**EVANDALE HISTORY SOCIETY INC**

**MINUTES - MONTHLY MEETING 21 APRIL 2022**

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

**Apologies:** Neil and Lyn Louis, Maria Lawson, Sue Bedford, Lois Wotherspoon, Chris and Heather Leggett, Tony McCormack.

**Minutes of previous meeting held 17 March 2022:**

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

**Business arising from the previous meeting:**

**Kennedy-Murray Vault.** Prior to the meeting three options for the wording for the bronze plaque to be erected adjacent the Murray vault in Pioneer Park were circulated. The three options were discussed but no agreement was reached. Given the initiative has been dragging-on, it was agreed 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. **Action: All** provide either written views to Bob or come to the next meeting with a preferred option or an alternate set of words (note the three options were circulated with the agenda.

**Viewing of You tube videos.** Barry advised the system is now set-up and ready to display You tube videos etc. **No further action -** t**his agenda item is now finalised.**

**Federal government $3 million Culture, Heritage and Arts Regional Tourism (CHART) program.** Barry said he had received an email which intimated we had been successful with our bid however no official decision has been received. Barry advised once the grant was approved he had the name of someone who could configure the system and transfer data from the existing system to the new. Laurie indicated that before placing any order for equipment we would need to consider the GST implications. **Action: Barry** to update once the decision is known.

**Murray family reunion – 2-3 April 2022. Barry** provided feedbackon theMurray family reunion. About 40 attendees. During the visit Barry spoke about the concept for the plaque in the Anglican cemetery and conducted an Evandale walk-around tour on the Saturday. Stephanie gave a talk about the Anglican Church. Cameron Richards has left the society some Murray family research notes. He has advised some of the details concerning the family and held by the Society are probably incorrect. **No further action -** t**his agenda item is now finalised.**

**ANZAC Day 2022. Bob** briefed on the state of planning for this year's ANZAC Day commemoration. Planning generally on track. An ANZAC Day coordination meeting followed the monthly meeting. **Action: All**: attendance of members at one or both services would be appreciated. **Bob** to provide feedback at the next meeting.

**Painting and repairs to Evandale water tunnel diorama. Barry** said he had spoken to Geoff Duval and asked him to pass on to Rod Collins the Society was grateful for his offer to paint and repair any of the damaged/worn figures on the diorama. **Action: Barry** monitor progress and report back.

**Walk-around Evandale booklet.** Laurie located an e-copy and passed to Geoff Duval. The Community Centre has now reprinted the booklet (which probably needs to be updated – for example to indicate the new status of the old Post Office). 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.

**3D maps of Evandale by Ron Gaston. Laurie:** At the March meetingLaurie spoke about the series of 3D maps he has which were produced for the EHS by artist Ron Gaston in 1999. It was decided they should be appropriately annotated with date, artists details, etc and stored with the plans and maps in the research room/office. At this meeting Laurie talked about a video that was made of the village buildings and streetscapes to allow Ron to produce the illustrations. Laurie thought the only copy had been retained by Ron, who he understands is now deceased. It was agreed that the video is unlikely to re-surface. **Barry** has now actioned the filing and notation of the maps. **No further action -** t**his agenda item is now finalised.**

**Books from estate of Carlene and John Daley. Barry** advised he had some books/pamphlets from the estate of Carlene and John Daley at home – there are a lot of duplicates with material the Society already holds. Barry undertook to sort-out what should be retained by the Society and dispose of the remainder by gift or sale. **Action: Barry** to sort-out and archive, gift or sell as appropriate.

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

**Correspondence Inward:**

**17 March to 21 April 2022 ANZAC Day correspondence** – mostly to **Bob and Lyn.**

**17 March 2022 also 17 Apr 2022.** Letter from Kim Newell, the Coin and Stamp Place Hobart, stating she enjoyed visiting Evandale and the Murray Room. She noticed a coin cover in the collection which had moth damage and she sent a replacement envelope and coin.

**29 March 2022.** Email from Bobbi-Jo Dempsey Manager of Smiths Travel Club concerning proposed seniors coach tour visit to Evandale 9 or 25 May 2022 and seeking assistance with guided tour of the village.

**30 March and 31 March 2022** email and follow-up hardcopy by post from Heather Henderson (Glenorchy), grand-daughter of Bruce Carter. Several family photos and copies of a marriage certificate included. **Action: Archivist/Records Officer** to be put in the collection.

