**EVANDALE HISTORY SOCIETY INC**

**MINUTES - MONTHLY MEETING 21 OCTOBER 2021**

**Attendees:** Barry Lawson (President), Bob Strachan (Secretary), Laurie Wotherspoon (Treasurer) John Lewis, Chris and Heather Leggett, Jenny Carter, Stephanie Dean, Charlie Watson, Tony McCormack, Sally Wilkinson and Gillian Atherton

**Apologies:** Maria Lawson, Lyn and Neil Louis, Sue Bedford, Lois Wotherspoon, Kim Polley, Peter Riley and Jan Foote.

**Minutes of previous meeting held 16 September 2021:**

**Tony** moved the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. Seconded **Charlie**. **Carried**

**Business arising from the previous meeting:**

**Boer war name**s**.** Ongoing research project led byKim. Kim was not present but advised Bob that there was nothing yet to report. Laurie reported he had a CD Rom with service histories of Evandale district soldiers who served in the Boer War. He believes this may be a copy and that an identical CD Rom is held in the Research Room. **Action: Kim to update.**

**Kennedy-Murray Vault.** The **s**ite has now been cleared by NMC. Correspondence back from NMC indicated planning approval would be required for the proposed fence. Barry volunteered to speak to Leigh Mc Culloch (NMC) to ask about NMC rotary hoeing and grassing the cleared crypt area and seeing whether the fence could be erected without having to go through the expense and effort of a formal planning proposal. There was a general discussion about erecting a plaque or information board – it was agreed this matter could be discussed in more detail once the fence was in place. **Action: Barry to discuss with Leigh McCulloch.**

**Return of Hart material. Action: Barry and Tony to monitor and report when file returned.**

**Audio tour phone application.** Barry has been looking at appropriate software but most of it comes with an ongoing cost. It was agreed that if this initiative was to go ahead we would be looking at software with a one-time only cost. **Action: Barry will monitor and report back on progress as appropriate.**

**Viewing of You tube videos.** Barry reported he has not had time to progress this initiative further. **Action: update from Barry**

**EHS Insurance.** Bob said he had been in contact with RVHS who advised him: an **i**nsurance: questionnaire is sent to Affiliate societies each January, then quotations calculated and advised. Insurance runs from 1 April to 1 April each year. It includes: public liability insurance (certificate of currency issued) association liability insurance and voluntary workers insurance (weekly benefits paid if injured). The policy can include assets insurance with the premium calculated per society based on value of assetts. Cost of Affiliate membership is $75 pa. **Bob** proposed we seek to join the RVHS as an affiliated society (if only for one year to ascertain the value) **Seconded: Jenny. Carried Action: Bob will submit application.**

**See** <https://www.historyvictoria.org.au/societies/benefits-of-affiliation/> for benefits of RVHS Affiliated membership.

**Need for an archivist/records officer. Tony** has produced a duty statement for the Archivist/Records Officer (forwarded with minutes). **Tony** sought agreement for Charlie to also become the third Archivist/Records Officer. **Jenny** queried whether this arrangement prevented other members from dealing with the Society's collection and records. **Bob** who had first raised the issue of the need for an Archivist/Records Officer stated that in his opinion it did not prevent any member from dealing with the records and that the Archivist should principally be involved in establishing the archive/records policy and procedures.  **Tony** then spoke about a device to convert audio files to text. It was agreed this is something we might wish to look at if there is a need is established.

**100 Anniversary of the RAAF – display at Evandale.**  Barry Smith's exhibition held at the Community Hall 14-23 September. Official opening was Fri 17 September. **Barry** mentioned there had been good support from the members at the opening (**Maria, Barry, Bob, Stephanie, Lyn and Tony attended).**

**Financial report:**

**Presented and moved by** **Laurie.** **Seconded:** **Sally. Carried**

**Correspondence Inward:**

**20 September 2021:** Email RVHS to Bob responding to request for information about Affiliated membership and society insurance through RVHS.

**28 September 2021:** Email Amanda Blake to EHS – research request.Note Amanda redesigned our research request form on the web-site so it can be filled-in online.

**7 October 2021:** Email Amanda Bond (NMC) to Barry – requirement for NMC Planning Approval for Murray crypt site fence.

**10 October 2021:** Email Ross Robotham (Mackay Tiger Moth Museum) to Secretary/Bob. Incorporating information about the WW2 EFTS around Australia. Asked to use information on our website and images of 7 EFTS for the Museum's Website.

**14 October 2021:** Email Amanda Bond (NMC) to Barry – NMC may waive some of the Planning Development Fee as a community project, but would still require 50% of notification cost.

**19 Oct 2021:** Email from Kurt Ganzl (NZ) alerting the Society to an original photograph of Thomas Fall for sale on Ebay**.**

**Correspondence Outward:**

**19 September 2021:** Email Bob to RVHS seeking information on Affiliated membership and society insurance through RVHS.

**26 September 2021:** Email Bob to RVHS thanks for information will discuss with members and respond accordingly.

**8 October 2021:** Email Barry to Amanda Bond (NMC) clarification sought on requirement for NMC Planning Approval for Murray crypt site fence.

**10 October 2021:** Email Bob to Ross Robotham (Makay Tiger Moth Museum) approval to use text and images from our website (better images provided) – note all the images are in the public domain. See [Elementary Flying Training Schools (EFTS) – World War II – Mackay Tiger Moth Museum](https://www.mackaytiger.com.au/index.php/elementary-flying-training-schools-efts-world-war-ii/)

**Bob** moved correspondence be accepted. Seconded **Charlie. Carried**

**Research:**

**28 September 2021:** Email from Amanda Blake (WA) seeking information on **James and Bridget McKendrick** convicts married The Manse Evandale 1851. **Jenny** is working on the task.

**Front desk Inquiry: Phillip Midson re George Midson circa 1887. Jenny** advised George Midson was not an Evandale district local and referred Phillip to Launceston Library.

**New and General Business:**

**Barry** welcomed **Gillian** to the meeting.

**Tony** spoke about a planned visit he was hosting of members of the Littlejohn family on 04 November to Everton and other properties in the District connected with the family.

**John** advised the Community Centre was holding the 2021 Xmas lunch at the POW Hotel 11:30 for 12:00 Wed 08 December. EHS members were welcome. There are limited places so first in first served. If members wished to attend then put their names on the sheet near the front desk.

**John** also thanked the Society on behalf of the Community Centre for its contribution to the lighting upgrade for the Centre.

**Jenny** provided a copy ofEvandale Urban Design Projectreport 1992 (from Michael Sullivan) for our records.

**Laurie** queried the location of a number of USB data sticks containing records previously held in the Records Room.If anyone is aware of their whereabouts please speak to Laurie/Barry/Tony/Charlie.

**Bob** mentioned the gate posts and gates to St Andrews Uniting Church were currently being repaired – apparently the Uniting Church was funding the work.

**Next meeting: Thursday 18 November 2021 at 10:30**

**Meeting closed: 11:30**