**EVANDALE HISTORY SOCIETY INC**

**MINUTES - MONTHLY MEETING 16 JUNE 2022**

**Attendees:** Bob Strachan (Vice President & Secretary), Laurie Wotherspoon (Treasurer), Stephanie Dean, Charlie Watson, Kim Polley and John Lewis

**Apologies:** Neil and Lyn Louis, Barry and Maria Lawson, Lois Wotherspoon, Chris and Heather Leggett, Sally Wilkinson, Jan Foote, Jenny Carter, Cameron Richards, Tennille Cox and Stepanie Kensitt.

**Minutes of previous meeting held 19 May 2022:**

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

**Business arising from the previous meeting:**

**Kennedy-Murray Vault.** As agreed at the previous meeting Option 3 wording for the bronze plaque to be adopted. **Action: Laurie** to engage with the bronze foundry for final mock-up and cost.

**Murray Family information board – Pioneer Park.** Laurie suggested 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. Laurie has spoken to the Principal and the school would like to be involved. **Action: Laurie and Jan to engage with the school and keep the Society updated on progress.**

**Federal government $3 million Culture, Heritage and Arts Regional Tourism (CHART) program.** All IT equipment now purchased and awaiting to be configured once the History Office is re-organised/tidied up. **Action: Barry** to provide update as required.

**ANZAC Day 2022. Action:** **Laurie** said he could make a new matching flag staff on which the Aboriginal flag can be flown. **Action: Laurie**

**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. Action: Barry and Bob** visited Lyn and Neil at home and presented a certificate of life membership which was greatly appreciated. Letter of thanks received from Lyn and Neil.

**Boer War data update. Kim** has provided the results of her extensive research on the District’s Boer War veterans. A copy of the spreadsheet was circulated. Please **DO NO** circulate outside the membership at this stage without talking to Kim. Any suggestions/amendments to Kim please.

**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 Sunday 22 May 2022 at Riverside Golf Club. **Action: Tony** to update.

**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. Laurie has been in phone contact with Tas Police and is waiting for them to come back to him with guidance. **Action: Laurie to update.**

**Die for Harry Murray medallions.** Bob has written to Maureen Maddock asking for return of die. Letter posted 28 May 2022 – no response yet received.

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

**Correspondence Inward:**

**19 May 2022. Email from Raymond Thomson.** Raymond had visited the Centre and was impressed with Stephanie’s map of the District’s properties and asked his thanks be passed on to her.

**31 May 2022. Email to Bob from Tennille Cox** re Kennedy Murray Snr vault.

**01 June 2022. Email from National Library of Australia.** Advising our free membership trial with Trove will be extended for a further 12 months from 30 June 2022 if we wish to apply. **Action Barry/Jenny/Lyn???**

**05 June 2022. Email from Geoff Bickley.** Advising Joan Cawthen wishes to make a donation to the Society on behalf of Perer Cruseand seeking Bank details for transfer of funds. (Lyn responded 09 June 2022).

**May-June.** Various emails dealing with the sale of the last four remaining Harry Murray medals to Steve in Qld. Jenny and Lyn have been dealing with this order.

**Late May – early June** **Emails from Kerry Riley** to Lyn re Chamberlain family history.

**Correspondence Outward:**

**19 May 2020. Email from Jenny to Raymond Thomson** acknowledging his email and stating Jenny would pass on his feedback to Stephanie re her District Map. Also some research information passed on. Note Bob also responded 31 May 2022.

**24 and 26 May 2022, 02, 03 and 09 June 2022. Emails from Lyn to Kerry Riley** re Chamberlain family research.

**28 May 2022.** **Letter from Bob to Maureen Maddock** re location/return of Murray VC medallion die.

**02 June 2022 Email Bob to Tennille Cox** re Kennedy Murray Snr vault.

**09 June 2022 Email Lyn to Geoff Bickley** re donation from Joan Cawthen in memory of Peter Cruse.

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

**Research:**

**Lyn: Research for Kerry Riley on Beryl and Andrew Christopher Chamberlain also his father.**

**New and General Business:**

**Donation from Buffalo Lodge in memory of Peter Cruse (died 01 May 2022).** Laurie said the Society had received a donation of $304 in memory of Peter Cruse. John said the Buffalo Lodge was likely to also make a donation to the Society in memory of Peter. It was agreed that the Society should now act on the earlier proposal to have a picnic table and chairs purchased and placed in the small park on Russell Street (adjacent the Clarendon Arms) in memory of Peter and Teecie Cruise. It was agreed that first step should be an informal discussion with Leigh McCullough (NMC) to establish the best way forward. **Action: John to meet with Leigh McCullough – note Leigh is on leave for a couple of weeks.**

**Kennedy Murray Crypt – replacement.** Bob has had some correspondence from new member Tennille Cox concerning her family’s desire to have a replica of the original Kennedy Murray Snr crypt installed in Pioneer Park close to the original location (at the family’s expense). Tennille provided an image of the crypt prior to it being destroyed. The proposal was discussed by the members and it was agreed that while the Society had no objection to a suitable replacement crypt being constructed this was a matter between the family and the NMC.

**De-humidifier for Murray Room.** Sally who was not present at the meeting had asked Bob to mention the humidity in the Murray Room was over 80% and that the high moisture level was detrimental to the condition of the exhibits. Sally volunteered to find the cost of a suitable de-humidifier for the room. **Action: Sally to obtain a cost for a suitable de-humidifier and report back.**

**Uniting Church. Stephanie** raised the issue of lichen covering the statue of *Hope* in the Uniting Church yard also the weather vane had lost its tail.

**School records. Charlie** asked what School records were held by the Society as he had recently had a query from someone concerning past students.

**Kim asked about the photographs** used in the Evandale 2022 calendar, which she might wish to utilise for a book she is writing. Bob said he thought at least some of the photos were held by Tasmanian Library/Archives and were available on-line for use.

**Next meeting: Thursday 21 July 2022 at 10:30.**

**Meeting closed at: 11:30am**