**EVANDALE HISTORY SOCIETY INC**

**MINUTES - MONTHLY MEETING – 21 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**Attendees:** Bob Strachan (Secretary/Vice President), Laurie Wotherspoon (Treasurer), Stephanie Dean, Tony McCormack, Jenny Carter, Sally Wilkinson, Bruce Argent-Smith, Charlie Watson, Paul Kenny, Julie Kenny.

**Apologies:** Barry Lawson(President), Lyn Louis, Maria Lawson, Lois Wotherspoon, Judy Heazlewood, Ally Argent-Smith, Chris and Heather Leggett, Cameron Richards, Tennille Cox’ Williams, Stephanie Kensitt, Susan Hodson, Susan Bedford and Belinda Hebbink.

**Minutes of previous meeting held 17 August 2023:**

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

**Business arising from the previous meeting:**

* **EPS History Project/Murray Family information board – Pioneer Park.** Laurie advised no further feedback from the school. He is preparing a submission for a $2000 community grant from Cement Industries for the project. He will contact the School to confirm it is still interested in being involved in the Project. The School will need to provide a firm commitment (with a delivery date) else the Society will finalise the information board without further input from the School. **Action: Laurie to contact the School and update on progress.**
* **Converting non-digital video images to digital format**. No progress on this project during the previous month. **Action: Barry to keep the Society updated on progress.**
* **Historic Trees.** Barry is currently absent from Evandale. **Action: Barry to provide updates as required.**
* **1929 Flood Marker.** Laurie has fixed the sign to the timber paling fence near the corner of Leighlands Road and Evandale Road. **No Further Action.**
* **Hart Family file**. Tony and Charlie will approach Michael concerning return of the borrowed material. **Note this agenda item will remain open until the material is returned.**
* **HMAS Sydney material in Murray VC Room**. Bruce has 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.Sally asked that Bruce check whether water has been coming down the chimney as the humidity in the room is unusually high. **Action: Bruce to update as required.**
* **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.** Lyn has checked the Murray files to see what images of Kennedy Murray we may hold and the original source of the image sent to us by Cameron. She did not locate an original image but she discovered photographs and other documents have been removed from the Murray file. **– Note access to the records room by visitors must be accompanied by a member (preferably Lyn, Barry, Jenny or Laurie). No further action.**
* **Removing the above-ground power in the village.** Bob advised he has written to NMC concerningthe desirability of removing the above-ground power in the village especially in the heritage precinct. A response has been received stating the matter will be referred to the Engineering Department to investigate further and provide an update. **Action: Barry/Bob to monitor and follow-up with NMC as required. Note members are encouraged to write to Council in a private capacity on this matter.**

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

**Correspondence Inward:**

* **22 and 23 August 2023. Emails from Belinda Hebbink to Lyn** re Gibson family history.
* **23 August 2023. Email from iiNet (email provider) – iiNet will no longer support emails from 4 October 2023. Note:** Bob will migrate the account to “the Messaging Company” – there will be no change to the EHS email account name society@iinet.net.au and no loss of stored emails.
* **29 August 2023. Email from Rosemary Cameron – RHSV.** Letter concerning upcoming grants - nothing particularly relevant or suitable for EHS.
* **30 August 2023. Emailed newsletter from RHSV.** *Old News – What’s On*. If you want a copy ask Bob.
* **30 August 2023 Email from FAHS. *E-bulletin* no 208 of 23 August 2023***.* If you want a copy ask Bob.
* **31 August 2023. Email from Maree Bricknell NMC** advising our letter concerning underground power has been passed to the Engineering Department to investigate and provide an update.
* **4 September 2023. Email from Anne Haylock** re Billings family.
* **7 September 2023. Email from Sarah Hust** re ancestor Daniel Gleeson – convict worked at Cambock.
* **10 September 2023. Email from Jill Cassidy – Oral Histories Tasmania (c/- QVMAG):**

*Three excellent speakers will present at the Oral History seminar to be held at the Queen Victoria Museum at Inveresk at 10.00 on Saturday 7 October.*

