

TUROSS HEAD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.
MINUTES
For the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING to be held at Kyla Hall
2.00 pm Thursday 3rd August 2023

Open AGM and Welcome by Cathy Milliken, President 2022/2023 at 2.00 pm.

PRESENT: We had 35 members present and 1 visitor name Warren Davison as indicated in attendance book.

NEW MEMBERS: Wendy and Robert Macklin (their applications presented by Tom Webster in their absence) and 9 more members renewed their membership.

as independently noted by the Returning Officer.

APOLOGIES: apologies were received, Joan Buchan, Tony Jackson; Graham Pratt, John Wagstaff, Patricia Wagstaff as indicated on Attendance Sheet.

VISITORS: Two – Names from Attendance Book

CONFIRMATION OF DRAFT MINUTES for 2022 Annual General Meeting convened on 1 September 2022. Proposed: Fay Beers, **Seconded:** Leonie Beers

BUSINESS ARISING FROM 2021/2022 AGM Minutes. Nil

Tabling of President's Report 2022/23. The President read her report to those present, making particular mention of the support given to the THPA by Fay and Leonie Beers and Lyn Newton and Peta Machala who unstintingly gave service every meeting; thanking them for that. Special mention was made of Max Castle who was retiring from the Committee having given sterling service on Fisher issues and on the Coopers Island issue which we are still working through. The President indicated it was likely Max would still be called upon to give assistance on specific matters. Max commented that volunteering was an important part of a community's fabric and the key to successful outcomes depends on the contributions of the committee. We want to be able to leave something behind for the young people to carry forward. June Brown, also a retiring committee member was thanked for her contribution and in turn thanked the President and Secretary for the opportunities offered. Both retirees were given a framed letter of appreciation.

The President then asked the Beers sisters to join her and they were presented with gifts of appreciation (flowers, chocolates and a gift voucher) for their 15 years service. Their contribution has been most significant in creating a social atmosphere for the group. The last part of the THPA's recognition of their extensive and significant service was a motion proposed by June Brown and seconded by Gary Smith, that they be awarded life membership of the THPA. In terms of the Constitution 21 days' notice has to be given to the membership regarding life membership proposals. Accordingly the motion will be voted on at the start of the next meeting in September. Written notification will be passed to Fay and Leonie if they can't attend the September meeting. Both ladies thanked the President and Fay commented that the reason they got involved as the catering arm for the THPA was that Joan

Buchan was cleaning the hall, cleaning toilets, doing the teas as well as admin tasks and helping to keep THPA going. Joan asked for help and they volunteered. That was in the days at the old Progress hall.

President Cathy then thanked the membership for their assistance during the year and reinforced that any contribution at all was a great service to the community. She also thanked the committee for their support and hard work. She continued that the THPA will be active on issues that are important for Tuross in particular supporting Mylene and Fitzroy Boulting in their efforts to secure all services necessary for the opening of One Hospital as a Level 4 hospital. **Proposed** for acceptance by: Tom Webster; **Seconded** by Linda Steadman. ACCEPTED

Tabling of Secretary's Report 2022/23. John commented on particular highlights of his time with THPA indicating that one of the **most important aspects** had been the **securing of written agreement from the Council that the Kyla Park Heritage lands would be retained in the same manner as that used by Pioneer grazier John Hawdon at the time the acreage was gifted to the community of Tuross.** This written agreement has been sought and given on three occasions since the first ESC proposal in 1997 when the ESC Mayor Chris Vardon, Cllr Rob Pollock and senior Council staff attempted to re-categorize the community heritage grazing land as operations/residential, with a proposed development along the lines of small acreage lots to be marketed as 'Tuscany by the Sea', similar to the other 4 clusters of Kyla park. The Public forum that was held in 1997 in the old THPA Progress Hall in Jutland Ave was met with extremely strong and noisy community disapproval, but the Council has floated two further attempts to recategorize the Kyla Park HGL and sell the lots. They have been thwarted by the Tuross community through action by the THPA (and efforts of the THPA and John Tilbrook are recorded in Federal Parliament Hansard via the then Federal member for GILMORE, Ann Sudmalis).

John also commented on the progress of the "T" intersection safety upgrade with the reinstatement of the left turn slip lane at the end of Hector McWilliam for traffic turning south on the Princes Highway to travel towards Bodalla. The latest information on the THPA proposal from the ES Council (with \$1.5M already committed by the current NSW Labor Government-(announced in March 2023), is that the T4NSW advise that a much longer acceleration lane will have to be constructed to allow for safer merging access of exiting vehicle to combine with 100kph traffic travelling along the highway.

