**EVANDALE HISTORY SOCIETY INC**.

**MINUTES OF MEETING – THURS 19 AUGUST 2021**

**Meeting Opened:** 10:30 am Chairman: Barry Lawson Closed: 12:00 am

**Attendees:** Stephanie Dean, Barry Lawson, Bob Strachan, Jenny Carter , Laurie Wotherspoon, Heather Leggett, Chris Leggett, Sally Wilkinson. Lyn Louis, Neil Louis, Kim Polley, Peter Riley

**Apologies:** Lois Wotherspoon, Jan Foote, Maria Lawson and Charlie Watson

**Minutes of Previous Meeting held 17 June 2021**. Jenny moved that the minutes be accepted. Seconded: Sally. **Carried.**

**Business Arising from Previous Meeting:**

* **Boer War names.** The project is continuing. Kim is currently sorting through Adrian's material (which also included a folder with aboriginal historical material. **Action: Kim.**
* **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.Nothing received back yet from NMC**.** It was noted the periwinkle, sprayed with weed-killer by Stephanie's son Malcom seems to be working. It was agreed that once the weather gets warmer and the periwinkle has died back we might get a work-party together to at least remove the periwinkle. **Action: awaiting response from NMC.**
* **Return of EHS records.** Tony was to meet with Michael Hart and would ask for the Hart file back. There was discussion concerning whether the folder of material included with Adrian's Boer War research was the missing material returned by Dean. It was accepted that it probably was. This material is now back in the EHS office/records room for refiling/digitalizing (a note to this effect left in the book by Kim).  **Action: Update from Tony**
* **Audio tour phone application.** Barry to continue discussions with Fiona Dewar from NMC and provide a map of the proposed sites. **Action: Barry.**
* **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 has been able to use, at home, an application to transfer from his phone to TV and next step is to see whether it works at the Community Centre. **Action: Barry**

**Financial Report:** Laurie presented the Financial Statement as at 31 July 2021.

**Laurie** proposed that the financial report be accepted. Seconded: **Kim** **Carried.**

**Correspondence including emails:**

**Inward**

* **25 June 2021** letter from Dr Ron Radford, he is , writing a book on John Glover and Patterdale – seeking a photo of John Glover Jnr circa 1855 by Henry Button for the book.A check of the records only located a poor quality scan. Lyn thought a better quality image had already been provide to Carol Westmore. **Action:** **Bob to follow-up.**
* **16 July 2021** email from Amanda Bond (NMC) seeking details on the Society (ie role, tasks, membership numbers, etc) with a view to seeing whether Society members could be deemed Council Volunteers for the purposes of coming under the NMC's insurance cover.
* **6 August 2021** email from Susan Hodson – descendent of John Glover seeking whereabouts of John Richardson Glover's family bible. At one time located at Deddington chapel but since removed. No one present at the meeting had any knowledge of the bible. Bob has already told Susan we don't hold the item and that she might wish to check with Glover Society – he will email again suggesting she contact Carol Westmore. (see outward correspondence below). **Action: Bob**
* **7 August 2021** email from Peter Huttemeier Glamorgan and Spring Bay History Society seeking the names of the sculptors of the John Glover and time-traveler statues.He didn't ask about the Harry Murray statue. (Artist was Peter Corlett – Bob will pass on this information). **Action: Bob**
* **15 August 2021** email from Peter Huttemeier advised he had found the names of the two sculptors.
* **16 August 2021** email from Amanda Bond – as EHS is an incorporated body, members would not be considered Council employees and therefore the Society would need to have its own insurance coverage.

**Outward**:

* **31 July 2021** Barry sent an email to Amanda Bond NMC with details of EHS roles, tasks, membership numbers, etc.
* **15 August 2021** Bob sent an email response to Susan Hodson saying members to be asked for information, the JR Glover family bible not held by the Society or in the Evandale Museum and she might wish to contact the Glover Society through its website for information.
* **15 August 2021** Bob sent email response to Peter Huttemeier stating would ask around and get back to him with the name of the sculptors.
* **15 August 2021** Bob sent **s**econd email response to Peter Huttemeier stating would let him know who the artist was for the Harry Murray statute.

**Research:**

* Inquiry dropped off at Community Centre being actioned by Jenny concerning female Evandale licensee/publican. **Jenny**
* Lyn has made contact with Jodie Umbao re Fallgrove domestic staff 1870-1910, as Amy Francis Ewart may be one of Neil's descendants. **Lyn**

**General Business:**

* **News Articles/photos of interest.** Stephanie brought along some photocopies, original newspaper articles and photos of interest. The items were: newspaper article of 18 August 2021 concerning grants from Teddy Sheean VC fund for upkeep etc of war memorials (this issue is discussed below), newspaper article -1881 Census – moral and legal obligation to tell the truth in census, postcards of Clarendon Arms murals by Arne Brester (died recently in Sydney), article and photos of trains at Western Junction, photograph 1950's Evandale RSSALA (RSL) members in front of Anglican church, and newspaper article by Launceston Historical Society that mentions Tom King – brick-maker Evandale. **Action: NFA**
* **Teddy Sheean VC fund.** There was discussion concerning the newspaper article raised by Stephanie and whether EHS wanted to apply for funds for our memorials. Barry undertook to see what work might be warranted and produce a submission. After the meeting Bob examined the 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). **Action: decision by Barry whether a submission is warranted.**
* **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. Lyn spoke about Penny Farthing insurance and that most stall holders use 'Intas'. It was agreed that Bob would see what other History Societies are doing re insurance and also talk to Ian Gollinon – who is an Insurance broker. **Action Bob.**
* **Need for an archivist/records officer.** There was discussion about the need for someone to be responsible for overseeing the upkeep and maintenance of the Society's records. Barry agreed to give it some thought and put up a proposal for an archivist/records officer position. **Action Barry. Any volunteers – please speak to Barry or Bob.**
* **100 Anniversary of the RAAF – display at Evandale.** Neil and Lyn spoke about the proposal by Barry Smith to have a display of his WWII aircraft models at the Memorial Hall from 13-24 Sep 2021 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the RAAF. No formal request for assistance has been made but Barry Smith has indicated to Neil he would be happy for EHS involvement. There was discussion about what we could do to assist. Laurie mentioned that there were several large aircraft models in Steve Baldock's garage that might be able to be displayed. There was talk about the Tiger Moth models in the museum – the large one is owned by the Wadell family and we would need to seek their approval to move it – it was agreed we probably would loan this item. There is probably some other material suitable for a display board. It was decided that if a request was made we could loan some suitable items and that individuals were encouraged to assist Barry Smith during the fortnight but that it would not be an official EHS activity (mainly due to insurance issues). **Action: Lyn to act as conduit with Barry Smith and pass on details to members as required.**
* **Community Centre Calendar.** Barry said he and Stephanie had been working on checking the photos and text proposed for the 2022 Community Centre Calendar and had found several photos that were not related to Evandale and some of the proposed text was inaccurate. They have provided feedback to the Community Centre. **Action: NFA**

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

**NEXT MEETING: 10.30 am Thursday 16 September 2021.**