



Monthly Newsletter

Rylstone & District Historical Society

October, 2015

Upcoming Events

Saturday 21st November, 2015

General Meeting 2pm in BVI,
guest speaker Robyn Oakes

Saturday 5th December, 2015

Christmas Party 6pm (still to be
confirmed).

Rylstone-Kandos Show 26-27th
February 2016. RDHS stall,
volunteers needed to assist on
the Saturday 27th February 2016

Family & Local History Group

Join us on the
first Tuesday of each month
in the
BVI Dining Room
10am ~ 3pm

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A Message from our President –

I would like to take this opportunity in reminding and encouraging members to attend the next General meeting of the RDHS on the 21st November 2015 at 2pm in the BVI dining room. Local resident and MWRC 2015 Citizen of the year, Robyn Oakes as well as several other Glew family members will be our Guest Speakers. They'll be speaking to the society about early family life in the district.

Disappointingly, the recent RDHS working bee was poorly supported by our members. On behalf of the society I wish to thank Terrence & Ed for giving up their whole weekend to undertake necessary restoration work to the BVI. Thank you also to the small group of volunteers that assisted on the day with painting and other tasks. The new management committee are all working well and have settled into their responsibilities associated with managing the RDHS. I have pleasure in announcing that Anne Ward has taken on the responsibility of honorary Museum Curator. The Management Committee cannot run the society on its own we need more volunteers from the membership to assist with several tasks necessary to keep the society functioning efficiently.

Assistance is needed to index, catalogue & manage the society's library books. Professional training will be provided to any volunteer that is prepared to undertake digitizing the museum collection. The Bridge View Inn Commercial Activities, a trainee co-ordinator is required to take over from Virginia Hollister who has managed this role for several years. You would act as the liaison person between First National Real Estate and the management committee. The agent manages the tenants. Do you have any expertise in overseeing OH&S? A volunteer is needed to ensure the BVI complex and Cottage Museum is being operated safely. And lastly, volunteer museum guides are needed to keep the museum open on Sundays. If you are interesting in taking on any of the abovementioned roles please contact me on 6379 1121.

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100 Years of ANZAC :

Re-enactment of the 1915

Recruiting Marches.

Honoring the Tooraweenah

'Kookaburra's along the

Castlereagh Highway'.

"Honour the past, celebrate the present and secure the future"

The march will take place between 30th October & 11th November 2015.

Commencing at Tooraweenah on the 30th October and will conclude with a train ride from Bathurst into Central Station on the 11th November marching onto Hyde Park for the Armistice Day Ceremony at 11am.

The participants of the march will camp in Rylstone caravan park on Friday 6th November departing on 7th November for Ilford via Kandos & Clandulla. The local programme commences with the participants marching from the bridge into Rylstone arriving at Rylstone Public School at 2pm for a Memorial and educational activity with students. dinner will be at the Rylstone Club. At 9am on Saturday 7th November participants will march through Rylstone and the Streetfest Celebrations and follow the walking path to Kandos arriving at 11.45am for a memorial service at the Kandos Community Hall and cenotaph. Lunch will be at Kandos RSL, the march will proceed onto Charbon & then via bus to Ilford.
www.cooemarch.org.au

Cottage Museum

Volunteer Guides are needed for the Cottage Museum which is open each Sunday between 10am and 3pm.

The 2016 roster is now being prepared

Training is available please contact

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Working Bee Report – T. Keen

RDHS member attendance was poor at the recent working bee held on Saturday 17th October 2015. Unfortunately, many tasks that were on the maintenance list will have to wait for another day.

With much appreciation I want to thank Alan Willis, Owain James & Anne Ward for their assistance with the sanding and re-painting of the railing on the northern end of BVI front verandah. Ed Windle and myself spent a combined 50+ man hours over the weekend, repairing and re-painting the timber fascia, installing flashing and re-fixing the guttering on the BVI using a knuckle & boom hired for the purpose of undertaking this necessary maintenance.

'A Celebration of the Bylong Valley Way' – report from Debra Bush.

The successful event was held over the weekend of the 24/25 October at Bylong. I took the opportunity to spend several hours last Saturday talking, listening and reading a wealth of information that had been prepared and presented by our F&LHG co-ordinator Fiona Nevell in conjunction with event co-ordinator, local resident and Secretary of the BVPA, Craig Shaw. RDHS & F&LHG member Jeannette McCarthy was also present at the Bylong Hall and was coordinating the recording of documents and photographs contributed on the day. Many visitors to the event came from near and far, many had been residents from long ago coming back to visit the valley before it is changed forever. If you didn't take the time to visit, you missed a great opportunity to meet many people passionate about preserving and contributing to the 'history of the Bylong'. Market stalls selling local goods, live music, poetry readings all added to the ambience of the event. Craig conducted short bus tours into the Upper Bylong Valley giving visitors the opportunity to view the properties, buildings and area of land that will be lost should the proposed open cut and underground mining operation by Kepco proceed.

October Committee Meeting

At our October committee meeting, the following items were discussed...

*Final arrangements were discussed for the Working Bee on 17/10/15.

*Suggestions & discussion of the allocation of Roles & Responsibilities for 2015-16. Committee and general members to be invited to continue with or filling several roles. Please refer to the President's report for the list of vacancies.

*ArtsNSW Grant Application prepared & lodged by T. Keen. The application is seeking funding for the enclosure of the north eastern verandah on the museum which will create a storage area, computer research stations and workbenches and will also assist with the purchase of office furniture.

If you would like any further information please ask a committee member.