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Summary Notes - THPA Member's Information Session

4 March 2025, 2:00pm at Kyla Park Hall

1. Welcome to Members
 - a. The President welcomed the 29 members present – plus 1 visitor
2. Committee Present
 - a. Tom Webster President
 - b. Evelyn Ashcroft Junior Vice President
 - c. Jenny Irvine Treasurer
 - d. Bruce Hatchman Secretary
 - e. Kim Ulrick Chair Communication and Community Engagement
 - f. Darryl Pretty Committee Member
3. Apologies

Geoff Clarke, Annie Jones, Mylene and Fitzroy Boulting, John Tilbrook, Casey Blewitt
4. Summary of Previous Meeting
 - a. The minutes of the meeting 4 February 2025 were now available on the THPA web site
5. Health subcommittee update
 - a. An update was presented by the subcommittee Chair Arn Sprogis
 - b. It was noted that despite the election date not yet being announced, the candidates were clearly in election mode
 - c. Focus of the subcommittee has been on equitable funding for regional areas
 - d. Focus has also been on access to GPs and working closely with local GPs for support
 - e. We are focussing on campaigning our issues from Bawley Point to Bega. These areas are experiencing the same issues as Tuross Head
 - f. Changes to any policies will not be fixed with only one month out from a possible election date
 - g. Media saturation has been high for our campaign issues
 - h. Draft policies seen to date will not fix the access and equitable funding issues
 - i. Suspecting that the coalition will issue a policy to differentiate itself from the government
 - j. We have given all candidates equal material for their consideration
 - k. Jo van der Plaat has been responsive and proactive
 - l. The TH GP practice continues to only operate one day a fortnight
 - m. This is a result of lack of equity funding

- n. One member then asked for the presentation to be shut down, which then occurred.
6. Bushfire subcommittee update
 - a. Dead end with ESC regarding lodged correspondence
 - b. Correspondence on recent issues is now being lodged with state govt via Michael Holland
 - c. The independent bushfire report has supported our previous vies and submissions to ESC
 - d. Response from the minister Hon Jihad Dib MP was tabled
 - e. Exemptions are being sought from relevant departments to clear hazardous material which is classified as protected fauna
 - f. ESC has not responded to any requests made in this regard
7. Fishing and Boating subcommittee
 - a. No update this month
8. Infrastructure subcommittee
 - a. Support from police for road safety around schools and bus stops
 - b. We need to continue to advise ESC of any infrastructure needs within Tuross Head
 - c. It is noted that signs are now in place on HMcW Drive warning of children accessing buses
 - d. Still trying to access the community police visit, but delayed due to illness
9. Finance report
 - a. Cash balance was \$26,816.44
 - b. Earnings for period to 28 Jan 25 was (1,776.18) loss
 - c. It was noted that the loss occurred from costs being paid which were advised last month.
10. Communication and Community Engagement
 - a. Most activity has been covered off in the health report
 - b. Kim has now developed a close relationship with local media
 - c. Kim thanked Evelyn for her enormous in securing support for our campaign which is evidenced in the responses to the web site
 - d. Kim gave a run down on trying to get candidates to lock in a forum date, which is proving very difficult
 - e. Kim indicated that the forum may not happen and an approach of a Q&A to all candidates could be made and then posted on our web site for all to see.
 - f. Members will be encouraged to supply questions for candidates
 - g. It is obvious that Eden Monaro is too big an area for one politician to cover
11. General Business
 - a. We need to be making a lot of noise to be heard due to our size
 - b. We are campaigning to have a sustainable bus service in Tuross Head
 - c. There were many questions from the floor regarding transparency of cash management, including setting limits on committee decision making levels
 - d. The secretary said that he would provide a well tried and trusted mechanism to delegate authority levels within THPA. This will be available to the committee by 11 March 2025

- e. There were specific questions regarding delegated authority and involving member approvals. This issue will be covered off in the proposed draft Delegation manual
 - f. By way of record, there were many vitriolic attacks on the committee members and they will be considered at the next committee meeting on 11 March 2025
12. Next Meeting,
- a. 2:00pm on 1 April 2025 at Kyla Park Hall

Meeting Closure