**EVANDALE HISTORY SOCIETY INC**

**MINUTES - MONTHLY MEETING – 17 AUGUST 2023**

**Attendees:** Barry Lawson(President), Bob Strachan (Secretary), Laurie Wotherspoon (Treasurer), Stephanie Dean, John Lewis, Tony McCormack, Judy Heazlewood, Paul Kenny, Julie Kenny, Lyn Louis, Kim Polley and Steve Plowright.

**Apologies:** Jenny Carter, Sally Wilkinson, Maria Lawson, Lois Wotherspoon, Bruce and Ally Argent-Smith, Charlie Watson, Chris and Heather Leggett, Cameron Richards, Tennille Cox’ Williams, Stephanie Kensitt, Jan Foote, Susan Hodson, and Susan Bedford.

**Minutes of previous meeting held 20 July 2023:**

**Note:** minutes corrected to reflect date of TAHS seminar as Friday 8 September not 18 September and *Willowdene* was mis-spelt as *Willodean.* **Bob proposed** that the minutes of the previous meeting, as amended be accepted. **Seconded by: Lyn.** **Carried.**

**Business arising from the previous meeting:**

* **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 (October/November). **Action: Laurie to update on progress.**
* **Donation from Buffalo Lodge in memory of Peter and Teecie Cruse.** John advised the Buffalo Lodge has asked that no plaque be affixed to the new table and seats at Buffalo Park in memory of Peter and Teecie. This was agreed by the members. Laurie asked John to provide a sketch map, for the Society’s records, identifying which tables had been dedicated to deceased lodge members. **Action: John to provide an annotated sketch map of Buffalo Park. This item will be removed from future agenda.**
* **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 the approximately 60 images of Evandale trees which were on his phone when it was damaged might be recoverable from the ‘the cloud’. He will know for sure when he receives his new phone shortly. **Action: Barry to provide updates as required.**
* **1929 Flood Marker.** Laurie said the fence near the marker has now been repaired. Barry and Laurie will try and position the marker before the next meeting. **Action: Barry/Laurie to provide update as required.**
* **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.**
* **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 update as required.**
* **Morven Park Hedge.** Barry advised he made a submission about retaining the hedge. He was told by one Councillor that he would not support retention of the hedge but would propose a white picket fence be installed instead. The members felt this would be a good outcome.Bob has written to the Evandale Advisory Committee on behalf of the Society stating the Society would like to see the hedge rejuvenated otherwise replaced by a picket fence. **This item will be removed from future agenda.**
* **Membership of the RHSV.** Three years membership has been taken out by the Society at a total cost of $240 prior to the cost of membership going up on 1 August 2013. **This item will be removed from future agenda.**

**Financial Report: Presented and moved: Laurie**  **Seconded by: Steve Carried.**

**Correspondence Inward:**

* **19 July 2023 email from Don Gardner FAHS** enclosing FAHS Newsletter July 2023 No 55. If anyone wants a copy of the Newsletter let Bob know.
* **20 July 2023 email from Rosemary Cameron RHSV** enclosing RHSV newsletter ‘Old News’ – *What’s On*. If anyone wants a copy of the Newsletter let Bob know.
* **27 and 28 July 2023 email from Pam Stott** seeking baptism records John Thomas Davis (1852?) and Mathew Thomas Davis (1853?)*.*
* **31 July 2023 email from Rosemary Cameron RHSV** enclosing RHSV newsletter ‘Old News’ – *History News* August 2023 Issue 367. If anyone wants a copy of the Newsletter let Bob know.
* **1 August 2023 email from Don Gardner FAHS** advising various upcoming history events in Tasmania.
* **4 August 2023** **email from Don Gardner FAHS** enclosing FAHS newsletter. If anyone wants a copy of the Newsletter let Bob know.
* **4 and 7 August 2023 email from Dominic** seeking history or photos of Woodlands 100 Nile Road Evandale.
* **9 August 2023 email from Don Gardner FAHS** giving details of the Richmond Bicentennial History Festival 18-22 January 2024. Richmond is looking for contributions for their event – oral histories, papers, music art etc. Applications are required by 6 September 2013. See the website: https://www.richmond200.com/projects-events/history-festival-call-for-contributions/

**Correspondence Outward:**

* **19 July 2023 email Lyn to Anne Radband (UK)** re James Walden and tin mine at Ben Lomond.
* **21 July 2023 email Bob to Sue Field (Perth History Society)** re details on George Town details of conference on convicts and convictism.
* **23 July 2023 email Lyn to John Cole** re research into Owen family branch of Mansfield family.
* **23 July 2023 emails Lyn to Sarah Godfrey (Campbell Town History Society)** regarding map of Campbell Town held by EHS.
* **27, 28 and 31 July 2023 emails from Lyn to Pam Stott** re Davis family baptism records.
* **31 July 2023 email Lyn to James McNeilly** providing results of research into Bryan family.
* **31 July 2023 letter Bob to Evandale Advisory Committee** concerning the Morven Park hedge.
* **4 and 7 August 2023 email Lyn to Dominic** re information or photos on Woodlands.
* **8 and 9 August 2023 Lyn to Jason Ross** providing research material on Harry Murray VC.

