

GENERAL MEETING OF AMIENS HISTORY ASSOCIATION

20th May, 2023 – 2:00pm
Amiens Legacy Centre
17 Goldfields Rd, Amiens

Meeting open and Welcome

Dale

Attendance: Dale Minchenton, Morwenna Harslett, Roger & Colleen Willis, Ken Edge-Williams, Jane & Greg Turner, Colleen Willis, Denise & Alec Harslett

Apologies: Heather & Don Dux, Marlene & David Muir, Maree Klemm, Alan Kerr, Barry Creed

Minutes of previous meeting 18th February, 2023

Morwenna

Business arising

Acceptance of minutes Moved Morwenna 2nd Jane

Correspondence

Morwenna

Incoming:

8.3.23 – GBART invitation for advertising in their program

10.3.23 – Amiens State School Invitation to ANZAC Ceremony

6.4.23 – Roger arrow through new building wall

26.4.23 – Paula Boatfield release of Tin Town book for \$75

4.5.23 – RSL acquittal due

Roger

8.5.23 – ACNC submission due 30/6

Roger

10.5.23 – Margaret Hatten Caloundra Probus visit on 8/9 – make a note

Dale

Outgoing:

6.3.23, 2.4.23 & 7.5.23 – AHA Monthly Newsletters

Roger – Proposed trip to France in 2024 – St Josephs

RSL Grant and ACNC both submitted by Roger

General correspondence back and forth:

Greg Turner – Greg Hallam – Railway stuff

Morwenna – Heather – Paula – Village Photos

Rachael Lang – Morwenna – Colleen – Diamondvale fireside chat

Shane Donnelly – Denise – Pikedale Model and a diary rescued from the burnt homestead – thanks to be sent

Colleen – Committee – Fundraising Dinner

Roger – Morwenna – Peggy – Musical Play 9th Nov 2024

Colleen – Catering for Eisteddfod

General enquiries re visits and opening hours

Treasurers' Report

Roger

Opening balance	1/01/2023	\$	3,203.72
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Income

Membership	\$	850.00
Donations	\$	2,153.65
Sales	\$	360.00
Tour Income	\$	360.00
Fundraising	\$	-
Annual Dinner	\$	-
Grants	\$	-
Interest	\$	-
Sundries	\$	-

total	\$	3,723.65
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Expenditure

Tour Costs	\$	53.07
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Tin Costs	\$	-		
Book Costs	\$	20.00		
Maintenance	\$	136.39		
Fundraising costs	\$	-		
ALC Stage 1	\$	2,324.24		
ALC Stage 2	\$	-		
ALC Stage 3	\$	-		
Eisteddfod	\$	-		
Annual Dinner	\$	-		
Fees	\$	341.00		
Sundries	\$	-		
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total	\$	2,874.70	\$848.95	Profit

Balance-As of date of report	\$	4,052.67
Unpresented Chqs	\$	-

Bank Balance at above date	\$	4,052.67
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AHA Treasurer's Report up to 15/5/2023.

There was very little activity in the account in the first 5 months of the year.

Business arising: Please continue to avoid any spending until further notice.
Acceptance of report Moved Roger 2nd Greg

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Publicity Report

Heather

As usual, I send out blogs to many Facebook pages around Queensland if I have information important to possible visitors to Stanthorpe and surroundings.

Every Saturday I send a blog to all the local Facebook pages notifying their followers that the ALC is open on that day and why they should visit. I was very chuffed when the Driver and I were on duty one Saturday to be told the visitors had read about ALC on local a Facebook page! It made my day.

I had a lightbulb moment when I thought of all the attractions along and close to Amiens Road. Why not put them all together so visitors could make a whole day trip along Amiens Road. It has received positive comments and no negative ones so far. Below is the Jewels of Amiens Road.

ACTION: Alec to speak to Heather about adding Casley Mt Hutton to the Jewels

Morwenna to follow up with Heather on updating our current flyers so they are current.

Annual Dinner

Colleen

Dealing with RSL has become more difficult than in the past. There are added costs that we have not incurred in the past, for example venue hire.

