



We Serve

An Occasional Newsletter

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It's great to be out and about again

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Before walking across to Bomboras for dinner, 5 Service awards were presented by Zone Chair Les Cropley.



From the left, Alan Young 45 years, Rob Grubb 50 years, Les Cropley, Harvey Price 40 years, Theo Reyntjes 15 years, and Allen Osman 30 years. These Torquay Lions represent over 180 years of experience in serving our community. See more photos below.

Dinner Meeting at Bomboras. We were in the marquee and enjoyed a great night.



President Bill and Zone Chair Les in the park



There is plenty to keep us busy.

The second Duck Race was held on Saturday Nov 14th.



At the finishing post. From left to right, PDG Trevor Hirth and his wife Jan from the Portarlington/Drysdale Lions Club, Peter Thomas and Bill Ferguson

Leadership Chair Neil Roche at the starting barriers.



Look carefully and you can see his web feet developing! The third race is in planning!

Our first Bunnings BBQ was run on Sunday December 15th. Organised to minimise any COVID risks, we had a good day despite the heat (the temperature was in the 30's). We cleared just under \$1,000.

You go in



You go around and pay



And you collect your sausage



Selling cakes at Gilbert Street



... and at the Farmer's market



We will be busy up to Christmas

The Feed Me team have been steadily expanding and we have been busy with deliveries. This week, there are 9 cars going out!



Neil has pursued the idea of having a BBQ in Elephant Walk at Gilbert Street. First one is scheduled for mid-December.

We will be presenting Scholarships to each primary school and to Surf Coast Secondary College. Most will be “virtual” school assemblies and a video Lions message has been done, but some schools will invite us to do the presentation in person.

Good news at the Village. It looks like the revised development plans for the “paddock” behind the Village will resolve all the issues raised regarding noise and amenity. A great result for all on the Lions Village Board. Well done.

And some great news, Jenny has given us the OK to hold our Business Meetings at the Village. We will have to space out the chairs so we can observe social distancing, but we can meet in person. Next Business Meeting will be at the Village at 7.30 pm on Thursday December 10th.



A call to action

One of my goals this year was to increase the level of participation amongst all members. This challenge has been made worse due to the COVID lockdown (I realise not everyone likes Zoom). As we resume activities, the need to fill rosters has gone up and this means spreading the load. We need to have everyone participating, so please put your hand up and don't assume you're not needed.

President Bill

Next Meeting

Business Meeting at the Village
Thursday, December 10th at 7.30 pm

Lions Service

Anniversary of joining in the month of
December

Allen Osman 30 years
John Bell 22 years
Trevor Secombe 17 years
Tricia Blane 11 years
Daryl Collings 17 years

Thank you for your service!

December Birthdays

Charles Forer
Deb Law

Happy birthday!

Get Well very soon

John Bell has had a couple of trips to hospital with an infection and fluid on the lungs. He is responding well and should be home again soon (as of 30/11).

John Wilson's back is much better, and he is on the move.

Tricia and Peter are back from Queensland, with Peter still on treatment. Welcome home Tricia.

Lions Service award presentations

Theo Reyntjes – 15 years

Joined in October 2005 and so has reached 15 years of service with Lions.

Theo was President in 2008-9 and 2012-13.

He remains an active member and is our key person to organise working bees.



Allen Osman - 30 years

Joined in Torquay at the end of 1992, which is just short of 30 years. But as you know, he was an undercover cop, and with Lions, he was also undercover as a member at the Lions Club of Melton before transferring to Torquay. He has reached 30 years of service.

Allen was President in 2016-17 and has been a Vice President several times.

He was a James D Richardson award recipient in 2019

Allen is an active member and exemplifies what it means to be a Lion.



Harvey Price – 40 years

Joined in October 1980, and has now reached 40 years of service.

We held a celebration of Harvey's years in Lions at our recent Zoom meeting.

He was President in 1984-85 and again in 1995-96.

He has been Treasurer 5 times, including the last Lions year.

He has been LCIF Coordinator on 4 occasions.

He was awarded Melvin Jones Fellowship in 1993. And he was awarded a James D Richardson in 2011.



Alan Young – 45 years

Joined in July 1975, reaching 45 years of service.

He was President in 1992-3.

He received an Alan Holding award in 1998, and Melvin Jones Fellowship in 2001 and received a 40-year Monarch letter signed by the International President in 2015.

Although in his nineties, he is a regular on this new-fangled thing called Zoom.



Robert Grubb – 50 years

Robert Grubb joined the Lions Club of Ballarat on September 9th, 1970. We also held a celebration of Rob's 50 years of service in Lions at a recent Zoom meeting.

He was President in 1981-82 and again in 86-87. He served as Secretary for 10 years and Treasurer for 5 years. He was awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship in 2012. The Melvin Jones Fellowship Award is the highest recognition from the Lions Club International Foundation, being given to members who have rendered outstanding community services.

Rob transferred to the Torquay Lions Club on August 1st, 2012. He has been the Lion Tamer for much of his time at Torquay and an active member in our Torquay club.



More photos Lions fellowship



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