**EVANDALE HISTORY SOCIETY INC**

**MINUTES - MONTHLY MEETING – 20 APRIL 2023**

**Attendees:** Barry Lawson(President), Bob Strachan (Secretary), Laurie Wotherspoon (Treasurer), Stephanie Dean, Lyn Louis, Sally Wilkinson, Jenny Carter, Charlie Watson, Judy Heazlewood, Bruce Argent-Smith, John Lewis and Paul Kenny (visitor).

**Apologies:** Maria Lawson, Lois Wotherspoon, Chris and Heather Leggett, Cameron Richards, Tennille Cox’ Williams, Stephanie Kensitt, Susan Hodson, Jan Foot, Tony McCormack and Kim Polley.

**Minutes of previous meeting held 16 March 2023:**

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

**Business arising from the previous meeting:**

**EPS History Project/Murray Family information board – Pioneer Park. Laurie,** advised no feedback from the school on the research project. Also, that he had been having difficulties contacting the Community Grant people but will continue trying.

**Donation from Buffalo Lodge in memory of Peter and Teecie Cruse**. **Laurie** advised NMC had rejected the application to place a picnic table and seats in the park near the *Time Traveller* statue (there were nine objections). **John** said the Buffalo Lodge was very unhappy with the decision and the preferred fall-back location was Buffalo Park**. Action: John to provide a sketch with the Lodge’s preferred location of the table and seats, this can then be used as part of a new DA.**

**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 taken a number of photos of trees in public spaces and is currently researching and collating the information. Phase 2 of the project will be to seek information on significant trees on private land with a the possibility of producing a booklet. **Action: Barry** **to provide updates as required.**

**1929 Flood Marker. Laurie** has located the missing marker and constructeda 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.**

**ANZAC Day 2023 update. Bob** provided an update on planning for ANZAC Day 2023 which is on track**. Bob** **proposed and amount of up to $300 be spent on morning tea. (noting the Society receives a cheque for $100 from the Northern Midlands RSL and a donation box will be placed in the hall to defray costs). Seconded: Judy. Carried.** Note**: Sally** advised the POW will be open for breakfast from 0630 on ANZAC Day – **Barry** will mention this in his closing announcements.

**Antone family grave – efforts by Patricia Deering to erect headstone. Charlie** reported he had spoken to Bill Gibson (Scone) who thought Snake Banks was near Powranna and not Perth. (Note “Powranna”: is the Aboriginal word for black snake)  **No further action.**

**NMC request for photographs of Evandale Council Councillors and Wardens.** On 03 Mar 2023 Gail Eacher (NMC) wrote to us seekingany information/images on/of Evandale Council – wardens and councillors. **Lyn** said she has tried to contact Gail for clarification but has had no success. She will continue trying. **Barry** said he had spoken to Gail and the request was not very specific. **Lyn to speak to Gail and clarify what is required.**

**7 EFTS Memorial. Laurie** reported he had touched-up thewhite paintwork on the 7 EFTS memorial which was in bad shape. **Laurie** said the Society had originally looked at having gold lettering on the memorial but it was difficult to read – which is why white paint was chosen. **Bob** has been in contact with Dunn’s who offered to show what needed to be done. **No further action for the time being.**

**33rd anniversary of EHS - 11 Jun 2023.** The EHS was established 11 June 1990 after a public meeting. It was agreed we should have a 33year anniversary lunch or dinner. It was agreed Thurs 15 June would be a good date with a lunch at either the POW or No 10 after the monthly meeting. Partners to be invited. **Action: to be followed-up with a booking in May.**

**Hart Family file. Charlie** reported he has spoken to Rick Hart who has promised to locate and return the material. **This agenda item will remain open until the material is returned.**

**Deddington School Records. Lyn** reported she has been working with Anna to take digital images of the material loaned to the Society. **Action: Lyn to advise when the copying task is completed so Charlie can return the material.**

**Bishopsbourne History Board.** Unveiling of the Bishopsbourne History Board, on Saturday 18 March 2023**. Sally** updated the meeting on the unveiling and provided a newspaper article on the event which was attended by about 100 people.

**Financial Report: Presented and moved: Laurie**  **Seconded: John. Carried** (Note: books to be provided to the Auditor prior to the AGM).

