

# DG Bruce Hearman – A Distinguished Leader, Community Builder, and Lifelong Servant

## Nominated by the Lions Club of Donnybrook

For more than 25 years, **Past District Governor Bruce Hearman** has been a dedicated and influential member of the Lions Club of Donnybrook. Since joining in **1994**, Bruce has offered exceptional leadership, deep community commitment, and a steadfast dedication to the values of Lionism. His service has strengthened his club, empowered his district, and enriched the wider community.

## Club Leadership

Over his long and active membership, Bruce has taken on many key leadership roles within the Lions Club of Donnybrook. His contributions include:

- **President**
- **Secretary**
- **Treasurer**
- **Tail Twister**

Bruce's steady, reliable leadership has been central to the strength and continuity of his club over many years.

## District Contributions

At the District level, Bruce has served in numerous influential positions, demonstrating vision, commitment, and strategic leadership. His roles include:

- **District Governor – 2004/2005**
- **Vice District Governor**
- **Region Manager**
- **Zone Chairman**
- **Leadership & Training Chairman**
- **Campaign SightFirst II Chairman**

His work has helped develop future leaders, support major service initiatives, and strengthen district-wide programs.

## National Leadership

Bruce's leadership has also extended across Australia. At the Multiple District level, he has held:

- **Chairman – Membership & Retention Committee**
- **Graduate – Lions Clubs International Faculty Development Institute (Senior Lions Trainers)**

Through these roles, Bruce has contributed to developing strong membership programs and high-quality leadership training nationwide.

## Honours and Recognition

Across his 25+ years of service, Bruce has been honoured with many prestigious awards, recognising his exceptional leadership and dedication:

- **Donnybrook Lions Lion of the Year**
- **25-Year Monarch Chevron**
- **Melvin Jones Fellowship**
- **James D. Richardson Honour Award**
- **International President's Excellence Award**
- **International President's Appreciation Award**
- **District Governor's Star Award**

These accolades reflect his sustained commitment to excellence in service and leadership at every level of Lionism.

## Beyond Lions

Bruce's contributions to his community extend far beyond Lions, reflecting a lifetime of civic involvement and leadership.

He has served in:

- **Donnybrook Junior Farmers (Rural Youth) – 9 years**, including **State Vice President (1971)**
- **Donnybrook Football Club – Committee Member & Secretary (6 years)**
- **Apex Club of Donnybrook – 15 years**, including **President (1980)**, and was awarded **Life Membership (1987)**

Bruce's civic service also includes:

- **Shire of Donnybrook/Balingup Councillor – 25 years**, including **Shire President – 13 years**
  - Recognised with the **Local Government Long & Loyal Service Award**
  - **Local Government Distinguished Service Award**

His leadership in emergency services includes:

- **Volunteer Fire Brigade Member – 35 years**
  - Awarded the **National Service Medal (2002)**

Bruce also played a major role in local economic development as:

- **Founding Director, Vice Chairman & Chairman – Community (Bendigo) Bank for Donnybrook/Balingup & Capel (2001–2015)**

Further contributions include:

- **Justice of the Peace – appointed 2006**
- **Honorary Freeman of the Shire of Donnybrook/Balingup – appointed 2009**

**DG Bruce Hearman is more than a Lion—he is a visionary leader, an active community advocate, and a lifelong servant whose dedication has profoundly shaped his club, his district, and the communities of the southwest region. His legacy stands as a testament to service, leadership, and the enduring spirit of Lionism.**