



Rylstone & District Historical Society

Monthly Newsletter

February, 2015

Upcoming Events

Saturday 14th March, 2015

CTCMA Security Workshop in Kandos (see email sent to members)

24th & 25th March, 2015

Family History Group visit to State Records in Kingswood.

Saturday 28th March, 2015

Working Bee 9am-3pm with BBQ lunch provided

Saturday 9th May 2015

Excursion to Bathurst 200th Year celebrations - Proclamation Day and Colonial Fair

Thursday 21st May, 2015

General meeting and Guest Speaker 7.30pm in BVI Dining Room. Dinner at the Globe at 6pm prior to the meeting.

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

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Dear Members,

Museum Working Party

The Working Party held its first meeting at 2pm on Saturday, 7th February, 2015 in the BVI Dining Room. There were 7 people in attendance.

The meeting decided its first step would be to rewrite the Cottage Museum's Collection Policy. Members are currently reviewing the themes that should be the focus for the Museum. The results from the Museum survey sent out by the Think Tank last year, will play a prominent part in determining these themes.

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.

Family History Group News

On 24th and 25th March a group of local and family historians from Rylstone, Kandos, Gulgong and Mudgee will be travelling to State Records in Kingswood. State Records has agreed to provide a tour of the Reading Room and some areas which are normally off limits to the public at 2pm on the day of our arrival. Many in the group will be staying at bunk accommodation nearby. Limited places are still available.

Committee Meeting

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

- ✦ Roles & Responsibilities - members to be asked to fill vacancies at next meeting.
- ✦ Quotes being sought for auditing of the Society's books.
- ✦ Investigations ongoing re wi-fi in the BVI Dining Room and changing the Society's email address.
- ✦ Application for Bogee Quilt Exhibition in the BVI Dining Room in April, 2015 has been withdrawn.

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- ✦ Information regarding the Central Tablelands Chapter of Museums Australia's March seminar to be emailed to members.
- ✦ Hugh Bateman to provide an accurate heritage valuation of buildings for insurance purposes.
- ✦ Updating and printing of BVI apartment flyers.

1919 PEACE MEDAL by Helen Marsonet

The 1919 Peace Medal (also known as the Victory Medal) was issued to every child in Australia aged 0 – 14 years and aged up to 16 years if parents were in the armed forces.

The medal commemorates the signing of the Treaty of Versailles in June 1919 that formally ended WW1. It was designed by Charles Douglas Richardson who was well known for his sculptures. 1,670,000 medals were manufactured. The medals were silvered bronze, with silver issues for special presentations. The Defence Department supplied a red, white and blue striped ribbon and pin. Distribution began in 1919.

It is my belief that RDHS Cottage Museum has a piece of the ribbon used to hold the medal. I found it together with an army hat Rising Sun Emblem and other WW1 ephemera many years ago. I wonder if we had a medal at some time in the past? I found out about the existence of these medals through an issue of Randwick and District Historical Society's newsletter which a member forwards to the Society for reference and interest purposes.

The front of the medal features a laurel wreath above which is the King's crown with the word 'Victory' over the rays of the sun. A sailor and a digger stand at ease on either side of the wreath within which is cast 'The Triumph Of Liberty And Justice' Below the wreath is a small panel with the words 'The Peace Of 1919'.

The reverse features a symbolic figure of PEACE holding a sword and standing on a plinth marked 'Peace 1919'. Behind her fly two doves and at her feet two figures are freed from their shackles.

As we are commemorating WW1 this year, I am wondering if someone has one of these medals. As so many were manufactured, it is likely that there are some lying around in boxes or drawers and are perhaps, unknown to the owners as to what they represent. The picture below is from the internet but if anyone has one of these medals, the Society would like to photograph it and add information about the original recipient to its archives.

Sources: Eileen James and Hazel Brombey, R&DHS files, www.museumVictoria.com.au

Family & Local History

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

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1919 Peace Medal

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