**EVANDALE HISTORY SOCIETY INC**

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING 16 SEPTEMBER 2021**

**Attendees:** Barry Lawson (President), Bob Strachan (Secretary), Jenny Carter, Sally Wilkinson, Charlie Watson, Tony McCormack, Stephanie Dean

**Apologies:** Maria Lawson, Jan Foote, Kim Polley, Laurie and Lois Wotherspoon, Lyn and Neil Louis, Chris and Heather Leggett, John Lewis and Sue Bedford

**Minutes of previous meeting held 19 August 2021.**

Sally moved the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. Seconded: Stephanie. **Carried.**

**Business arising from previous meeting:**

**Boer war name**s**.** Ongoing research project lead byKim. Kim not present – no update available. **Action: Kim to update.**

**Kennedy- Murray Vault.** On 14 July 2021 Barry sent an email proposal to GM NMC seeking NMC agreement to assist with clearing the crypt site and seeking approval for the EHS to erect a mower strip and cast iron fence around the site.Barry chased up the NMC – our submission is still with Gail Eacher and has not yet been passed to the GM. **Action: update from Barry.**

**Return of EHS records.** Tony was to meet with Michael Hart and would ask for the Hart file back. Tony spoke to Michael several weeks ago. Michael confirmed he has the records but is unable to locate them at the moment. He will return them once he locates them. **Action: Barry/Tony (Records Officers/Archivists) to monitor.**

**Audio tour phone application.** Barry advised that the Community Centre has received some grant money to have a professional photographer/camera person take photos/videos of Evandale Village for community use. Barry suggested in time we may be able to incorporate some of this imagery along with recorded oral histories into an audio tour application. **Action: Barry to monitor and report as appropriate**

**Viewing of You tube videos.** Barry is looking at technology to be able to download onto a device and play-back through the Community Centres TV, You-tube videos of historical relevance to Evandale. Barry reported he has not had time to progress this initiative further. **Action: update from Barry**

**Teddy Sheean VC fund.** Bob reported he had examined the war memorials, including the gold lettering and advised Barry that in his opinion the memorials were in reasonably good condition and were not in need of work (note 7 EFTS memorial need some white paint replaced). It was agreed it was not worth seeking a grant from the Teddy Sheean VC fund at this time. **NFA**

**EHS Insurance.** Following the NMC's decision that members of the Society would not be considered Council volunteers and therefore not covered by Council's insurance there was discussion about the need for the Society to take out its own insurance. Bob reported he had spoken to Ian Goninon – who is an Insurance broker. Ian advised: he thought PL insurance would cost $400-500 pa; the risk was low and our incorporated status would probably shield the members from being sued. Bob said he also contacted Glamorgan Spring Bay Historical Society who are in a similar position to ourselves they are a member of the RVHS and have secured cheaper PL insurance through that society. Barry said he had spoken to the Launceston Historical Society – which pays $460 pa for PL insurance. He has also asked Austcover for a quote. Jenny moved we contact the RVHS for advice on joining and obtaining discounted PL insurance coverage, seconded by Sally, **carried.** **Action:** **Bob to contact RVHS for details of their insurance arrangements.**

**Need for an archivist/records officer.** It was agreed we should have a Records Officer/Archivist to oversee/manage the society's records. Tony and Barry agreed to be the EHS co-Records Officers/Archivists. Bob moved the offer be accepted. Seconded Jenny, **carried.** **Action: Tony/Barry to develop a duty statement.**

**100 Anniversary of the RAAF – display at Evandale** Barry Smith's exhibition to be held at the Community Hall 10am – 4 pm 14-23 Sep. Official opening Fri 17 Sep 7pm. Members are encouraged to attend (Bob and Barry will represent the Society at the official opening). **NFA**

**Financial report:**

Prepared by Laurie, presented by Barry. Tony moved the accounts be accepted, Seconded Charlie, **carried.**

**Correspondence Inward:**

**21 August 2021.** Peter Huttemeiser Glamorgan Spring Bay Historical Society – information on PL insurance.

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**24 August 2021.** Research inquiry from Louise re Siggins family.

**1 September 2021.** Research inquiry and payment from Kay McMillian.

**11 September 2021.**  Research inquiry from Dudley Maslen Carnarvon WA re convict Sarah Smith.

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**1 September 2021.** Jenny toKay McMillian research.

**9 September 2021.** Bob to Ian Goninon – regarding insurance.

**11 September 2021.**  Jenny to Dudley Maslen Carnarvon WA re convict Sarah Smith.

**Research:**

Louise Miller - Siggins family.

Dudley Maslen – convict Sarah Smith.

Kaye McMillan – Mark Brooker (coachman- Clarendon)

Sally Burgess – William Hartnol

**New and General Business:**

**EHS Financial contribution to upgrade of Community Centre lighting.** A major upgrade to the Community Centre lighting is required. NMC has agreed to pay half. The Community Centre has asked the EHS to share equal payment with it of the other half. Laurie is keen that EHS make the full payment for Community Centre/EHS half so that we can recover the maximum GST (and then be reimbursed by the Community Centre). Arthur had apparently made the payment but the contractor when contacted refunded the payment and has presented an invoice for $1510 to EHS for payment. Charlie moved EHS pay $755 as our share of the lighting upgrade. Seconded Tony, **carried. Action: payment by Laurie.**

**Payment requested for use of meeting room.** Tony advised that he had booked a room in the Community Centre for the purpose of conducting a historical research interview and on leaving the Centre was quizzed about whether he had paid. It was agreed by all that the EHS should not be required to pay for use of the premises. It was suggested that to avoid future issues members requiring to use the meeting rooms for EHS business, book the room under EHS and not as an individual. **NFA**

**Kerry Lodge (Spikey) Bridge, Thomas Gee and Gee family history.** Stephanie spoke about some of the early history of the Kerry Lodge Bridge circa 1834, including the story of Thomas Gee who had been shot by a bushranger on or near the bridge in 1848 and escaped by jumping from the bridge. Stephanie has in her possession an extensive record of the Gee family. It was suggested that a note be put in the Gee family folder stating that Stephanie holds the history. Tony also provided some insight into the Gee family. **Action: Barry/Tony.**

**Visit to EHS by Grade 3 students St Leonards Primary School.** Barry and Stephanie advised that a number (30) of Grade 3 students from St Leonard's Primary School would be attending the Community Centre around midday Friday 17 September 2021. **Action: Barry, Stephanie and Laurie to talk to the children and show them suitable historical exhibits.**

**Osla Cameron.** Tony spoke about an interesting and relevant paper written by Jane Conway about Osla Cameron which he thought was well worth reading. Jenny said she thought we had a copy in our records. **NFA**

**Old receipts for money paid by Thomas Fall.** Charlie showed the meeting two interesting hand written receipts for money paid by Thomas Fall to Charlie's Great Grandmother. **NFA**

**Forgotten Bushrangers of VDL by K Von Stiglitz.** Jenny advised a 1956 booklet written by Karl Von Stiglitz *'Forgotten Bushrangers of VDL'* which had been originally produced for radio broadcast had been left for the EHS. **NFA**

**Samuel Porter 'Ingleside' land grant and Clarendon Octagonal Gardener's shed.** Barry discussed some information he had come across concerning the grant of land to Samuel Porter (Ingleside). Tony said there was reference to this in his book: *Reaching Out from* *Trafalgar*. Barry also mentioned he had seen some information which suggested the octagonal gardener's shed at Clarendon might have been an early guard post and even pre-dated the current house. **NFA**

**Next meeting: Thursday 14 October 2021**

**Meeting closed: 1230**