

# TUROSS HEAD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD AT 2.00 PM ON 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2025 AT

KYLA PARK HALL TUROSS HEAD

**PRESENT:** 21 members, noted in attendance book with new member welcomed – Ken Brazel.

**APOLOGIES: 8 apologies** (Evelyn Ashcroft, Gary Smith, Ian Bingham, Michael Eburn, Coralie Magnus, Simone Rodda, Gary Smith, Steve Smith, John Tilbrook.)

**Visitor:** Karen Abbott

## WELCOME

1 The meeting opened at 2.00 pm with a welcome for new member Ken Brazel from President Tom Webster. Ken lives in Queensland but has been a Turossian for a long time and has a home here. Tom also welcomed visitor Karen Abbott.

2. **APOLOGIES were indicated by Chris Smith** with comment that John Tilbrook was in hospital in Canberra but was available by text.

Apologies read by Chris Smith, seconded and **accepted** on a show of hands.

## 3. ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT TOM WEBSTER

It will be a short meeting today - there is not much on the Agenda because of postponed items and concentration on a couple of important issues needing prompt attention, namely ensuring we have a doctor in Tuross and finalising correspondence on Bush Fire preparedness.

Additionally we are coming to the end of the period of this current committee, our AGM being in August, and we will need nominations for a new committee if THPA is to continue.

Nomination forms are on the website and on the desk here. If a quorum is not achieved the THPA will close. So please seriously consider volunteering to be a member of the committee. All currently held positions will be declared vacant at AGM. Accordingly, Available positions for 2025/2026 year – President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Officer, 3 Committee members with specific roles of Publicity, Minutes Secretary and Junior ice President. You can find **nomination forms attached to end of minutes and on website**. If you have not served on the committee before here is an opportunity to get to know more about Tuross and to meet new friends.

Chris Smith gave a dot pointed run down on minutes of 6/5/2025 and asked for any comment. Nil given. Two copies of the minutes were handed out to new members.

Chris proposed, Faye Beers seconded, and minutes **accepted** unanimously by a show of hands.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES 6/5/25**

Cathy Milliken spoke about the current stage of the vacant Tuross Head Medical Centre and THPA assisting with trying to get doctors back in Tuross. Cathy is hoping by end of week to send to all members and community of Tuross a note about the resolution of this vacancy. She is 90% sure that all is going to be well, the process is just taking time. The doctor concerned now has formal accreditation and has applied to the Royal College of GPs for accreditation through them. Dr Arn has been helping with this issue in a consultant capacity. Thanks was expressed for Cathy's hard work. There was no further business arising.

**TREASURERS REPORT – 1/5/25 TO 31/5/25**

Chris Smith commented this was as calm area in Treasurer's report. She ran through the report giving headline items and finishing with a closing balance of \$4695.04 on the General Account and \$50.00 on petty cash. Chris indicated there had been an adjustment to the General Accounts from figures indicated in May as some of a previous month's entries had been included in the totals. Chris said that the Term Deposit had a closing balance of \$21,686.24 as at 4/6/2025. The term deposit will be renewed on the 4<sup>th</sup> for 6 months. Proposed for acceptance by Chris; seconded by Leonie Beers. Accepted on a show of hands.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A list of correspondence had been issued to update the Agenda and items below reflected Medical, Bushfire and Infrastructure issues. Chris pointed out that the correspondence was on the table for those who wished to read the detail. It should be noted that all outgoing correspondence is circulated in draft form to members of the committee for their comment prior to finalising the letter sent.

1. Hon. Kristy McBain – re Medical Centre 2 page letter seeking support from government.
2. 'To whom it may concern' – re Medical Centre – seeking support from various medical and government bodies indicating the strong need for a medical officer in Tuross 2 pages.
3. Gary Smith has sent email regarding bushfire risk indicating that it is his opinion there is little point in pursuing the matter further with Eurobodalla

Shire Council at this point in time after a negative letter had been received in response to our overtures through legal channels. Gary has written to Members of Parliament regarding this. Gary recommends no further legal instructions unless future advice re class action.

4. Kristy McBain - a reply had been received from Kristy McBain's office indicating she had reached out to Minister Butler.
5. ABC statement that NSW health minister had indicated local radiotherapy services will be part of the mix at Eurobodalla hospital
6. 2 CSRs submitted - One for timber for bridge which is an extension of cycle pathway from Anderson Avenue to the toilets.
7. The other for grasses to be cut and graffiti removed.
8. CSR/Email from John Tilbrook re shed where the disabled wheelchair is located near the caravan park – the ESC were asked to remove a fallen tree branch with concern that significant damage might have resulted. ESC had a couple of teams in Tuross and attended to the matter very promptly with Cathy and Tom watching – only a dent in the edge so not major damage.
9. It has been reported that someone has yet again run over the sign at the T intersection with Hector McWilliam.

Cathy asked the members to keep an eye open for damage and to let committee members know so that Council can be contacted to remedy.

Chris moved that correspondence be accepted, Leonie Beers seconded. **Accepted** on a show of hands.

## 8 GENERAL BUSINESS

Tom Webster asked if there were any queries or matters people wished to raise - this is an opportunity for people to bring up any issues. Tom

One other thing from Tom – we have just about given up with fire safety with the local council and their expert fire safety engineer. Tom disagrees with the advice given by this officer and THPA have had to get advice from independent expert advice. As a result of their fire officer's views council have just ignored that independent advice. Additionally we are concerned about a registered emergency shelter – Council say no; the Country Club are willing to make the club a proper official evacuation centre. To do that we don't need council approval and Tom indicated that other avenues to explore could be funds available from an organisation in Bateman's Bay who might be amenable to help our club.

Cathy – reminded members that the AGM would be on 5th August at 2.00 pm.

**Membership renewals which need to be returned before the end of July will be sent out in the next week . Only financial members can vote at the AGM. Please return forms promptly.**

There is a committee meeting next Tuesday.

**RAFFLE** Ken Brazel pulled the tickets - green C10 owned by Faye Beers who chose red wine; blue 82 in possession of Tom Webster who graciously received white wine.

**9 NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2025.**

Meeting closed at 2.27 pm. Afternoon tea was enjoyed.