**GLENBROOK & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc.**

**MINUTES**

**General Meeting: 15th of August, 2018** at Glenbrook Guides Hall, 1.35 pm.

**1.** **President welcomes** members, guests and visitors.

**2. Signing** of Attendance Book. **Apologies:** Neil McGlashan, Davina Curnow, Anne Peters, John Dikeman. **Visitors:** Nil

**3.** **Minutes** of General Meeting of 18thJuly 2018. To be confirmed.

Moved: D. Bainbridge / Seconded:P. Thompson. All in favour.

**4.** **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:,,,,,,,,,,,**

 **25th Anniversary of the Society:** 2.00pm, Saturday 1st September 2018.

Joan – About 30 so far coming. on the day David Payne will talk for 10 minutes on “Ulinbawn”, John Dikeman 10 minutes on “Bonnie Doone”

 – 2 of the historic homes in Glenbrook. Elizabeth and Pam T. will talk on their families. Tim about his family. I will talk about my family the Hamments. Doug will talk and give an official mention on the Volunteer Fire Brigade. Elaine Alinta from the Church, and Peter Berry. Shirley Konza, who was secretary for many years, is coming

**ii) Bills Horse Trough:** Joan – Neil on 24th July 2018 received an email reply from

Elizabeth Dudley-Bestow (EDB) -

I have discussed with the architect of the Glenbrook Visitor Information Centre the

possible relocation of the horse trough to a place closer to the VIC.  She raised the following concerns:

* The horse trough appears to have a crack and may break if moved again, and
* The vicinity of the VIC is already cluttered and it would be difficult to find a location for the horse trough that is prominent.

Doug – I am not an expert on reinforced concrete but I will have a look before we answer EDB.

**iii)** **RAAF 1941 Plaque Clifton Avenue:** Denis – I spoke to a stonemason in Springwood who said get onto Council first. I got onto Council and spoke to a bloke who looked after cemeteries. He remembered Geoff Sadler of Council who was involved with the plaque back in 1994. He said we should get something in writing into Council on our proposal. They can then get out the original paperwork. We need to approach the RAAF, RSL and Council. I am thinking to leave it as is – just with a low wall or fencing around it with filling to make it more noticeable. To lift it up would be a mammoth job. Also I think we should get onto the RSL and get a memorial plaque on the wall at the bowling club for the 1941 plane crash as well. I have also registered the St Peter’s WW11 Honour Board as a memorial.

**iv)** **Scenic Eastern Escarpment Master Plan:** Neil has sent a letter to Council, Councilors, State MP’s on our views and seeking consultation on the Eastern Escarpment Mountain Bike and Walking Track Plan. Liaised with National Trust, Blue Mountains Branch.

**v) West Winds 26 June 2018 reply:** Do we have any more to offer?

*Would you possibly have any old photos of the Glenbrook town area from the 40’s or 50’s. There are quite a few of the station which I remember very well and the changes to the train track layout but none of the old township.*

Joan – I’d say Bill will have some photos from back then. I will get him to sort out a few photos to send to her.

**vi) State Archives Kingswood visit:** Tuesday 25th September 2018.

Pam P. – attendance sheet on the table with more information. For security, bags will be locked in lockers where you put $2 in and get it back when you leave. Can take in iPads, smartphones and computers. Morning Tea before the tour which takes 2 hours. Then for those who want to, lunch at the Penrith Hotel, 303 High Street on the corner of Evan Street just opposite Officeworks. Need to have a list of names attending a week ahead to give them time to prepare passes. No cost for the tour which starts at 10.00am.

Car pool and leave outside the Girl Guides Hall at 9.30am.

**vii) Baptism Records St Peter’s:** query from Jacqueline Bates. Elizabeth – there are no records and the newsletter only had the baby’s names. I have been talking to Jacqui. Mr. Munro’s son may be able to help. One of the boys was in the scouts. There were 3 other children in the Bates family, not sure if siblings or not. Know the Glenbrook house where the Bates family lived in the 1970’s.

**5. TREASURER'S REPORT:** **i)** Opening Balance: $5338.82 Closing Balance: $5706.82 Deposits: $368 Payments: Nil **ii)** Accounts for Payment: Neil’s secretarial expenses $224.18 and Visitor Information Centre for placing our brochures $121. Term deposit of $9000 matures 4/5/2019. Total Bank deposits: $14706.82

Moved: A. von Schulenburg / Seconded: K. Frappell. All in favour.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE: Received: i)** FAHS History and Heritage News from around Australia No. 45, July 2018 **ii)** FAHS eNewsletter No.180, 2nd August 2018 **iii)** RAHS eNewsletter July 2018, Issue 2 **iv)** *Family Ties,* newsletter of Colo Shire Family History Group, Aug-Sept 2018

**Sent:**Nil

**Business Arising from Correspondence:** Nil

**7. REPORTS:**

**i)** Doug – when I conducted a History Walk in Knapsack Park I found one of the steel covers on the access shafts to have deteriorated to a point where I was able to break off a piece near the corner, drop a rock in and hear it hit the interior ladder and plonk into the water at the bottom of the shaft.