For THPA is to be effective for the community we must continue to attract members - more input and more interest gives a wider benefit to all.

John thanked Darryl Pretty for the donation of four bottles of wine to be used as raffle prizes in the 2023/2024 year. As is customary with John he ended with a joke greeted by loud laughter.

Proposed by John Tilbrook, **Seconded** by Ken Parker. ACCEPTED

Tabling of Treasurer's Financial Report for FY 2022/23 as circulated by email prior to the meeting. Chris commented that the Auditor (Ian Traynor) had not had an opportunity to work on THPA accounts as she had been overseas at the end of the financial year. The audit

report will be presented to the members when it is received. **Proposed** for acceptance by: Max Castle; **Seconded** by Annie Jones.

MOTION Award of Honorary Life Membership THPA to John Tilbrook. Moved by: Cathy Milliken, **Seconded** by: Max Castle. AGREED by unanimous show of hands from members. President Cathy then thanked John for his superlative work over the past 10 years as Honorary Secretary and commented on his 25-year membership. John was presented with a poem and a 'willing workhorse' plaque along with a voucher for Bunnings, his second home. Cathy read a poem provided by Chris Smith and duplicated below.

John Tilbrook CSM, RFD, JP

WorkHorse Extraordinaire

A great workhorse is seldom found,

especially with a nose to ground.

To find out all there is to know

and then to know to whom to go,

for answers to satisfy the crowd,

to chase for news when none allowed.

A photo here, a caption there,

an email then for all to share.

To keep our refuge "Paradise found"

and protect our Community we are bound

to thank John Tilbrook for all his trouble

to help protect our Tuross bubble.

Election of office bearers for the 2023/24

All THPA Executive Committee positions were duly declared vacant.

The Chair was then handed over to the nominated independent Returning Officer, Dr Arn Sprogis, to conduct the election of new THPA executive Office Bearers and other vacant committee positions. Nominations were received prior to the closing date, as follows.

Election of Office Bearers to the new Executive Committee

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by	Elected
President	Cathy Milliken	June Brown	John Tilbrook	unopposed
Vice President	Gary Smith	June Brown	Cathy Milliken	unopposed
Junior Vice President	Tom Webster	Tom Webster	June Brown	unopposed
Treasurer	Christine Smith	Kath Smith	Ian Smith	unopposed
Minute Secretary	Derek Hoare	Tom Webster	June Brown	unopposed

Chris Smith will also undertake the role of Public Officer for this 2023/2024 year. No ballot or discussion was necessary for the above positions.

Secretary: No nomination received prior to closing date. Dr Sprogis called for nominations from the floor for Secretary.

Publicity Officer: No nominations received prior to closing date. Dr Sprogis called for nominations from the floor.

Dr Sprogis declared committee members elected as above and handed the chair to President Cathy Milliken.

President Cathy returned to the chair thanking Dr Arn for his duties as returning officer. She indicated that no Secretary had been nominated as yet therefore anyone who was interested could speak with the President. For the next few weeks, until a Secretary was secured the President, Senior and Junior Vice Presidents would initiate and agree on the correspondence but THPA ARE LOOKING for a Secretary who could pick up the administrative duties.

The President noted that the THPA Treasurer/Public Officer will lodge the THPA annual report and pay the requisite fee to the NSW Department of Fair Trading. Chris Smith will also advise NSW DoFT of the change in Public Officer.

In addition there were two non committee members of the team who handled administration of social and raffles – Peta Machala and Lyn Newton who **have agreed to undertake this role for 2023/2024 again. Our grateful thanks.**

As Fay and Leonie are doing their last afternoon tea today we will be looking for supporters for an afternoon tea roster; if we get enough volunteers it could mean a duty once or twice a year. We already have a few names, but more volunteers would be warmly welcomed.

Dr Arn Sprogis drew the first raffle Black B 96 but a redraw was requested.

Bottle of red wine – B81 Rod Magnus;

Bottle of white wine – B91 Kath Smith.

The raffle raised \$61.65 which will be used to offset the hire fee for the hall.

The President declared the closure of the 2023 Annual General Meeting.

Afternoon tea/coffee & refreshments were served for the final time by the Beers ladies.

The next THPA meeting will be on 7 September at 2.00 pm preceded by a short Extraordinary General Meeting to vote on the Life Membership motion for Fay and Leonie Beers.