



Monthly Newsletter

Rylstone & District Historical Society

May, 2016

Upcoming Events

2016 Annual General Meeting and August General Meeting

Saturday, 20th August at 2pm in
the BVI dining room

Trash & Treasure Market Day

Saturday 10th September 2016

October RDHS Working Bee

Saturday 15th October 2016,
9am – 3pm BVI Complex and
Museum.

Street Feast

Saturday 5th November 2016

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 –

For the third time this financial year I can announce that the Rylstone District & Historical Society has been successful in receiving a grant, this time from KEPCO Bylong Australia Coal Project, Worley Parsons resources and energy for \$2845. The grant money will purchase a new computer, workstation, filing cabinets and a bookcase. This will enhance family research and provide a photographic digitization workstation at the cottage museum in the planned extension. I wish to sincerely thank Virginia Hollister for preparing and lodging the grant on behalf of the RDHS. Virginia's expertise certainly assisted the society in qualifying for the grant. The committee's proposal of a Trash and Treasure market was discussed at the recent May General Meeting and was enthusiastically supported by those members in attendance. It was decided that the 10th September 2016 was the most suitable date in September as it will coincide with the upcoming MWRC Election and eligible local voters will be visiting Rylstone to vote during the day and this should increase visitors to the trash & treasure market.

It is also proposed that the photo identification museum display will be held in the BVI dining room on this day and will encourage local residents to visit the BVI and view the many RDHS photographs of unidentified persons and will add to our local family history.

Please consider becoming a Volunteer Museum Guide, can you spare just a few hours on a Sunday to assist with keeping the Museum open to visitors to our town? Please call me on 6379 1121 to discuss what is involved.

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Mid Western Regional Council

MONDAY HISTORY TALKS

Date : Monday 6th June 2016

Time 10.15am

Venue : Mudgee Library, 64
Market Street, Mudgee

Special Guest

Barbara Hickson
(Architect)

To discuss Local
Heritage Impact

Light refreshments will be provided

Contact Rachel Carr 6378 2740
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Please RSVP by 1st June 2016 for
catering purposes. Gold coin
donation appreciated

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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Blue Mountains History Conference - Artefacts, held on 7th May 2016 at Mt. Victoria – report from Anne & Kodie Ward

On the 7th May we attended the conference run by the Blue Mountains Museum Groups. This was held at the Victoria & Albert Guest house which was a grand old building built in 1914.

There were many guest speakers who all contributed to the day by talking about and showing some of their favorite artefacts from the different museums. They included stories from mining in the past by the Lithgow Mining Museum, the story of a 200 year old bedspread made by an 8 year old girl and the history of the Scotch Thistle Inn in Blackheath, the head of the Scenic Railway in Katoomba spoke of the history of the rope and buckets that were used in the original mining of the area. These are just a few of the items that were discussed.

The highlight of the day for us was Professor Ian Jack from Sydney University who spoke about what makes an artefact, he told some stories from his archaeological digs and his contribution to archaeology in Australia. He has had the privilege to work at many historic houses in this area and had us envious of his job and fascinated by his stories.

We also enjoyed a lovely Devonshire tea and hot homemade soup in the dining room and had a chance to socialize and make some new friends from other museums and share some ideas which we will bring back to our museum. It was a great day and I would recommend if anyone gets a chance to attend another similar conference definitely go and enjoy.

Welcome New Member : Elaine Myors May 2016 Committee Meetings

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

- * Planning and discussing alterations and improvements for the Cottage Museum extension, plans prepared and estimates considered.
- * \$282 made from sale of remaining Red Poppy Brooches on 24/4/16, donation of \$141 representing 50% of sales to be made to Legacy.
- * Microwave and urn purchased from Community Shop donation, for Museum Volunteer Guide use when on duty on Sundays.
- * Proposed additions to RDHS social media platforms by member D. Hatton
- * Assessment report from ST of Nick Carter's donated reference books.
- * Proposed 2016-17 Draft Financial Budget to be presented at the May General Meeting on 21st May 2016.
- * Progress being made on refurbishment of 'Thyme out Garden' and works still to be completed.
- * RDHS Membership renewal – fees to remain as 2015-16 for 2016-17
- * Report presented from Vice President Ed Windle on recent seminar attended on 23/4/16 at Lithgow Library on 'Disaster Planning' report includes 'best practice in a disaster'.
- * Confirmation of successful grant application from Kepco Bylong Project of \$2,845. Money received will contribute to the purchases that will enable 'family history research' to be undertaken at a dedicated workstation in the cottage museum i.e. computer and accessories and other resources. If you would like any further information please ask a committee member.