

TUROSS HEAD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES THPA GENERAL MEETING HELD AT 2-4.00 PM 6 MAY 2025

AT KYLA PARK HALL TUROSS HEAD

1. WELCOME

A short welcome was given by President Tom Webster who noted that as there had been a break of one month there was a fair bit to cover today. Tom indicated there were no visitors and introduced the new committee. Cathy Milliken, VP, Chris Smith, Secretary and June Brown, Minutes Secretary. John Tilbrook remains as Public Officer and Infrastructure subcommittee. The ladies will be on committee until the AGM in August when THPA will be very keen to fill all management committee positions. If you know anyone who is interested or would like to stand yourself, please nominate. Nomination forms on the website and will also be circulated closer to the AGM.

PRESENT: Tom Webster, President; Cathy Milliken, Vice President; Chris Smith, Secretary; June Brown, Minutes Secretary. Members as per the membership book (total 23 members present including Michael Eburn a relatively new member).

2. **APOLOGIES:** Peter Dunn, Peter Hellman, Jenny Irvine, Chris and Janet Jones, Darryl Pretty, Simone Roda, Gary Smith, John Tilbrook, Public Officer and Kim Ulrick.

3. ADDRESS by PRESIDENT

All present will be aware from my communications that the March meeting was a little unusual. I have subsequently circulated a newsletter which gives further background. The Committee received comments from the membership that there were concerns about how the Association is being run.

It is important that everyone understands that it is the prerogative of each and every Association member to voice concerns. Some concerns have been expressed in writing and will be further investigated and addressed by the newly appointed committee. However, everyone should also be aware that expressing concern or complaint should be done in a collegial and friendly manner, even if the matter is very important to us and public speaking is difficult.

The method of expressing some complaints in March at the meeting and subsequent to the meeting directly resulted in the resignations of five of our best and most skilled volunteers - all of whom were elected committee members of THPA.

As a result of these comments made in March **the immediate past Committee had agreed at the Committee meeting of 11 March to offer the following to address Members' concerns:**

- There is a need to help members feel involved in the affairs of the Association.
- Although motions to accept Minutes and Treasurer's reports are not required legally, the Secretary and Treasurer will move that they are accepted as a true record.
- To overcome the problem of some members not having access to a computer to read these reports –
 - 2 copies of same minutes will be tabled for perusal
 - Dot points of topics in minutes will be read out by the Secretary
 - Treasurer's report will itemise expenses in each general category
- Regarding concerns about Committee authority to spend money... the Committee will seek approval from the members at a monthly meeting if spending on a particular project exceeds \$500.

In addition the Secretary of the current committee has expressed a desire to reorder the Agenda to include discussion of financial matters near the beginning of the Agenda.

The comments noted above from the past committee should allay some of the concerns expressed in March. **Please refer to the website for past minutes and past newsletters which give further information about the management/running of the THPA.** Additionally there are papers on the table here today noting voting procedures and a copy of the constitution.

If you still have concerns after checking out the details please feel free to send an email to Chris Smith hilsea2537@gmail.com or myself 'Tom Webster' waterwds5@gmail.com; or speak to one of the committee after the meeting.

Noted that Linda Steadman and Rob Evans were only receiving part of the email broadcasts. Chris Smith undertook to remedy this.

As an aside Tom Webster reminded the meeting that earlier in the year the recently elected Member for Eden Monaro had visited THPA to discuss health and other issues. THPA will in due course send her a congratulatory letter and pursue the current 'doctor' issue.

Regarding the running of the meeting today - It would be helpful if members could:

- Raise your hand if you wish to address the group -- if you raise your hand or stand the Chairperson will get to you.
- Please sit near the front if you have difficulty hearing
- Please refrain from shouting out loud – This is very disruptive and can seem threatening.
- Please state your name – this helps the Minutes Secretary
- Remember you are with neighbours and friends and, although public speaking can be daunting, your opinion is valued.

4. **MINUTES OF THPA MEETING 4/3/2025** on website, accepted by the then Committee and subsequently approved by President Tom Webster on their behalf. Proposed by Evelyn Ashcroft, and Seconded by Steve Smith (both present on 4/3/2025) as an accurate record of the meeting and ACCEPTED.
5. **BUSINESS ARISING** from the Minutes of 4/3/2025: Tom Webster in the chair. Nil
6. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – prepared by Jenny Irvine and read by Chris Smith, also previously circulated and on the website. Proposed by Chris and seconded by Kath Smith ACCEPTED.
7. **CORRESPONDENCE March and April 2025** – available for perusal on the front table.
 - Tom Webster - to all members advice of changes to the Management committee.
 - THPA Secretary - to all members THPA Newsletter March and April 2025
 - THPA Secretary advice to all members of the cancellation of the THPA April meeting
 - Tuross Head Country Club - advice of decision to discontinue THPA meetings at the club
 - Eurobodalla Shire Council - Invoice 4437 for Kyla Hall Bookings for the remainder of 2025
 - The Triangle Bermagui - Invoice for display ad for April 2025
 - **Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea 22/5/25 at 10.30 am at St Andrews Church Craddock Rd, Tuross Head - all welcome.** Gary Smith will be providing an update on Bushfire issues. Chris Smith has provided a lucky door prize.
 - Stan Konstantaras President Recreational Fishing Association re Crown Land Cooper Island.
 - Austcover Insurance renewal Public Liability, Association Liability, Voluntary Workers Personal Accident Insurance
 - John Tilbrook to Kristy McBain re closure of the Tuross Head Medical Centre
 - John Tilbrook to all members - re vandalism of Anzac Day Dawn Service Signage
 - John Tilbrook to Jo Van der Platt re closure of Tuross Head Medical Centre
 - CSR - to ESC removal of Dogs Prohibited sign at Main Beach
 - CSR - to ESC replacement of Stop sign at Bingi T intersection with the Princes Highway
 - CSR - to ESC replacement of Beach Street direction sign at Tuross Head.

