



# Rylstone & District Historical Society

Monthly Newsletter

April, 2015

## Upcoming Events

### Saturday 9th May 2015

Excursion to Bathurst Bicentennial Celebrations - Proclamation Day and Colonial Fair

### Thursday 21st May, 2015

General meeting 7.30pm in BVI Dining Room. Dinner at the Globe at 6pm prior to the meeting. *Please note there will be no guest speaker.*

### Thursday 21st August, 2015

Annual General Meeting 7.30pm in BVI Dining Room. General Meeting to follow.

### 3rd-11th September, 2015 - History Week "Stitches in Time"

Rylstone Autograph Quilt Exhibition in Rylstone Hall

### Saturday 7th November, 2015

Stall at StreetFest 8am - 4pm

### Thursday 19th November, 2015

General Meeting 7pm in BVI

### Thursday 10th December, 2015

Christmas Party 5pm (still to be confirmed)

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Dear Members,

## Vale Bruno Marsonet

It is with sadness we note the passing of Bruno Marsonet, a Society member of long standing. Following a career in building and joinery, Bruno and his wife, Helen, returned to live in Rylstone where they lived in and lovingly restored Joseph Taylor's cottage. Bruno offered his skills to the Society where he repaired and restored all manner of timber items in the Bridge View Inn and the Cottage. He gave generously of his patience and support for Helen in her roles as Curator and President. Bruno greeted people with enthusiasm and was kind and thoughtful. He will be missed.

## General Meeting

The next general meeting will be held on Thursday 21st May, 2015 in the BVI Dining Room. Please join us for dinner at the Globe Hotel prior to the meeting at 6pm. For catering purposes, please contact Secretary, Debra. Please note, our guest speaker, Rod Leffley, will be unable to attend the meeting due to an overseas commitment. Rod will reschedule and we look forward to hearing him talk about Bird's Hut, Dick's Cave and blacksmith's shop, and Ganguddy homestead.

## Bathurst Excursion

Members, family and friends are invited attend the Bathurst Bicentennial Celebrations on Saturday, 9th May, 2015. We will meet at 9.15am at the BVI and travel in groups to Bathurst. An information form with more details will be sent out shortly but the goal is to attend the Colonial Fair - part of the Bicentennial Celebrations of the proclamation of Bathurst by Governor Macquarie in 1815 - and take in the two exhibitions in town. For those wanting to experience the light show and food fair in the evening, make sure you indicate this on the excursion form so we can ensure enough drivers will be staying to ferry those folks home. The 2 historical exhibitions are on at the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre at 105 William Street Bathurst from 10 to 5 pm.

## New Member

A warm welcome to new member Lesley Pennell. We hope you enjoy your association with the Society.

## Research Help Needed

The following research enquiries have been received by the Society. If you can assist with any information relating to these requests please contact Fiona by email at [research@rylstonehistory.org.au](mailto:research@rylstonehistory.org.au) or phone 0478 669 706.

### **MILNE, Herbert Forbes** (1868-1924)

Mr Milne was headmaster at Rylstone Public School 1910-1913. Information is being sought relating, in particular, to a silver tea service which may have been presented to Mr & Mrs Milne at his send-off dinner around 28 August 1913.

### **Bylong Catholic Cemetery Burials**

Identification of those buried in Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Cemetery in Bylong is being urgently sought as the site is expected to be impacted by the open cut mining operations planned for the area.

## Family History Group News

On 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March thirteen local and family historians from Rylstone, Kandos, Gulgong and Mudgee spent two days at State Records in Kingswood. We undertook an extended tour of the facility then went on to search the records. All discovered valuable information relating to their local and family history. We hope to return to State Records in the spring for another session. Anyone interested in joining the group would be most welcome. *Fiona Nevell*

## Working Bee

A working bee was held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Unfortunately, it was the same day as voting day and the Bylong Swap Meet so numbers were down. However, half of the BVI verandah railings were cleaned, sanded and painted. The remaining half and the upstairs verandah will be the focus of the next working bee. Gutters were cleaned, trees trimmed and garden work was undertaken. Thanks to Tricia Aitchison, Peter Monaghan, Margaret & Hugh Malone, Virginia Hollister and Belinda Webster for their fine efforts. *Terrence Keen*

## General Meeting on a Saturday

There has been a suggestion that occasionally, a General Meeting be held on a Saturday. This will be discussed at the May General Meeting. If you have any comment on this idea and can't get to the usual Thursday night meeting, please speak to a member of the committee or email the Secretary.

## Museum working party

This sub-committee is currently working on updating the Museum Collection Policy. The 'Principles of Selection' have been defined and will help guide accessioning and deaccessioning of items. If you are interested in the future of our Museum and would like to come along to a meeting, please contact Jeannette on 63791095.

## Thank You

The last newsletter contained an article about the 'Peace Medal', also known as the Victory Medal. The Society would like to thank Tricia Aitchison for donating a Peace Medal to the Society.

## Committee Meeting

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

- ♦ Valuation report for insurance received from Hugh Bateman of The Property Shop. It will be tabled after a few points have been clarified by Virginia.

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- ✦ Updating and printing of BVI apartment flyers - Three quotes have been sought, Printstorm quote accepted. 1000 flyers for BVI apartment will be printed for \$182.50.
- ✦ Tenants - small rent increases took effect on 1st March. These increases are necessary to keep pace with increases in electricity and water costs.
- ✦ Wasps have become a problem around the BVI. Stone's Pest Control will not be in the area until June and a special call out would cost several hundred dollars. While the problem is controllable, we will continue to use a knock-down spray when needed.
- ✦ Advertising - The BVI apartment is currently advertised on the tourism sign at Ilford. We will continue this with a payment of \$100 to Rylstone Kandos Business & Tourism.
- ✦ Quilt Exhibition - planning discussion
- ✦ Committee member, Ed, reported on the security workshop held in Kandos by the Central Tablelands Chapter of Museums Australia. A document '*Museum Security - safeguarding your collection*' was tabled.
- ✦ Bylong Catholic Church - discussion regarding a request for information about the burials in the churchyard. Society will reply and ask for copies of any information for the archives.
- ✦ Museum Guides - a shortage of volunteers is causing concern.
- ✦ Letter to members requesting volunteers has resulted in only one reply. No other offers of assistance to date.
- ✦ Succession planning - discussion - President, Vice President and Museum Curator's positions will become vacant at August's AGM.
- ✦ Maintenance request forms are being developed so jobs can be prioritised.
- ✦ Bird's Hut - Ed Windle and Peter Monaghan to photograph and document the hut for the Society. Rod Leffley, owner of Bird's Hut, was going to speak at the May meeting but he will be unable to attend due an overseas commitment. He is happy to reschedule.

## Family & Local History

Join the 'History Hunters' on the  
first Wednesday of each month  
in the  
BVI Dining Room  
10am - 3pm

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