Platters + Main (rump + chicken) + Dessert (churros + cheesecake). Charge \$70 per person.

Date set for Saturday 29th July, 2023.

Grants

Marlene

Attached is a current status on our grants which have been applied for this year so far.

1. Bendigo Bank Grant secured by Denise for our work on the Pastoralists. This is complete and the laptop purchased.
2. FRRR Strengthening Rural Communities Grant – applied for by Roger and Marlene. This is to fund our shop fit-out. \$12,574.00 applied for. We should be advised in late June.
3. Community Gambling Benefit Fund Grant - for \$97,800 applied for by Roger. This is for a café or coffee van, depending on how much we get.
4. Acciona Grant - Marlene applied for this for approx. \$5000 for another tank for ALC and a secure pump shed.
5. Qantas Regional Grant - \$3500 applied for. This closed on 10 May. This is to purchase security equipment.
6. Community Sustainability Grant – applied for by Alan and Dale. This is to support the Memorial Lane and Grounds restoration. We should be hearing regarding this in the very near future.

If anyone wishes to add anything to this report, please feel free as I will be an apology for the meeting. Also, if anyone has any information on upcoming grants, please pass to Roger or myself. However, if anyone wishes to

apply for grants on our behalf. Feel free, but I would appreciate being advised so I can save the grants together for reporting and recording.
Lions Club of Stanthorpe to donate \$500 thanks to a request by the Turners. Morwenna to write thank you letter.

Other General Business

The Flag Ropes are broken – Morwenna to write to RSL and MPs requesting replacements.

Ken suggested having a booth at Brisbane Model Train Show, May 12th & 13th 2024 to accompany the model he is building.

Greg Hallam keen to help with display in Carriage and is coming Friday 26th May to meet with Turners. Others welcome to attend.

Dale to approach Maria Ricca to continue maintaining scrapbook of media articles.

Dale to lead a rewrite of what we teach new volunteers as part of how to deliver a tour to visitors.

Roger to coordinate a working group to investigate best options for technology/wi-fi/intranet /internet at the ALC. Stuart Perrett (contact through Greg&Jane) suggested as a useful contact for help with this.

Dale would like a better filing system. Create folders for Southern Downs Regional Council and Department of Environment & Science to store important documents and letter in filing cabinet in office

Remembrance Day 2023 – Aim to officially open the Resource Centre following a Remembrance Day Service. Amiens State School keen to be involved. Dale to liaise with them.

Fun over 50s group came to Amiens for ANZAC Day and helped to plant poppies and rosemary and are interested in returning for Remembrance Day.

Path still under construction but thanks to Candy and Dom Calvisi, David Evans, Chis Poole, Wayne Evans, Darryl and Kevin Gimm. David Muir to organise completion of project on his return.

Schedule next meeting 26th August @ 2pm

Meeting closure 3:42pm

Attachment to Publicity Report

THE JEWELS OF AMIENS ROAD

As you drive along Amiens Road from Texas Road, you will find some incredible jewels along the way. A few of these may be just a short distance away but they are part of the treasure chest which is Amiens Road. Take a day, a week or a month but you may never see all the wonders of Amiens Road.

LES' HONEY SHACK – 41 Bassel Road left off Amiens Road – ph 0474 515 873 - pure raw honey of many flavours, 100% locally harvested.

GRANITE BELT BREWERY – Glenlyon Drive right off Amiens Road – Oh 07 4681 1370 – www.granitebeltbrewery.com.au email info@granitebeltbrewery.com.au – boutique beers, accommodation, functions and dining.

ROBERT CHANNON WINES – 32 Bradley Lane, Amiens a short detour to the right into Bradley Lane. Open – Monday, Tuesday, Friday, 11 am – 4 pm; Weekends 10 am – 5 pm. www.robertchannonwines.com email info@robertchannonwines.com ph 07 4683 3260.

