

Minutes of the Lions Club of Torquay Planning Session Held at the Lions Village on 14/08/2025

Open and Welcome:

Colin Bellis opened the meeting at 7:30 pm and welcomed the 12 other members present.

Apologies and Attendees:

Quorum: 13 members present. (10 members required.)

First Name	Surname	Aug. PS	First Name	Surname	Aug. PS
John	Bell	Present	Stuart	Miller	Absent
Colin	Bellis	Present	Alan	Murphy	Apology
Tricia	Blane	L@L	Phillip	Newson	Privileged
Robert	Brownlee	Absent	Allen	Osman	Present
Gordon	Clarence	Absent	Harvey	Price	Privileged
Daryl	Collings	Privileged	Neil	Roche	Apology
Ken	Farrow	Present	Esther	Rosewall	Present
Bill	Ferguson	Present	Catherine	Rowe	Present
Charles	Forer	Privileged	Alan	Roy	Absent
Robert	Grubb	Present	Tony	Smith	Present
Tom	Harding	Absent	Anne	Sullivan	Present
Murray	Heard	Absent	Bob	Tyler	Present
Brian	Keane	Present	Helen	Wilton	Absent
Deborah	Law	Present	Ross	Yapp	Apology
Barry	Mackie	Privileged			

Minutes of last Meetings:

Minutes of the June Planning Session and Dinner Meeting as circulated prior to the Planning Session.

Business Arising:

1 Lions Elephant Walk Playground. Brian Keane has been in contact with GORCAPA re Lions Elephant Walk Playground. They are monitoring its condition and doing any necessary repairs. GORCAPA have no information re its history or the connection to the Lions Club.

Minutes of the June Planning Session and Dinner Meeting, as circulated, were approved by the meeting.

Key Reports:

President's Report:

No report.

Correspondence:

Inward correspondence as circulated prior to the Planning Session.

Outward Correspondence as circulated prior to the Planning Session.

Extra Notes:

- 1 We are now registered with the Cowrie Market online booking system. And our site is booked. Insurance docs to be forwarded when available.
- 2 Foodtrader Statements of Trade for all Cowrie Markets have been approved.

The Inward and Outward Correspondence as circulated were approved by the meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Financial statements for July were circulated prior to the Planning Session.
Treasurer provided account balances as of 31 July 2025.

Activities:	\$12,040.73
Admin:	\$26,990.14
Term Deposit:	\$100,000.00
Term Deposit 2:	\$25,000.00
BBQ Float:	\$600.00
Pub Raffle Float:	\$50.00
Business Debit Card:	\$198.81
Petty Cash:	\$533.20
Total:	\$165,412.88

Extra Notes:

- 1 Deb is away from 26 August to 7 October. Brian to act as treasurer while Deb is away, until 20 September. Arrangements still to be made for the final period Deb is away. Deb/Brian to ensure Insurances paid and the term deposit (maturing in Sept) is rolled over.
- 2 Deb to make cake order and act as coordinator. Allen O to store cakes.
- 3 Club financial data is ready to send to the Auditor.
- 4 Board is to make a decision as to whether we transfer some of the money in the Admin account to the Activities Account.
- 5 "In the event of our application for a grant from the Shire to replace our two aging computers being unsuccessful the cost of these computers (to a maximum value of \$4000) to be paid from the Administration Account." Moved Brian Keane, Seconded Bob Tyler, Carried.
- 6 Noted by Brian that money for the Ridgeline Trail project and GFA advertising was recorded as donations for 2024/25 but has not been distributed as there are no bank accounts to transfer the money to. We have set up trust accounts within our records from which we can pay amounts for these causes when required.
- 7 Deb noted that membership fees are yet to be received from 4 Lions. Deb and Colin to follow up.

The Treasurer's Report and payments, as circulated, were approved by the meeting.

Vice President's Report:

No report.

Service Report:

No prior report.

