

**Newcastle Family History Society Inc
Management Committee Meeting
Thursday 21 March 2024 at 10am
Minutes**

Meeting Commenced: 10.30am

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country: MW

Present: Mel W; Marie H; Sharyn B; Laraine C; Rosalie B.

Apologies: Kirstie Carrick; Karen Smith

Minutes of the Meeting of 15 February 2024 as circulated and in the Gdrive. Copy to be placed on Gdrive & on the front noticeboard (by the Secretary), and in the Member's section of the website (by the Webmaster from updated Gdrive) after approval.

Corrections/Amendments:

Motion (Minutes): *"That the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 15 February 2024 be accepted."*

Moved: Mel W **Seconded:** Laraine C **Carried:**
Unanimously

Business Arising/Updates/General Business:

1. Reply to Letter of Invitation to Patrons for 2024 from Lord Mayor

- Mayor Nelmes accepted another term as patron.

2. Senior Citizens' Festival Expo – Update of 11 March 2024 at Town Hall

- A good day was had by all. Mel and Sharyn talked to lots of people. One renewal membership resulted.

3. Seniors' Open Day at NFHS – Update on Saturday 16 March 2024

- Day was well attended. People showed interest in the Society. Some new memberships resulted. Some research was initiated by Laraine. Marie reported that \$865 deposited in NFHS account

following the day, including \$146 for morning teas; \$48 from nicknack stall; and membership payments.

4. Podcasting SIG – Update (MW) – Response to using AI for voices. Future podcasts.

- Positive responses followed from AI inclusion.
- Clive M spoke to IT Group on in-depth issues relating to podcasting.
- Need more topics for podcasts.
- Scripts to be written in advance.

5. AGM Information Ready to be Sent Out

- Date set for 7 May.
- Roles and Responsibilities of office and position holders to be reviewed.
- Management Committee to oversee courses and excursions.

6. Future Planning for 2024 –

Publication - TSMN 2nd Edition now due for release late March.

- To be priced at \$30 in online shop.
- Clive M is working on draft of downloadable PDF.
- Elizabeth has linked Bibliography to resources.

Female Convicts of the HV website will be launched to coincide with publication.

- Domain has shifted from Glenn M's site to a new Domain which Mel has paid for and donated to NFHS.

Publications – They Served Their Country Vol 1 & 2 to be launched on Friday 3 May at Jesmond Bowling Club.

- To start at 11am. As book is printed in colour the profit will be less due to printing costs. However, later downloaded versions will be profitable.

Publication - Hidden Stories: Behind the Sandstone to be launched the same day as **They Served Their Country**.

Beginners Courses for 2024 – Update (KS/LC)

- Meeting has been held to organise the sequence of topics.

Sandgate Tour 19 May – Update – Planning ongoing

- Details will be in the Newsletter.

2024 Excursions/Dates –

Sugar Valley Library & Museum/Lunch at Harrigans – Update

- Was well attended and ongoing collaborations with the Museum's Committee anticipated.

Minmi Courthouse/Lunch 14 June – Update

- Information in Newsletter. RSVPs to VP. If 40 people attend the owner will close the restaurant just to NFHS. An open rather than set menu is preferable.

Lochinvar Cemeteries/Lunch TBC

- Marie H reported that a piece is to be written about an ancestor for the day.

Christmas Fair – Sunday 1 December –

- Plans in progress.

Christmas Lunch – 6 December – book *Poppy's*?

- Since Poppy's was an enjoyable venue last year, Karen S to confirm booking for this year.

Reports:

Correspondence: (as per Gdrive)

Motion: *“That the Correspondence Report be accepted.”*

Moved: Mel W
Unanimously

Seconded: Laraine C

Carried:

Treasurer's Report: (as per Gdrive)

Motion: *“That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.”*

Moved: Marie H *Seconded:* Sharyn B *Carried:*
Unanimously

Motion: *“That the invoices for payment and additional notes be accepted.”*

Moved: Marie H *Seconded:* Sharyn B *Carried:*
Unanimously

Membership Report: (as per Gdrive)

- 11 new members in last month; 4 resignations. Total at present 296.

Motion: *“That the Membership Report be accepted”*

Moved: Sharyn B *Seconded:* Rosalie B *Carried:*
Unanimously

Quarterly Reports for March: (as per Gdrive)

- To be held over to the next meeting

Motion: *“That the Quarterly Reports be accepted”*

Moved: *Seconded:* *Carried:*

Business Without Notice:

- There have been postage increases, affecting costs.
- Market Day at Jesmond Bowling Club to be held on Monday 1 April. Mel W will call for volunteers to assist on the stall.

Close of Meeting: 12.20pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, 18 April 2024 at 10am