In the 1970's Sydney Water put a tunnel through the Knapsack Park ridge in order to deliver waste water into Brookside Creek. Could be the responsibility of Council’s Park Management or current Water Board.

At today’s Management Committee meeting it was approved that we tell BMCC about the dangerous condition of the covers and the fact that their condition poses a danger to adventurous adolescents.

Next History Walk is an easy one if you could publicise it as numbers are down. Covering Eastern Zig Zag Railway and Eastern portal of Lapstone Tunnel.

Also some Penrith Historical people are visiting our Museum at 10.00am on Wednesday 5th September for ½ hour or so. It would be good if some of our members could attend.

**8. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**i)** Ian – with the 25th Anniversary booklet Elizabeth and I are putting together. Thank you to all those who have made submissions. We have some good material. The deadline for submissions was extended through to Friday 17th August. If you want to submit something after that date then let me know what it is so I can allow space for it.

**ii)** Joan – The Carey family who were here to scatter Ken Carey’s ashes earlier in May were upset and complaining about the state of their old home in Mann Street. Wondering if we as a Society should complain to Council? Doug – I move not to support the Carey’s on the untidiness of the place and not to make any remarks to Council. Seconded: Michael Ord. All in favour.

**iii)** Peter Foster – spoke to his email which was copied and pasted into the agenda. Cannot find anything on Syd Smith. There is the reminiscence of Stan Bryant-Smith. Photo provided by Denis on the older war memorial at Glenbrook which was mounted with a machine gun.

Doug – Yes, we have a photo of the machine-gun memorial in our photo-file.

The location was adjacent to the 1926 main road memorial associated with "Garlick Parade."  I don't recall seeing any names; however, the photo is not very clear. I think that the honour roll plaque originally cited in the 1911 school room, very likely pre-dates the machine-gun monument. The machine gun became a victim of the pre-1940 "shoot it back at them" scrap metal drives.

Suggestion made to Peter that the Family History Society at Springwood may be able

to help.

**iv)** Jeff Moonie – you may or may not be aware that it is the 100th Anniversary of Warrimoo and we have formed a centenary committee. Looking at celebration from 27 October to 4 November so it is over 2 weekends. Bush Dance, 3 November. Historical display at the school. We had a blurb on it in the Gazette. We have been trawling Trove. If anyone has any photos or information. If Doug can trawl the archives. Doug – there would be the 1968 bushfires, I will see what is there.

Jeff – My contact details are here. We have photos of the village and shopping centre and streetscapes. We have information on the Bewley Family.

**v)** Joan – John Oakey has cleaned the mildew off the **Pointsman's Cottage** outside toilet.

**vi)** Joan – I phoned Kathy Dean about the 2 days Doug was taking people to the Museum and I also ended up speaking to her about the leaves in the gutter. The maintenance man at the school is only there ½ a day a week. Elizabeth had a man clean out her gutters for $130. He blows them off so we may need to rake them up off the ground. Doug – We don’t pay rent so if we pay it justifies the use of the place.

 At today’s Management Committee meeting it was approved that we get this done.

Ian – I noticed when I was last over at the Museum the leaves are building up again under the building and against the fence. May need a skip, not as big as last time.

We should do the gutters first.

**vii)** Joan – my great grandparents and one of Glenbrook’s first families – the Hamments don’t have a plaque for them on the Pioneers Wall. Where do we get the plaques? Doug – from PC Signage and are made of stainless steel. Joan – need one for Selina Hunter as well. Doug – I went through my notebooks from about 4-5 years ago and there are a number of families from that that should be on the Pioneers Wall. So we should not go to PC Signage with a single item but with a group of names. At today’s Management Committee meeting it was approved that as a Society we pay for some of the family names to be put on the Pioneers Wall. Also that Doug be delegated to compile a list of names to be considered for going on the Pioneers Wall with the restoration of the existing ones once the new wall is complete.

Joan – I will pay for the Hamments and Selina Hunter.

**9.** **Meeting closed at 2.35 pm**. Signed: …………………… Date: ……………

 (President)

  *Minutes: N. McGlashan Time taken for meeting: 60 minutes*