

TPI Association WA
General Monthly Meeting
Tuesday 9th November 2021

1. **Meeting Opened:** 1030hrs
2. **Departed Comrades:** Kenneth Rogers
ODE
3. **Attendance:** As per register
4. **Apologies:** Peter Knight, Carlo Fragomeni, Bill Sturgess, Brian Morton & Damien Casey.
5. **Welcome to New Members:** Donald Callison
6. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Motion: That the Minutes of the meeting held at the General Meeting dated the 12th October 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record.
Moved: Eric Aitkins **Seconded: Graeme Purkiss** **CARRIED**

Motion: To suspend standing orders.
Moved: Tony Kuzmanich **Seconded: Les Anderson** **CARRIED**

Dean Dyer from Mens Health Peer Education addressed the members

Motion: To resume standing orders.
Moved: Barry Anyang-Burling **Seconded: Les Verco** **CARRIED**
7. **Business Arising from Minutes:**
 - **Profit & Loss Report – Kevin Fowler** – Where it states year to date, it should read in addition to the Profit & Loss.
Dennis Gilmore - Last Month I was asked by Barry Anyang-Burling why we had a deficit of \$16,000 in the Profit and Loss Statement. My reply was there was very little income and a larger expenditure. That was clear by reading the Profit and Loss Statement which shows the income and expenditure for that month. I would like to point out that Life Members and Life Subscribers do not pay any membership fee. Those members who attend meetings receive a meal, which the cost for this year will be \$185.00 per person. There are numerous other costs and benefits that members receive. However, there are some Life Subscribers who make a generous donation to the Association of up to \$150.00 per year, and there are donations made by Life Members. These donations are greatly appreciated by the Committee, as they assist in the running of this Association.
Additionally, Kevin Fowler asked if a breakdown for the year could be provided. As all members who attend the meeting receive the Profit and Loss statement for the month, they could produce their own balance sheet from the information provided at each General Monthly Meeting. However, a Profit and Loss statement can be produced for the period starting 1 January to the month before the Monthly General Meeting if that is what the members want. This will not give a breakdown for each month, as is currently the case. To produce a progressive monthly breakdown showing each month's itemised income and expenditure would increase our costs and I believe it is unwarranted. For example, for the period 1 January to 30 September it would need 3 pages of A3. To go to the end of November it would require an addition 3 Pages of A3 making it 6 pages of A3 for each person. It is not economical.
Colin Benporath – Dennis, Kevin was only asking for an addition to the profit and loss.
Dennis Gilmore – I'm not finished. You can ask questions after.
Currently the situation for the period 1 January to 30 September 2021, is as follows:
Income is \$107,631.88.
Expenditure \$163,940.17.
This gives us a deficit of \$57,346.00.
This deficit is offset by the Dividends and Franking credits from the shares, plus a small amount of interest we receive from the bank, which is currently totalling \$350,054.95.
This gives us a surplus of \$292,708.95. Some of you may not realise it but without the Dividends and Franking credits we could not operate. Each month our expenses exceed our income. As it stands now it has been many years since 207 members become Life Subscribers and this has now reduced our income as they don't pay any membership fees.
207 Life Subscribers Donations \$1,255 = \$6.06 pp.

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17 Life Members Donations \$280 = \$16.47 pp.

There is a difference of \$10.41

The current situation of the Profit and Loss Statement gives the members a breakdown for that month of the income and expenditure. If a member wants any additional information they can visit the office on any Friday morning, and that additional information will be provided. The current way in my view is the most transparent way of showing the members the financial status of the TPI Association for each month separately.

My advice is to leave the Profit and Loss Statement as it is which is more transparent on a monthly basis than a progressive Profit and Loss Statement. With the current method of reporting, as members can see where the income comes from and what the expenditure are for the month. With a progressive Profit and Loss Statement you will not know where the monies have been received and where the money has been spent. If the members want a progressive Profit and Loss statement it will be the condensed version and not the full progressive Profit and Loss Statement showing each item on a monthly basis. My job is to ensure that we do not spend extra money in areas that are totally unnecessary as well as preserving the value of our assets. I strongly believe in transparency and any members who wishes to view the finances in more detail can visit the office on a Friday morning. I am a volunteer and not a full time Accountant.

However, you have two choices:

1. To continue to receive the Profit and Loss Statement as it is currently being produced giving an itemised monthly breakdown which shows total transparency, or
2. To receive a condensed progressive Profit and Loss statement which does not give a monthly breakdown.

To change the Profit and Loss statement for each Monthly General Meeting, you will need a motion to rescind a previous motion voted on at the 6 October 2015 General Monthly Meeting, which stated:

“That the Profit & Loss Statement will be given to the General Meeting a month in arrears”.

