



Minutes of the General Meeting held on Sunday, February 10, 2019 hosted by Berwick Pakenham Historical Society

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The Meeting commenced at 3.00pm, following a presentation on Writing History by Patrick Ferry.

Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the September 2018 meeting were accepted on the motion of Robyn Robie which was seconded by Lyne McGregor. Business Arising: The Cemetery Seminar will be held at Cranbourne and will be advertised as part of the City of Casey Ageing Positively Festival in October.

Reports

President - Libby Skidmore

Libby reported on George Bass and the restoration of the church in the town he was born in, Aswarby in Lincolnshire. She also told us about the ScanMarker Air that scans documents through text recognition software (OCR) and uploads it to your computer etc. Looks fantastic <https://scanmarker.com/product/scanmarker-air/> Bass Valley President, Roger Clark, was awarded a Bass Coast Shire Community Award on Australia Day. Congratulations, Roger.

Correspondence - Heather Arnold

Correspondence received since the September 2018 meeting - Bass Valley Historical Society flyer - Dinner Meeting 1/3/2019; newsletter November 2018, February 2019**Brighton Cemeterians Notes January 2019, February 2019**Chelsea & District Historical Society newsletter October/November 2018**Dandenong & District Historical Society *Gipps-Land Gate* October 2018, Christmas lunch invitation, Annual report 2017/2018**Frankston Historical Society newsletter November/December 2018**Heritage Hill - The Secret Garden exhibition**Hastings Western Port Historical Society newsletter December 2018**Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp Historical Society newsletters October 2018, November 2018, December 2018, February 2019**Lang Lang & District Historical Society Newsletter November 2018**Mordialloc College Alumni Association *Ventured* December 2018**Mornington & District Historical Society newsletter November 2018**Narre Warren and District Family History Group newsletter *Spreading Branches* November 2018, February 2019**Phillip Island & District Historical Society – flyer Phillip Island 150th Gala dinner**Rye Historical Society newsletter *White Cliffs* October-December 2018, January-March 2018**Somerville Tyabb and District Heritage Society newsletter December 2018**Springvale & District Historical Society Annual report 2017/2018**Wonthaggi and District Historical Society newsletter *The Plod* October 2018, November 2018.

Libby has received an email on the subject of material relating to Tom Sheehy and SEHA held by the City of Moorabbin Historical Society and a request for support for housing this material with the Friends of Braeside Park and support for a facility in the City of Kingston, along the lines of the City of Greater Dandenong Facility in Hammond Road. This email was not from the City of Moorabbin Historical Society. Leonie Taylor stated that she had been to Box Cottage recently and she was not aware that Moorabbin was closing down, but she will follow it up at a forthcoming

network meeting. Action: Meeting decided not to act until more details are obtained. [Tom Sheehy was a founder of the SEHA and a previous president]

[Note - the correspondence includes an email concerning records held at the City of Moorabbin Historical Society. The email may imply that Box Cottage, run by the CMHS is closing down. This is not the case and I have had the following from the CMHS - "I attended the KCC HS Network Meeting today where I was told that at your SEHA Meeting Sunday it was suggested that Box Cottage would be closing. This is not true and CMHS members will be attendance on Sunday February 24th 2pm -4pm to guide visitors around Box Cottage. 2019 Box Cottage will be open on the last Sunday of the month February to November 2pm - 4pm unless a Public Holiday. CMHS also opens Box Cottage midweek for Groups 10am -2pm by appointment. CMHS would appreciate your informing the SEHA members" This note is not part of the official minutes, it is here for clarification]

Treasurer's Report – Philip Harris

Income to 31/1/2019		Expenditure to 31/1/2019	
Subscriptions	\$360.00	Seminars	\$54.85
Interest	\$ 89.31		
Total Income	\$449.31	Total expenditure	\$54.85

Bank balances - Investment account \$8,665.49; everyday account \$930.03. Total \$9,595.52
Philip moved that the report be accepted; this was seconded by Robyn and carried unanimously.

Project Officer – Lynne Bradley

No news to report.

Sharing

- RHSV are holding seminars on Scanning and digitising and on Publishing Local History books for beginners. See details here <https://seha.org.au/upcoming-workshops-at-the-rhsv>
- Heather advised on some current grants that may be of interest <https://seha.org.au/current-grants>
- Bass Valley Dinner Meeting will be held on March 1. Guest speaker is John Hutchison, President of the Inverloch Historical Society - Historical Societies refocusing. John will talk about how the Inverloch Society has revitalised itself <https://seha.org.au/event/bass-valley-historical-society-dinner-meeting-2>
- Narre Family History Group meeting on February 13 will have Viv Paine, Site Manager Pentridge Prison redevelopment as guest speaker <https://seha.org.au/event/3020>
- Phillip Island meeting will be held on February 13 at 12 noon at the RSL. Christine Grayden, is the guest speaker and she will talk about Samuel Amess, who owned Churchill Island. <https://seha.org.au/event/phillip-island-historical-society-meeting>
- Mordialloc has three new members – one is the Secretary and they are good at digitising.
- Koo Wee Rup's annual luncheon is on May 26. The Guest speaker is Mat Bowtell, who uses a 3D printer to make prosthetic devices <https://seha.org.au/event/koo-wee-rup-swamp-historical-society-dinner-guest-speaker-mat-bowtell>
- Dandenong meets on February 17 and the volunteers will do a 'show and tell' - what goes on behind the scenes. <https://seha.org.au/event/dandenong-district-historical-society-meeting>
- City of Casey Heritage Festival will be held on Saturday, May 4 at the Fishermans Cottage in Tooradin. On May 11 there will also be a High Tea at *Edrington*, the 1905 Arts and Crafts style mansion in Berwick, formerly the home of Lord and Lady Casey. Contact Heather for more details.

Reports

Heather raised the question as to whether we still needed a written report from Groups at each meeting. She has been receiving less and less reports and now with the SEHA website, many Societies having websites, Facebook pages and their own newsletter they seem redundant. The meeting agreed, so we will no longer be requesting written reports. If you have an event that you want publicised, Heather or Lynne will put it on our website.

Meeting closed at 3.55pm. The next meeting will be held on May 5 2019 at 1.30pm. Hosting Group to be confirmed.