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

**Research:**

**Lyn:**

* **For Beryl Stevenson** re Toller Cottage (876 White Hills Rd Evandale).
* **For Anne Radband** re James Walden and Ben Lomond Tin Mines.
* **For Sarah Godfrey (Cambell Town History Society)** re map of Cambell Town.
* **For Pam Stott** re Davis family baptism records.
* **For James McNeilly** re Bryan family.
* **For Dominic** re Woodlands (100 Nile Road Evandale).
* **For Jason Ross** re Harry Murray VC.

**Jenny:**

**New and General Business:**

* **Display case – Evandale Memorial Hall.** Bret Goldsworthy (Hall Manager) spoke to Bob and Barry about putting forward a submission to obtain finds to refurbish or replace the glass fronted display cabinet in the foyer of the hall. Barry stated he has asked Brett to obtain a quote for the work – once that has been done, we can try and identify a suitable grant and make an application for funds. **Action: await quote from Bret Goldsworthy.**
* **Source of Kennedy Murray Jnr portrait.** Our member Cameron Richards from Qld continues with his history of the Murray family. He has come across a family portrait of what is possibly Kennedy Murray Jnr (2nd?) wife and children on the internet but he can’t find a source. He thought it might have been something which the Society once held, or indeed still holds. None of the members had any information on the source of the image. Lyn undertook to check the Murray files to see what images of Kennedy Murray we may hold and the original source. **Action: Lyn to check our records for images and source(s).**
* **Longford/Norfolk Plains History Society.** Paul said he had spoken to Annette Albert about the establishment of a history society in Longford and the transfer of the Norfolk Plains Museum collection from Clarendon House, Nile to above the library in Longford. Laurie mentioned he had had a couple of calls on the subject and said there was interest in establishing a Tourist Centre/History Room in the old Longford Town Hall building. **No further Action at this stage.**
* **Oral History – Evandale Primary School.** Steve asked whether the Society had recorded oral histories concerning Evandale Primary School. A number of members indicated that there were several oral history recordings held by the Society that touched on the School. **No further Action at this stage.**
* **General items of interest.** Stephanie Dean produced newspaper clippings and articles and spoke about the following items of interest:
* The shipping container house recently approved by NMC located in the heritage precinct.
* Removing the above-ground power in the village.
* The brick wall and *Evandale Circa 1830* sign on High Street near the water tower.
* Frank Long and the Zeehan mineral discovery.
* 1982 article calling for a sinking-fund to be established for maintenance of the historic precinct of the village and funded by extra rates for rate-payers whose property was within the precinct.

**No further Action at this stage.**

* **Removing the above-ground power in the village.** Following on from Stephanie’s talk, there was a general discussion about the desirability of removing the above-ground power in the village especially in the heritage precinct. It was agreed Barry and Bob should draft a letter for Council and the Evandale Advisory Committee urging Council to budget for the work. **Action:** **Bob and Barry to draft letters on behalf of the Society.**
* **Perth History Society.** Lyn said she had attended a meeting of the Perth History Society and updated the members on that Society’s plans. **No further Action at this stage.**
* **Copyright of EHS publications.** There was a discussion concerning the copyright status of publications produced by the Society. It was accepted that copyright existed even if this was not explicitly stated on the publication, as long as the publication was developed by the Society (or the copyright had been transferred to the Society by a member (if the publication had been produced in a private capacity) or a third party). **Action: For clarity, the Society** **should include a copyright statement in all future publications.**
* ***The Chisholm Letters.*** Kim advised that her book *The Chisholm* Letters has been completed and is in the final stages prior to printing. **No further Action at this stage.**
* **Book launch – *An Evandale Boy Kicks Goals*.** Tony announced the name of his latest publication (of his memoirs) *An Evandale Boy Kicks Goals*. He is proposing to launch the book on Friday 17 November 2023 from 4:30 to 6:00 pm at the Launceston Golf Club – all member of the Society are invited to attend (formal invitations to be issued in October). The book will be on sale at the launch at a special (half) price of no more than $15. **No further Action at this stage.**

**Next meeting Thurs 21 September at 10:30 am.**

Meeting closed at: 12:00 am.