

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUROSS HEAD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION HELD AT KYLA HALL on 6 NOVEMBER 2025

1. WELCOME

President Ross welcomed all to the meeting including visitors Kathryn Maxwell of SHASA and Trish of TECEXEC who gave an excellent presentation on disaster recovery once the initial formalities were completed.

2. **PRESENT:** 17 members; 3 visitors; two from South Coast Health and Sustainability Alliance.

3. **APOLOGIES:** Rob Evans (surgery), Peter Williamson (interstate), Cathy Milliken (work), Gary Smith Tom Webster, Janet Jones.

PRESENTATION:

Kathryn Maxwell SHASA briefly commented on the evacuation centre situation of 2020 where overcrowding and lack of alternative facilities caused heat and safety issues. Communications issues were also a major concern. Since 2020 SHASA has been actively involved in obtaining grants and supporting local areas to provide emergency facilities and upgrade existing facilities to standards suitable for disaster recovery. Local Councils have been very supportive in their work as the needs became more apparent from the research undertaken subsequent to the 2019/2020 fires.

A very interesting detail which came out of the SHASA presentation was that the ESC is now actively engaged with SHASA and other authorities in looking at communications and support in emergency situations. Preserving our beautiful environment has provided an avenue of approach which seems amenable to ESC. For the past 5 years despite numerous approaches to ESC by THPA little progress has been made on securing an upgrade of our existing facilities from neighbourhood safe place to fully resourced evacuation facilities. Perhaps the experiences of the 2020 bushfires and understanding of the damage done is filtering through. Additionally government grants are becoming more available and there is a change of staff at ESC.

The period 2020-2025 has seen the first part of the SASHA program with many successes. As part of the second thrust of SHASA'S program to take place over the next 5 years, Tuross Head will be a focus along with other villages/townships not already attended to.

A great step forward for Tuross is that the Country Club has been in touch with Dr Holland regarding upgrading their facilities to a standard suitable for emergency use and SHASA have offered to be actively engaged in assisting Tuross.

President Ross commented that SHASA need support in this – we have got to become more active as a community. We need to help Kathryn in this area to help care for the beautiful world we all live in. THPA has the ability of the community – we need to put signs up around the shops and broadcast our needs as often as possible. Chris smith commented that a calendar giving the year's meeting dates in the notice boards could be helpful in broadcasting THPA activities as well as information about specific issues.

Trish from TecExec provided lots of information about communications advances for our regional area as well as information about portable satellite communication called Star Link currently in operation in Eurobodalla. Can be attached to car roof. Trish gave a list of the 'Aps' and websites which could be most helpful in the event of an emergency including the BOM; Hazards Near Me; Radio, Mobile Phone - ABC listen Ap; and Facebook – ABC South East NSW; RFS and SES websites. The important thing for all is to stay connected.

The following leaflets were supplied to those present:

- **Free tech café drop in sessions – Trish 0414442707- to be held Term 4: 13 October – 19 December:**
 - Moruya Tuesdays 12.30-2.30 pm** Moruya Library
 - Bateman's Bay – Wednesdays 10.00 am-12.00 pm** Bay Pavilion.
- **Resilience is our business – preparing and caring for our local communities**
 - Interactive workshops 11 November Moruya Golf Club
 - 13 November Bega Golf ClubBoth 9.00 am – 1.00 pm – Morning Tea provided
- **Eurobodalla Preparedness Guide SHASA in conjunction with Anglicare**
- **Map of Moruya and District Heatwave and Bushfire Havens**
Red Door Hall; Moruya CWA; Moruya PreSchool; Moruya Surf Club; Southern Life Church.
- **Prep Mates supporting the South Coast in partnership with The TecExec.**
Emergency kits that are affordable, easy to use, accessible, built for Australian disasters and complete with comprehensive practical supplies including TecExec 'Go Bags'
- **Firewise Landscapes – wondering how your garden and landscape choices can reduce bushfire risk** – 12 November 2025 5.30-7.30 pm Broulee Rural Fire Station. Contact Von Hutcheson 0450 165 851.

The ladies' presentations were much appreciated and thanks offered. Some supplies are available for next meeting.

The normal meeting structure resumed at this point.

ADDRESS by President Ross included:

- day change from Tuesday to Thursday for Melbourne Cup Day;
- that **the** Secretary had resigned and accordingly a new Secretary was required. **All members please note that the job is vacant and THPA desperately needs a secretary. Contact any member of the committee or THPA via website email address.**
- **Meetings from now on would revert to the first Thursday in the month.**

4. **MINUTES OF MEETING OF 7/10/2025** were taken as read as they are on website and had been circulated to members by email. Proposed to be accepted as true record: Leonie Beers;

Seconded Kath Smith. **Accepted** on a show of hands. Noted that some members had not received minutes by email.

5 **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES 7/10/25**

- Footpaths in discussion with Committee
- **Christmas Decorations– volunteers are needed for erecting and decorating Christmas Trees SATURDAY 8.00 AM 29TH November 2025.**
- **Grazing Lands** –Proposal to instal firebreak so we are looking at that; keen to get it sorted soon with fire season coming up.
- Coopers island two-way system – this is a past situation - it has become apparent that an owner has been given the rights to complete section including road.
- Council letter received re beach clean-up – much appreciated by THPA.

6 **TREASURER'S REPORT for October.** Mini Treasurer's Report:

- received 11 nominations \$55 and raffle proceeds of \$33 – Total \$88.00
- spent on raffle prizes (3 months) \$60
- bank fees \$0.39
- profit for the month \$27.61
- Term deposit \$22048.49
- Cash in Bank \$4438.45
- Petty Cash: \$50.00

Jenny Irvine moved that report be accepted Anne Parker and Chris Smith seconded. **ACCEPTED** on a show of hands. Comment made that the circulation of the report via email was very late but it was for the October period and today's meeting is only 6 November. Noted that in some cases Treasurer's Report not received by email.

7 **CORRESPONDENCE**

In – Bruce Hatchman regarding date and times for meetings

Out – Kathryn Maxwell re SHASA

Out – Bruce Hatchman re voting numbers

8 **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- Thank Council for working on sign at top of Anderson Avenue again – Chris Smith commented that it is a waste of time putting new pole in there; the washaway is deep –
- **Pathways** a lot to do - need community's help.
- **Petition in support of Bushfire foliage culling available for signing – Can only sign once but those members who signed at The Country Club Picnic Day should sign a new copy of the petition. Copies of Petition are with Josh the Butcher; Gary, Ross, Evelyn, June and Kath Smith (The new version has completed and updated preamble to bring the petition in line with parliamentary requirements.) Further copies of the petition are available for members to secure signatures – if every member asked neighbours on either side of them**

to sign we would soon raise our total. Please email secretarythpa@gmail.com to obtain blank forms.

9. **Anne Parker** queried whether do we take it for granted that we are at last on a Thursday meeting permanently? Changing the date for cup day every year, changing the meetings every year is finished. The majority of people who attend are happy it's a Thursday.

President Ross asked the members present whether there were any further queries or comments.
Nil.

10 **RAFFLE** : As there was no more general business Jenny drew raffle: Blue 33.B – no one claimed. Blue B14 B27 Helen Davidson; Ticket Red B7 Kath Smith.

Meeting closed at 3.15 followed by afternoon tea.

NEXT MEETING – 4 DECEMBER 2.00 pm KYLA HALL. Bring Christmas goodies to share if desired. This is a great way to start the Festive Season and to have a chance to socialise with our friends and neighbours.