

TPI Association WA
General Monthly Meeting
Tuesday 8th February 2022

1. **Meeting Opened:** 1033hrs
2. **Departed Comrades:** Raymond Skuse & Peter Bowen
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3. **Attendance:** As per register
4. **Apologies:** David Menzies, Baden Jeffrey, Kevin Clifton, Brian Morton & Phillip Heritage
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 14th December 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record.
Moved: Les Anderson **Seconded:** Doug Williams **CARRIED**
7. **Business Arising from Minutes:** Nil
8. **Presidents Report:**
Colin Benporath – I would like to wish all of our Members a Happy New Year. Hopefully this will be a better year, with far less restrictions than we had since the outbreak of COVID.
The matter of TPI WA COVID Policy has been raised in previous meetings and it has been decided to adhere to the Policy laid down by the State and Federal Governments as far as our Meetings are concerned. Your Committee has decided to implement a plan to close the Office in the event that a Positive case is confirmed in the Office, for the time as laid down by the Government, and in the event a Positive case is confirmed in the rest of the Office Building, we would request RAAFA take the appropriate action for decontamination.
I have received a complaint from the Federation President and the Wife of NSW TPI President of Inappropriate emails received from one of our Members. I have sent an Apology and the member has been warned about sending “unsolicited emails”, so if any of our members are also in receipt of “unwanted” emails, please advise the member to cease.
9. **Correspondence:**
IN:
17th December RAAFA Re: Invitation to Andrew Russell Veterans Living Program Launch
OUT:
18th December Rossmoyne Newsagency Cancellation of newspaper for holiday period
20th January Members Re: Proof of vaccination for General Meetings
Motion: That the Correspondence be accepted.
Moved: Barry Anyang-Burling **Seconded:** Bob Poole **CARRIED**
10. **Business Arising from Correspondence:**
11. **Financial Statement and Treasurers Report:**
Motion: That the Financial Statement and Treasurers Report be accepted.
Moved: Peter Knight **Seconded:** Kevin Fowler **CARRIED**
12. **Federal Business:**
Colin Benporath – The Federal Congress originally scheduled for 9th of February was cancelled due to the COVID-19. I spoke with Federation President and said that I felt that with a Budget and an Election due before the next scheduled Congress in September that we needed to at least hold a ZOOM Meeting.
Following her ringing around the Directors, she has scheduled a ZOOM meeting on 16th of February, with a reserve day of 17th February.
For agenda items, I have submitted a suggestion that if any of the National Congress wishes to make statements regarding matters affecting TPI’s and services provided for them, that they should be

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substantiated with Documentary Evidence. Maybe this should put an end to a lot of the Negative comments circulating about the TPI Federation.

I also intend to raise in the WA report that we need to seek statements from Political Parties, through there appropriate Ministers and Shadow Ministers, as to what action they propose to take in regard to Veterans Entitlements and remuneration.

One of the initiatives that is proposed is that the Partners or Carers of TPI's should receive a Gold Card for Medical treatment.

South Australia is proposing that the Membership be expanded to ALL Gold Card Holders.

I intend to raise that this could result in TPI's losing control of our Association, and that we could consider allowing Gold Card Holders, to join as Associate Members, as we already do with EDA Members.

If any Member has anything else that they would like raised, please advise me by Tuesday 15th.

13. General Business:

- **COVID 19 Plan – Colin Benporath** – This was discussed in the President's report
- **Allen Petersen's Emails – Colin Benporath** – We have had some complaints about Mr Petersen's emails. Consequently, many people are receiving emails that are unwanted from him. This was discussed at our Committee meeting last week and we sent Mr Petersen an email requesting that he cease and desist with his inappropriate emails he has been sending. He has been warned in the past about this. He told us that we shouldn't have control over his emails. I replied stating that we don't have control over his emails, however he should only be sending them to people who are happy to receive them. If any of our members are receiving unwanted emails from Mr Petersen then please advise him that you no longer wish to be on his email list. He has now been warned that if he continues to send inappropriate emails then the Committee will continue action under Section 7.3 of our constitution.
Charlie Carter – I think the members need to know that these emails are of a pornographic nature.
Colin Benporath – The inappropriate email that we had the Federal complaint about was of female photographs. The wife of a Director, who checks their emails, was disgusted with the email that was sent to them from Allen Petersen and complained to the Federal President and a police report was made.
- **Photo ID – Les Anderson** – As I am over the age of 80 and I have to have a driving test every year to keep my licence, I came to the realisation that I may lose my licence at some time. I contacted the Department of Transport and there is an application form you can complete online to get a photo ID card that has all the same details as on your driver's licence for proof of ID.
- **Purchase of Vehicle – Graham Colyer** – I have purchased a vehicle from Westpoint Auto and I have been having issues for the last 5 months in relation to what I have to pay in regards to GST. My contract stated GST Exemption but then they gave me an invoice with GST payable. I'm having a battle getting it resolved.
- **Proof of Vaccination – Wayne Sprlyan** – Do we have to show proof of vaccination at every meeting?
Colin Benporath – I believe so because these premises here are controlled by RAAFA and they are obliged to follow the State Government regulations.
Wayne Sprlyan – Can we not keep a record of members who have attended previously and already shown proof?
Colin Benporath - I will speak with Simon and we will look into doing something for members who attend every meeting.
- **Progressive Totals for financials – Dennis Gilmore** – A couple of meetings back it was asked to have a progressive total on our profit & loss statements. The Auditor has advised us not to do this because MYOB is an official document and you can't amend it.
- **Resignation – Dennis Gilmore** – I would like to advise you all, and I would like to thank you for your support over the years, but I am now resigning as Treasurer. Mr Secretary you will receive a letter tomorrow.

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14. Motions on Notice:

15. Raffles:

Door Prize	Ray Pearce
Meat Tray	Ted McEvoy
Cash Raffle	
1) \$50.00	Graeme Winter
2) \$30.00	Phil Cunnington
3) \$20.00	Bill Sturgess

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

17. Meeting Closed: 1059hrs

Dated this 10th day of May 2022

Colin Benporath
Chairperson