

**TPI Association WA**  
**General Monthly Meeting**  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021

1. **Meeting Opened:** 1030hrs

2. **Departed Comrades:** Ian Ellyard, Kevin Hickey & Victor Salis

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3. **Attendance:** As per register

4. **Apologies:** Ray Pearce, Damien Casey, Baden Jeffrey, David Menzies, Gregor McAlister, Tom Hollow, Bob Poat, Terry Priest, Doug Williams & Carlo Fragomeni.

5. **Welcome to New Members:** Iain Thomas

6. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

**Motion:** That the Minutes of the meeting held at the General Meeting dated the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

**Moved: Ian Bourne**

**Seconded: Tony Filardi**

**CARRIED**

7. **Business Arising from Minutes:**

- **Perth Parking – Colin Benporath** – Damien Casey has an appointment with the City of Perth next Tuesday. We will keep you updated on the outcome.
- **Medicare – Colin Benporath** - There is no decision on the proposed MEDICARE changes and the possible effects on members, as the Government has not passed the changes through parliament yet.

8. **Presidents Report:** Nil

9. **Correspondence:**

**IN:**

13 <sup>th</sup> July	VVAA	VV Memorial Day Invitation
28 <sup>th</sup> July	Wanneroo Sub Branch	Invitation to Wanneroo VV Day celebration evening
29 <sup>th</sup> July	Jim Hislop	Request for ESO support

**OUT:**

14 <sup>th</sup> July	VVAA	VV Memorial Day Attendance and Wreath Laying
4 <sup>th</sup> August	TPI Members	Email: Re: Status of Members – Equality
4 <sup>th</sup> August	Allen Petersen	Registered Mail: Re: Cease & Desist forwarding of emails
5 <sup>th</sup> August	TPI Members	Email: Re: August General Meeting

**Motion:** That the Correspondence be accepted.

**Moved: Peter Knight**

**Seconded: Denis O'Brien**

**CARRIED**

10. **Business Arising from Correspondence:**

- **Letter to Allen Petersen – Les Verco** – What was this letter regarding?  
*Will Fox read the letter that was sent to Allen Petersen*

11. **Financial Statement and Treasurers Report:**

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

**Moved: Les Anderson**

**Seconded: Les Verco**

**CARRIED**

12. **Federal Business:**

**Colin Benporath** – Due to COVID lockdown, the Congress face-to-face meeting, due for 1 -3 September 2021 has been cancelled. Suggestions have been sought from the Directors. Alternatives are, cancel meeting until March 2022, have a Zoom meeting or any other suggestions. I have suggested that we hold over the meeting until such time that we can have a face-to-face meeting. The reason being is that the AGM Federal Congress is supposed to be a face-to-face meeting. WA view is that it should be a face-to-face meeting as soon as we can effectively hold one coinciding with Parliamentary sitting. No decision has yet been made. Nominations for the Federal President closed on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021. Unfortunately, a SA member who wished to nominate, was in COVID lockdown. I contacted the Returning Officer to

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ask if nominations could be extended due to COVID. He indicated to me that they could be extended but I have since heard that the nomination date was not extended. Consequently we only have the current Presidents' nomination so she will be elected unopposed.

**13. General Business:**

- **Battling On Magazine Costs – Denis O’Brien** – Should we be looking at reducing the cost of the magazine by having it available electronically?  
**Colin Benporath** – John Hughes covers all costs associated with the Battling On magazine. It can also be accessed by members through the TPIWA website.
- **TPI Federation President – Rick Ryan** – As Colin explained we did have someone in SA put their hand up to nominate for the position of Federal President. I don't know why the exemption wasn't granted given they were in lockdown in SA at the time. It looks like the current TPI Federation President is the only nomination. This takes me back to the motion I put in a few months ago about TPIWA considering withdrawing from the Federation. I believe that maybe we should look at that again.
- **DFISA – Rick Ryan** – Colin, did you read the article that was in the DVA newspaper? It was quite confusing to me. They are saying that the DFISA is gone. So what happens with the Service Pension and our submission about the DFISA compensation?  
**Colin Benporath** – I have read some articles and I have attended the Deputy Commissioner Forum. Currently the situation with the DFISA being classed as compensation is that the DFISA payment is not classed as income for rental assistance and it was indicated that the Service Pension is not taken into consideration as income for rental assistance. That is the only concession that has been made as far as those two payments are concerned.
- **Suicide – Jim Duffield** – I would like to read a headline from a newspaper. It is a headline associated with a Veteran who suicided in 2017. The Army made a special job of sending along two Majors to give evidence at the inquest into this soldier's death, this inquest was held four years after his suicide. The headline reads "Senior Army Officer Says Struggling Veteran Failed The Army By Committing Suicide". We are talking about a man with 16 years service, on his sixth tour in the Middle East. I would ask you all to seriously consider when was the last time you saw a General stand up and say, "That's not the right thing by the digger". We have a serious flaw in the production of our Officers in the Australian Army. The soldiers' name was Corporal Ian Turner. We might expect the same in front of the Suicide Royal Commission. The Commissioners are a police officer, a judge and another is a Psychiatrist. There is no Pathologist and there is no Epidemiologist.
- **Video Recorder – Colin Benporath** – There is a request from the Mens' Shed asking for a video recorder if anybody has one they are no longer using. If you have one, please bring it to the next meeting.
- **Thank You – Kevin Fowler** – I would like to say thank you for the phone call that I received to see how I was going.

**14. Motions on Notice:**

**15. Raffles:**

<b>Door Prize</b>	Brian Morton
<b>Meat Tray</b>	Ron Bennett
<b>Cash Raffle</b>	
1) \$50.00	Arthur Faulks
2) \$30.00	Jim Duffield
3) \$20.00	Kevin Foley

**16. Next Meeting:**      **General Meeting Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 @ 1030hrs**

**17. Meeting Closed:**      1056hrs

**Dated this 14th day of September 2021**

**Colin Benporath**  
**Chairperson**