

Minutes of the Lions Club of Torquay Planning Session Held at the Lions Village on 08/05/2025

Welcome:

President Colin Bellis opened the meeting at 7:30 pm and welcomed the 8 other members present.

Apologies and Attendees:

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

*Arrived after Bunnings Train commitment – about 8.10pm.

Quorum: >40% of 24, being 10. Quorum present after 8.10pm.

Minutes of last Meetings:

Minutes of the April Planning Session were circulated prior to the Planning Session. Approved as an accurate record.

Business Arising:

- 1 Pub Raffle and Caravan Park raffle coordinator – Bob Tyler will take over this function from Brian Keane from 1/7/25.
- 2 'Cash for Cans' – Colin updated that the registration has gone through, but we are still checking it works. Information to be circulated to club members once done.
- 3 Social activity with Torquay Rotary Club – Colin is still to speak to Bruce Turner (Rotary President). 'Stay tuned.'
- 4 Battery replacement for BBQ trailer – Gordon has this in hand and will do this shortly.
- 5 Nothing further has been heard regarding the student request for support for a senior class 'Formal'. This activity is not supported by the school, which makes any contribution by us a bit problematic.
- 6 Colin noted the Club Development Forums, and the importance of people attending. Details to be re-circulated. Most convenient option is Lara on 14 June.

Correspondence:

The Inward and Outward Correspondence for April as circulated before the meeting were noted by the meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Financial statements for April were circulated prior to the Planning Session. Deb also provided her 'Leaders Board' report.

Account balances as of 30 April 2025:

Activities:	\$31,005.31
Admin:	\$27,198.22
Term Deposit:	\$100,000.00
Term Deposit 2:	\$25,000.00
BBQ Float:	\$600.00
Pub Raffle Float:	\$50.00
Business Debit Card:	\$498.44
Petty Cash:	\$809.95
Total:	\$185,105.92

Extra Notes:

- 1 The train has been generating quite a lot of income.
- 2 As we approach 30 June 2025 we need to consider what we can pay out as donations from the Activities Account. We have paid out (to date) about \$19,000. Last financial year we donated about \$53,000 plus the RCH amount. Deb's view – when regard is had to likely expenses and income for May to September, a 'buffer' is needed. We could safely expend \$20,000-\$25,000 before 30 June. This will guide recommendations for donations, to be made to the June planning session.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted by the meeting.

The meeting also noted the Board will consider using the half-page advertisement that has been donated by the SCT – to advertise membership but also to invite requests for funding. The final approach is left to the Board.

Key Reports:**President:**

Refer to report as circulated prior to the Planning Session.

Colin Bellis spoke to his report and noted:

- 1 Thanks to various people mentioned in the written report, and also special mention of the contribution of Robert Grubb to the Bowls Day in organizing the bowlers and bowling aspects of the day.
- 2 RCH Appeal – some discussion of how we acknowledge the contribution of Ross and the Men's Shed. Suggestions included a joint activity – perhaps we provided lunch (BBQ sausages!) or a morning tea. Possible membership aspect to this. Colin to speak to Ross.
- 3 Fees were determined at the November AGM and we will get membership renewal information out shortly.
- 4 It is important we retain our membership, and recruit new members.

The President's Report was approved by the meeting.

Vice President and Funds: (dealt with at the end of the meeting)

Refer to report as circulated prior to the Planning Session.

Ross Yapp spoke to his written report and highlighted:

- 1 The Bunnings BBQ scheduled for the Kings Birthday holiday – Monday 9 June 2025. Anne is working on the roster.
- 2 Faye Clarence's ongoing excellent work with the FMSC rosters.
- 3 Thanks for the contributions to various activities, with special mention of Tricia Blane for the Surf Coast Trek, and also of the Great Ocean and Otway Bike Race – a very busy event – and perhaps we should do a 'de-brief' to capture learnings.

The Leadership Report was approved by the meeting.

Service:

Catherine Rowe presented the Service Report (no written report).

Extra Notes:

- 1 Catherine will shortly follow up schools regarding Peace Poster Contest. A Peace Poster Kit has been ordered.
- 2 In relation to our funding of a defibrillator for the Torquay Police Van, the approval process is still with the Police.

