***EVANDALE HISTORY SOCIETY INC***.

***Minutes 17 July 2019 at Evandale Community Centre***

**Meeting Opened:** 10.30am Chairperson: Stephen Baldock (President) Closed: 12.15pm

 **Attendees:**  Adrian Jobson, Stephanie Dean, Bob Strachan, Barry Lawson, Sally Wilkinson, Neil andLyn Louis, Tony McCormack, Peter Riley, Kim Polley, Jenny Baldock, Gary Hatfield and John Lewis.

**Apologies:** Lois and Laurie Wotherspoon, Neil and Lyn Louis and Jenny Carter.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting Held:** 20 June2019 Moved that minutes be accepted: **Peter Riley**. Seconded: **Tony McCormack**. Carried.

**Business Arising from Previous Meeting:**

1. **Replacement roof E.C.C.** **John Lewis** advised work was planned to commence on Mon 22 July 2019 and that the ECC would be closed until work was completed (planned date 2 August 2019). No one was to enter inside the taped-off area. If anyone required access, or needed to speak to the contractor this was to be done through the NMC. It was decided the EHS display cabinet inside the taped-off area was too heavy to move and would be covered instead.
2. **Newsletter.** **Barry and Tony** .Barry said he and Tony were keen to get the first newsletter produced as hard copy and either delivered to all Evandale households (using EHS volunteers), or provide each member with a number of newsletters which they could distribute to people they thought might be interested. Tony said he had had some positive feedback on one of the drafts from the owners of Harland Rise. There was discussion on the best way to distribute further editions of the newsletters. Barry thought maintaining email lists was too cumbersome and most agreed hand delivery was not feasible. Bob suggested the Society should develop a web-site (as other history societies had done) and the newsletter and other material could be accessed through the web-site. Bob offered to seek assistance from his sons who have web-site construction experience to establish the cost and feasibility of a web-site. Adrian thought we might be able to host our material of another web-site ie the Launceston Historical Society, but most thought having our own web-site would be more desirable. **John Lewis** proposed Bob undertake a feasibility study and report back to the EHS in Sep (he is away all Aug). Seconded: **Tony McCormack.** Carried **Action by: Bob**
3. **Replacement of 7EFT display with new display.** There was discussion and general agreement that we should have a ‘themed’ display to replace the 7EFTS display. This could be changed regularly. Barry said he had attempted to scan some of the photographs etc for a display but the quality was not good. Tony said Office Works provided a cheap and good service to reproduce photos. **Sally** volunteered to help sort through the collection for suitable material from the collection to be reproduced. **Bob** proposed an amount up to $50 be approved to cover the cost of photo reproduction at Officeworks. Seconded: **Kim Polley**. Carried. **Action by: Barry and Tony to come up with a theme for first display (possibly based on one of the newsletters) and select appropriate material assisted by Sally, Lyn and Neil.**
4. **Changing the name of Lake Youl to Lake Glover as named in 1833 Expedition by J.H. Wedge, John Batman & J.R. Glover**. Stephanie said she had not received anything back yet from Peter Wolf in respect of her request for information about a date in Glover's sketch book. **Action by: Stephanie.**
5. **Display of framed print of ‘Black War' military operations.** There was general agreement that the print presented to the EHS by Neil McKinnon should be displayed but with a suitable caption so as not to cause unnecessary offence to First Australians visiting the Museum. **John Lewis** proposed Bob draft a suitable caption and report back to the next meeting. Seconded **Tony McCormack**. Carried. **Action by :Bob**.
6. **Retrieval of Original Evandale Library books from Q.V. Museum.** Adrian reported there was nothing to report yet on this issue. **Action by: Adrian.**

6. **Anzac Day debriefing.** Date will be decided in Sep after Jenny’s return. **Action by:** **Bob & Lyn.**

1. **Museum Weapons display. Steve** reported the display weapons were now compliant with the relevant legislation and the TASPOL Firearms Registry were satisfied. He said Laurie was required to be the license holder (not the EHS). **Bob** stated **Laurie** had paid the registration fee of $161.79. **No further action**.
2. **Teecie Bequest.** Letter received from E.C.C. and will beresponded to. The cost as quoted by N.M.C. for table & seat of the type they require to be installed is $4,700. Members thought this expensive. **Lyn & Neil were to do letter of follow up with ECC** **(but not present at the meeting to advise)**. **Barry** as a member of Evandale Advisory Committee spoke to Council at last advisory committee meeting, to see whether they would consider paying half but got no commitment. It was agreed to leave the matter until Laurie was present as there may be scope for some kind of plaque/seat near the water tunnel entrance on the new Barclay development. **Action by: Laurie.**
3. **Copy of SBS program ''Who Do You Think You Are”.** Barry watched program and said there was little information the society did not already have on the Kennedy-Murray family. It was decided not pursue this matter further. **No further action.**
4. **Plaques to honour Evandale sporting residents.** **Tony**  reported the concept is in its very early stages. In the mean time he proposed that one of the newsletters or the web-site might feature Evandale's sporting heroes. **No further action at this time.**

**Financial Report:** Prepared byTreasurer: Laurie Wotherspoon and presented by Bob Financial report submitted for: June 2019. Balance at 31 June 2019 $5831.71 Money received by Bob at today’s meeting: Membership ($10) received from **Kim**. Accounts to be paid: Firearm Museum Licence $161.79.

**Barry:** proposed the Financial report be accepted and Firearms license paid. Seconded **Sally**. Carried.

**Correspondence including emails: Inward:** nil

 **Outward:**

1. Laurie to TAS POLICE re Museum Licence for 303 Boer War shotgun.
2. Annual Return of Association.

**Business Arising from Correspondence:**  nil.

1. **General Business: Barclay development and water tunnel entrance - Bob.** Bobon behalf of **Laurie** updated the meeting on discussion with Baker Group Barclay development and impact on water tunnel and convict well entrance (inside not outside property boundary). **No immediate action but situation to be monitored.**
2. **New street lamp corner High and Russell street - Barry.** Barry told the meeting the new lamp installed by NMC is close to the site of a lamp erected to commemorate Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee in 1887. The original lamp was in front of the old reading rooms. He suggested a plaque indicating this might be in order. In the short-term Evandale's celebration of the Golden Jubilee might be the subject of a newsletter article. **Action by: Barry**
3. **Post office sale and possible closure – Sally.** Sally expressed concern about the impact on the Village of the possible sale and closure of the post office. Her concerns were shared by the meeting, however it was felt the closure of the post office was a business decision over which the EHS has little say. It was agreed though that we would need to monitor any plans to redevelop the site, including changes to the heritage façade of the building. **Action:** **ongoing monitoring of situation by all.**
4. **Visit to Norfolk Island and Tasmania connection. Stephanie.** Stephanie recounted aspects of her recent visit to Norfolk Island. She described several historical linkages between Norfolk Island and Tasmania. **No further action.**

**Our Next Meeting is: 10.30am on 15th August 2019 (subject to ECC meeting room being available). If you have not paid your membership it is now due.**