of a possible		
		Number of Board Members		
		Number of Past Governors		

		Number of International Visitors	
	Adoption of Conference Programme	District Governor	Margaret Melhop
	Governors' Report	District Governor	Margaret Melhop
	District Board Members & Appointed Officers Reports	Governor- Elect	Denys Astin
	Adoption of 2025 Invercargill Conference Report	District Governor	Margaret Melhop
	Address from International	Int Visitor & Int Vice President	Penny Daugherty
	BRR	BRR Chair	Margaret Simpson
	Introduction of Candidates for 2026 -2028 Nominations Committee	Nominations Chair	Danae McConnel
12.00 noon	Business Session Ends		
12.00 - 12.30	Last chance to purchase Foundation raffle tickets		
12.00 - 12.30pm	Elections for Nominations Committee	Elections Committee: All Delegates, Past Governors & Board members to vote	Chair - Katrina Clokie Cophorne Reception
12.30 - 1.30pm	Lunch		Dining room.

1.30 - 2.20pm	Wellington City Mission presentation and challenge	Introduction Patricia O'Donnell	Dining room
2.30 – 3.00pm	Workshop 1 – “Having Difficult Conversations”	<i>Pauline Courtney</i> - member of the Arbitrators and Mediators Institute of NZ	Nicholson room
3.00pm-3.30pm	Afternoon tea		Dining room
3.30pm – 4.15pm	Workshop 2 – “Absolutely Positively Altrusa”	District Board members and friends	Nicholson Room
4.15pm	Karakia Whakamutunga	President Altrusa Int Morrinsville Linda Larsen	
6.00pm	Shuttles depart for Grand Century	Note last shuttle departs at 6.40pm	
From 6.10 pm	Mix & Mingle	Grand Century – Cash bar.	
7pm - 10 p.m. 7.00 - 7.10pm	Governor’s Banquet MC Entertainment Accent Grace	District Treasurer Lynley Brier Members St Catherines School Wellington President Altrusa Int Oamaru and District Astra Chair: Lynette Budge President Altrusa Int Queenstown Kate Dawson	

7.15pm	Dinner: Entree and soup		
7.40pm	Presentation of Awards -	Presented by our International Visitor:	
			Penny Daugherty
	Mamie L. Bass	Announced by District Service Chair:	
			Karen Liddy
	Letha H. Brown	Announced by District Communications Chair:	
			Jenny Bevin
	Dr Nina Fay Calhoun	Announced by District Membership Chair:	
			Rosemary Moore
8.00pm	Dinner: Main Course		
8.45pm	District Fifteen Leadership Award	District Governor :	Margaret Melhop
	Presentation of Lamplighters	District Governor:	Margaret Melhop
9.00pm	Dessert, Tea & Coffee		
9.15pm	Shuttles depart for Cophorne Hotel.		

Sunday May 3rd

8.00 – 8.35 a.m.	Memorial & Inspiration Service	District Fifteen Director	Robyn Brien	Nicholson room
9.00 - 9.45	Breakfast MC Grace Foundation Raffle Results First Timer Award	District Fifteen Director President Altrusa Int Timaru District Foundation Chair District Fifteen Director	Jenny Wright-Gardner Donna McColl Susi Chinnery-Brown Jenny Wright-Gardner	Dining room
10.00-11.00	Conference Session begins Karakia Timatanga	President Altrusa Int Morrinsville	Linda Larsen	Nicholson room
	Accent Introduction of Speaker Guest Speaker Vote of Thanks	President Altrusa Int Te Awamutu: Past District Governor Claire Robinson Governor - Elect	Lynette Coutts Leanne Milligan Denys Astin	Nicholson Room

11.00 - 12.00	Presentation of the Winning Entries	District Membership Chair- Rosemary Moore	At Industry Skills Board's Offices, 49 Tory Street, Wellington
	Town Hall Q & A Session	Governor, and members of the District Board	
	Call to Conference 2026	Members of Altrusa International of Oamaru	
	Conference Roundup	Presented by International visitor and International Vice President Penny Daugherty	
	Altrusa Benediction Karakia Whakamutunga	District Governor: Margaret Melhop President Altrusa Int Morrinsville Linda Larsen	
	Conference Concludes	Safe Travels. See you in Oamaru 2027	
12.30 - 2.30pm	Board Lunch followed by District Board Meeting	Governor Margaret Melhop Presiding	

