

## **Minutes of Dinner Meeting Held Wednesday 27 February 2025**

### **Welcome:**

The Meeting opened at 7.00 pm at the Lions Village. Colin Bellis read an acknowledgment of country and extended a warm welcome to the other 30 members and partners and guests in attendance.

### **Attendees and Apologies:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>November DM</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>November DM</b>
John Bell x2	Present	Barry Mackie	Apology
Colin Bellis x2	Present	Alan Murphy	Apology
Tricia Blane x2	Present	Phillip Newson	Apology
Robert Brownlee	Apology	Allen Osman	Present
Gordon Clarence	Present	Harvey Price	Apology
Daryl Collings	Unwell	Neil Roche x2	Late Apology
Ken Farrow x2	Present	Esther Rosewall	Present
Bill Ferguson x2	Present	Catherine Rowe x2	Present
Charles Forer	Apology	Alan Roy	Apology
Robert Grubb	Present	Tony Smith	Apology
Colin Hacking	Present	Anne Sullivan	Apology
Tom Harding	Present	Bob Tyler x2	Present
Murray Heard	Apology	Helen Wilton	Present
Brian Keane x2	Present	Ross Yapp x2	Present
Deborah Law	Present		
Peter McMahon	Guest	Peter Thomas	Guest
Karen Strahan	Guest	Belle Strahan	Guest
Stewart Miller	Guest	Mem, Sp, Gu Total	17, 9, 5, 31

### **Invocation and Toast:**

Read by Brian Keane.

### **Purposes:**

Read by Gordon Clarence.

### **Urgent General Business:**

Members were urged to collect their Billy Ryan Charity Bowls Day letters for delivery to local businesses.

### **Dinner:**

Members and guests enjoyed a delicious 2 course dinner provided by Sullivans.

### **Raffle:**

After dinner Brian Keane conducted the raffle. Our guests Belle, Karen and Stewart drew the tickets with Tricia Blane, Bob Tyler and Peter Thomas winning the prizes.

### **Tail Twister:**

Allen Osman was in fine form on the night. Helen, Colin, Brian, Catherine and Ross were all fined for vicarious and/or dubious misdemeanours.

**Introduction of Speakers:**

Bill Ferguson introduced our guest speakers for the evening, Belle and Karen Strahan.

**Guest Speaker:**

Brian Keane chaired a question and answer session with Karen and Belle relating to their experiences with the Royal Children's Hospital. Karen described how Belle was diagnosed prenatally with heart defects and the incredible treatment she received thereafter. Belle is now a Year 11 student in Geelong and is the local RCH Good Friday Appeal Ambassador for this year and is raising funds for the Hospital.

**Vote of Thanks to Speaker:**

Tricia Blane thanked Karen and Belle on behalf of the members.

**Extra Agenda Item:**

President Colin presented Lion Tricia Blane with a Melvin Jones Fellowship much to everyone's approval.

**Code of Ethics:**

The Lions Code of Ethics was read by Rob Grubb.

**Closure:**

President Colin closed the meeting at 8:50 pm.