

Lion David Jefferie Nelson – A Lifetime of Service and Leadership

Nominated by the **Lions Club of Kwinana**, Dave's journey with Lions began in **1967**, making him a proud Lion for **55 years**—with an incredible **100% attendance record** throughout his membership.

Club Leadership

Dave has held nearly every leadership role in his club:

- **President** – 7 years
- **1st Vice President** – 2 years
- **3rd Vice President** – 4 years
- **Charter Secretary** – an extraordinary **31 years**
- **Treasurer** – 1 year
- **Director** – 2 years
- **Tail Twister** – 7 years
- **Membership Chairperson** – 8 years
- **Christmas Cake Chairperson** – 11 years
- **Children's Christmas Party Chairperson** – 23 years
- **Ball Committee and Social Chairperson** – 3 years

At the district level, Dave served as **Zone Chairperson** in **1984/85** and **2000/01**.

Awards and Recognition

Dave's decades of service have earned him some of the highest honors:

- **Life Member of Lions Clubs International**
- **Melvin Jones Fellow**
- **54-Year Charter Monarch**
- **ALF 50 Years Service Medal**
- **20 Key Members Sponsored**
- Multiple **President's Awards**, **100% Awards** for President, Secretary, and Treasurer
- **Zone Chairman's Awards**, **Service Excellence Award**, and **Centennial Lion Award**

Community Leadership

Dave's commitment to community goes far beyond Lionism:

- **Justice of the Peace for 39 years**
- **Civil Marriage and Funeral Celebrant for 31 years**
- **Elected to Kwinana Council for 12 years**, serving as:
 - **Deputy Mayor (2 years)**
 - **Mayor (4 years)**
 - Member of **11 local government committees**, chairing many

Dave is also **Patron of the Kwinana Golf Club and Kwinana Voluntary Fire Brigade**, and serves on **13 local association committees**, chairing many of them.

Honors Beyond Lions

Dave's exceptional service has been recognized widely:

- **Paul Harris Fellowship (Rotary International)**
- **Freeman of the City of Kwinana**
- **Award for Dedicated Service to the Disadvantaged (Town of East Fremantle)**
- **City of Fremantle Family Friendly Award**
- **Carmen Lawrence Citizens Award**
- **Military Service Medal**
- **Justice of the Peace Medal**
- **WA Department of Communities Award**
- And a lasting tribute—**Dave J Nelson Avenue**, named in his honor.

Lion David Jefferie Nelson is the embodiment of Lionism—service, leadership, and unwavering dedication to community. His legacy spans decades of impact, inspiring generations to serve with passion and purpose.