



RYLSTONE & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2013 - OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY!

JULY, 2013

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, 15th August, 2013

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

12th October, 2013

Our Birthday Celebration –
details to follow

2nd November, 2013

RDHS Stall at Street Feast

9th November, 2013

Kandos Garden Fair.

December, 2013

Christmas Party (exact date to be
decided)

Dear Members,

The AGM will be held next month so this will be the current Committee's last newsletter. We hope you have found it informative and that it has been useful in keeping you up-to-date with the Society's business.

Talk by Peter McCloy - *The search for Marion Stewart and John Davis*

Around 30 people packed into the dining room on 18th July for the talk by Peter McCloy. Peter is a descendant of John Davis, Marion

Stewart, Thomas Harris and Patience White. Peter shared his family history journey and posed some interesting questions about the narratives, already penned, of the district. He also shared his admiration for the many women such as Marion Stewart, who were outstanding pioneers of the Rylstone area.



AGM & General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, 15th August at 7pm in the BVI dining room. It will be followed by an ordinary General Meeting. Pat has already sent out minutes, an agenda and the budget figures for your information. Members are invited to meet for dinner at 6pm at the Globe Hotel prior to the meeting. Please contact Pat by phone on 6379 1314 or by email (see address below) if you would like to join us for dinner.

**Membership Fees
are now due!**

BVI and Cottage Museum

You will notice on the agenda for the next General Meeting two items, numbered 6 and 7, relating to the future management of the BVI and the future direction of the Cottage Museum. Please consider the following before the meeting.

The BVI Apartment brings people to the building and contributes about \$7,000 net to the RDHS budget.

However the management time it consumes is not sustainable by our volunteers. So, the question is:

Do we keep the apartment as a RDHS B&B or do we lease out the space?

The following options, along with any others raised on the night, will be discussed...

- keep it as it is but pay for a higher level of service from an agent;
- keep it as it is and pay a manager to handle daily business;
- lease it out to someone else to run it as a B&B;
- lease out the space and no longer run a B&B.

Cottage Museum - After the successful restoration of the BVI and the Mural, the Committee is turning its attention to the sustainable operation of the Museum and recommends a working party think-tank, to report by June 2014, be established to plan the future development of our Museum.

Questions for consideration: • What important stories should the museum tell? • Should RDHS provide better family history research facilities? • How best to use the space available?