**EVANDALE HISTORY SOCIETY INC**

**MINUTES - MONTHLY MEETING 19 MAY 2022**

**Attendees:** Barry Lawson (President), Bob Strachan (Secretary), Laurie Wotherspoon (Treasurer), Jenny Carter (Public Officer), Stephanie Dean, Sally Wilkinson, Tony McCormack, Charlie Watson and Jan Foote.

**Apologies:** Neil and Lyn Louis, Maria Lawson, Lois Wotherspoon, Chris and Heather Leggett and John Lewis.

**Minutes of previous meeting held 21 April 2022:**

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

**Business arising from the previous meeting:**

**Kennedy-Murray Vault.** It was agreed at the previous meeting that the members of the Society should provide either written views to Bob or come to the next meeting with a preference or an alternate set of words. **Bob** advised no submission from members had been received. A show of hands indicated Option No 3 (with a couple of minor corrections) was the more popular version. Laurie discussed his thoughts on having a more informative information signboard on Kennedy Murray (similar to the type of information board at St Andrews Uniting church yard). He thought this could be placed near where the original Anglican church had once stood in Pioneer Park. Laurie mentioned the Primary School was looking for a history project and the School might be able to become involved in developing the text for the signage. This information signage would be in addition to the bronze plaque for the vault. **Action: Option 3 attached to these minutes to be checked and any corrections/suggestions to Bob by 11 June 2022.**

It was **moved** by **Jan** that Option No 3 (subject to minor amendment and proofing) be accepted for the bronze plaque for the vault. **Seconded: Charlie**. **Carried**

**Laurie moved:** that an informative signboard (similar to the one in the Uniting Church yard) be developed for placement near the site of the old Anglican Church in Pioneer Park and that the school should be engaged to see whether it wished to be involved. **Seconded: Tony.** **Carried.**

**Federal government $3 million Culture, Heritage and Arts Regional Tourism (CHART) program.** Barry advised the grant had been made of $3300 and that most of the IT equipment had been ordered but not yet delivered with the printer still to be purchased. Barry mentioned he had found someone to do the installation and that this may cost the Society $100-$200. There was agreement to spend the money. Barry also mentioned the History room needs a tidy up and reorganisation which could be done when we change over the IT system. **Action: Barry** to provide update as required.

**ANZAC Day 2022. Bob** reported both services went off very well and thanked all who assisted in the planning or on the day or both.Guy Barnett attended the Dawn Service and laid a wreath**.**  The bagpiper at the Dawn Service was very good and is keen to assist next year. It was suggested we use the choral and orchestral version of the hymns in future rather than the orchestral version. It is suggested we get an Aboriginal flag on a staff the same as the Australian and NZ flag. These ideas were agreed. It was suggested Erin or Sascha Massey might make a good guest speaker for next year. **Action:** **Laurie** said he could make a new matching flag staff.

**Painting and repairs to Evandale water tunnel diorama. Action: Barry to** monitor progress and report back.

**Walk-around Evandale booklet.** There was discussion about the whereabouts of guide notes (for use guiding tour groups around the Village). It was thought Sue Bedford might have a copy. **Action: Barry** to approach Sue and recover the notes.

**Life membership.** Following on from the discussion at the April meeting of the substantial contribution to the Society made by Lyn and Neil Louis over many years, including the 7EFTS memorial, family history research and filling the Secretary's position it was unanimously agreed that Lyn and Neil be made life members of the Society. **Action: Barry and Bob** to visit Lyn and Neil and present a certificate

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

**Correspondence Inward:**

**21 April 2022.** Email Aust Museums and Galleries Association to Barry advising Federal Government grant of $3300 has been approved.

**29 April 2022.** Email from Judy Parnell. A Murray family descendant who had attended the family reunion weekend. She advised of two errors in the Kennedy- Murray booklet. (How do we ensure the errors are corrected when the booklet is next re-printed?).

**2 May 2022.** Email from John Anderssen, descendant of Kennedy-Murray II and Sara MacQueen's sixth child Elizabeth. Mary who married Samuel Lette and later Arthur Weller. Wanting to organise a family reunion in Evandale.

