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Summary THPA Member's Meeting

12 November 2024, 2:00pm at Club Tuross (Ground Floor)

1. Welcome to Members
 - a. The President welcomed the 18 members present – plus two visitors
2. Committee Present
 - a. Tom Webster President
 - b. Max Castle Vice President
 - c. Bruce Hatchman Secretary
 - d. Evelyn Ashcroft Committee member
3. Apologies
Ilan and Kath Smith, Kim Ulrick, Darryl Pretty, Jen Irvine, Marilyn and Ian Bingham, Annie Jones, Barbara Gibbs, Mylene Boulting
4. Summary of Previous Meeting
 - a. The minutes of the meeting 1 October 2024 were accepted on a show of hands
5. Updates:
 - a. Health Sub-Committee – Arn Sprogis
 - i. Moruya Hospital Forum November
 - This was the best LHD forum I have attended, information exchange open and clear
 - It was confirmed it would have a Level 4 ICU on opening
 - EOI being sought for the Moruya radio therapy facilities and if approved the LRS building can be built anytime during the hospital build
 - Despite THPA submitting a question on planning timelines this was the second time at a forum that the question wasn't answered. A discussion was had with Brad Scotcher (SNSWLHD South Coast Manager) and he apologised and assured that it would be answered promptly.
 - ii. Indirect information only for Tuross Head surgery indicates it will be closed for 4 weeks, but maybe 1 day per week, then there will be someone there full time
 - iii. The federal election will be possibly March/April. THPA Committee at its next meeting in a week will consider mounting a major campaign for equity of health funding for the far south coast.
 - b. Bushfire Sub-Committee – Gary Smith
 - i. Letter has gone to Council setting out risks and the potential negligence of Council to address risks
 - ii. There are serious issues if fire destroys homes
 - iii. Pointing out that failure to act by Council may trigger a class action

- iv. Targeting to invite Anthony Mayne to a member meeting to understand the issues
- v. Correspondence going to all candidates for the Federal election setting out the relevant issues
- vi. Mick Johnson to be advised that grazing land leading to the highway has not been cleared properly
- vii. This whole process has been going nowhere for 6 years
- c. Fishing and Boating Sub-Committee – Max Castle
 - i. The Cooper Is issue has been going on since 2017
 - ii. There has recently been a related issue that has been resolved in favour of the public. This issue is seen as being parallel to Cooper Is
 - iii. The matter is getting more complicated and there is more to come
 - iv. The issue has now reached state parliament
- d. Infrastructure Sub-Committee
 - i. Letter going to Council advising of new Committee appointments for THPA
 - ii. Letter going to Mick Johnson to bring him up to date with THPA issues as set out in the agenda
 - iii. Mick Johnson is mostly unknown to members, so he will be invited to attend a meeting
 - iv. Members requested to send any ideas or issues for the town infrastructure to the Secretary
 - v. Volunteers identified to date to support the usage of Kyla Hall by THPA:
 - 1. June Brown
 - 2. Linda Steadman
 - vi. There is a push to establish public transport in and out of Tuross Head. Marshalls are keen but they need Council support
 - vii. Council to be approached to clean up the beaches, again, or alternatively provide equipment for suitably qualified locals to perform the task
 - viii. The team is being established to attend to setting up Xmas decorations at the highway
- e. Kyla Hall matters – Tom Webster
 - i. Steve Smith reports that Council will not approve the integration of the Hall committee with THPA
 - ii. Council to be approached once more to resolve the charging for usage by THPA
 - iii. Steve Smith reported that Kyla Hall has a very healthy bank balance
 - iv. Improvements are continuing for the Hall
 - v. Kyla Hall as an evacuation centre may be problematic due to insurance. This issue to be followed up in conjunction with the push such a centre.
 - vi. Tom advised we would work through Steve Smith for any KH matter
- 6. Finance Report – Bruce Hatchman
 - a. In the absence of the Treasurer Jen advised that there was no material movement in the cash balance
- 7. Kristy McBain Visit – Gary Smith
 - a. Confirmation received that KM will visit on 3 December 24

- b. 1:00 – 2:00pm – meet with Exec committee in TH Boardroom
 - c. 2:00 - 2:30pm – meet with members
 - d. Key issues to be finalised by the Committee prior to KM visit include:
 - i. Tuross fire safety:
 - 1. 30 metre clearance along the escape route
 - 2. More fire breaks
 - 3. We need an emergency evacuation shelter within Tuross
 - 4. We do not have a public transport system to assist the elderly in such a situation
 - ii. Medical services
 - iii. Public transport
 - iv. Council selling public land
8. General Business
- a. Rex Airlines
 - i. The meeting wholeheartedly supported the injection of funds into Rex to maintain regional services
 - b. Mutton Birds
 - i. Gary gave a background on the Mutton Birds that are found to be dead on the beaches
 - ii. Do not touch them
 - iii. Photograph them and send the photos to adriftlab@gmail.com
 - iv. Include a photo of a foot tag if present
9. Raffle Results
- a. Blue B3
 - b. Black C55 – not claimed
 - c. Blue B36 – the redraw
10. Next Meeting
- a. 2:00pm on 3 December 24 at Club Tuross

Meeting Closure