**Correspondence Inward:**

**17 March. Email from Paul and Alicia Vincent.** Re visiting from NZ, Alicia is a Hartnoll and wishes to share research while here. (**Jenny** has been working with them. They have made a $50 donation to the Society).

**20 March. Email from Helen and Ian Mayfosh (Canberra).** Re visiting Evandale and wished to access records relating to Ian’s forebears (responded to by **Bob**).

**23 March and 2 April. Emails from Neil Woodforth.** Re Sarah Murray (nee McQueen) real name was Sarah Howe daughter of a drummer in NSW Corp and born on Norfolk Island. This information was confirmed by Cameron Richards who is a cousin of Neils(responded to by **Bob**).

**29 March, 4, 5 and 6 April. Emails from Mike Duggan.** Re Bryan family history (responded to by **Lyn**).

**29 March and 5 April. Emails from Mia Stone (KMHS).** Re laying wreathe and poem reading ANZAC Day. (responded to by **Bob**).

**31 March and 6, 10, 14 and 17 April. Emails from Patricia Deering.** Re Antone family grave (responded to by **Bob**).

**2 and 6 April.** **Emails from Sallie Mulligan**. Re family history research Rebecca Young. (responded to by **Lyn**).

**3 April. Email from Mike Swifte.** Re family history research – David Graham and Sarah Gillam (responded to by **Lyn**).

**3 April. Email from Jen Gadsby (EPS).** Re confirmation students available to assist at ANZAC Day service.

**4 April. Email FAHS newsletter No 207.**

**5 April. Email from Robert Taylor.** Re family history research - Joseph and Marianne Pettingell (responded to by **Lyn**).

**5 April. Email from Veronica and Rod Barfoot.** Re family history research **-** Lewis family.

**5 April. Email from John Dunn (Dunstone).**  Re 7FTS monument.

**7 April.** **Email RHSV Newsletter.**

**12 and 16 April. Email from Charles Bransgrove.** Has 18 Course 7EFTS photo and wanted to know if we wanted it. (Lyn accepted and the photo has been sent).

**15 April.** **Email from Paul and Julie Kenny.**  Julie is descendant of George Evans wishes to meet with someone from the Society re our records on George Evans. (**Lyn** met with Pual and Jenny on 19 April).

**16 April.** **Email from Nick Childs.** Nick is grandchild of Thomas Cheek Evandale Warden who officiated at the planting of the Jubilee Hedge and trees at Morven Park in 1951. Nick wants to know if hedges and trees still there. (**Barry** will respond).

**Correspondence Outward:**

**17 March. Emails to Evandale Football Club, Perth Lions Club, Evandale Cricket Club, Sing Australia Choir- Launceston, Evandale Community Centre, Jan Foote.** Re ANZAC Day wreathes.

**19 March, 8, 14, 16 and 17April. Emails Bob to Patricia Deering.** Re Antone family grave.

**19 March. Bob to Paul and Alicia Vincent.** Re visit to Evandale from NZ and Hartnoll family history.

**19 March.** **Email Bob to Dunstone.** Re 7 EFT monument refurbishment.

**18, 21 March and 4 April. Emails Lyn to Mike Swifte.** Re family history research.

**31 March, 4 and 7 April. Emails Lyn to Mike Duggan.** Re family history research.

**2, 5 and 7 April. Emails from Lyn to Sallie Mulligan**. Re family history research.

**4 April.** **Emails** **Lyn to Veronica and Rod Barfoot.** Re family history research.

**4 April. Email Lyn to Robert Taylor.** Re family history research.

**8 April. Email Bob to Mia Stone (KMHS).** Re ANZAC Day participation.

**8 April. Email: Bob to Patricia Deering Re Antone family grave.**

**15 April.** **Email Lyn to Charles Bransgrove.** Re 7 EFTS photo.

**16 April.** **Email Lyn to Paul and Julie Kenny**. Re visiting history room – George Evans records.

**Bob proposed correspondence be accepted. Seconded: Charlie.**  **Carried**

**Research:**

**Lyn:**

**Fredrick (born 1859) and Louise Lewis (born 1864).** Both buried Anglican cemetery. Lyn has undertaken research for Veronica and Rod Barfoot.