**5 May 2022.** Email from Steve (Qld) a Kennedy Murray descendant seeking to purchase four Harry Murray medallions. He had made an inquiry this time last year.

**5 May 2022.** Email Amara Hurst to Jenny. Amara was visiting Evandale and is a Kennedy Murray descendant (originally from NZ now NSW).

**10 May 2022.** Further email from John Anderssen, thanking Bob for putting him in touch with Cameron Richards.

**Mid-May** Letter from Tasmanian Police re firearms license

**Correspondence Outward:**

**26 April 2022.** Email from Bob thanking ANZAC Day participants.

**26 April 2022.** Email from Lyn to Angela Anderson refamily history research.

**29 April 2022.** Email Jenny to Scott Hill re the establishment date of Morven Park.

**7 May 2022.** Email Jenny to Amara Hurst. Re making contact whilst in Evandale.

**9 May 2022.** Email Bob to Judy Parnell re errors in Murray family booklet.

**9 May 2022.** Email Bob to John Anderssen – putting him in touch with Cameron Richards.

**10 May 2022.** Email Jenny to Steve confirming availability of four Harry Murray medallions and providing invoice.

**10 May 2022.** Email Jenny to Glenda Smith providing research on Mark Redburn.

**Mid-May Laurie** wrote to Tasmanian Police re firearms license.

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

**Research:**

**Update from Lyn:**

**28 March 2022.**  Email from Lyn to Penelope Carnaby, Vic -  research on George Robotham - photocopied & mailed info. She called into my home on the way to boat  Gave $50.00 donation, I gave her an old St Peters cemetery booklet that I had here for research. Photocopying $5. postage $3.30 research $25.00.  St Peters booklet $4.50? ($37.80)

**29 March 2022.** Email from Lyn to Barbara Gerrard,  - research on Ridgeside. Some info supplied from Charlie Watson, some from our records, gave link to Trove.   She made donation to EHS  mid April.

**3 April 2022.** Email from Lyn to Robina Knox -  research on Lakeland & Downward. No Downward file (I found some info on Microfilm none born, married or died in our area).

Lakeland we hold her 2 Great grandfather family record sheet which I added to with info from Microfilm.  3 G Great grandfather's children born Hobart.

Any information which I find on microfilm I will type and place in family files.

**17 April 2022.** Email Lyn to Margaret Thornton research on Henry Tweed Pyke & Charlotte Hayes. We have extensive family file on Pyke, A list of available information was sent and asked which information they would prefer. No response. I will contact her again.

**26 April 2022.** Email from Lyn (not sure of family surname(s).

**29 April 2022.** Email Jenny to Scott Hill re establishment date of Morven Park.

**10 May 2022.** Email Jenny to Glenda Smith providing research on Mark Redburn.

**11 May 2022.** Email Jenny to Glenda Smith further info on Mark Redburn.

**New and General Business:**

**Items of interest. Stephanie** brought and discussed some items of interest including: pictures of the old Fallgrove barn, an aerial pageant 1933 at Western Junction, letters to UK relatives of the Murray family connected to the Deans and a newspaper cutting about CONST William Murnane police constable Evandale circa 1873.

**White Hills Wesleyan Church. Charlie** has provided copies of documents dealing with the old Wesleyan church at White Hills.

**Identification of persons in photo. Tony** returned a photo which he had been unsuccessfully trying to identify the subjects.

**Funeral of Michael Hart's wife Stephanie. Tony** advised of the death of Stephanie Hart and said he would represent the Society at her memorial service to be held 2pm this Sunday at Riverside Golf Club.

**Firearms license. Laurie** said he had received the renewal for the firearms licence held in the Museum. $250 for three years. Laurie has written to Tasmanian Police stating that the weapon is inoperable and is a museum piece and he is seeking an exemption from the fee.

**Die for Harry Murray medallions. Jenny** said she has an order for four Harry Murray medallions and that once despatched this will only leave the Society with one medallion. There was discussion about the location of the die and it was thought Maureen Maddock may have it. It was agreed the Society should write to Maureen and ask for the return of the die, if she indeed has it . **Action: Bob** to write to Maureen Maddock and ask for return of die.

**Next meeting: Thursday 16 June 2022 at 10:30.**

**Meeting closed at: 12:20 am**