**EVANDALE HISTORY SOCIETY INC**

**MINUTES - MONTHLY MEETING – 15 JUNE 2023**

**Attendees:** Barry Lawson(President), Bob Strachan (Secretary), Laurie Wotherspoon (Treasurer), Stephanie Dean, Jenny Carter, Judy Heazlewood, Tony McCormack, Sally Wilkinson, Bruce Argent-Smith, Paul Kenny and Julie Kenny.

**Guest:** Geoff McLean

**Apologies:** Lyn Louis, John Lewis, Charlie Watson, Maria Lawson, Lois Wotherspoon, Ally Argent-Smith, Chris and Heather Leggett, Steve Plowright Cameron Richards, Tennille Cox’ Williams, Stephanie Kensitt, Jan Foote, Susan Hodson, Susan Bedford and Kim Polley.

**Minutes of previous meeting held 18 May 2023:**

**Laurie** proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. **Seconded by: Tony Carried.**

**Business arising from the previous meeting:**

* **Possum Skin Rug from Pleasant Banks.** Geoff McLean, owner of the possum skin ‘buggy rug’ believed to have come from Pleasant Banks brought along the rug and spoke about the recent history of the rug as well as work he is doing educating people on the indigenous people of the Tamar Valley. Geoff will probably talk to the CEO of the National Trust about finding a suitable home for the rug. In the mean-time Laurie is working with Armitage Auctions to try and locate the relevant auction catalogue. Barry thanked Geoff for showing us the rug and talking about his work. **Action:** **Laurie** to follow-up with Armitage. **Bob to provide Geoff with Scott Carlin’s [CEO National Trust] contact details.**
* **EPS History Project/Murray Family information board – Pioneer Park.** Laurie advised no further feedback from the school on the research project is expected until third term. **Action: Laurie to update on progress.**
* **Donation from Buffalo Lodge in memory of Peter and Teecie Cruse.** The revised DA for the table and seats to now be placed in Buffalo Park has been approved by the NMC.Laurie said work is to commence shortly and will be done in conjunction with two more seats and tables to be placed near the dog park. **Action: The Society will monitor progress and arrange a suitable ‘unveiling’ of a plaque.**
* **Converting non-digital video images to digital format**. Barry reported no progress on this project during the previous month. **Action: Barry to keep the Society updated on progress.**
* **Historic Trees.** Barry reported he has been seeking advice on the scientific names of trees on public land identified as having historic significance for inclusion in his research project.Barry circulated a photo of High Street c1929 prior to the street trees being removed by Hydro Tasmania: **Barry to provide updates as required.**
* **1929 Flood Marker.** Laurie has located the missing marker and constructed a steel support post ready for the marker to be placed in situ. **Action: Laurie and Barry will identify the appropriate location for the sign and arrange installation.**
* **Hart Family file**. Tony has spoken to Michael and the borrowed material will be returned shortly. **Note this agenda item will remain open until the material is returned.**
* **Launceston Probus – Walk around Evandale.** Barry reported he had conducted a successful historic walk around Evandale for about a dozen members of the Launceston Probus Club on 6 June. A donation was made at the end of the walk. **No Further** **Action.**
* **Bryan family (Evandale Butcher).** Barry spoke to Rob Bryan. Rob has had a look at what information we hold on the Bryan family file.It appears that there is information from two possibly three Bryan families in the folder.Tony spoke about some of the Bryan families in the district. **Action: Barry will work with Rob to sort the material in the file, into relevant family lots.**
* **Evandale RSL War Memorial Honour Board – Memorial Hall.** Bob reported he had spoken to Bret, the Hall Manager who said the RSL honour board which was removed during the ceiling work at the memorial hall will be put on the wall in the foyer adjacent the clock. **No further action.**
* **Inclusion of Perth Tasmania historical records and Items by EHS.** Bob said he has been given the contacts for Perth Historical Society – Russell McKenzie and Sue Field. It was agreed we should assist the PHS as much as we can. I was suggested we invite committee members of the PHS to one of our meeting to discuss matters of mutual interest. **Action: Bob to contact Russell or Sue and invite them to a meeting.**
* **Banking arrangements and Cheque account.** Lauriementioned that several banks had now stop issuing cheque books and that many individuals disliked receiving funds via cheque, preferring EFT. **Action: Laurie to investigate and propose a method of payment and banking that is more efficient and convenient than the current arrangement.**
* **HMAS Sydney material in Murray VC Room**. Bruce volunteered to develop a suitable [military themed] display to replace the HMAS Sydney photo in front of the fireplace in the Harry Murray VC Room. **Action: Bruce to develop a suitable display.**

