



Membership Matters! - Lions Club of Torquay

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Hello Torquay Lions!

Here is something a little bit different – an occasional Membership-focussed newsletter. ('Occasional' is the nice way of admitting there may never be another one).

I have called this newsletter '**Membership matters!**' Yes – there are two meanings intended.

Quite a lot has happened the last month or so and quite a lot from the membership portfolio is 'chugging along'. And somehow the 'membership report' to our monthly planning session doesn't quite communicate everything. I hope you find something of interest.

Colin B



On 22 March 17 Lions, family and friends enjoyed this Torquay Theatre Troupe production; and 10 of those enjoyed a meal together at Sou' West Brewery. The consensus seemed to be that this was a classy production, and funny (at least if you have a dog!). The TTT production is now over, but if you see that it is on at another theatre – it's worth seeing. Bring on the next TTT play.

Bells Brewery drinks – on 4 March 12 of us enjoyed a drink at Bells Brewery – thanks Tony S for organising. It was Lions Awareness Day – so it was good to be out and seen in our blue and gold shirts.



is for **Fun!**

Apart from these 'social' activities – there's fun in most of what we do – whether serving snags, tin rattling for the RCH Good Friday appeal, work at Bellbrae Cemetery, the Billy Ryan Charity Bowls Day or doing a working bee (and everything in between). You also might like to invite some Lions for coffee or a dinner with you. I hope we can all help the Club have fun, as this is a great way to retain current members and attract new ones.

Bowls! If you're on Facebook – check out Bill Ferguson's posts – and some of the community's comments. Then again – I think most of us were there and experienced the vibe. My favourite comment from the Bowlers' survey (we had 55 responses!) – 'Will you Come next year?' 'Hell yeah!!' Photos and a report to come – but I think those helping all felt rewarded by the atmosphere of the day as much as the great result for our 2 CFA units. Congratulations to Bob Tyler and the team for some great work before and on the day.

Her Story

Art of the Minds invites us to join them for Her Story 2024 - "We're beyond excited to invite you to the much anticipated annual Art of the Minds 2024 Her Story event! 🎉

Get ready for an afternoon filled with inspiration, laughter, and the powerful narratives of incredible women.

📅 Date & Time: Sunday 26th May, 2024 1pm - 4pm

📍 Location: Mount Duneed Estate

💰 \$60pp plus booking fee (including welcome drink and canapes)

Experience the dynamic storytelling of Justine Martin, immerse yourself in live performances and heartfelt stories from local musicians Hazel Ray and Grace Terpstra, alongside last year's Song Contest winner, Elizabeth Riordan. All while helping us raise funds for Foundation 61's new women's rehabilitation facility in Mount Duneed, the House of Hope."



This is quite expensive for many of us, and not everyone's 'cup of tea', but if you are interested in getting a Lions group together to support this (and have fun!), please put something out to the Club.



Your digital Working with Children Check (card)

All Lions (and Friends of Lions) are required to have a current WWCC. The new policy is in the members section of our Club website. If yours is not current, please take action now. Did you know you can get a digital WWCC – and keep it in your Service Victoria wallet on your mobile phone? Then you will have it available, without needing to carry a physical card.

You'll need the Service Victoria App on your phone, and a current Service Victoria account. You'll also need a current (unexpired) WWCC. If you need some assistance – reach out.



Need a new shirt, sleeveless vest or something warmer with sleeves for winter?

As part of the 2024/25 membership renewal – the Club is offering to reimburse up to \$38.50 to all Lions for a new/second shirt, sleeveless vest or long-sleeved vest/hoodie – embroidered with the Lions logo and Torquay – up to \$38.50. (We encourage also having your first name embroidered – but this is at your cost (about \$10)). You need to arrange directly with Hip Pocket Workwear in Grovedale (Cnr Torquay and Marshalltown Rds) – and pay and provide the invoice/receipt to Deb as Treasurer, for reimbursement.

Prices: Shirt \$38.50, sleeveless vest \$36, long sleeved vest/hoodie - \$44-49.

Dinner meetings

Most recently we gathered on Wednesday 27 March, a day early due to Easter. Annitia Rynhart shared some stories (and photos) of her recent trip to India with the men's Australian cricket team – as an 'honorary WAG'.

April we will try something different. As ANZAC Day didn't seem the best night for a dinner meeting (hey – the Collingwood and Essendon fans might be feuding!) we are gathering for a BBQ (no speaker) on Sunday 28 April – hosted by Gordon and Faye Clarence at their house (thanks Gordon and Faye!). Please respond to Robert as usual, once the invite goes out. Stay tuned.

The plan for May is to be back at the Village, and we have a couple of 'irons in the fire' for our speaker.

June is the Changeover Dinner. July is likely to be a dinner at the pub – to repay their support for our weekly raffle and recognising we all need a break occasionally.

I am keen that we hand over the 'membership reigns' to the incoming Membership Committee with plans started for August and beyond. Allen Osman and Colin Hacking have kindly shared details of some potential speakers who I think will be topical and extremely interesting – stay tuned. Please think about your contacts, and let us know if you think a particular person would be a good dinner meeting guest for us to invite.

National Volunteer Week

Fast coming up . . . 22-26 May 2024. The Membership Committee will work on an action plan – making the most of this 'event' in the national calendar to highlight Lions in particular, and volunteering/service in general. Stay tuned for our recommended action plan, and please be prepared to play your part in it as we strive to increase our membership before the big Spring / Summer / Autumn period for the club.

Please contribute your ideas. I suspect our advertising won't be 'blow up clowns' (I don't want us to be known as Torquay's 'clown people'!). But do you have a novel (but realistic) idea for promoting our club and volunteering?



Lions International Convention – at our front door! (9/2/24 email from President Brian)

Coming up in June is the Lions International Convention. This will be a huge event and is a rare opportunity to participate at our front door.

I have registered as a volunteer and am looking forward to the experience.

Click on the link and you can register as a volunteer: <https://www.melbourne2024.org.au/volunteers-and-supporters>

And click on this link and you can register as a participant.

https://lionscon.lionsclubs.org/?utm_source=Eloqua&utm_campaign=CON_EN_LCIConPromo5AllLion_1263737480&utm_medium=email&elqTrackId=6286C6A39172737FC5721D09C52C7FA2&elq=2959c40f67d0421680534799bcbf3277&elqaid=33558&elqat=1&elqCampaignId=4319

And – not strictly ‘membership’ but . . .

Victoria’s container deposit scheme (money back on drink cans and bottles – 10 cents each one)



Have you worked out how to ‘deposit’ your drink containers, and get some money back?

If you just want a voucher (at Torquay North, for Woolworths), you just turn up and follow the instructions.

But . . . if you want money in your bank account or (even better!) to donate to a registered ‘partner’ (including **Torquay Lions Club**) you will presently need to download the ‘CDS Vic West’ App from the App Store or Google store (depending on your mobile device).

It’s easy, and if you need a hand just ask a grandchild or a Lion who knows about these things! You will need to select ‘Torquay Lions Cash for Community’ as your default organisation, and then you just open the App and scan the barcode when you deposit your cans and bottles. It really is easy.

Some have said that Lions support the community ‘one sausage at a time’. With CDS – we can equally support the community ‘one can or bottle at a time’. So – drink more; save the containers until you have a few, and donate the collected 10c to Lions.