

## Minutes of Dinner Meeting Held Wednesday 28 August 2025

### Welcome:

The Meeting opened at 7.00 pm at the Lions Village. Neil Roche read an acknowledgment of country and extended a warm welcome to the other 22 members and partners and guests in attendance.

### Attendees and Apologies:

First Name	Surname	Aug. DM	First Name	Surname	Aug. DM
John	Bell x 2	Present	Stuart	Miller	Present
Colin	Bellis x 2	Present	Alan	Murphy	Apology
Tricia	Blane	Apology	Phillip	Newson	Privileged
Robert	Brownlee	Apology	Allen	Osman	Present
Gordon	Clarence	Apology	Harvey	Price x 2	Present
Daryl	Collings	Privileged	Neil	Roche x 2	Present
Ken	Farrow	Present	Esther	Rosewall	Present
Bill	Ferguson	Present	Catherine	Rowe	Present
Charles	Forer	Privileged	Alan	Roy	Apology
Robert	Grubb	Present	Tony	Smith	Apology
Tom	Harding	Present	Anne	Sullivan	Present
Murray	Heard	Absent	Bob	Tyler x 2	Present
Brian	Keane x 2	Present	Helen	Wilton	Apology
Deborah	Law	Apology	Ross	Yapp	Apology
Barry	Mackie	Privileged	Susan & Rob	Eyton	Guests

### Invocation and Toast:

Read by John Bell.

### Purposes:

Read by Catherine Rowe.

### Urgent General Business:

- 1 Allen Osman reported on the health of Philip Newson and Theo Reyntjes.
- 2 Members were reminded that there is to be a train working bee the next day.
- 3 John Bell indicated that there will be an extra working bee at the Bellbrae Cemetery in September.
- 4 The meeting decided that the club should present flowers to the Torquay Police Station in light of the police shootings in Porepunkah.
- 5 Gail and Harvey appealed for more redundant glasses.

### Dinner:

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

### Raffle:

After dinner Brian Keane conducted the raffle. Gail Price won the bottle of wine and Gayle Roche the Bell's eggs.

### Tail Twister:

Allen Osman was in fine form on the night. Susan Eyton, Neil Roche, John Bell, Bill Ferguson and Brian Keane were all fined for vicarious and/or dubious misdemeanours.

**Introduction of Speakers:**

Bill Ferguson introduced our guest speaker for the evening, District Governor Susan Eyton.

**Guest Speaker:**

DG Susan Eyton spoke about her service in Lions and her involvement with Lions Diabetes, Eye Health and Skin Cancer Screening Programs. She said that in her year as DG she wanted to "try to do things differently" and that leadership was about service. In regard to club membership she reminded us that new members need to be kept involved and reaffirmed if they are to be retained. She said that clubs needed to be more focused on service rather than just cooking sausages to raise funds. We were reminded that young people in particular are ready to become involved with environmental projects and this is a good way to attract them to Lions.

DG Susan made presentations to Ken Farrow in appreciation for his work as Club Secretary and to Harvey Price for his long years of service to Lions.

**Vote of Thanks to Speaker:**

Bob Tyler thanked DG Susan on behalf of the members.

**Code of Ethics:**

The Lions Code of Ethics was read by Stuart Miller.

**Closure:**

Neil Roche closed the meeting at 8:50 pm.