All correspondence was tabled in the Correspondence folder as listed.

- a. Meeting Date and Venue – henceforth to be Kyla Hall. Correspondence received from the Country Club explaining clashes of dates and times with other local organisations. In response to a question from Steve Smith about a possible change of day, VP indicated that this will be a matter for the next Committee to resolve.
- b. Coopers Island – closure Recreational Fishing. Copious correspondence has been received and is available for viewing and consideration by committee.
- c. Closure of Tuross Medical Centre – Cathy Millikin (VP) gave a brief update on progress to reopen with a new doctor. The Landlords of the Tuross shopping precinct are keen to support a medical practice in Tuross and have been having conversations with medicos in the area.

Further detail:

- The doctor's departure was managed without giving advance notification to community or staff. On the last occasion of the closure of our medical centre the THPA was able to broker a meeting between politicians and Dr Arn Sprogis and were able to achieve another 12 months of supply of the medical service.
- The VP had been contacted by Tony, the Melbourne based landlord of the shops, who had been approached by a doctor from Narooma who was interested in taking on the Practice. Liaison with landlord is ongoing and discussions have been arranged with doctor at Narooma along with Dr Arn Sprogis so that they can talk about the possibility and perhaps help regarding the business side of the Practice.
- The Landlord came up on weekend from Melbourne – he is very mindful that Tuross needs doctor and is prepared to hold on for a little while and not let out premises. The landlord and the doctor also met that same afternoon (3 May 2025) and they went through the premises at Tuross. The doctor advised the Landlord that she is keen to start that business.

Certainly the THPA moved quickly. Now that we are aware of outcome of election we will contact federal member – GPs are **federally funded**. The Bermagui Medical Centre with only 1 remaining GP was in the same dire situation as us and now it has a thriving medical practice with no less than 4 x practising GPs at the Centre due to federal funding made available in August 2024 orchestrated in part by the intervention of Minister Kristy McBain, Member for Eden-Monaro.

- d. Tec Exec presentation postponement. The Secretary advised that this was an initiative of the previous committee and had been postponed because of the post 4 March meeting issues.
- e. Meet the Candidates forum postponement because of the post 4 March issues.

f. Proposed visit by Police. Tom Webster advised on progress; Jan and Pete Williamson sought information re Neighbourhood Watch. President Tom indicated that BBay police are aware of security concerns in the area. This Community Information NSW Police visit will be organized.

Coralie Magnus proposed, and Faye Beers seconded, that correspondence report be received.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Anne Parker commented that she still had not come to accept the meetings at the Club. Anne was advised that the Club had sent us a letter advising us that it is no longer suitable for THPA to have meetings at the Club as there were clashes with its own ongoing subcommittee arrangements.
- VP indicated that the new Committee had put a hold on everything outstanding because of the resignations and the lack of committee members. The Health subcommittee has now been closed down, although Dr Arn Sprogis is helping with the Medical Centre. Gary Smith is still chair of the Bush Fire Committee but this is paused at this time pending information awaited from Council etc.
- We didn't have the political forum for the same post 4 March meeting issues.
- John Tilbrook will continue leading the Tuross community infrastructure subcommittee..
- The next AGM will be convened on Tuesday 5 August 2025. The THPA is the oldest active community association in the Eurobodalla Shire and has been going for 78 years and it would be a shame to see that not continuing. The only reason you are here today is because of the three volunteer members in front of you. If we hadn't been prepared to come up and serve in the interim period leading to our next AGM, John Tilbrook as the Public Officer would have had to wind the THPA up. **The only reason I am mentioning this is to get it in the minutes so that other people who haven't been able to come to the meeting today are made aware that new committee members will be needed to come forward in August if THPA is to continue. THPA is a valuable asset to Tuross. Please consider offering a little time to keep us going.**

VOTE OF THANKS

- to the previous committee from Barbara Gibbs who thanked the outgoing committee for all that had been done in their term.
- Linda Steadman asked for a record of thanks to the new committee who have stepped up to keep the THPA alive until the AGM.
- Leonie Beers wished to record thanks to John Tilbrook who organized the fixing of the path at memorial gardens.
- To Barbara Gibbs and Peta Machala for consistent 'Welcome' and Afternoon Tea duties; also to Kath Smith who was a great help for this meeting.

RAFFLE

Blue B79 Linda Steadman and Tony Jackson. Red wine. Red A80 Coralie Magnus - White wine.

9. **Meeting closed** at 2.30 pm

Next meeting 3 June 2025 commencing at 2.00pm. Afternoon tea was served.

Please see flyer below.



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Tuross Head Progress Association Inc.

AGM 5th August 2025

2pm at Kyla Hall

Committee Members' Nomination Form

Date:

*Nominee (print full name):

Committee Position: ☐ President ☐ Vice President ☐ Secretary

☐ Treasurer ☐ Committee Member

*Signed and accepted by the nominee:

*Nominated by (print full name):

*Signed:

*Seconded by (print full name):

*Signed :

Contact: secretarythpa@gmail.com for more info

Read the THPA Constitution here at thpa.com.au/AGM

Please note: Nominee and nominators are required to be current members of the Tuross Head Progress Association. For membership application forms go to thpa.com.au/membership

Print this form and take to the Tuross Post Office by COB 29th July 2025

in an envelope addressed to:

AGM, THPA PO Box 3062 Tuross Head. No postage stamp required

*Required