**Rebecca Young (aka Rebecca Kennedy) (died 1898) & Robert Young (died 1853).**  Buried Anglican cemetery. Lyn has completed research for Sallie Mulligan.

**Antone Family (Snake Banks).** Research for Patricia Deering. Bob and Lyn have assisted with identification of plot in Anglican Cemetery.

**Bryan family (Evandale Butcher).** Research for Mike Duggan who is trying to identify Bryan family home.

**Joseph and Marianne Pettingell.** Research for Robert Taylor. Joseph and Marianne Pettingell started a school around 1837. Joseph was apparently the Postmaster at Evandale.

**Sarah Jane Wright .** Research for Mike Swift. Research on Great Grandmother and GG Grandmother.

**Jenny:**

**Jenny met with and assisted Helen and Ian Mayfosh at History Rooms on 24 March.** Helen and Ian were researching:descendants of Charles Heath (1806-1850).

**Jenny has been in contact with the Wright family (28 Arthur Street)** concerning forebears James Wright and others. Connections with the Railways and ‘Springvale’. She has two interesting books relating to James Wright which were in the house in Arthur Street (the inscriptions will be copied for our records and the books returned by **Jenny**).

**New and General Business:**

**Funding for TROVE.** The FAHS has announced:

*The National Library will receive $33m over the next four years in the May Federal budget, then $9.2m per annum ongoing and indexed from July 2027, securing Trove's future.*

**No further action.**

**Launceston Probus – Walkaround Evandale. Lyn** was asked last month by Rod Oliver (Launceston Probus) whether the Society could host a historical walk around Evandale. Apparently Launceston Probus have a monthly walking program. **Action:** **Lyn to contact Rod and find out preferred dates/times, numbers attending, etc.**

**Traders in Purple – revised development proposal.** The new proposal for 250 lots not 700 as originally proposed on a new site adjoining the Eastern edge of the Village was discussed. **Action: The Society will monitor the situation and make a submission at the relevant time if agreed by the members.**

**New Business:**

**Possible new member – Paul Kenny. Barry** introduced and welcomed Paul to the meeting. Paul’s wife Julie is a descendent of George Evans, Paul and Julie are living at Kings Meadows and has an interest in local history and George Evans.

**Bryan family (Evandale Butcher). Lyn** has been doing some **r**esearch for Mike Duggan who is trying to identify the Bryan family home. **Bruce** advised that Rob Bryan, lives in Glover Court and may have some information on where his grandfather (Evandale butcher) lived. **Action: Barry will speak to Rob and see whether he is happy to have his details passed on to Mike Duggan – who is visiting Evandale from interstate later in the year.**

**John Glover Book. Stephanie** has finished reading the new book on John Glover and Patterdale (author Ron Radford). She spoke on John Glover. She highly recommends the book especially at $50 RRP.

**Marchington photos. Stephanie** circulated some photos of Old and New Marchington (Breadalbane).

**NMC Cemetery Records. Stephanie** advised that the NMC cemetery records do not contain any Evandale data and do not make mention that the EHS holds the records for Evandale.

**New owner of Teece and Peter Cruse’s house. Jenny** advised Peter Woof if the new owner of the property.

**Newspaper cutting St Andrews Presbyterian Church and Hawley Stancombe. Jenny** circulated an undated newspaper clipping about Hawley Stancombe which contained an image of St Andrews Presbyterian Church. This generated some discussion concerning the new works to the steps of the church – which most members thought were not in keeping with the character of the building. It seems the DA was not circulated to the Evandale Advisory Committee.

**Mail Run map.** **Jenny** circulated an undated hand drawn mail run map – showing property owners and location of farm houses around Evandale.

**Patterson sisters. Bob:** circulated a photo c1988 of the three Patterson sisters (daughters of Harry Patterson – Blacksmith), photo taken in the backyard of Patterson’s Cottage (34 Russell Street).

**AGM next meeting. As no new names** were put forward as officer bearers for next year, Barry agreed to stay-on as president, Bob as Secretary and Jenny as Public Officer.

**Next meeting and AGM: Thurs 18 May at 10:30.**

* Meeting closed at: 12:30.