**3 April 2022** email from Robina Knox re descendants Alice Downward and John Lakeland lived in Evandale circa 1850.

**9 April 2022** email from Cameron Richards to Laurie concerning Murray family history and enclosing copy of family history notes. **Action: Laurie** to respond.

**10 April 2022** Letter Department of Justice Annual Return of Association Form.

**10 April 2022 also 18 April 2022.** email and hardcopy sent by post dated 9 April 2022 from Joan Crawley Medlow Bath NSW descendant of Elizabeth and Osborne Allen (domestic servant and ploughman free settlers who worked at Clarendon circa 1860) copy of booklet *"Bounty Immigrants to Tasmania – Elizabeth Oliver and Osborne Allen*". **Action: Archivist/Records Officer** to be put in the collection.

**16 April 2022.** Email from Barbarra Gerrard re Collet family of Ridgeside, thanking for research (Lyn) and advising donation sent.

**Correspondence Outward:**

**17 March to 21 April 2022 ANZAC Day correspondence** – mostly from **Bob and Lyn.**

**18 March 2022 Bob** sent email to David Houghton President Evandale Village Fair Committee thanking the Committee for donation to EHS of $200.

**18 March 2022 Bob** sent thank you email to Abel landscape supplies.

**27 March also 28 March also 30 March 2022** Lyn emails to Penny Carnaby re ancestor George Robotham

**28 March also 31 March also 4 April 2022 Lyn** email toBarbarra Gerrard re research results Collet family of Ridgeside,

**5 April 2022 Barry** sent email to Bobbi Jo Dempsey Smiths Travel Club regarding proposed coach tour visit to Evandale 9 or 25 May 2022.

**7 April 2022 Lyn** sent two emails to Margaret concerning research results for Hayles and Pykes families.

**8 and 13 April 2022. Lyn** sent email with research results to Robina Knox re descendants Alice Downward and John Lakeland who lived in Evandale.

**12 April 2022 Jenny** email to Rhonda re Westella hedge (12 Macquarie Street).

**16 April 2022 Bob** sent thankyou email to Kim Newell The Coin and Stamp place Hobart.

**16 April 2022 Bob** sent thankyou email to Heather Henderson.

**16 April 2022 Bob** sent thankyou email to Joan Crawley.

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

**Research:**

**Collet Family Ridgeside** (request fromBarbarra Gerrard). **Actioned by Lyn.**

**Alice Downward and John Lakeland** lived in Evandale circa 1850 (request from Robina Knox) **Actioned by Lyn.**

**Westella hedge (12 Macquarie Street). Actioned by Jenny.**

**Hayles and Pykes families.** (request from Margaret). **Actioned by Lyn.**

**George Robotham** (request from Penny Carnaby). **Actioned by Lyn**

**New and General Business:**

**Evandale old Catholic Church for sale. Jenny** advised the Old Catholic Church in Macquarie Street is on the market with auction planned 14 May 2020. **No further action -** t**his agenda item is now finalised.**

**Certificate of Currency of insurance received. Bob** advised we now had public liability insurance ($20M) in place from1 April 2022 to 1 April 2023. Premium was $393. Advice received from RVHS about this year's premium was that there had been a marked increase from the previous year. **No further action -** t**his agenda item is now finalised.**

**Launceston Boer War Memorial and Redburn burial site. Stephanie** discussed a newspaper article on the Launceston Boer War Memorial and also a possible Redburn family butial in the Anglican Cemetery (Jenny had been doing some research on this family and was aware of the possible burial – although details were unavailable). **No further action -** t**his agenda item is now finalised.**

**7 EFTS Memorial unveiling.** There was discussion concerning the unveiling of the 7 EFTS memorial some years back and in particular Neil Louis's key role. **No further action -** t**his agenda item is now finalised.**

**AGM next month.** All positions will be declared vacant. All nominations for positions should be sent to Bob by **12 May 2022.**  Bob, Barry, Laurie and Jenny agreed to continue in their current appointments unless someone else wished to take on one or more of these appointments.

**Next meeting: Thursday 19 May 2022 at 11 am following the AGM which will commence at 10:30 am. Maximum attendance at the AGM is requested to ensure a quorum.**

**Meeting closed at 11:30 am**

An ANZAC Day Coordination meeting chaired by Bob then followed. Members present: Bob, Barry, Jenny, Sally, Stephanie and Charlie.