



Monthly Newsletter

Rylstone & District Historical Society

February, 2016

Upcoming Events

RDHS Working Bee – at the Cottage Museum & Bridge View Inn Saturday 19th March 2016 .

Aboriginal Travelling Exhibition to be held at the BVI dining room between the 14th to the 16th April 2016. (exhibition times to be determined).

May General Meeting Saturday, 21st May 2016 at 2pm in the BVI dining room

Family & Local History Group

Join us on the first Tuesday of each month
10am - 3pm
Contact Fiona Nevell on
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A Message from our President –

The RDHS stall at the Rylstone Kandos Show on the 27th February was a great success with 11 RDHS assisting on the day. Special thanks to Ed Windle who have up his whole day to run the stall, Peter Monaghan for assisting with the set up at the start of the day and selling more than a book of raffle tickets during the morning. Virginia Hollister, Anne & Kodie Ward for their assistance during the day, Jo Williams for coming all the way from Blackheath to assist and the other helpers during the day included Chris Smith, Lori Grabham, Debra Bush, Sue Pridmore & Terrence Keen. The RDHS raffle was a great success and was won by M. Stokes of Breakfast Creek, the prize being an overnight stay for 2 at the BVI apartment and a meal voucher for \$80 at the Globe Hotel.

More volunteers are needed to assist at the museum, please consider volunteering as a guide, training will be provided, please contact me on 6379 1121.

Paul Toole MP visited BVI complex and museum on the 13th February 2016. Paul was invited tour the BVI precinct and discuss the possibility of a grant to construct a toilet at the rear of the museum and possible repairs to the slab shed. Paul's recommendation at the meeting was to apply for a 'Community Grant', applications for 2016 will be advertised in the next few months. He sincerely appreciated the tour and lunch and thanked RDHS for the invitation.

The 3 guest speakers at our February General meeting presented an interesting overview of the Bylong Project, many thanks to Robert Power, Kane Smith and Scott Lee. It is hoped that it may be possible in the future to arrange an excursion to the historic homesteads in the Bylong Valley that are now owned by Worley Parsons.

RAHS AUTUMN 2016 Calendar of

Events is on display in the Museum office and schedules many interesting excursions and workshops further information is available at www.rahs.org.au/events or call 9247 8001. Several excursions being offered include a grand tour of Goulburn on Wed 30/4, Royal Australian Navy's Garden Island on Thurs 5/5, Scanning your photographs on Wed 15/6 and many more interesting subjects.

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CWA Kandos Gardens Fair

2nd & 3rd April 2016

12 Open Gardens in Kandos
& Rylstone

Guest Speakers – Costa
Georgiardinis of the ABC
Gardening Show; Diego
Bonetto – wild food forager;
Fiona Ogilvie of the Land

Kandos Garden Market at
the Kandos Community
Centre, Market Garden
Themed stalls.

Garden Art Trail with a self
guided walking tour
featuring garden objet d'art,
sculpture, nurseries and
other over-the-front-fence
attractions.

kandosgardens@gmail.com
www.kandosgardensfair.com

Cottage Museum

Volunteer Guides are needed for the Cottage
Museum which is open each Sunday between

10am and 3pm.

Training is available please contact

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February 18th General Meeting Guest Speaker report by Debra Bush, Sec.

On Thursday 18th February 2016 8 RDHS members met at the Globe Hotel for tea prior to the February General meeting. Kane Smith & Robert Power, 2 of our guest speakers from Worley Parsons also joined us for tea giving those attending the opportunity to chat casually before their presentation at the meeting. We all adjourned to the BVI dining room where we were joined by another 10 members. Scott Lee the third Worley Parsons representative arrived in time for the meeting, the 3 gentlemen gave an informative presentation about the Bylong Project, how Worley Parsons recognizes the significance of Aboriginal archaeological and cultural heritage and historic heritage in the Bylong Valley, and is committed to minimizing potential impacts of the Bylong Coal Project to the cultural and historical values of the locality and the region. They gave an overview of the proposed Bylong Coal Project and the work and studies completed to support heritage management." Scanned copies of the documents they presented to members can be forwarded to interested members, please email your request to the RDHS Secretary at rylstonehistory@westnet.com.au.

National Trust Magazine has also been received. Articles include Colonial Architects & their contributions throughout the colony. Lithgow Branch of NT are offering a coach tour of Harley Valley Secret Treasures on Saturday 30th April cost is \$65 bookings can be made through Lithgow Visitors Centre on 1300 760 276. And for those interested in fashion and costumes – Miss Fisher's Murder Exhibition Series 3 is open on between 15/3 & 19/6 at Old Government House Parramatta.

February 2016 Committee Meeting

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

- * RDHS Stall at the Rylstone Kandos Show, final arrangements.
- * Maintenance report included photos taken of the repairs undertaken at the Oct. 2015 working bee to the damaged fascia on the BVI & approval to purchase a new commercial grade mixer tap for Na Lan's Kitchen.
- * BVI report, linen inventory completed approval given to purchase new doonas & electric blankets for the BVI apartment.
- * Thyme out Garden repairs and upgrade to irrigation system to be undertaken in cooler months, new signs to be made and installed.
- * Museum Group report - RDHS audio tapes being transcribed by S. Pridmore & RDHS photographs being scanned and saved digitally by D. Hatton.
- * Birds Hut Excursion planned for April has been postponed.
- * Aboriginal Travelling Exhibition to be displayed in the BVI dining room is planned for 14-16th April 2016.

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