**Financial Report: Presented and moved: Laurie**  **Seconded by: Paul Carried.** Laurie stated the current term-deposit term is about to expire. **Laurie proposed we roll-over the current investment for another term. Seconded by: Jenny. Carried.**

**Correspondence Inward:**

* **25, 29 and 31 May 2023.** Emails from **Anne Bevis** – seeking photos of Cambock and Trafalgar.
* **25 May 2023**. Email from Scott Carlin CEO National Trust re possum skin rug from Pleasant Banks.
* **26 May 2023.** Email from **Sandra Podmore** – $50 donation for assisting with identification on William Antone’s burial site.
* **31 May 2023.** Email Jim McNeilly – thanks for initial research on Bryan family.
* **5 June 2023.** Email RHSV History News (if you want a copy let Bob know).
* **7 June 2013.** EmailPam Stott seeking information baptism records for John Thomas Davis (?1852) and Matthew Thomas Davis (?1853)

**Correspondence Outward:**

* **18 and 25 May 2023.** Emails Bob to Geoff McLean re Possum rug from Pleasant Banks.
* **20, 29 and 31 May 2023.** Emails Lyn to John Gardner re William and Mary Lewis research.
* **25 May 2023.** Email Bob to Scott Carlin CEO National Trust re possum rug from Pleasant Banks.
* **29 and 31 May 2023.** Emails Jenny to Anne Bevis re photos of Cambock and Trafalgar.
* **30 and 31 May and 1 and 4 June 2023.** Emails Lyn to Jim McNeilly regarding Bryan Family.
* **11 June 2023.** Email to Sandra Podmore re donation.
* **11 June 2023.** Email Bob to Anne Bevis – more images and material on Cambrock.

**Bob proposed correspondence be noted. Seconded by: Sally**.  **Carried.**

**Research:**

**Lyn:**

* Email request 21 May 2023: **John Gardner** seeking burial details of **William and Mary Lewis** [labourers Clarendon [1869-1872]. Research results: William died 21 Nov 2018 and Mary 10 February 1901 both buried at St Andrews Presbyterian Church.
* ECC request form 24 May 2023: **James McNeilly**, NSW seeking information on **Bryan family** of Evandale. His grandmother is Thelma Muriel Bryan. Research results: Thelma born 9.09.1897 daughter of George Arthur Bryan and 2nd wife Alice Kaye. George is son of John Bryan and 1st wife Mary Ann Hulley. Note George fathered 18 children to two wives! Much more information found and provided.

 **Jenny:**

* Email request 25 May 2023: **Anne Bevis** seeking photos of **Cambrock and Trafalgar**. She is a descendent of William Bacchus who worked for Andre Barclay in 1828. Copies provided.

**New and General Busine**ss:

* **Morven Park Hedge.** There is a proposal from the Morvern Park Management Committee before NMC to remove the hedge on the Barclay Street boundary of Morven Park as it is difficult to extract cricket balls hit into the hedge. NOTE: The DA is on the NMC website[PLN-23-**0094**\_public\_exhibition\_documents.pdf (northernmidlands.tas.gov.au)](https://northernmidlands.tas.gov.au/source-assets/files/Planning/PLN-23-0094_public_exhibition_documents.pdf) objections to belodged by 26 June 2023.It was agreed Barry should write to NMC on behalf of the EHS stating the hedge should not be removed and needs to be rejuvenated and re-shaped. Members were encouraged to express their views in writing to the NMC.Action: **Barry to write to NMC.**
* **James Cox – George Evans connection.** Paul spoke about research he is doing concerning the connection between James Cox and George Evans.
* **Various matters of interest.** Stephanie D spoke about a number of local history matters ofinterest including:
* Photo and article on the Evandale Coach in front of the Launceston Hotel circa 1858.
* Railway travel to Evandale.
* Thomas Gee travelled on Rod O’Çonnor’s ship and O’Çonnor’s connection with piracy.
* Rathmoyln at Breadalbane and Raeburn built by Thomas Scott.
* A early street map of Breadalbane.

**NOTE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW PAYABLE $10 or $15 FAMILY.**

**Next meeting Thurs 20 July at 10:30.**

Meeting closed at: 12:15 pm and was followed by a casual lunch at the POW Hotel Evandale to celebrate 33 years since the Society was founded. A successful lunch was attended by 24 members and partners.