**EVANDALE HISTORY SOCIETY INC**

**MINUTES - MONTHLY MEETING – 17 NOVEMBER 2022**

**Attendees:** Barry Lawson(President), Laurie Wotherspoon (Treasurer), Stephanie Dean, Jenny Carter, John Lewis, Bruce Argent-Smith, and Tony McCormack.

**Apologies:** Maria Lawson, Lois Wotherspoon, Chris and Heather Leggett, Cameron Richards, Tennille Cox’ Williams, Stephanie Kensitt, Susan Hodson, Charlie Watson, Bob Strachan (Secretary), Sally Wilkinson, Neil and Lyn Louis, Judy Heazelwood, Kim Polley and Jan Foote.

**Minutes of previous meeting held 15 September 2022:**

**Stephanie** stated that the minutes stated that John Batman captured the outlaw Jefferies. This was not the case. She suggested deleting the text contained in the brackets.

**Laurie** proposed that with amendment, the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. **Seconded: John**. **Carried.**

**Business arising from the previous meeting:**

**Murray Family information board – Pioneer Park. Laurie** provided an update on this project**.** Nine studentsmet with **Laurie** at the school last Monday and students have been assigned a topic for research. The Murray Family information board was not on the list. Students will be doing a “poster” on their research topic. **Laurie** said he would need help with the students when it came time to get the students accessing Society records. **Jenny** and **Barry** offered to help. This project will continue into next year. **Action: Laurie** **to provide periodic updates.**

**New IT Equipment. Barry** has engaged with Harry Heathcote (through his mother) to configure the new equipment and transfer the data and programs from the old system. Cost estimate is approximately $200. Meeting resolved that this was an acceptable amount and to proceed. **Action: Barry** **to provide update as required.**

**Donation from Buffalo Lodge in memory of Peter and Teecie Cruse**. **Laurie** has written a letter to the Council requesting the need for a Development Application (DA) be waived. He will confirm exact location of the table and relocated bench with John prior to submitting DA. **Action: Laurie to liaise with Council.**

**Converting non-digital video images to digital format. Barry** has not discussed this project with Harry Heathcote yet. **Action: Barry to report.**

**Heritage Grants from Arts Tasmania. Laurie** looked at the available grants advised byRHSV but nothing suitable for our needs at this time. **No further action and remove from future agenda.**

**Celebration of Evandale’s bicentennial.** Given that 2023 Village Fair is only a couple of months away, it was resolved to look for a bicentennial celebration in 2024 or beyond. One suggestion was to celebrate Captain Barclay and the establishment of Cambock in 1826 with activities in Cambock Lane West and East as well as in Morven Park. **Tony proposed that he, Bob and Barry examine the idea as a sub-group.**

**New historical material. Barry** has established a dedicated tray in the History Room for new material to allow regular oversight of this material in regard to its compatibility with our policies and area of interest as well as appropriate filing. **Barry** spoke with Anna re progress with digitalising and sorting the records. She said that there is much still to do. If new information is added to a file that has already been culled of duplicate material, she will pick up any further duplication when it comes to digitising. The agreed suggestion to provide a card and flowers or a gift for Anna for all her work was not discussed at the meeting. **Barry will arrange a gift from the Society.**

**Historic Trees. Barry** stated that little has been done on this project in the last month. **Laurie** provided a copy of the work he did to apply to register the two Atlantic Cedars outside the Information Centre for reference. **Maria** will be asked (perhaps after Christmas) to put something on the Evandale Facebook page asking people with trees they think are significant to contact the Society with details. **Action:** **Barry to keep the Society updated on this project.**

**Xmas Lunch. John** requested all those wishing to attend the joint function with the Information Centre toput their name down on the list in the Information Centre. The event is on 13 December at 1:00pm. **Barry** will check availability of No.10 Restaurant on the third Thursday in December for a lunch “meeting” of the Society. Normally no meeting in December but we could try this as a special Christmas meeting. **Barry to contact No. 10 and advise members.**

**1929 Flood Marker. Laurie** has moved the marker to a more visible spot. It is not concreted in place yet, and it was though that this should be done. **Barry** and **Bruce** offered assistance with this if required. Laurie was thanked for his efforts and members said it was very noticeable and well done. **Barry** suggested that the level be surveyed to State datum. (there is likely to be a benchmark on the bridge.) **Laurie** is to submit any invoices to the Society for payment. **Laurie to provide future updates.**

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

**Correspondence Inward:**

**18 October 2022, also further email to Jenny on 13 November 2022 . Email from Susan Hodson (member)** seeking information on *whether JR Glover ever boarded with Mrs Martin (Anjou-Villa/River View):*

