



General Meeting

MINUTES

Wednesday 2 December 2020, 7:00 p.m. Living Temple Church, Tugun

WELCOME: President Anthony Steinfort welcomed everyone

APOLOGIES: Laura Gerber (State Member for Currumbin)
Councillor Gail O'Neill
Kaylee Campradt
Philip Follent
Terry & Jeanette Camp
Jann Stuckey
Peter Barrett

MINUTES TAKEN BY: Bev Cosgrove

1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A petition is up and running over the Qantas charter flight that has been given approval to fly into Coolangatta airport during the curfew period. The TPA is concerned this will become the new normal. The community is being urged to sign the petition and a template will be made available on the TPA website so it can be downloaded and shared.
- There has been extensive development at the airport – Rydges Hotel is complete and a new entry to the airport site is to be created.
- Film projects are ramping up following lifting of restrictions and the Gold Coast will benefit from it due to our handling of COVID-19.
- Committee members (Peri Frangos) spent hours sorting t-shirts and Paul Bullpitt and Michael Greves helped on the stall, which was held outside the IGA on Saturday, 28 November.

2. TREASURER & HALL MANAGER'S REPORT

- Treasurer (Sue Cordin) reported there has been a turnaround in hall bookings since July. The hall reopened in June. The hall is let at \$40.00 per hour or \$250.00 for the day.
- Expenses include air conditioning repairs and the hot water system had to be replaced. The curtains on the stage were repaired by Vonda (the laundromat owner), who kindly did them for free.
- Financials:

Operating account	\$10,652	
Bond account	\$2,750	
Term deposit	\$8,600	(this is a reserve fund for hall maintenance)
Term deposit (new)	\$25,500	(unused grant money kept until spent)
- Hopefully, the refurbishment of the front of the hall will begin in the new year as the grant money has to be spent in the first half of 2021.

3. TUGUN LIGHTS UP

- Vice President (Brad Van der Linde) reported this year's Tugun Lights Up is scheduled for Saturday, 5 December 2020 with COVID restrictions, meaning the stage area must be restricted to 800 patrons and people had to apply for tickets online. They have all been allocated. For the first time, there will be a pop up bar. But volunteers are still needed to be social distancing marshalls. Brad thinks it is likely the Queensland Department of Health will be monitoring the event too.

4. GUEST SPEAKER

- Steve Hoskin (Men's counselling) addressed the meeting on the topic of men's mental health. He has a practice in Kirra and has seen a lot of men go through incredible changes once they take the first step and come to see him. He has been involved in the *active bystander program* which works with people on keeping themselves safe while helping others to diffuse situations. Steve also lectures at Southern Cross University on men and men's masculinity – turning around anti-social behaviour such as misogyny, racism, bullying etc. Paul Bullpitt says Palm Beach Currumbin High is running a program along the same lines. Steve recommends watching the documentary – *man up* – episode 2 (in particular).

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Secretary (Bev Cosgrove) led the *I love Tugun* sticker competition, which was won by Jacob S. (age 12). The judges included Bev, Alisa Perks (artist) and Di Andrews (curator). First prize was \$100, second \$50 (Hunter P) and third \$25 (Finlay S). A "highly commended" was also added to recognise the work of six-year-old, Emma S, with a small prize donated by Bev's mother (Berenice). One thousand stickers (featuring Jacob's winning entry) have been printed for free distribution at Tugun Lights Up.
- A new t-shirt designed by Michael Greves is being printed in time for sale at Tugun Lights Up. The t-shirt comes in black or white cotton.
- Trees are being poisoned at Currumbin Alley and Bilinga. President (Anthony Steinfort) is to take up the issue with Councillor Gail O'Neill.
- There is still an issue with the visibility of the TPA and what it does. Anthony called for suggestions.

6. NEXT MEETING

Next TPA Meeting is scheduled for the first Wednesday in February 2021.