

TPI Association WA
General Monthly Meeting
Tuesday 12th July 2022

1. **Meeting Opened:** 1100hrs
2. **Departed Comrades:** Bevin Trouchet, Dennis Wood, Eric Bland, James Reid, Leo Duffy, Peter Flockhart, Richard Chaisty, Ronald Privilege & Ronald Dhu.

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3. **Attendance:** As per register
4. **Apologies:** Ray Pearce, Baden Jeffrey, Trina Blum, Arthur Faulks, Stephen Llewelin, Barry Anyang-Burling, Paul Falzon, Trefor Thomas, Bob Saunders, Wayne Sprlyan, Mike Sweeney.
5. **Welcome to New Members:** Maurice Fawcet & Derek Bannister

6. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Motion: That the Minutes of the meeting held at the General Meeting dated the 10th May 2022 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Peter Knight

Seconded: Robert Lindsay

CARRIED

7. **Business Arising from Minutes:**

- **Perth City Council Parking – Colin Benporath** – I haven't had time to follow this up but I will do.
- **RSL Congress – Colin Benporath** – At the RSL congress I spoke with the Government lass who is in charge of Veterans' entitlements and I am following up on a few items with her.
- **Gold Card for Spouses – Colin Benporath** – It appears that this is now dead. There has been reports that the Government is not interested in giving Gold Cards to Carers of TPI's.

8. **Presidents Report:**

Colin Benporath – Welcome to the July General Meeting. Unfortunately, last month we failed to get the numbers required for a quorum.

As a result of not having a quorum, your Committee had to alter the way the funding for the renovations for the office was approved.

Under our Constitution, the Committee only has the authority to approve up to \$15,000 of expenditure without approval from a General meeting of Members.

As the total cost of the renovations, was in excess of this, your Committee was forced to split the three contracts, into two contract approvals, which meant that we would be operating as required under the Constitution.

These renovations, required under our lease arrangement with RAAFA, have meant the Office has been forced to remain closed from the 1st of July, and will reopen on the 25th of July.

The TPI Federation President has announced the date for the Federation Annual General Meeting and Federation Congress. This will be held in September, to coincide with Parliamentary Sitting dates. Will Fox and I will be attending, so if members have anything they wish us to raise, please let us know ASAP so that we can see if we can get it included on the agenda.

Also, the Federations Returning Officer has called for nominations for the position of Federation Secretary, and nominations close with him on Friday the 5th of August. Any financial TPI Member may nominate. If any WA member wishes to nominate, you can contact myself, or the office for a copy of the nomination form.

9. **Correspondence:**

IN:

11th May

Open Arms

Re: Guest Speaker

17th May

RSLWA

Invite to 106th State Congress

17th May

RARAWA

Invite to 69th Anniversary Korean Armistice

23rd May

James Valentine

Re: Spinal Institute requires upfront payment

23rd May

Congress

2023 Frontline Mental Health Conference

23rd May

Sean Hewitt – Open Arms

July GM Guest Speaker

25th May

RAAFA

Requirements for Refurbishment

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30 th May	APIWA	Mates Rates – TPI Rates
8 th June	RAAFA	Approval for Refurbishment
4 th July	Wanneroo RSL	Vietnam Veterans' Day Service

OUT:

12 th May	John Hughes	Vice Patronage and President
16 th May	Veterans' Support Office	Guest Speaker Request
16 th May	Public Trustee	Guest Speaker Request
19 th May	RSLWA	Informing of New President
23 rd May	Caitlin Collins MLA	Request for free/reduced rates parking
23 rd May	RARAWA	Acceptance to attend Korean Memorial Service
23 rd May	RSLWA	Acceptance to attend RSL State Congress
24 th May	TPI Federation	Re: Letter from member
8 th June	RAAFA	Re: Refurbishment
30 th June	Members	Re: Office Closure & General Meeting

Motion: That the Correspondence be accepted.

Moved: Bill Sturgess

Seconded: Charlie Carter

CARRIED

10. Business Arising from Correspondence:

- **Korean Memorial Service – Colin Benporath** – I will be attending and laying a wreath.

11. Financial Statement and Treasurers Report:

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

Moved: Terry Priest

Seconded: Bill Sturgess

CARRIED

12. Federal Business:

Colin Benporath – Nothing major has occurred with the Federation, apart from the fact that as mentioned in my Presidents report, nominations have been called for the position of Federation Secretary.

There has been one E-Motion submitted to the Directors, regarding a Proposal for the treatment of applications for Membership to the Federation, this is an addition to the Constitution. The result was that this motion was passed, both of your WA Directors voted against it, and will hold the same position at Congress when it is raised for ratification.

In August there will be a preliminary report released by the Royal Commission into Veteran Suicides.

Following the election of the Labour Government, the \$1000 per year increase in the “Special Rate Pension” will be implemented as from January 1st 2023.

It is also anticipated that there will be a Budget released by the new Government, possibly in October.

There have been complaints voiced, that the new Veterans Affairs Minister is not included in the “Inner Cabinet”, however, he feels that he still has representation by the Deputy Prime Minister, also having the defence portfolio.

As Will and I will be attending the Congress early, I am trying to arrange a meeting with the Veterans Affairs Minister on behalf of TPIWA.

13. General Business:

- **\$15,000 Prizes – Colin Benporath** – The Committee has discussed prizes to the value of \$15,000 for financial members to win. Due to the financial status, we have decided to hang off on this until approximately March next year to see how the share market has recovered. We deem to implement some sort of prizes for the members. A few years ago, we did the same thing with \$10,000 worth of prizes.

A discussion was held on this matter and it was decided that it would be discussed further next year.

- **Pay Increase – Laurie Bodey** – Colin you mentioned about the \$1,000 pay increase for the Special Rate Pension. I didn't know about this and I hadn't heard of it during the election campaign. Could you elaborate on this please?

Colin Benporath – During the election campaign, Labour announced that they proposed a \$1,000/annum increase for the Special Rate TPI Pension. As they were elected in, they have stated that they will honour this proposal as at the 1st January 2023.

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14. Motions on Notice:

15. Raffles:

Door Prize	Terry Priest
Meat Tray	Peter Robinson
Cash Raffle	
1) \$50.00	Robert Lindsay
2) \$40.00	Terry Priest
3) \$30.00	Allan Hannah
4) \$20.00	Owen Vladich
5) \$20.00	Robert Poole
6) \$20.00	Peter Knight
7) \$10.00	Owen Vladich
8) \$10.00	Ron Hughes

16. Next Meeting: General Meeting Tuesday 9th August 2022 @ 1030hrs

17. Meeting Closed: 1130hrs

Dated this 9th day of August 2022

**Colin Benporath
Chairperson**