***EVANDALE HISTORY SOCIETY INC***.

**MINUTES OF MEETING – THURS 17 JUNE 2021**

**Meeting Opened:** 10:30 am Chairman: Barry Lawson Closed: 11:30 am

**Attendees:** Stephanie Dean, Barry Lawson, Charlie Watson, Bob Strachan, Jenny Carter , Laurie Wotherspoon, Heather Leggett, Chris Leggett, Tony McCormack, Kim Polley, John Lewis, Jan Foote and Peter Riley.

**Apologies:** Lois Wotherspoon, Lyn and Neil Louis, Sally Wilkinson and Maria Lawson.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting Held 21 May 2021**. John moved that the minutes be accepted with the following corrections: date of meeting should read 21 May 2021 and discussion on development of Ben Lomond resort raised by Heather Leggett inadvertently omitted. Seconded: Jenny. **Carried.**

**Financial Report:** Laurie presented the Financial Statement as at 31 May 2021. Laurie proposed that the financial report be accepted. Seconded: Kim. **Carried.**

**Business Arising from Previous Meeting:**

* **Boer War names.** Notwithstanding it had been agreed to hold in abeyance action to identify the names of Evandale and district men and women who had enlisted for the Boer War, Kim volunteered to re-commence the necessary research work. This is likely to be a long-term project – with no completion target date being fixed. Bob said he would send Kim the information he had received from National Archives. **Action Kim.**
* **Kennedy- Murray Vault.** There was some discussion on the location of the actual vault. Laurie has taken some images of the crypt plaque and will prepare a site plan (with the help of Barry) for the purpose of advising NMC of the plan to clean-up the site and install a railing. Laurie said he had spoken to the ATO re use of Murray Trust funds. ATO advised money could be transferred into the EHS working account and if only a small amount of funds remained after the crypt update these could be expended on any other project approved by the Society. **Action: Laurie and Barry.**
* **Return of EHS records.** Bob said he had visited Dean Brown's place twice to recover the Aboriginal file, but Dean had not been at home. Tony said he was meeting with Michael Hart this afternoon and would try and recover the Hart material. **Update:** Bob has spoken to Dean who advised he had returned the file to the Community Centre at least a month earlier. **NFA: Aboriginal File. Action Tony (Hart material).**

* **Musical Instruments.** A suitable Loan form was located by Jenny. Bob will complete and ask Georgie Wilkinson to sign for the three instruments. He will place a sticker on each instrument noting it is on loan from the EHS. **Action Bob.**
* **Clairville Books.** Jan advised she and Sally had taken the books to the new owners of Clairville who were happy to receive them. Robert gave the Society a $50 donation and showed Sally and Jan through the house. It was agreed that we should try and arrange a visit to the house at some stage in the future. Barry thanked Chris Leggett for his work in researching the value of the books. **NFA**.
* **Hartnoll-Fall** **Research.** Jenny said she had discovered that one or more members of the Hartnoll family had moved to Newcastle and had made a sizeable donation to the local synagogue (500 pound). This probably explains the existence of the stained glass window in the synagogue referring to the Hartnoll family. **NFA.**
* **Cemetery Records**. Copy of EHS cemetery record booklet and plan of the site previously prepared by Stephanie sent by Stephanie to the Tasmanian Heritage Council. **NFA.**
* **Audio tour phone application.** Barry to continue discussions with Fiona Dewar from NMC. **Action: Barry.**
* **Tasman Trees.** Bob said he received advice from NMC, that the trees were not on any heritage register but were in the historic precinct and therefore could not be removed without approval. NMC advised that when the draft Local Provisions Schedule is placed on public notification the EHS might wish to make a submission to include the trees. **Action: monitor the release for public comment of the NMC Local Provisions Schedule and then make a submission.**

**Correspondence including emails: Inward:**

* 22 May 2021 email from Ross Greenham – thank you for reply concerning ancestor Edward Bird ex-convict died Longford 1859.
* 24 May 2021 email from Paul Godier NMC Senior Planner re Tasman Trees 24 May 2021
* 24 May 2021 email from Jo Miels re Carrie Gibson
* 28 May 2021 email from Jo Miels – re Carrie Gibson will discuss with family members – NFA at this time.
* 28 May 2021 Email from Steve re Murray Medal Inquiry (Steve member of Murray family)
* 31 May 2021 email from Langton Smith re his grandfather Verdon Samuel Thomas.
* 11 Jun 2021 Email from Anita Payne re family research Maud Chambers – Father Rev John Chambers minister Evandale 1880-91.

**Outward**:

* 23 May 2021 email to NMC re Tasman Trees – Bob
* 26 May 2021 Email to Mary McParland re information about roses of Corra Lyn – Lyn
* 26 May 2021 Email response to Jo Miels re Carrie Gibson research with cost of research– Jenny
* 28 May 2021 email to Steve – Murray family in response to inquiry about purchase of Murray medallions – Jenny

 **Research:**

Jenny advised she had attended to the following research tasks: William Wright (inn-keeper) and Carrie Gibson. Also, Hartnoll family Newcastle synagogue linkage discussed above.

Jenny is currently undertaking most of the Society's research work at the moment. Barry asked members to consider assisting Jenny if she is over-loaded.

**General Business:**

**News Articles of interest.** Stephanie spoke about newspaper articles concerning Glover (Scottish) sketches for sale also sword and other items stolen from Launceston RSL HQ and the 200th anniversary celebrations of Lachlan Macquarie's visit to Campbell Town, Ross and Perth. Barry suggested we should be thinking about what significant anniversaries are coming up regarding Evandale so that we can mark them appropriately. The 200th anniversary of Cambrock (1830) was mentioned as a possibility. **NFA**

**Gatenby History.** Jan talked about the release of a book by David Gatenby – a History of the Gatenby family ("The Gatenby Saga"). The family built the now relocated Penny Royal wind mill situated at the Cataract Launceston which had been built on Penny Royal Creek near Epping Forrest.  **NFA**

**Viewing of You tube videos.** Barry said he had found a number of interesting videos on You tube dealing with Evandale District local history which might be of interest to the Society. He is looking at technology to be able to download onto a device and play-back through the Community Centres TV. **Action Barry**

**Membership fee of $10.00 per person is now overdue.**

**NEXT MEETING: 10.30 am Thursday 15 July 2021.**