Extra Notes:

- 1 Catherine willing to coordinate the YOTY again.
- 2 There will be no students from Torquay attending the September Licola Camp.
- 3 Torquay Coast PS are to take part in this year's Peace Poster Competition.

The Service Report was approved by the meeting.

Membership Report:

No prior report.

Extra Notes:

- 1 New updated name badges are being investigated. The cost of providing members (and partners) with new badges to be covered by our very healthy Admin. Account.

- 2 Allen Osman noted his preference for the smaller round Lions badge currently used for partners. Some Lions prefer the magnetic clips to a pin, but some have a preference for the traditional pin. Perhaps we can be given an option here. Colin noted that there will be differing preferences for name badge design, but we will all need to get behind the final decision as the aim is for us to wear them and to be uniform

The Membership Report was approved by the meeting.

Other Reports:

Marketing and Media Report:

Refer report as circulated prior to the Planning Session.
Bill Ferguson presented the Marketing Report.

Extra Notes:

- 1 The Club received the District Website/Social Media Award again.

IT (Website, Databases, LCI Portal) Report:

Refer report as circulated prior to the Planning Session.
Ken Farrow presented the IT Report.

Safety Report:

No report.

Welfare Report:

No prior report.

Extra Notes:

- 1 John Peck has had a fall, he has a carer coming in one day a week to help Sylvia.
- 2 Charles Forer has a new electric wheel chair
- 3 Theo Reyntjes is not going very well.
- 4 Harvey Price is struggling at present.
- 5 Phillip Newson has been in hospital but is now back at Ocean Mist.
- 6 Barry Mackie is going well at present. He and Kaye are selling their house and will be moving to Melbourne to live near their daughter.

Asset Management Report:

No prior report.

Extra Notes:

- 1 Both the BBQ trailer and the Train need some maintenance before they are put into use again.

Train Report:

Refer report as circulated prior to the Planning Session.

Lions Village Report:

Refer report as circulated prior to the Planning Session.
Bill Ferguson presented the Lions Village Report.

The subsidiary reports listed above were approved by the meeting.

Other Business:

- 1 The Heart of the Minds have asked us to cook a "Big Boys Breakfast" on 10 October. The meeting approved this. (Colin Bellis)
- 2 The Anglesea LC is holding its Changeover Meeting on 1 September at the Anglesea Bowling Club starting at midday. RSVP direct to Adrian Hunter 0417

- 591 113 if interested. (Allen Osman)
- 3 Peter Thomas has asked the club whether we would be prepared to purchase "A Frames" to advertise the RCH Appeal. Board to make a decision.
- 4 Ken Farrow to take over as Cadel Evans Race coordinator from Brian.
- 5 Deb Law to take over as Cakes coordinator from Brian. Deb to place an order based on last year's order and sales. The importance of coordination and monitoring was also noted.
- 6 Heart Kids - their fundraiser is on 26 October 2025. Agreed that we will provide our train at no charge; tickets to be sold to non Heart Kids riders and this donated to Heart Kids. Catherine to advise the organisers that we are unable to do the BBQ as well.
- 7 Winchelsea Lions have requested our train for an activity they are running with the RSL on Sat 13 September. Providing our train was approved.
- 8 Colin Bellis received two awards at the recent District Change Over Meeting.
- 9 Keep an eye out for the District Convention Newsletters.
- 10 Please remember the drink container return scheme.
- 11 Torquay are hosting the District Cabinet meeting at the Lions Village on 5th October. Volunteers needed. Feed Me Surfcoast to cater.
- 12 "That the Club donate \$2000 to the Geelong Viqueque Friendship Schools project for scholarship funding." Proposed John Bell. Seconded Bob Tyler. Carried. (This follows Tricia Blane's recent talk about their involvement in Timor Leste).
- 13 Service Activity. Allen O, Tony S and Brian K will be at a house in Attunga Drive for a garden clean up working bee on Monday 18 August.

Colin Bellis closed the Meeting at 8:55 pm.

Next Business Meeting:

Business Meeting Thursday 11 September 2025 at 7:30pm.