**GLENBROOK & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc.**

**MINUTES**

**General Meeting: 20th of February, 2019** at Glenbrook Guides Hall, 1.30 pm.

**1.** **President welcomes** members and visitors.Welcome letter and badge given to new member Colin Powell. Sadly we have received news of the death of Paul Henningham who was in Bucklands – our deepest sympathy is extended to his family.

**2. Signing** of Attendance Book. **Apologies:** Ian and Anne Collins, Kieran Murnane, Pam Pascoe. **Visitor:** Margaret Johnson

**3.** **Minutes** of General Meeting of 21st of November 2018. To be confirmed.

Moved: G. Nowland / Seconded: J. Peard. All in favour.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

**i) Bills Horse Trough:** with completion of the Visitor Information Centre the meeting expressed that we do still want to review the site with Council and discuss a potential new location.

**ii)** **RAAF 1941 Plaque Clifton Avenue:** Doug – it was agreed at the Management Committee that we place a suitable large block of sandstone and then arrange for a monumental mason to transfer the plaque to the sandstone and remove the remains of the concrete block. Also for Kevin and I that as it is on Council land we should meet with our local Ward 4 councilor, the Mayor, to get him on side.

**iii)** **Scenic Eastern Escarpment Master Plan:** Neil – still awaiting opportunity for consultation on the Eastern Escarpment Mountain Bike and Walking Track Plan.

**iv) West Winds 26 June 2018 reply:**  Bill – sent with no reply back.

**v) Pioneers Wall Family Plaques:** Doug – Application Forms are up the back. The quote of $175 runs out in May. Information and the inscription matching what is down there – 50-60 words to me or the Secretary and the money to the Treasurer. It was suggested we go into the RSVP section of the Sydney Morning Herald. This is a good idea but the cost has to go in and it applies to any family in Glenbrook before 1950.

**vi) Lapstone Hill Railway Tunnel:** Neil – Elizabeth spoke to Chris WrightofNSW Department of Industry – Lands & Water on 23 January 2019 and received an update. Elizabeth relayed to me in writing what was said and I ran it by Chris. A copy of it is in the Correspondence folder and this copy I will send around. Clearing out inside and around the tunnel. With the Remediation Action Plan and Operational Environmental Management Plan sent to BMCS. Kevin has it on the USB stick on Lapstone Hill Railway Tunnel and to report back.

**vii) Christmas Party** Wednesday 5 December 2018: Doug – the number of people who indicated all turned up and it was a good social event.

**viii) Research Pioneer Families of Glenbrook:** Kevin – making slow progress, need a couple of more months and it will end up in the Museum.

**ix) Museum lease with Springwood High School:** Joan – I will sign the new lease for the Museum with the Deputy Principal, Kathy Dean on Friday. There has been a change of policy and the Education Department is promoting more Community use of facilities and we can now have use of the Museum in school holidays and on public holidays.

**x)** **Museum Internet:** Denis – we need to get Museum internet access and we can’t have eHive until we do. We are only on Facebook with no Web page. Spintel have a 5GB plan at $14.95 per month that looks to be best value. We would need to purchase a USB dongle for $99. The Management Committee agreed to it. Accessions can be put onto eHive as well when we have it. Anton – I will set up a monthly direct debit which would I’d say need Neil as a second signature.

**xi)** **Australia Day Stall:** Doug – there had been 5-6 days of fierce temperatures before it and stinking hot on the day. Very few customers and stall holders. We sold only half as much as usual.

**xii) Purchase of book on biography of Frederick Richard Lee R.A. 1798-1879:** grandfather of Lee Weller and has Tim Mier in it on looking after Lee Weller’s grave. Neil – approved to purchase at the November meeting and I received it before the Christmas Party. Book shown to the meeting.

**xiii)** **Air Crash Plaque for Glenbrook War Memorial:** Denis – Neil received in the mail this morning from Stuart Ayres that his representation for a State Government grant had been successful for $885 excluding GST for a new plaque to go on the wall at the bowling club for the 1941 plane crash. A copy of the plaque is being passed around for members to see. Neil will send off the paperwork.

**5. TREASURER'S REPORT:** **i)** Opening Balance: $5763.50 Closing Balance: $5942.20 Total Income: $473 Total Expenses: $294.30. **ii)** Accounts for Payment: Secretary’s Expenses $188.89 Internet bank balance 20/02/2019 $6022.20 Less unpresented cheque #484.

