

TPI Association WA
General Monthly Meeting
Tuesday 14th September 2021

1. **Meeting Opened:** 1034hrs

2. **Departed Comrades:** Brian Hammond, Lawrence Fraser, Ross Anderson, Ross Comben, Trevor Berry & Victor Parkin.

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3. **Attendance:** As per register

4. **Apologies:** Ray Pearce, Daryl Easton, Baden Jeffery, Don Hunter, Gregor McAlister, Bill Sturgess, Damien Casey, Carlo Fragomeni, Peter Knight,

5. **Welcome to New Members:**

6. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Motion: That the Minutes of the meeting held at the General Meeting dated the 10th August 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Tony Filardi **Seconded: Les Anderson** **CARRIED**

Motion: To suspend standing orders.

Moved: Les Verco **Seconded: Trefor Thomas** **CARRIED**

Elizabeth, Katelyn & Marjorie from Life Live It addressed the members

Motion: To resume standing orders.

Moved: Barry Anyang-Burling **Seconded: Terry Priest** **CARRIED**

7. **Business Arising from Minutes:** Nil

8. **Presidents Report:** Nil

9. **Correspondence:**

IN:

10 th August	Allen Petersen	Reply Re: TPI Letter
26 th August	MHPE	Re: Guest Speaker
27 th August	Gloucester Park	Season Passes
3 rd September	MHPE	Re: Guest Speaker
8 th September	Jean Webb	Letter of thanks for the funeral fund
9 th September	Paul Ryan	Medicinal Cannabis and DVA funding
9 th September	MHPE	Guest Speaker
11 th September	Wellbeing Australia	Preventing Suicide and Operational Stress Summit

OUT:

11 th August	Allen Petersen	Reply Re: TPI Letter
26 th August	MHPE	MHPE/Guest Speaker
2 nd September	MHPE	Guest Speaker
9 th September	TPI Members	Re: September General Meeting

Motion: That the Correspondence be accepted.

Moved: Eric Aitkins **Seconded: Ian Bourne** **CARRIED**

10. **Business Arising from Correspondence:** Nil

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

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

Moved: George Van Beek **Seconded: Tony Filardi** **CARRIED**

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12. Federal Business:

Colin Benporath – The September AGM Congress was conducted by Zoom on the 1st & 2nd September. There was only one nomination for President, which was unfortunate because there was a second person interested in nominating but unfortunately, because SA was in lockdown his nomination was not accepted because it was late. I had spoken to the Returning Officer asking if there would be an extension for nominations due to the South Australian lockdown. He indicated to me that it wouldn't be a problem. Nominations officially closed on the 23rd July and on the 26th July the Federal President advised the Returning Officer to close nominations, so the current President was elected unopposed. There was a motion put forward in regards to the previous changes to the constitution were invalid. The Vice President has acknowledged that the 2021 amendments were invalid and based on further information the Constitution amendments that were passed in 2020 were also invalid due to the fact insufficient notice was given to all members rather than just the Federation Directors. I haven't heard what the status of the Federation Constitution is. My understanding is that the 2014 Constitution is still current and valid but I will endeavour to find this out. Another thing that happened at congress is that the Government has declared that those in receipt of DFISA is as a compensation payment however, they still maintain that the Service Pension is welfare. The President asked WA where our submission was in relation to this. I told her it didn't need a submission because of the fact that DFISA was born out of the Service Pension and that as DFISA was declared as compensation then it should also follow that the Service Pension is compensation and not welfare. During a discussion this was knocked back, so as far as the Federation is concerned, the Service Pension is still welfare. I'm not sure when the next Congress will be yet.

13. General Business:

- **SA Welfare Officer – Colin Benporath** – I would like to introduce Mick Curry, the SA welfare officer, who would like to say a few words.
Mick Curry – I am very happy to be able to talk to you this morning. At the moment we have 10 welfare officers in SA. We visit State Hospitals and we also visit Private Hospitals with the help of SA Health. I have spoken to Charlie, your welfare officer, to see how things happen in WA compared to SA. There are some things that we do differently, however, we all have our members at heart. Thank you to Bernadette and Charlie.
- **Recognition and Compensation – Les Verco** – I would just like to remind everyone that 20 years ago we went on our first crusade to Canberra to try to get better recognition and compensation.
- **Suicide – Terry Priest** – Apologies for not being here last meeting. I am referring back to the last minutes in regards to suicide. There was a heading that read “Senior Army Officer Says Struggling Veteran Failed the Army By Committing Suicide”. When I read this my gut turned. I think that is an insulting headline from any newspaper. Has TPI Federation taken this any further?
Colin Benporath – I will raise this with the Federal President.
- **Stickers – Colin Benporath** – One of our members has made up some stickers, which are available for \$2 each. Purchase a sticker and place it on the back of your vehicle so other service personnel can recognise this sticker and can communicate and offer support if required.
- **Motion on Notice – Rick Ryan** – I would like to put the following as a motion on notice for the next General Meeting.
Motion: That the TPI Association WA branch immediately withdraw its “Member” status from the TPI Federation of Australia. **Moved: Rick Ryan** **Seconded: Graeme Winter**

14. Motions on Notice:

15. Raffles:

Door Prize	Brian Morton
Meat Tray	Don Macleod
Cash Raffle	
1) \$50.00	Brian Morton
2) \$30.00	Ron Bennett
3) \$20.00	Ian Bourne

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16. Next Meeting: General Meeting Tuesday 12th October 2021 @ 1030hrs

17. Meeting Closed: 1124hrs

Dated this 12th day of October 2021

Colin Benporath
Chairperson