*'After Henry’s death, John Richardson Glover moved into Evandale and may have boarded with Mrs J.S. Martin. She relocated her boarding school from Anjou Villa to River View in 1857, but her circumstances changed when she was widowed on 10 July 1858 when her spouse drowned.  JR Glover may have been a resident at the extended, now two-storied Anjou Villa which was renamed Marlborough.' - from my research papers, based on information in the book on Evandale Library by Keith Adkins.*

*The source stating that he spent some months was 'Flotsam & Jetsam' by Henry Button, who in a couple of instances has his dates wrong.*

*My reframed question is: Can it be confirmed that John Richardson Glover boarded with Mrs Martin?*

**Jenny has suggested to Sue she try the electoral roll. If anyone has** any information on this matter please let Bob or Jenny know?

**19, 26 and 30 October 2022. Emails from Sue Lawry (Tasmanian now living in NZ),** concerning Clairville, Pleasant Banks and Belle Vue.Sue’s connection with the properties:

*Elizabeth Nichols who married David Gibson was the Mother of Eliza Nichols/ Holmes who married Wickham Whitchurch in 1830. Eliza and Wickham were my paternal Great Grandparents. After their marriage they moved to the Belle Vue property and lived there until James Gibson ( one of David's sons ) took over the property in the 1850's. Eliza and Wickham both died at Clairville and were buried from there. Eliza's Mother lived at Pleasant Banks so I guess Eliza did for a time also.*

**Sue is visiting Tasmania and Jenny is planning to meet with her on 18 November 2022 and will show her what records/photos we hold.**

**Note: there are photos of these properties and a short history of each one in *Early Houses of Northern Tasmania* by Robertson and Craig – Bob has a personal copy.**

**26 October 2022. Email Don Garden (for RHSV)** concerning online seminar Historical Societies working with local government.

**27 October 2022. Email Geoff Divall** – invitation to Community Centre Xmas lunch on 13 December 2022 (if attending please put your name on the list).

**30 October 2022 and 01, 08 and 10 November 2022.** Emails Kamlesh Andrews Libraries Tasmania ordering and payment for Presbyterian Cemetery Index.

**30 October 2022. Email Rosemary Cameron (RHSV)** on-line newsletter – RHSV events and new publications. **Note: any member who wants a copy let Bob know.**

**03 November 2022. Email Rosemary Cameron (RHSV) –** Heritage News – information about dealing with flood damage to historic collections an museums.

**05 November 2022. Email RHSV Bookshop** new publications including g some relevant to Tasmania (George Augustus Robinson, Mathew Flinders and Tasmanian Convict Settlers in Victoria). **If you want a copy of the newsletter let Bob know.**

**11 November 2022. Email Geoff Divall** concerning:

*Smiths Travel Club (NW Tas) today asking about Evandale and what we have to offer 20 – 40 visitors.  They are coming to Evandale on Friday 17th March, hoping to arrive about 11am, and were wondering if someone from the History Society would be willing to give a talk about the History of Evandale.*

**Barry and Laurie agreed to assist.**

**Correspondence Outward:**

**24 and 29 October 2022. Emails Lyn to Sue Lawry** re visit to Evandale and Clairville, Pleasant Banks and Belle Vue properties.

**14 October and 09 and 11 November 2022 Lyn to Kamlesh Andrews – Libraries Tasmania** re Presbyterian cemetery Index.

**12 November 2022. Email Bob to Susan Hodson –** holding response to question concerning JR Glover.

**13 November 2022. Email Jenny to Sue Hodson** re JR Glover boarding with Mrs Martin.

**17 November 2022. Email Bob to Sue Hodson** re JR Glover boarding with Mrs Martin (might be information contained in JR Glover’s letters to his sister Mary in the Mitchell Library – Sydney).

**Laurie proposed correspondence be accepted. Seconded: Jenny Carried**

**Research**

**Jenny** and **Lyn** provided research to address matters raised in the correspondence above. In addition, **Jenny** looked into an enquiry to **John** about Deddington School attendance records from 1870 to 1880. No information available.

**New and General Business**

**Tony** talked about a book by Hawley Stancombe with illustrations by Eric Ratcliffe about the Midlands Highway prior to road expansions. It concerns early culverts and bridges that were about to be lost. The book was launched by Clifford Craig in July 1968. At the time of the Book Launch Hawley lived at Glendessary, Western Junction.

**Stephanie Dean** spoke of local Talbot and Trethewie children dying from ingestion of sloe berries in 1890.

**Next meeting: Thursday 19 January 2023 at 10:30.**

**Meeting closed at: 1:00 pm**