



## **Chairman's Report Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

The Glenorchy Battery Association was set up as a Sub Committee of the Glenorchy Community Association in 2001.

As such, we are obliged to table an Annual Report on our proceedings. However, as not a lot actually happens some years, this has not always occurred. This year, we happily have some progress to report.

To bring you quickly up to date, in 2008 the GBA produced the "Scheelite Mining" DVD and this has been steadily selling ever since at Glenorchy Motors, Mrs Woolly's General Store and at the Arrowtown Museum.

In 2013 the GBA arranged for Railton Contracting to reinstate the battery dam, however it failed shortly after it was filled.

Funds raised from the DVD sales have accrued to approximately \$10,000. On 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017 The GBA held an AGM at Bold Peak Lodge with the financial report evidencing a sum of \$12,445 being held in the current account.

At that meeting, Graeme Railton tendered his resignation as Chairman, Paul Hansen stood down as Secretary and was elected as Chair, and Sharon Aitken took up the role of Secretary/Treasurer. Minutes of the AGM attached.

In November of 2017 a bunch of interested people met up at the battery to have a look at the workings and to try to decide whether or not we should attempt to rebuild the dam, and if it was going to be possible to bring water down using the pipes that are still there. The general consensus was that it could certainly be done (photos attached).

In May of this year the GBA had Reid Earthmoving reinstate the dam again at a cost of \$2,150.50 (photos attached). We are well pleased with the result and grateful to Pete for the extremely good rate charged for the work that has been done.

In July of this year Paul discovered a replica stamper (photo attached) in Cromwell and after discussions with Nigel Longman, the engineer who built it, the GBA has decided to work toward purchasing this stamper to be installed at the original site in Glenorchy, the asking price being \$20,000.

On Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> of October Nigel and his wife Annette arrive for the weekend, kindly accommodated free of charge at Camp Glenorchy, so that Nigel can assess our operation and advise how his replica stamper can be installed on the original battery site up on Mt Judah.

The GBA has asked the GCA for continued support in their quest to fund this replica stamper in the form of a Letter of Agreement to submit an application to the Glenorchy Community Trust for their next round of grants. The application has since been submitted.

Paul Hansen  
Chairman GBA

Attached:

GCT grant application form, duly completed  
Minutes of the GBA AGM  
Budget for installation of replica stamper  
GCA Letter of Agreement for GCT Grant Application  
GCA Constitution

Photos:

Replica stamper  
Assessing the pipeline  
Work being done on the dam

## **MINUTES of MEETING**

Held 10:00am at Bold Peak Lodge  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017

Present: Paul Hansen (Chair), Sharon Aitken (Secretary), Laurie Scurr, Hamish Thomson, Steve Hewland, Pat Gollop

Apologies: Alan Temple

Members of the Committee and interested parties attended a brief meeting to formalise the decision made, after the site inspection on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November, to accept the Donerite quote to reinstate a smaller version of the dam above the Battery. Copy of quote signed by those present appended.

Discussion followed around possible ways to reduce the quote if at all possible:

- Steve to ask Dick Watson if he would donate his time on the digger;
- offer Rodney published acknowledgement of work done at the site, and maybe on the Community website if/when we post some news;
- check with Richard Kennett whether or not DoC would permit us to give Rod some of the old pipes brought over from Kinloch a few years ago, as part payment, or maybe we could sell them ourselves to help offset costs if they have no objection.
- Paul to check with Pete Reid whether or not he is still interested in putting in a quote.

Discussion with reference to obtaining some samples of scheelite to keep on site. Paul to contact Doug Veint, who has four or five 44gal drums of pure. Alan is also looking for a sample of natural to show people he talks to. Be good to have some of the rock that came out of the Judah mines. JD advised that McCraes are currently getting around \$35/kg.

Meeting closed 10:30

# Blenorchy Battery Association

## Chairmans Report

27-9-17

- 2001 A new committee was formed to confirm the ownership of the Battery, the water race rights and to advise Crown Minerals of the outcome. This was brought about by the Land Tenure Review. It was important to have a strong local influence on the committee.
- 2003 The Crown had appointed Mr B Elliot from MAE to look into and assist us with tenure.
- 2007 Mr P Paulin proposed a documentary on scheelite mining. This was followed through Mr B Winefield from the Crown was on site to arrange a lease with the GCA and to investigate a water race concession.
- D.O.C replaced timber in the crusher shed and the main drive supporting beam.
- 2008 Conservation Minister P Swain and others inspect Battery after opening of Whakariri Conservation Area.
- Scheelite mining DVD launched at Lodge 110 guests. went well.

2012 Notified that the water race is not available.

2014 looked at old pond at end of race as a alternative supply point. D.O.C. installed water gauge to measure flow in creek. Seemed O.K. for demonstration purposes. Took an excavator there and cleared all the trees.

later water was let in and filled pond but it leaked out in corner where a spring is under pond floor.

2017

We need to have water to be able to see what condition the pipe line down to the Battery is in, hence the proposed application for financial assistance to repair the pond. If this is successful we will then know what is required for replacement.

Our bank account is \$12,445 Credit

Yours faithfully

Ms Raiton Chairman