Moved: A Von Schulenberg / Seconded: Pam T. All in favour

With the term deposit renewal the meeting recommended that it be renewed with ME Bank on

4 May 2019 and interest be compounded with it.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE: Received: i)** Mt Wilson & Mt Irvine Historical Society newsletter, August 2018 **ii)** RAHS newsletter 3 December 2018 **iii)** *Family Ties,* newsletter of the Colo Shire Family History Group, December 2018-January 2019  **iv)** FAHS eBulletin No.185, 11 December 2018 **v)** RAHS newsletter 19 December 2018 **vi)** *The Millstone,* newsletter of the Kurrajong-Comleroy Historical Society, January-February 2019 **vii)** Journal of RAHS Volume 104 Part 2 December 2018 **viii)** History magazine of The RAHS, December 2018 No.138

**ix)** RAHS newsletter 10 January 2019 **x)** Bathurst Historical Society newsletter, January-March 2019 **xi)** FAHS eBulletin No.186-Societies, 9 February 2019 **xii)** FAHS Newsletter No. 46,

18 February 2019

**Sent:** Nil

**Business Arising from Correspondence:** Nil

Joan – I have had sent to me an invitation to the 98th RAAF Anniversary. As Denis is now President he will attend and advise the RAAF.

**7. REPORTS:**

**i)** **Fernhill**: Neil relating a report from Pam P. which is in the Correspondence folder and another copy circulating. The property is now in State Government hands. Pam received this from Mulgoa Landcare – The Fernhill property is currently being managed by the Office of Strategic Land (OSL) but will not remain in this portfolio. It is a temporary placement until the site is transferred to the care of either the Western Sydney Parklands Trust (we hope not) or National Parks and Wildlife Service (likely a better option).

**ii)** **Glenbrook Railway Station Upgrade:** Pam P. recommended the Glenbrook Station Upgrade Determination Document to us. Neil – Pam put in a submission and one of her suggestions was to make the lift less conspicuous and they took that up and are to coat it so that it is not as obvious.

**8. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**i) Military History:** Peter Foster spoke on the information he had sent to us via email on

RA Horne, OB Watson, The McPhersons, Sapper Boidin and Cecil Beaumont Mills and asked if

anyone could help with his questions it would be appreciated. It was very much of interest to

the meeting.

**ii)** **Gay Hendriksen Museum Advisor** 26 January 2019: The year will start with a Museum Meet on March 5th at the Cultural Centre. We will look at what is happening over the year and have a catch up and information share. What do you have planned for the year, what things do you need help with, how can we help on projects etc. There are two planned workshops, more news at the meeting. The dates will be May 7th and August 6th.

Denis and Bill will attend on behalf of the Society.

**iii)** Joan – Pam P. had a heart attack or episode. Flowers sent which Pam thanked us for. Down on energy and may not be back for quite a few months. So if someone else can take over the Activities Officer role that would be excellent. The meeting expressed how wonderful the trips Pam organised had been.

**iv)**  Joan – one of Betty Asser’s daughters asked if we wanted to put on display at the Museum her Mum’s wedding dress. 67 years old and in perfect condition. If we don’t then St Mary’s Historical Society is interested but rather we had it. There is a picture of the wedding and the dress in this issue of the Nepean Times. Doug – I have never had to deal with displaying a wedding dress. Pam T. – need to display it on a mannequin. You can get one second hand for a reasonable price. It is not a long dress. Moved: Doug / Seconded: Kevin that we say yes and get a mannequin to put the dress on display with the Nepean Times article. **v)** Pam T. – gave a review of Magda Cawthorne's Hidden History of the Blue Mountains.

She thought there were some inaccuracies in the sections on Glenbrook and Blaxland.

**9.**  Doug – gave an excellent talk on **The Railway Washaway on Lapstone Hill, 1906.**

Covered

Skarratt Family Items

Nell Astin’s rendition

Doug’s rendition

Some real facts presently known

Conclusion

Denis – a lot of research has gone into this talk by Doug. We never stop.

Doug’s talk met with unanimous acclamation.

**11.** **Meeting closed at 2.45 pm**. Signed: ……………………….. Date: ……………

 (President)

  *Minutes: N. McGlashan Time taken for meeting: 75 minutes*