RAVENS CROFT WINES – 274 Spring Creek Road, a short drive to the left of Amiens Rd. Open Friday to Sunday 10.30 am to 6.30 pm. <https://ravenscroftvineyard.com> email gday@ravenscroftvineyard.com

AMIENS STATE SCHOOL AND SURROUNDS – A soldier Settlement School for the Pikedale Soldier Settlement founded in 1920 and still in use today. Original Settlement buildings still in use today are in this area. In Post Office Lane you will see the original Administration building which is part of the Post office structure, the Teachers residence at the end of the lane on the left is still the Head Teacher's residence and the Bush Burse's residence opposite is a private home.

ST DENYS ANGLICAN CHURCH – Trevethan Lane, Amiens to the left of Amiens Road. Call 07 4681 3030 for information about this historic Soldier Settlement Church and service times.

MEMORIAL LANE – In this area you will find the stumps of the Amiens Memorial Hall which now lives as part of the Storm King Dam complex, the cricket pitch, roller and corrugated iron sheds which may have formed part of the sports arena back in the day. The original Methodist Church was also in this precinct before being relocated to Severnlea.

AMIENS LEGACY CENTRE – 17 Goldfields Road, Amiens, a few metres from Amiens Road where it changes direction towards Messines. A repository for the history, stories and memorabilia of the Pikedale Soldier Settlement and the railway branch line from Cottonvale as well as the story of tin mining, the early pastoralists and the township history. Many information boards around the site tell the story of the Amiens and environs if the volunteers aren't on duty. No entry fee, donations are appreciated. www.amiensqldhistory.com email info@amiensqldhistory.com

FOXBAR FALLS CAMPING GROUNDS – 375 Goldfields Road, Amiens – email info@foxbarfalls.com.au – Mob 0477 369 227 – 2 km further along Goldfields Road Foxbar Falls Camping Ground provides delightful bush camping with plenty of space.

AMIENS TREAT FACTORY and MADAME CLAUDE'S CREATION OF GOURMET PRODUCTS – 1760 Amiens Road, Bapaume – French crepes and waffles, light lunches, fudge and much more – open weekends 11 am – 4 pm. Phone - 0409 223 928. Bookings required for lunches.

BAPAUME RAILWAY SIDING SHED - Wain Lane, Bapaume - This is the last remain siding structure of the branch line from Cottonvale to Amiens which serviced the Pikedale Soldier Settlement after WW1. This is on private land but can be easily viewed from Amiens Road.

THE PASSCHENDAELE FOREST - A large forestry plantation between Bapaume and Bullecourt which has provided renewable timber for many years. Many of the trees near Amiens Road have now been felled and I don't know if more planting will be done. I hope so, it was a lovely drive through the huge pine trees.

BOIREANN WINERY - 26 Donnelly's Castle Rd, The Summit. www.boireannwinery.com.au email cellardoor@boireannwinery.com.au Open 10 am – 4 pm Friday to Monday. For lovers of red wine.

DONNELLY'S CASTLE – Donnelly's Castle Road, Pozieres turn right off Amiens Road. A Thunderbolt hideout, great granite rocks, picnic area, magnificent views. Stunning playground for children and picnic site.

STANTHORPE CHEESE & JERSEY GIRLS CAFÉ - Cnr Amiens Road and Duncan Lane, Thulimbah. Handmade cheeses, ploughman's lunches, local relishes etc – ph 07 4685 2277 email info@stanthorpecheese.com.au www.stanthorpecheese.com.au Open every day from 9.30 – 4 pm excepting Christmas and Boxing Days, Good Friday and Anzac Day.

CASTLE GLEN LIQUEURS – 3184 Amiens Road, The Summit. Phone – 07 4683 2363 www.castleglenaustralia.com.au email – info@castleglenaustralia.com.au Wine, Liqueurs, Fortified wines, beers 100% natural, chemical and preservative free. Open daily 10 am – 4 pm.

VINCENZO'S AT THE BIG APPLE – Cnr New England Highway and Maryland Road, Thulimbah. Journey's end. Food, wine, gifts. Ph 0459 380 475.