*The well-known ABC radio presenter Chris Wisbey will be speaking on Random radio recollections, in particular his popular Sunday Programme where his guests told stories of Tasmania’s past. As Chris says: ‘In that recollection, a reminder of why we are, who we are.’ Jon Addison will talk on Memories of Weldborough: stories from the Chinese mining 'camp’, while Yvette Barry’s topic is Reanimating the untold stories of women & children in 1920s Derby.*

*All are welcome. The cost which includes lunch is $40 or $25 for students and members of Oral History Tasmania.*

*Prior registration is essential. Full details and the registration form are available at*[*www.oralhistorytas.org.au*](http://www.oralhistorytas.org.au/)

**Correspondence Outward:**

* **22 August 2023. Lyn to Belinda Hebbink** re Gibson family research.
* **30 August 2023. Letter from Bob to GM NMC** concerning underground power in the Evandale Historic precinct.
* **30 August and 7 September 2023. Email Lyn to Anne Haylock** re research into Billings family.

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

**Research:**

**Lyn:**

* **For Belinda Hebbink** re Gibson Family.
* **For Anne Haylock** re Billings family.

**Jenny:**

* **For Sarah Hunt** re Daniel Gleeson and Bridget Hayes and Cambock.

**New and General Business:**

* **New member.** The Society welcomes Belinda Hebbink a new member from Seven Mile Beach TAS. Belinda has an interest in the Gibson and Blackler families.
* **Missing item.** The whereabouts of the WW1 sheepskin vest that was believed to be owned by the Society was discussed. Laurie advised the vest was not an original but was made by our late member Brian Bean to a CWA pattern for use by the sculptor of the Harry Murray VC statue. Laurie thought the vest may have been owned by Brian and not the Society. None of the members present at the meeting knew of its current whereabouts. **No further action.**
* **Glover thesis.** Our member Susan Hodson has completed her thesis on John Glover which is available on line at:[http://researchonline.federation.edu.au/vital/access/HandleResolver/1959.17/194026](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fresearchonline.federation.edu.au%2Fvital%2Faccess%2FHandleResolver%2F1959.17%2F194026&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4b5e1be44e7d44c5605908dbad9416e3%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638294623806185466%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=0THcCZfWrzxya1RouGzBt2wzbYW1LBxy4gOfpSt2tzY%3D&reserved=0) . Paul has commenced reading the thesis and was very impressed with what he had read so far. Congratulations Susan.
* **Dehumidifier returned for repair.** Sally advised the dehumidifier has stopped working. It is still in warranty. Sally has returned the unit to Breville for repair/replacement. **Action: Sally to update on progress.**
* **Image of Evandale circa 1851.** Paul circulated an image of Evandale he had downloaded. It is by Duncan Cooper. The original is held in the W.L. Crowther (State) Library. The view is from the vicinity of the Presbyterian Church facing South.
* **Longford History Group.** Paul advised he had attended a meeting of the nascent Longford History Group. The unofficial chairperson/president? is Annette Aldersea.
* **Book launch.** Tony advised that the title of his latest book will be *Reaching Out From Willowdene  An Evandale Boy Kicks Goals -  Memoirs and Stories of My mentors.* The book launch will be held at the Launceston Golf Club 4:30 to 6:30 17 November 2013. All EHS members are invited – RSVP to Tony. His book will be on sale at the event for $15 (half RRP).
* **Local history Books.** Tony advised his three volume series of books on local farms/properties has sold-out and is to be reprinted.Tony spoke about the book *Touring Tasmania in the 1880s* – newspaper accounts of Theophanous Jones narrated/edited by D.J. Archer. Also, *Along Pateena Road* by Mary MacRae (which lists the properties settled by Norfolk Islanders along Pateena Road). Tony advised he is happy to lend copies of the books to interested members.
* **Newspaper clippings concerning Evandale issues.** Stephanie Dean circulated and spoke about several recent newspaper clippings concerning Evandale matters (23 Murray Street for sale, development of derelict house in Macquarie Street by Ros Palmer and the Morven Park hedge).
* **Stephanie’s trip to the South West.** Stephanie Dean spoke about her recent visit to the South West of the State including Strahan, Queenstown and Zeehan.

**Next meeting Thurs 19 October at 10:30 am.**

Meeting closed at: 11:50am.