

TPI Association WA
General Monthly Meeting
Tuesday 14th December 2021

1. **Meeting Opened:** 1035hrs

2. **Departed Comrades:** Hector McKinnon, Murray Craib & Neville Appleton

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3. **Attendance:** As per register

4. **Apologies:** Damien Casey, Terry Priest, Victor Hurrelbrink, Tony Samiotis & Neil Patrucco.

5. **Welcome to New Members:** Nil

6. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Motion: That the Minutes of the meeting held at the General Meeting dated the 9th November 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Tony Filardi

Seconded: Trefor Thomas

CARRIED

7. **Business Arising from Minutes:**

8. **Presidents Report:**

Colin Benporath – Wish all the best for Christmas and the New Year. Our office will be closed from 1230hrs Friday 17th December 2021 until Monday 31st January 2022 at 0900hrs. DVA phone won't be manned from Christmas Day until 3rd January 2022. The general enquiries email will still be operational. Open Arms office will be closed but phone lines will still be manned 24/7 throughout the holiday period.

9. **Correspondence:**

IN:

12 th November	Warren Nicholas	Legal Aid for Royal Commission Re: suicide
15 th November	Ruth Blackburn	Invite to DVA Christmas Function - President and Secretary
24 th November	Sasha Davidovich	Veterans Accommodation Project
25 th November	Health Heart CHM	Re: Healthy Heart Program and registering for program

OUT:

16 th November	DVA	Advising Colin Benporath now Acting President
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Motion: That the Correspondence be accepted.

Moved: Les Anderson

Seconded: Doug Williams

CARRIED

10. **Business Arising from Correspondence:**

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

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

Moved: Graeme Purkiss

Seconded: Tony Filardi

CARRIED

12. **Federal Business:**

Colin Benporath – We have been advised that some changes have been made to services approved by the Repat Commission. Previously eligible DVA clients could be assessed to receive safety related home and garden maintenance services under the program. Eligible clients can now receive up to 15 hours of safety related home and garden maintenance, including lawn mowing services. Previously this was not available to DVA people but now they are. The Federal President appeared before the Royal Commission for Suicide in Brisbane last week as part of a welfare type council. She wasn't appearing on behalf of the TPI Federation because the Federation has not decided whether to put a submission in, that will be decided at the next Congress. There is legal assistance available for anybody who wishes to make a submission or appear before the Royal Commission.

Malcolm Johnson – This is reference to our Federal President. Just a reminder to everyone that her latest campaign has fallen on deaf ears again. The compensation payment is eroding away.

Colin Benporath – We don't need to go into this because it is currently in hand with Federal business and the Federation is already following this up with both the current Minister for Veterans' Affairs and

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also the Shadow Minister. Everyone here is aware that it has been a long ongoing campaign and it still is in hand. Consequently, there is nothing else we can do at this stage other than sit and wait.

Malcolm Johnson – She has asked us to make an appeal to our Federal Minister.

Colin Benporath – I am aware she has asked this. This is to reinforce our claim. Also, the end result of the inquiry into TPI remuneration, which was held recently, is that the Committee recommended a modest increase. Unfortunately, there was no figure mentioned. I heard a whisper that the reason the inquiry was delayed by a day was because the Committee could not agree on a figure so consequently all that was released was a modest increase. We are trying to find out what that figure would be. There has been a

suggestion put to the Minister from the PVA that spouses of DVA Veterans' are provided with a Gold Card. I believe the Minister isn't against this totally.

13. General Business:

- **DVA Calendars** – **Colin Benporath** – We have some of these at the office, if you'd like one you can get one from the office.
- **Election** – **Les Verco** – I think you should announce that the elections are open if anybody wishes to join the committee.

Colin Benporath – There is a nomination form in the Battling On magazine. These need to be in the office no later than 1230hrs on Friday 11th February 2022.

14. Motions on Notice:

15. Raffles:

Door Prize

Meat Tray

Cash & Prizes

Congratulations to all the prize winners

16. Next Meeting: **General Meeting Tuesday 8th February 2022 @ 1030hrs**

17. Meeting Closed: **1135hrs**

Dated this 8th day of February 2022

Colin Benporath
Chairperson