



We Serve

An Occasional Newsletter

February 2021

President's dinner was a wash out!

**TORQUAY LIONS
POSTAL ADDRESS
PO Box 48
Torquay, Victoria, 3228**

WEBSITE

<https://torquay.vic.lions.org.au/>

FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/lionstorquay/>

EMAIL ADDRESS

torquaylionsclub@gmail.com

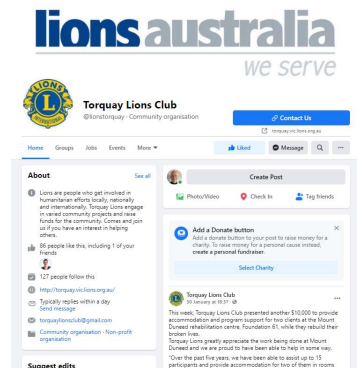
CONTACTS

**President: Bill Ferguson
Leadership Chairperson: Neil Roche
Service Chairperson: Colin Bellis
Membership Chairperson: Phillip Newson
Treasurer: Brian Keane
Secretary: Ken Farrow**



The Bell's gazebo was cosy! Thanks to John and Barbara for their hospitality. Looks like Allen may have got the right answer to this quiz question!

Follow us on Facebook



COVID pandemic presents us with challenges.

Despite having to conduct meetings via Zoom and being unable to earn funds as we have in the past, our club has adapted and thrived.

- We are now on Facebook, reaching 5,809 people in the last 28 days!
- We have run three Duck Races with all tickets sold on-line.
- Although COVID restrictions have made it exceedingly difficult we have been able to generate net earnings in the last two months of \$1,516 in caravan park raffles, \$2,214 in duck races and \$2,832 in Lions Christmas cakes.

This COVID Challenge has shown our club is strong and resilient. Our newer members have stepped up benefiting from the wisdom, experience, and knowledge of our long serving members. But in the end, although we have adapted to these challenges, we are still delivering service to our community. Nothing could demonstrate this more clearly than the card we received from the family of a school scholarship recipient.



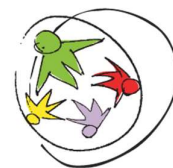
The card read:

*To all of the Torquay Lions Club.
I wanted to thank you for my daughter's wonderful award at her graduation from Torquay College.
Community is very important to me and our family have had incredible support over the years from many in Torquay.
The Torquay Lions Club generously paid for our son's cord blood to be stored 10 years ago to help Scarlett (our daughter) who had a heart transplant as a baby.
Thank you to each and everyone of you for all you do every year for our town
With love, gratitude and thanks,
The McGowan's*

Even if our mode of operation has changed and adapted, let's not forget this is why we are Lions.

Our Treasurer Brian Keane was nominated for a 2020 Commonwealth Bank Not-for-Profit Treasurer's award. According to the CBA, Brian's nomination reflects the appreciation and high esteem in which he is held by the people within our not-for-profit organisation, as well as by the wider community.

Congratulations Brian!



ourcommunity.com.au

Where not-for-profits go for help



Australia Day with a difference

This year, the Australia Day ceremony was different due to COVID 19. It was live streamed on the council's website and Facebook page.

There was a short recorded welcoming message from Anglesea President Trevor Taylor as well as your truly, which included several shots around Torquay and the Lions Village where it was filmed. The full recording including the Australia Day Ambassador and the Citizenship Ceremony is still on the Surf Coast Shire website:

[Australia Day 2021 - Surf Coast Shire](#)

We have a subgroup working on options for enhancing and improving the Australia Day celebration, making it more attractive and relevant to the ever changing Torquay population.

SCEAT were featured in the local legend awards, but other winners included our own Murray Heard, as well as John McDonald from the Village and Paul Sgouromallis who runs the Third Wave coffee shop, where we enjoyed a coffee after our new year's day clean up.

Supporting Foundation 61

Our \$10,000 grant to Foundation 61 was sent late last year, but last week, Neil and I went out there for a photo opportunity with Rob Lytzki. They invited us to join with them for a pizza or BBQ any time.

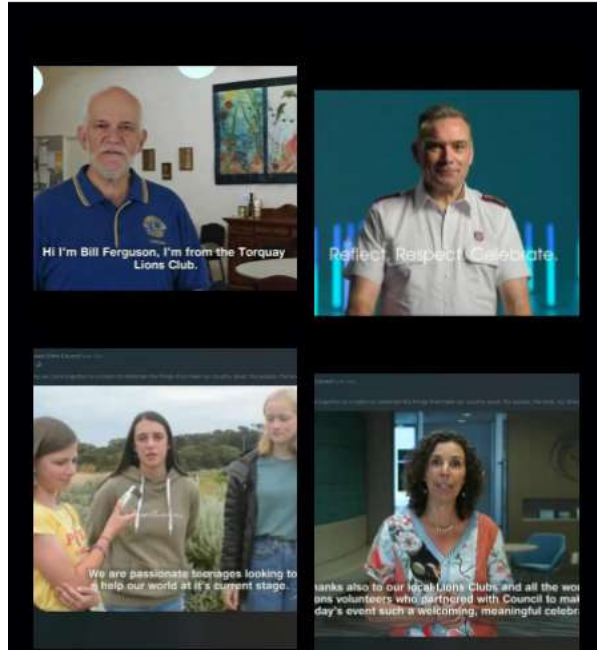


Torquay Lions Club
Published by Colin Bellis · 26 January at 21:51 · 🌐

Have you had a look at today's Surfcoast on line Australia Day event? You can see it at https://youtu.be/xK6jQp0KI_E.

Well done to the council officers who made it happen, and to all involved - especially those who became Australian citizens.

A special call out to the young people from S.C.E.A.T - check out their message, and their passion to 'step up and help out'!



Major Brendan Nottle, Commanding Officer, Salvation Army Melbourne was the Australia Day Ambassador.

Mayor Libby Stappleton

The Surf Coast Environmental Action Team were one of the local legend awards.

Our work in the community goes on

We served egg, bacon and sausage rolls for customers of Haymes Paint Shop as part of their national re-branding. Haymes generously donated \$500 to the Australian Lions Foundation.

Tim Dwyer, Store Manager of the Haymes Paint Shop Torquay and Danny Clifford of Point Danger Painting, together with a pride of Lions.



Duck Race #3
Run on a Torquay summer's day!!
We sold 200 tickets.

Torquay's Riley Hamilton (2) and dad, David, watch carefully as the ducks in the Torquay Lions Club Beached Ducks event sweep through on the final stages of one of the races.

Also in the photo are race caller Brian, as well as finish line stewards Colin and Gayle.



Work with Feed Me continues.

I sure hope there are no Lions here!



We also did two Bunnings BBQ's in January. Please note, we must have a captain on each shift, and the captain must have been trained (if you have not done the training, ask Neil about how to arrange it).

Next Meeting

Business Meeting at the Village
Thursday, February 11th at 7.30 pm

Lions Service

Anniversary of joining in the month of February

Ron Waters 27 years

Thank you for your service!

February Birthdays

Harvey Price
John Wilson
Tricia Blane (L@L)

Happy birthday!

Get Well very soon

It appears everyone is fighting fit!!