***EVANDALE HISTORY SOCIETY INC***.

***Minutes 19th September at Evandale Community Centre***

**Meeting Opened:** 10.30am Chairperson: Stephen Baldock (President) Closed: 11.45am

**Attendees:**  Barry Lawson, Sally Wilkinson, Peter Riley, Kim Polley, Jenny & Stephen Baldock, Stephanie Dean, Bob Strachan, Jenny Carter, Tony McCormack. Neil & Lynette Louis.

Jenny introduced our special visitor Marlene Klintworth from N.S.W. Marlene is a descendant of Mary Whish-Wilson and donated the Portable Organ, Mantle clock and other items displayed in our cabinet.

**Apologies:** Lois & Laurie Wotherspoon, Gary Hatfield, John Lewis., Adrian Jobson.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting Held:** 19th August2019 Moved that minutes be accepted: Peter Riley Seconded: Sally Wilkinson Carried.

**Business Arising from Previous Meeting:**

**1.** Bob asked member to view the website and report back to him any alterations needed. Bob suggested we have a Domain name, the cost is about $30.00 for 2 years. The cost of a third party server is about $10.00 per month. (After a few views Google will probably pick us up). Bob will be the webmaster.

**2.** Barry has chosen quite a few photographs from the history research room & Stephanie’s albums. These photos of people & places will be copied & laminated. Once prepared they will replace the 7EFTS display.

**3.** Changing the name of Lake Youl to Lake Glover as named in 1833 Expedition by J.H. Wedge, JohnBatman & J.R. Glover. Stephanie advised that Peter Wolf had not received the letter. Peter Eldershaw advised Stephanie John Glover had produced 134 sketch books. **Action by: Stephanie**

4. Bob advised the members the caption is from Robsons History of Tasmania. This map (presented by Mr Neil McKinnon) records the 1831 operation to capture or drive the remaining Aboriginal people from their lands in Northern Tasmania. The operation lasted seven weeks and succeeded in capturing one man and a boy. The operation reflects the cruel, illegal and shameful treatment of the Aboriginal people by white officials and settlers, whereby within thirty years of white settlement Aboriginal Culture and tribal life was effectively destroyed. The last full-blood aboriginal man died 1869 and the last women in 1876. Such was the result of the colonization by Europeans of Van Diemens Land. Barry moved we approve the caption Seconded: Jenny. Barry moved: When the Black War print and caption are displayed we included further information about our local Aboriginal tribe. We pay respect to……….. Lyn told members: When I was helping a lady who is descended from Aborigines who lived in the Nile /Deddington area with family research I asked her “Would you be distressed if this map was displayed”? NO was the answer. The lady is Ms C Dennis of Perth, Tas & this occurred in March 2019.

**5.** Adrian advised Lyn he was contacted by Mr Andrew Parsons of Q.V. Museum, Inveresk. The Evandale Library books are on display at this centre and we have been invited to view them. He is also interested in viewing The Black War copy. Members agreed the books should remain at the Q.V. Museum under regulated conditions. Stephanie said the Evandale Library held about 3000 volumes.

**6.** Anzac Day debriefing will be held at Bob’s home at 7pm on Monday 23rd Sept**.**

7. St Andrew Presbyterian cemetery – correct placement of McGregor headstone. **Action Kim & Lyn**

**8.** Boer War: Bob will email Lyn the list of names from 2019 Anzac Day service program. Information to be included: Full name, Date of Birth, Place of Birth, Place of Enlistment, Service number, Rank, P.O.W. Once research is completed it was recommended to contact the following for support- Marlene suggested contacting War Grave. Guy Barnett was also recommended. Kim recommended Buston’s book on the Boer War, although it is listed as a rare book.

**Financial Report:** Prepared byTreasurer Laurie Wotherspoon, typed by Lynette Louis & presented by Jenny Carter. Financial report submitted for: August 2019.

Jennyproposed the financial report be accepted & that she become Assistant Treasurer. Jenny will make application to My State for Internet Access for herself & John. This is required to confirm when a payment or donation for research or purchase of goods has been made into our account.

Seconded **:** TonyCarried by all members.

**Correspondence including emails: Inward: 1.** E.C.C. flyer asking for photos of Evandale to be included in their 2020 calendar. **Outward: 1.** Letter to Mr Des Jennings N.M.Council thanking them for the installation of a plaque in Memorial Park.Lynette Louis moved that inward correspondence be accepted and outwards approved. Seconded: Sally **Business Arising from Correspondence:**  nil.

**Research: 1.** J Fitzgerald – Buffalo Creek (not our area). 2. Tanya Woodhall from Latrobe - Robert Saunders- visiting soon. 3. Janet Mears – (RSSAILA photo)- Edwin Cassidy ( we have no). 4. David Squires N.Z. Ridgeside info- Posted book & photocopies paid $100.00 N.Z. by Direct Credit. 5. Bev Richardson – Thomas & Colgrave paid $25.00 Direct Credit. 6. Belinda Waldron previous inquire Bellord/Vellord & ”Tallantire” not our area. **General Business:** Lyn: 1**.** Donation of 2 photos Anzac Day march 1938 and a copy Evandale Agriculturally Society 1897 Autumn Show program. The name of the person who donated the items was not included. 2. Bronwyn Rigby of Evandale Primary School P & F Assoc asked if we could verify the amount of $3000.00 was donated from Harry Murray account to the school, and is to be held in a trust / term deposit account. And only the interest is to be used yearly to purchase books for the students. As those who originally set up the account are now deceased the recommendation was made to contact our Treasurer Laurie Wotherspoon. **3.** T.F.H.S. donated a copy of their latest edition which included information on John Alberton. Some of this information was provided by our society. **4.** Due to the Di Sullivan illness E.V.F. & Penny Farthing committee are seeking new members to help with 2020 event.

Tony invited members to the launch of his new book ”Reaching Out from Ben Lomond”. Held at Glenara Lakes from 5pm to 7pm on 9th Nov, the book will sell for $30.00. Tony will donate a copy to E.H.S. Tony will convert oral interview with many of the locals from tape to CD.

Stephanie showed photos & photocopies of Col Youl, Evandale War Memorial which stood where Harry Murray statue now stands, & Cliff grounds. **Our Next Meeting is: 10.30am on 17th October 2019.** (Peter Riley is an apology in Oct)