

TUROSS HEAD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER – 22 April 2024

Members encouraged to share the THPA NEWS - new subscriber's welcome.

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NEXT MEMBERS MEETING

7th May 7-8 PM at CLUB TUROSS

(NOTE: Trialling new time for evening meeting)

THPA 75th YEAR AGM APPROACHING FAST – WHERE TO FROM HERE?

Since last December when several longstanding committee members resigned the THPA has continued with a core committee of 3 and focussed on continuing our Better Access to Healthcare, Bushfire Prevention, Emergency Shelter, Microgrid for Tuross and Coopers Island activities. We have managed to call back into action although on a much-reduced workload Max Castle (Coopers Island and Disability Access to Waterways) and John Tilbrook (Tuross Head Infrastructure). The key positions of Treasurer/Secretary, Communication, Membership remain unfilled and our existing committee members are having to double their workload to fill the gap which is not sustainable in the long term. Chris Smith has continued as Public Officer until the 2024 AGM, and we are very grateful to her for this commitment.

The THPA's influence (Council, State and National) has never been greater, we have a strong membership but our support structure at committee level doesn't match our workload. At our May Committee meeting we will finalise our plan for the long-term future of the THPA and circulate it to all members for their consideration but in the meantime member should consider offering a small amount of time to support the THPA's workload.

NEW EUROBODALLA HOSPITAL UPDATE FORUM COMING SOON

Where – Narooma Golf Club. When – Tuesday 30th April 5- 6.30 pm

THPA Members, Mylène and Fitzroy Boulting, are assisting a ONE New Level 4 Eurobodalla Hospital Advocates Group-led "Q&A" Community Forum in partnership with ROTARY Narooma, focused on giving factual answers to genuine questions on the New Regional Hospital and what its range of new and upgraded services, including an Intensive Care Unit (ICU), will mean for our community's healthcare and the implications of this infrastructure for the future. Scheduled for Tuesday 30 April, 5 - 6.30pm sharp, at the Narooma Golf Club's upstairs auditorium, pre-submitted questions will be invited from the floor and answered by a panel of medical and planning experts which will include Dr Michael Holland MP and Mayor Cllr Mat Hatcher. Alternatively, and perhaps more convenient for THPA members, a similar Forum, this time co-hosted by RSL, is also slated for Moruya, at the Moruya Golf Club on Thursday, 23 May also 5 - 6.30pm. The Forums will remain unapologetically community-based and steered, with Southern Health as welcome guests on the Experts Panel. Both Forums will try to cover as many questions as possible.

PROGRESS ON HECTOR McWILLIAM/HIGHWAY T-INTERSECTION UPGRADE

John Tilbrook corresponded with the NSW Minister for Region Roads and Transport, Jenny Aitchinson on 5 Mar 24, in seeking an update on the T4NSW Department's progress on the requested road safety upgrade of the Tuross Head T Intersection.

John received the Minister's response dated 3 April 24, which provides a positive update in that traffic surveys at the intersection to help T4NSW understand the vehicle volumes, speed and travel patterns (directions?) within this section of the Princes Highway in order to complete the strategic development phase, which will then form the basis of the preferred construction option for the road safety upgrade, and that we the THPA will be informed of the design outcome, together with an estimated completion date (hopefully before the opening of the new Level 4 Eurobodalla Regional Hospital at Moruya).



SANDY POINT DISABILITY TRACK PROJECT

Max Castle attended the latest Council community disability committee meeting a few weeks ago and sought clarification on the progress of the disability access track to Sandy Point. It was agreed further discussion will be needed as the track has only been 50% completed and funding could be an issue. The current track does not achieve the project objectives.

ATTN: "Australia's Biggest Morning Tea" In Aid of the CANCER COUNCIL

Host: St Andrews Memorial Church

Where: Craddock Road Tuross Head

Date: 1st May 2024

Time: 10am

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