The Service Report was approved by the meeting.

Membership:

Refer to report as circulated prior to the Planning Session.

Brian Keane spoke to his Membership Report.

Extra Notes:

- 1 Colin Hacking had previously raised interest in developing a training/induction process for new members. If anyone has thoughts about this and wants to be involved, please speak to Brian.
- 2 Rosemary Rentjes offered the Club a Whipper-snipper and a Chainsaw (Theo's). The Whipper-snipper is likely to be kept at the Bellbrae Cemetery where it will be used. The use of the chainsaw is less certain and will be kept for now by Brian. Brian proposed that we have both tools serviced by Mowers Galore. This is partly a safety issue, and because we understand the chain either needs replacing or sharpening. This was approved by the Club – left to Brian to judge if the cost of repairs is warranted given the chainsaw is unlikely to be used often.

The Membership Report was approved by the meeting.

Other Reports:**Marketing:**

Refer to report as circulated prior to the Planning Session.

IT (Website, Databases, LCI Portal):

Nothing to report this month.

Safety Report:

Nothing to report this month.

Welfare Report:

Refer to report as circulated prior to the Planning Session.

Asset Management Report:

No report this month.

Train Report:

The train has been busy (including at Bunnings tonight). No further report this month.

Lions Village Report:

No written report this month. The attention of Lions was drawn to the presentation on the whiteboard (mainly for the attention of residents) of the proposed redevelopment of the Community Centre. The main implication for the Club will be that – once building works commence – we will need to make other arrangements for our planning sessions and dinner meetings for a period – probably several months.

General Business:

- 1 ANZAC Day – Bob Tyler thanked the Club for its support. Noted that we were outnumbered by Rotary – but we reckon we cooked more sausages! (Not that we are competitive!)
- 2 Bowls Day
 - a. Certificates – Ken left this with Colin, who forgot. Colin to arrange ASAP. Query whether we usually use Coastal print or MCG signs (Colin to check).
 - b. Some feedback from the bowlers –
 - i. we could have had another raffle!
 - ii. Need more tickets for sale, especially for the \$5 raffles
 - iii. Tickets could look better.
 - c. A suggestion was made – for next year we might increase the entry cost per bowling team from \$40 to \$60, but give each team 3 or 4 tickets for an extra raffle (no other tickets to be sold). We could reserve say 6 prizes for this raffle. The meeting considered this a good idea.
 - d. Having the SES there and helping to sell tickets was very effective.
 - e. Another suggestion – have a couple of other auctions (such as the Peaches item).
- 3 Ridgeline Trail
 - Colin introduced this by noting the written 'pitches' circulated with the papers. We could also choose to ignore these, and make a smaller amount of money available now, for the organisers to use in their discretion.
 - Catherine reported she went to a meeting yesterday with the Ridgeline people, council officers and some other stakeholders. Nothing significant is likely to happen in the next couple of months – but there will be an interim path that is likely to be asphalt.
 - Catherine asked Shauna where the greatest need was; the response was a polite 'we are grateful for anything'.
 - Noted that volunteers are unable to spray the noxious weeds – paid contractors will be required. There is also not much room for tree planting at this point (i.e. under Lions' Green Canopy Project).
 - Catherine noted the potential for us to fund something like the Arts of the Minds song contest sponsorship – an amount over 3 years. (The idea is probably closer to our funding of Foundation61 – with a commitment to pay an amount over successive years.)
 - Funding could be from the Activities Account, or from the Spittle bequest. Brian noted that John Spittle lived in that part of Torquay, and in his view this could be a good project to use Spittle money for.
 - Motion – moved Colin, Seconded Bob Tyler – That we provide the

amount of \$10,000 for the Ridgeline Project at this point in time.
Carried.

- We will speak further with the Project organisers about other possible funding – including for some of the large sculptures/art works / way-finding. But we hold a concern that our money is not used to fund Council or other 'project management'.

4 RCH Good Friday Appeal – 'photo shoot' tomorrow at 2pm. Ross and Colin to front up.

President Colin Bellis closed the Meeting at 8:45 pm.

Next Planning Session:

Thursday 12 June 2025 at 7:30pm.