



# RYLSTONE & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

50 YEARS OLD IN 2013!

APRIL, 2013

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2013

Talk and powerpoint presentation by Peter McCloy (more details to follow)

### August, 2013

Annual General Meeting – election of office bearers (exact date yet to be decided)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2013

History Week

### 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2013

RDHS Stall at Street Feast

Dear Members,

Since the last newsletter, the Society has hosted two very interesting information sessions. The first was a talk by Adam Godjin and Matteo Volonte from International Conservation Services who returned to complete their work on the mural. Adam and Matteo explained how the last stages of the restoration were undertaken and some of the problems they encountered. They have done a wonderful job! The Society is indeed lucky to be the custodians of such a unique remnant of Rylstone's history or as Adam called it, "a unique piece of Australiana".



On Saturday last, the dining room was full to capacity when we hosted a talk by esteemed author, Grace Karskens. Grace spoke to us about her book, *The Colony* in which she debunks some of the myths surrounding the establishment of Sydney and the lives of convicts and early settlers. Grace's passion for history was evident and her lively talk was followed by questions from the floor.



### Thank You

On behalf of the Society I would like to thank Hugh and Margaret Malone who have been mowing the lawns for

RDHS on a voluntary basis since 2008. Hugh and Margaret will no longer be providing this service. We are very grateful to them for their untiring efforts.

### Other Business

At the last meeting, the Committee discussed the following –

- creating a new website,
- finding a new provider to mow the lawns,
- the stabilisation of the slab shed
- a publicity board for the grounds,
- the new emergency management plan for the Museum
- the donation of 70 history books by Sue Carter,
- advertisements for the apartment to appear in *Western Lifestyle* magazine beginning June, 2013,
- BVI maintenance,
- the mural – lighting, honour plaque, fireplace, publicity
- 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations – update on the anniversary booklet, a possible concert,
- History Week – theme is photography, possibility of a speaker,
- possibility of including BVI gardens in Kandos Garden Fair in November

Helen Marsonet, President

## **VOLUNTEERS WANTED!**

**to help man the Cottage Museum on Sundays**

Please contact Helen on

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