



Rylstone & District Historical Society

Monthly Newsletter

November 2014



You're invited to the...

RDHS Christmas Party

11th December, 2014

at 6pm

in grounds of the
Cottage Museum.

BYO picnic, chair, table
and a plate to share.

Tea and coffee will be
provided.

*NB There will be no general
meeting before the party
because the November
meeting was held less than a
month before.*

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Dear Members,

Welcome to the November newsletter - the last one for 2015.

Working Bee

The day was sunny and became increasingly warm - not ideal for a working bee. Nine members participated and I wish to thank them for their efforts. Some people came for just a couple of hours and every minute helped.

The BVI veranda floor was given a coat of oil and sikaflex filler was applied to gaps that had developed in some of the veranda railing joints. Terrence Keen's skills were much appreciated for that task.

Other jobs included washing the veranda railing, weeding the community garden, cleaning gutters and touching up paintwork in the Bar prior to it being opened for business by Margot Palk.

As is always is the case, a number of planned tasks remain unattended to and have been deferred to mini working bees. These include a second coat of oil to the veranda floor, oiling all other external walls, removal of a dead prunus tree near the school fence, cleaning shutters, windows and doors and repainting the toilet floors.

The next major working bee would normally be scheduled for March 2015 so I would suggest it be held in late March to escape hot weather, school holidays and Easter. Eric Williams

StreetFeast

It was not a good day weather-wise. The windy conditions made the day trying with one brief shower about entrée time. None the less, with the use of a tarpaulin, no damage was done to the merchandise. Financially the stall was a success with a profit of \$367.10. The raffle sales were outstanding thanks to Tricia Atchison's excellent work talking to feasters and selling tickets. The raffle was won by Joseph Thomas of Winmalee. Nine members volunteered for the stall and I thank them for persevering on such a windy day.

New member

A warm welcome to new member Alison Faucett.

Family & Local History

Join us on the first Wednesday
of each month in the

BVI Dining Room

10am - 3pm



CONVENT &
CHAPEL
WOOL SHOP

OPEN

Friday - Monday 10am - 4pm



Cottage Museum

*Volunteers are needed to
open the Cottage Museum
on Sundays.*

Training is available.

Contact Helen on 6379 0772

Family History Group's First Excursion

RDHS was commissioned to photograph historic 'Tarwyn Park' in the Upper Bylong valley. The Family & Local History group took on this important undertaking. We are very grateful to Ann, Stuart and Megan Andrews for sharing the history of this historic property and for their hospitality. The photographs and information gathered on the day will be added to the Society's pictorial history of the area its research archive.



Water tanks on 'Tarwyn Park'.
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New Business in the BVI Bar and Snug

The Bar and Snug areas in the Bridge View Inn have been leased to a new business. The Convent & Chapel Wool Shop, run by Margot and Gemma, will be open Friday - Monday, 10am - 4pm. The shop will provide a unique and memorable experience for knitters offering premium artisan yarns to the discerning knitter. Knitters are guaranteed to discover something new and very special in the shop.

Committee Meeting

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

- ✦ Discussion on asking membership to increase the number of ordinary members on the Committee from 3 to 5.
- ✦ Strategic Plan for 2014-2017
- ✦ Roles & Responsibilities
- ✦ Committee has accepted all recommendations of the Cottage Museum Think Tank.
- ✦ Donation to Rylstone Public School for end of year prizes.
- ✦ RDHS representative on Rylstone & Kandos Business & Tourism group - Peter Monaghan.
- ✦ Slab Shed repairs - quote for repairs to be sought.
- ✦ 2015 calendar of events

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