

# RYLSTONE & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# 2013 – OUR 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY!

MAY 2013

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2013

7pm General Meeting in the dining room

# Thursday 18th July, 2013

7pm - Talk by Peter McCloy

The search for Marion Stewart and John Davis

# Thursday, 15th August, 2013

7pm Annual General Meeting – election of office bearers followed by a General Meeting

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

History Week

# 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2012

Our Birthday Celebration — details to follow

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

RDHS Stall at Street Feast

# 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2013

Kandos Garden Fair.

#### December, 2013

Christmas Party (exact date to be decided)

#### Dear Members,

The Committee's last meeting was, as usual, a busy one. As you can see, dates for events in the second half of the year have been finalised, with just a couple still to be locked in.

### General Meeting

A General Meeting will be held on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm in the dining room. Members are invited to meet for dinner at 6pm at the Globe Hotel prior to the meeting. Please contact Pat by phoning 6379 1314 or emailing rylstonehistory@westnet.com.au)if you would like to join us for dinner.

#### Talk by Peter Cloy

Our July meeting will be a talk by Peter Cloy who will present an interesting but challenging narrative of the history of the district. Peter is a descendant of Marion Stewart and John Davis, a convict more than 30 years her senior. The sons of Marion and John purchased land, including Ginghi, in the Bylong Valley in the 1860s. Peter's research has shown Marion to be one of the outstanding pioneer women of the Rylstone area.

#### History Week

Due to the Society's very busy calendar this year, the Committee has decided not hold any special History Week event this year. It was felt our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary program

of speakers, the completion of the mural and an Anniversary booklet would more than compensate. We are having a year-long celebration of history!

#### Other Business

At the last meeting, the Committee discussed the following –

- new provider to mow the lawns
- 2013 2014 budget,
- Bridge View Inn tenancies
- All sash drops in BVI dining room windows have been repaired,
- discussion about fire options for the dining room fireplace,
- repair of the cellar door,
- repair of the Snug chimney,
- general BVI maintenance,
- 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations discussion regarding date for birthday celebration and possible launch of the anniversary booklet
- Kandos Garden Fair The Community Garden we will be open and we will provide afternoon/morning tea and possibly a short talk
- the possibility of reprinting Rylstone – A History of Settlement
- the possibility of holding an exhibition in the museum
- request granted for the Museum to be opened out of hours for a visiting caravan group

## **VOLUNTEERS WANTED!**

# to help man the Cottage Museum on Sundays

Please contact Helen on 6379 0772.