



RYLSTONE & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MAY, 2014

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, 3rd June, 2014

6.30pm - Globe Hotel - A dinner to farewell Sally and Bob O'Neill

June / July 2014

Excursion to Capertee Valley.
Date to be confirmed

Thursday 21st August, 2014

5.30pm General Meeting and AGM

6th - 14th September, 2014

History Week

Dear Members,
Welcome to Jim Jamieson who has rejoined the Society.

Excursion to Capertee Valley

This excursion was planned for 31st May. After the General Meeting it was decided to move this event to a date in June or July because it clashes with the Long Gully farewell party.

Membership Fee Changes

The Committee has decided to make a change to the membership fee to make it more equitable for members. The fee for membership will remain at \$22 as will the fee of \$11 for partners of full fee members. A fee of \$11 will be available for members on a government pension. Your fees contribute to things such as volunteer insurance, telephone, internet, water,

Cottage insurance, electricity and council rates.

Museum Think Tank

The sub-committee members would like to thank all those who participated in the Museum Survey. The surveys will be reviewed at a meeting this month and results, along with a series of recommendations, will be presented at the AGM in August. The sub-committee is also hoping to hold a meeting prior to the AGM so members and volunteers can have input before recommendations are formally presented. Details of this meeting will be sent to members so watch your inbox.

Standards in the Rylstone Heritage Conservation Area

There was discussion at the General Meeting on 22nd May regarding the preservation of buildings in the Rylstone Heritage Conservation Area. Two recent events were discussed - the removal of stone buildings at Hall's Corner and the removal of terrazzo stones when the ATM was installed at the Café on Louee. The meeting moved the RDHS liaison with Streetfeast and RKB&T groups and invite the Council Heritage Officer to Rylstone to discuss the concerns.

Committee Update

The Committee discussed the following at its last meeting...

- Reprinting of *History of Settlement*.
An index is being prepared for inclusion. This is proving to be a

bigger job than expected so more time will be allocated for this task.

- Transition to new managing agents First National has been smooth.
- Inspection and updating of BVI wiring will be undertaken. The extractor fan in Na Lan's kitchen will also be repaired.
- Rylstone Autograph Quilt - the project is progressing with new researchers joining and information coming in via email. Helen Marsonet to meet with Brent Barlow to advertise the project in local press. Please contact Helen Marsonet for further information on 6379 0772
- The Society now has a website - www.rylstonehistory.org.au
Congratulations to Fiona MacDonald for her efforts on setting up this site.
- Buildings & Grounds
 - quotes for the repair of the Slab Shed have been received but a comprehensive survey will be completed before quotes are considered.
 - quotes received for driveway improvements to reduce runoff during storms.
 - flyscreens have been installed in the apartment.
 - Emergency Management Plan for BVI - discussion on how and where to display the sheets.

Awards...

National Trust Heritage Awards

The Society, jointly with International Conservation Services, has received a Highly Commended Award in the category of Conservation Interiors, Community and Individual as part of the 2014 National Trust Heritage Awards. Virginia Hollister represented the Society at the award ceremony.

Virginia Hollister and ICS representatives Matteo Volonte and Adam Godijn. (photo V. Hollister)



Royal Bathurst Show

The cake made by Kay Tindale and Lorraine Keating for the Society's 50th celebration last year was successful at the Royal Bathurst Show. The cake won Champion Exhibit and Champion Cake. The certificates and ribbons have kindly been donated to the Society for display. Congratulations to Kay and Lorraine.

50th Anniversary Cake photographed at the 2013 celebrations. (Photo J McCarthy)

NSW Heritage Council Awards

The Volunteers of our Society have been awarded a 2014 NSW Government Heritage Volunteer Award from the NSW Heritage Council. The Hon, Robyn Parker, Minister for Heritage and the Heritage Council have acknowledged the contribution of our Volunteers who have voluntarily given their time to protect and conserve our state's heritage. Well done everyone!

Helen Marsonet receiving a NSW Government Heritage Volunteer Award from NSW Heritage Council.

