

The Arms of Australia Inn

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Cnr. Great Western Highway and Gardenia Ave, Emu Plains

August 2020 COVID-19 UPDATE

Well another month has rolled around again and once again the Management Committee of the Nepean District Historical Society met on Saturday 1st August 2020.

Harry May gave a run down of the Society's current and future financial position regarding Income and Expenditure and expected expenses in the future.

From the start of the Museum's closure Harry has been keeping the Management Committee aware of the Society's Financial situation at each Meeting.

Apart from the rent it has become plainly obvious that the biggest expense the society has is the lease agreement on the photocopier in the Meeting Room.

The Management Committee decided unanimously to cease the lease agreement immediately.

The Committee is fervently hoping that when the museum reopens fully a Grant is available for the purchase of a new photocopier that hopefully will be at a reasonable price with more functionality.

The society has received a generous donation from one of our patrons, Associate Professor Carol Liston, AO and the meeting acknowledged her kindness.

Ken Wright has been working extremely hard on the Society's COVID 19 Safety Plan and presented the meeting with a Power Point Presentation on how Group visits would work. Interestingly, Ken discovered that Family Groups are a very grey area as far as social distancing is concerned.

Ken has also created a QR code for the Museum, which means a Quick Response barcode, which means when a smart phone scans the QR code it will generate an email to the Museum recording the name of the person and date and time of entry.

Craig Werner gave those present some hope regarding the possibility of obtaining some financial relief for our outstanding rent payment to Penrith City Council by way of a COVID 19 Relief Fund announced by Penrith City Council.

Craig has no idea of how much the fund has or how many applications will be received.

Craig's search for other grants continues ...

A general discussion took place regarding what could be the impact of the health crisis on the State of NSW given the serious situation unfolding in Victoria.

With this in mind the future of reopening the museum to the community and the resumption of Monthly Meetings is on hold as the committee felt there would be more clarity next month.

Richard Nutt made the final comment that the 1919 Spanish Flu lasted 2 years.

Stay safe and keep social distancing.

Trish Montgomery
NDHS
Secretary

