

**TUROSS HEAD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION**  
**MEETING AT KYLA PARK HALL ON**  
**THURSDAY 4 DECEMBER AT 2.00 PM**

**PRESENT:** as per attendance book 25 members.

**VISITORS:** nil

**APOLOGIES:** Ross Davidson, Janet Jones, Jenny Irvine, Gary Smith.

VP Tom Webster chaired the meeting.

**MINUTES 6 NOVEMBER 2025** - previously circulated – proposed for acceptance by Chris Smith and Seconded by Kath Smith. Comment from Linda Steadman that Tony is described as Tony Steadman in the October Minutes and Tony’s surname is actually Jackson. Chairman indicated the minutes would be altered. Accepted with alteration.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** for 1-30/11/2025 just recently circulated indicates the sum of \$26470.36 for cash and cash equivalent. The total income of THPA is not large. The term deposit has been renewed. Query regarding the \$93.58 marked Advertising and Marketing relates to a proposed THPA promotion drive, see item a. below. A preference expressed for more detail.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES 6/11/2025 – Nil.**

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Nil advised apart from Coopers Island letter from ESC. Chairman Tom has undertaken to prepare a submission to go to ESC **before 12 December**. He spent 2 hours this week talking to local Yuin people who have not been consulted by ESC since 2017. The Chairman indicated that Indigenous people are mandatory managers of all islands. Max Castle has been working on this issue for seven years in his capacity as a THPA member and as a Fisher member. Max commented that the Upper House was considering access for recreational fishing.

VP Tom indicated that the new owner of lands in the Coopers Island area seems to think he has total control over island. This is factually incorrect - he has ignored Riparian rights.

Questions asked:

- Are the Yuin people very much behind THPA’s approach? Will they be making their own representations? (Chris Jones)

- Have the ES Council got an aboriginal liaison officer?
- Is this submission going on THPA letterhead? (Cathy Milliken)
- Concern expressed about shortness of time for indigenous consultation before 12 December.

Tom indicated the following:

- that the Elders have asked for an extension – they will make their own submission or support THPA’s submission once they have seen our draft. We are fighting a new owner with a lot of money and a very good solicitor. We need to bring to committee meeting for discussion.
- In 2021 formal Council resolution that Coopers Island Road will not be sold. If we have to go to make representations to Council again we can.
- We will be dealing with access – ESC officer hadn’t heard of Upper House enquiry.
- We have still got a situation where we want a satisfactory outcome.

Max commented there is confusion on whether or not Council can close access to waterways. Submission 395 if you want to check out the detail.

Our recommendation would be **‘do not sell and insist owner remove fences that are blocking access to Trunketabella lake’**.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- a. The Committee are planning to promote THPA in the village during December and January. One date in December, and two dates in January. **President Ross will advise dates.** The meeting was asked for volunteers – **several people indicated they would assist but dates needed first.** Promotion material had been prepared for this membership and profile drive. A4 flyers were shown along with a re-run of the small hand out showing details of THPA – it was considered that the stock needed to be replenished as significant numbers had been handed out during the recent Country Club picnic day. President Ross is looking at a week or ten days before Christmas for the first date. **Comment that there was a ‘Jingle and Mingle’ on 11 December and that might be a suitable option.**
- b. THPA Committee positions to be filled - Tom commented that we desperately need more volunteers, particularly a Secretary. Publicity Officer also needed. Susan Walls has been nominated to be the new Minutes Secretary for 2026 and this will be ratified at the next committee meeting. Many thanks to Susan for stepping up and to June for filling the gap.

- c. Kate Blewitt spoke about the Hall Committee – Steve and Sandy Smith have moved north; and we are looking for someone who can help. Need two people - if we don't have a functioning Hall Committee we will lose control of the hall. This Committee comes under the supervision of ESC. Only meets 2/3 times a year.
- d. Bus shelter junction of Hector McWilliam/Princes Highway has been defaced - sprayed in paint, one panel blacked out, signs ruined. Query on infrastructure reporting:

There are two joint Infrastructure Committee members – Rob Evans and Peter Williamson. They have been active since the AGM. Reporting can be done via the THPA website or alternatively direct to ESC via Infrastructure path on their website. Noted that a photograph is always useful.

- e. Evelyn Ashcroft indicated that ESC has repaired Buchan Bridge and hopefully they have done everything else that has been notified. The Principal of Moruya High School has been very supportive if kids have been involved in defacing property. Unfortunately, we couldn't find the witness who made the complaint.
- f. Max - Query on progress on works due to highway - Chairman advised we have been officially advised the works will start after the school holidays.
- g. A query about regulations concerning spraying weeds within 2 m of the Lake. Concern about toxic pesticides and herbicides being used. Suggestion to take photograph next time, contact Council re herbicides used. Location opposite Petrol Station at Coila. Suggestion this might be a Mains Road issue and not necessarily ES Council.
- h. Thanks were expressed to those who decorated and put up the Christmas Tree. Special thanks to Barbara Gibbs who, after walking her dog, was driving home and stopped to assist. Also to Rob Evans who did all the ladder climbing and fixing of toys to the top of the sign. And to Ross Davidson and Paul Cutajar who erected our new tall tree in its spot. Fewer helpers this year but people had health and family issues and some were absent from Tuross. **WE WILL NEED** volunteers to take down the trees and decorations mid January. The 'take down date' to be advised by email.

Please keep this activity in mind – photograph attached.

RAFFLE: Ray Brown/Chris Smith - Green C18 white wine. Red wine given to Steve Mawson on blue B84 .

Meeting CLOSED AT 2.45 pm followed by a splendid Christmas Afternoon Tea. Best wishes for a happy and safe Christmas to all members.

**Reminder that the date of next meeting will be Thursday 5 February.**