Then a new motion is to be moved to have a condensed progressive Profit and Loss Statement, starting from 1 January each year and ending the month before the next Monthly General Meeting. Any comments/suggestions.

Kevin Fowler – Sorry Dennis, but I think you’ve mixed it up. We still need a profit & loss but we need an extra column stating the year to date up to that date. It’s only 1 extra column required.

Barry Anyang-Burling – I’m happy with what we are already receiving.

8. Presidents Report: Nil

9. Correspondence:

IN:

14 th October	DVA	Remembrance Service at Araluen Botanic Park
20 th October	The Hon Andrew Gee MP	Remembrance Day posters/calendar etc.

OUT:

13 th October	Members	Flyer Re: WAPVA Inc Health Forum
18 th October	Members	Flyer Re: Back to the Bush Veterans Reunion

Motion: That the Correspondence be accepted.

Moved: Peter Cunnington

Seconded: Kevin Fowler

CARRIED

10. Business Arising from Correspondence:

11. Financial Statement and Treasurers Report:

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

Moved: Barry Anyang-Burling

Seconded: Eric Aitkins

CARRIED

12. Federal Business:

Colin Benporath – A Zoom meeting of Federal Directors was held on Monday the 1st of November. I was present, however Damien wasn’t present and attempts to contact him were unsuccessful. The main purpose was to discuss options for the campaign seeking an increase in the “Special Rate” pension. Discussions centred on maintaining the current direction and campaign and methods of reinforcing our claim. A NSW motion to start a “Go Fund Me” page on Facebook site was unable to get a seconder. It was also proposed to look at re-visiting the video advertising campaign from a few years back. Nothing concrete was achieved.

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I am still waiting for a further response from Vince Connelly, Member for Stirling. I sent an email to him, with copies to the Minister for Veterans Affairs and the Member for Moore, asking why, after the last Budget, the DFISA payment was classed as a compensation payment, yet the Service pension is still classed as a welfare payment. I will be attending the DVA Deputy Commissioners Forum later this month, and if I still don't have a reply, I will pose this question direct to Deputy Commissioner, Peter King. It was further reported that the Shadow Minister for Veterans Affairs had been quoted in the Melbourne press, that the Federal Government should be acting on the recommendations of the Senate Inquiry into TPI Remuneration. The Federal President has held a lengthy phone conversation with the Minister, and with the forthcoming Election, she has been asked to seek the Policy that the Opposition proposes.

13. General Business:

- **Acting President Resignation – Colin Benporath** – Ray Pearce has resigned as Acting President. Following Ray's resignation the Committee has appointed Colin Benporath as Acting President until the 2022 AGM.
- **Office Closure – Colin Benporath** – The office will be closed from 1230hrs Friday 17th December 2021 until Monday 31st January 2022 at 0900hrs.
- **Bruce Rock – Les Verco** – I was lucky enough to attend the Bruce Rock Back to the Bush Reunion. It was the 20th Anniversary. Everyone had a great time. It was good to see that TPI had a flyer put in the bag of goodies that was handed out. I had suggested in 2019 that TPI should support this more because of the Veterans' that go there. We should make a donation to them next year. It doesn't have to be money it can be advertising etc.
Dennis Gilmore – In accordance with the Trustees Act, Associations Act and our Constitution, money raised within the Association, is to be used for the members only. We cannot, under any circumstances, donate to any other organisation. If we do, we could lose our Not for Profit status.
Les Verco – Why can't we advertise? It's not donating money.
Dennis Gilmore – That's fine. We can advertise but we can't make a donation.
Colin Benporath – It was my intention to attend Bruce Rock but unfortunately we couldn't get accommodation.
- **Perth City Parking – Tony Kuzmanich** – Is there any progress on free parking in the City?
Colin Benporath – Damien Casey has been dealing with this but due to his absence recently, we haven't had any feedback. I will follow this up.
- **Gold Card for Dependents – Les Anderson** – Is there anything further on this?
Colin Benporath – At this stage no. Although I believe there is an esort meeting due to be held and it is being raised again. I will bring this up at the Deputy Commissioners Forum later this month.

14. Motions on Notice:

15. Raffles:

Door Prize	Dennis Gilmore		
Meat Tray	Barry Anyang-Burling	VC Book	Ross Fisher
Cash Raffle			
1) \$50.00	Kevin Foley		
2) \$30.00	Dale Skimmings		
3) \$20.00	Alan Colquhoun		

16. Next Meeting: General Meeting Tuesday 14th December 2021 @ 1030hrs

17. Meeting Closed: 1118hrs

Dated this 14th day of December 2021

Colin Benporath
Chairperson