

TPI Association WA
General Monthly Meeting
Tuesday 12th November 2019

1. Meeting Opened: 1036hrs

2. Departed Comrades: Leonard Prideaux, Robert Cooper & Vincent Bennett

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3. Attendance: As per register

4. Apologies: Ray Pearce, Terry Priest, Charlie Carter, Dennis Gilmore, Mal Greenhalgh, Gregor McAlister, Paul Falzun, Jim Haywood, Pamela Bell, Alan McNulty, Phillip Steele, Robert Lord, Gary Fernihough & Baden Jeffrey.

5. Welcome to New Members: Alfred Hooper, Clifford Parkey, Malcolm Counsell, Peter Radburn & James Haywood.

6. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Motion: That the Minutes of the meeting held at the General Meeting dated the 8th October 2019 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Les Anderson

Seconded: Bill Sturgess

CARRIED

7. Business Arising from Minutes:

Paul Ryan – At the last meeting I asked about having the net worth of the Association for every meeting. I'm not happy with the reply I received. I would still like to see this happen.

John Kelly – We will discuss this at Committee level when the Treasurer is available.

8. Presidents Report:

John Kelly – We have an open letter to the Prime Minister from Pat McCabe and a reply from ScoMo to Andrew Wilkie. They are waiting for the KPMG report, which has been ongoing for almost 2 years, which is ridiculous. ScoMo is waiting to see what he is going to do in regards to what we have asked him about our money situation and a fairer indexation. He'll then be waiting on what the Productivity Commission says. We could still be waiting months or years for an outcome.

Just a reminder that our next meeting is at Whaleback Golf Course, so get your RSVP in because seats are limited and I'd hate to turn you away at the door.

9. Correspondence:

IN:

Paul Livermore

DVA

Media Release

RSL WA

Paul Livermore

NDS

OUT:

Nil

Resignation Letter

Christmas Function

ANZAC Day School Awards

ANZAC Day Details

Resignation Retraction

ACROD Passes

Motion: That the Correspondence be accepted.

Moved: Bill Sturgess

Seconded: Kevin Fowler

CARRIED

10. Business Arising from Correspondence:

Nil

11. Financial Statement and Treasurers Report:

Motion: That the Financial Statement and Treasurers Report be accepted.

Moved: Tony Filardi

Seconded: Bob Saunders

CARRIED

Graeme Purkiss – I would like it noted that the Treasurer is to be commended for his hard work.

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12. Federal Business:

John Kelly – APOD – This is about the new pin and card that DVA are going to give us along with all the discounts from businesses that have apparently come on board. As far as I'm aware there are about 91 companies, and you ask those companies and they have no idea that they've put their name forward. DVA said there would be a part on their website for APOD with what companies are available and what discounts they give. Obviously, that was too hard for DVA and you now have to go onto the APOD site and register.

Colin Benporath – As part of your TPI membership you receive a ShopRite card. I have been using them for some time and have saved a lot of money.

Les Verco – Is there a Congress report?

John Kelly – Sorry, I've forgot about that. I'll bring it to the December meeting.

13. General Business:

- **Tackling Suicide Among Discharged Veterans – Paul Ryan** – I would like to table a letter that I have written to the Association, which I'm hoping will be forwarded to other ESO's.

John Kelly – Thank you for that Paul. For the last 3 years, we've been fighting in Canberra to have a DVA front door so not have to go through Centrelink. ScoMo has said that he is seriously looking at a Royal Commission as to why Veterans' are suiciding. He is the only person who has gone that far. I applaud him for that. The RSL's response to that was "No."

- **GST Exemption – John Kelly** – I received an email from a member saying that he had approached 4 businesses to purchase a battery and was told, when asked for the GST exemption, "they're cheap enough, no more discounts." I am looking into the facts of this. I know a lot of smaller business will give you a 10% discount on the total so they don't have to worry about the GST exemption.

- **National Parks Discount – John Kelly** – I had an email from a member in regards to getting free entry into parks. I'm following this up but it could be a lengthy process.

Colin Benporath – As far as I know, NSW is the only state that gives TPI's an annual park pass. I raised this with the last Government and they were going to look into it. If you are a RAC member it will cost you \$27 annually, through Parks & Recreation it will cost you \$74.

- **December Meeting – Laurie Sibson** – Is there public transport to Whaleback?

John Kelly – Yes there is. I will also be doing a shuttle run from the office to Whaleback and return.

- **Bruce Rock Back to the Bush – Les Verco** – Next year is their 20th year reunion. There were quite a few younger Vets there this year. I would suggest that TPI support them in a monetary contribution for next year. We could sponsor them or advertise for them.

- **Alinta Gas – Kevin Fowler** – I asked for a Veteran's discount and was told I could get 10%/20%/30% over 3 years. You have to ask for this.

Kevin Lane – This discount is on the gas use only, it's not on the supply charge etc.

14. Motions on Notice:

Nil

15. Raffles:

Door Prize	Kevin Clifton
Army Bear	Wayne Fowlers
Meat Hamper	Graeme Winter
Cash Raffle	
1) \$50.00	Maurice Flack
2) \$30.00	David Hahn
3) \$20.00	Ron White

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16. Next Meeting: General Meeting Tuesday 10th December 2019 @ 1030hrs

17. Meeting Closed: 1123hrs

Dated this 10th day of December 2019

John Kelly
Chairperson