**EVANDALE HISTORY SOCIETY INC**

**MINUTES - MONTHLY MEETING 17 FEBRUARY 2022**

**Attendees:** Barry Lawson (President), Bob Strachan (Secretary), Laurie Wotherspoon (Treasurer), Sally Wilkinson, Stephanie Dean, Charlie Watson, Jenny Carter, Lyn and Neil Louis and Kim Polley.

**Apologies:** Maria Lawson, Sue Bedford, Lois Wotherspoon, Jan Foote, Chris and Heather Leggett, Peter Riley and Tony McCormack.

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

**Sally proposed:** the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. **Seconded: Laurie**  **Carried.**

**Business arising from the previous meeting:**

**Boer war name**s**. Kim** provided an update on her research**.** She has about 20 names of soldiers who were born in the Evandale district, lived in Evandale at the time of their enlistment or had a significant link to the town. There was some discussion about the criteria for inclusion of names on a proposed roll of honour and it was agreed there was no need to decide at this time. It was agreed we should consult the community before finalising a roll. Kim will finalise putting the information she has into a spreadsheet with her recommendation about which names should be included on our roll. This can then be considered by the members. Barry thanked Kim for her work. **Action: Kim** to finalise the spreadsheet and present to the Society for review/discussion.

**Kennedy-Murray Vault.** **Laurie** reported that Dunn's had quoted around $1500 for a sandstone plinth that would hold the proposed plaque as well as the existing (family) plaque. Also, the quote for the bronze plaque was around $1500. Laurie advised that based on information provided by Cameron Richards – the birth date of Kennedy Murray Snr (as shown on the existing plaque was wrong). After discussion it was agreed we should include the correct date on the new plaque and leave the incorrect date on the existing plaque. There is still some disagreement on the wording of the proposed new plaque. **Action: Laurie** to provide the next meeting with the various suggested wordings so that the members can consider and choose.

**Viewing of You tube videos.** **Barry** advised he has not yet set-up the new system, but hopes to be able to demonstrate it at the next meeting. **Action: Barry** to arrange to demonstrate the system at the next meeting.

**Federal government $3 million Culture, Heritage and Arts Regional Tourism (CHART) program.** **Barry** advised he has commenced work on the application for the grant of up to $3000. **Bob** advised he had an indicative costed list of computer hardware and software which should meet our future IT needs which he will pass to Barry for inclusion in the proposal. **Action:** **Barry** assisted by **Bob** to complete the grant application.

**Thomas Fall Photo on Ebay. Bob** circulated the Thomas Fall Photo to members.  **Action: Tony/Barry** catalogue and file the item (consult with Lyn/Jenny re storage requirements).

**Harry Murray family reunion. Laurie** said he has had further contact with Cameron Richards concerning the proposed Murray family reunion on 26 March 2022 at Evandale. Cameron has provided Laurie with some family history notes including birth details for Kennedy Murray senior. It was agreed by all that the proposed plaque would not be ready for the family reunion in March but we could provide details of what it would look like and the wording. **Action:** **Laurie** to remain the Society's contact with Cameron.

***'Evandale March'*. Laurie** said he is still trying to track down a copy of the sheet music or a recording. **Action: Laurie** to update. **\*\*\*STOP PRESS\*\*\* Kim** haslocated a copy of the sheet music on-line **(**Evandale March by Alex Lithglow arranged for Brass Band by Joe Cook. There is one page of sheet music).

**ANZAC Day 2022. Bob** proposed the 2022 ANZAC day be similar to last years (recorded music – no march - no breakfast) given the COVID restrictions, small number of volunteers and no Rotary. He said he had sent out emails to all the key players (NMC, RSL, RAAF cadets, Nic Parker, Bret (Hall manager), Grant Maynard and choir. He has also engaged a guest speaker. He will hold a meeting in March to finalise details and tasks. **Action:** Bob to continue with planning. **Lyn** agreed to approach organisations wanting to lay a wreath and also the coffee van people.

**Evandale Streetscapes.** **Action: Chris** will update the Society in the new Year on his research.

**Financial report: Presented by** **Laurie.** **Moved by: Sally**  **Seconded by: Charlie. Carried.**

**Correspondence Inward:**

**20 December 2021.** Email from Craig Sainter MD Roar Films Hobart. Roar Films have been engaged by NMC to produce promotional material aimed at increasing visitors to the Northern Midlands. Craig wanted to meet with a Society rep in late January to discuss ideas – they are keen on human interest stories about the region's early history. (Barry had spoken to Craig on the phone).

**11 January 2022.** Email from Amber Blake (WA), she visited Evandale with her mother in early December researching ancestors Brigid and Margaret Reilly (convicts). She thanked Jenny for meeting with her and assisting her research. She provided a copy of her research notes.

**14 January 2022.** Email from the RVHS providing internet link to insurance questionnaire.

**17 January 2022.** Email from Malcolm McArthur he was visiting Evandale in late January and wants to access our records (Note Barry assisted Malcolm with his research).

**27 January 2022.** Email from John Trethewie providing some family history research on the Trethewies of Whishloca (much of it contained in Tony's book).

**31 January 2022.** Email from PJ Madam Wildman Films.

**Correspondence Outward:**

**14 January 2022.** Questionnaire for insurance completed on-line by Bob.

**27 January 2022.** Email from Bob to Amber Blake thanking her for copy of her research notes.

**27 January 2022.** Email from Bob to John Trethewie thanking him for family history research documents.

**14 February 2022.** Letter of thanks to Geoff Smith for donation of Military dioramas and aircraft models. Sent by Bob at request of Neil.

Correspondence be accepted. **Moved: Bob**. **Seconded: Kim. Carried.**

**Research:**

**Amber Blake.** Actioned by Jenny**.**

**McArthur Family.** Actioned by Barry

**No other research:**

**New and General Business:**

**Presentation of cheque as a donation to the Society from Evandale Rotary. Arthur Talbot** spoke to the meeting about the demise of the Evandale Rotary Club due to lack of membership. The club has been in recess since October last year but will now disband. Arthur mentioned the BBQ trailer has been gifted to the Morven Park Management Committee. Arthur presented a cheque to the EHS for $2200 being the balance of funds remaining in the club's account.  **Barry** thanked Arthur/Evandale Rotary for the kind donation, noted the great work Rotary had done for the village over many years and also personally thanked Arthur for his commitment to Rotary for over four decades. Barry also thanked Arthur on behalf of the Society for acting as our auditor over many years. **Action: Bob** to write thank you letter.

**Donation of aircraft models and dioramas.** Neil mentioned Geoff Smith had donated some aircraft models to the Society. **Bob** advised a thank you letter had already been sent to Geoff.

**Painting and repairs to Evandale water tunnel diorama. Lyn and Barry** said that Rod Collins (community centre) had offered to paint and repair any of the damaged/worn figures on the diorama. It was agreed this would be a good thing. **Action: Barry** will speak to Geof who will talk to Rod. (Rod should speak to Laurie about how to access the back of the diorama).

**Donald Sullivan's memories of teaching in Evandale 1936. Jenny** presented a document produced by Michael Sullivan's father Donald,x about his memories of teaching in Evandale in the late 1930s. **Action: Bob** will put it on the website.

**Next meeting: Thursday 17 March 2022 at 10:30 am**

**Meeting closed at 12:15 am**