



# Rylstone & District Historical Society

Monthly Newsletter

January, 2015

## Upcoming Events

**Saturday, 7th February, 2015**

2pm Meeting of Museum Working Party

**Thursday, 19th February, 2015**

7pm General Meeting to be held in BVI Dining Room. Supper afterwards

**Saturday 28th February, 2015**

Stall at the Rylstone Show

**24th & 25th March**

Family History Group visit to State Records in Kingswood.

**Wednesday 4th March, 2015**

10am-3pm Family & Local History meeting in BVI Dining Room and talk by WWI researcher, Mick Boller at 11am

**Saturday 28th March, 2014**

Working Bee 9am-3pm with BBQ lunch provided

**3rd - 6th April 2015**

Easter weekend

## CONTENTS:

Farewell & Thank You.....	1
Welcome.....	1
Sad News.....	1
Museum Working Party.....	1
2015 Calendar.....	2
Family History Group News.....	2
Committee meeting.....	2

Dear Members,

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2015. It is published after each monthly Committee meeting to keep all members up to date with Society business and events.

## Farewell and Thank You

It is with regret that we say farewell to members Jo and Eric Williams who are leaving the area. Both Jo and Eric have been wonderful members of the Society for many years. Jo has always been on hand for stalls and working bees and Eric has been a Vice President and the Society's Maintenance officer. We thank them most sincerely for all they have done for the Society and wish them every success for the future.

## Welcome

Welcome to Ed Windle who has been appointed to fill the casual vacancy on the Committee created by Eric Williams' resignation. We also welcome Terrence Keen who has been appointed to the position of Maintenance Officer. The Committee also thanks Virginia Hollister for stepping into the role of Vice President.

## Sad News

Many of you will already be aware of the death of member Prue Docker. Her passing came very soon after the death of her husband, Peter. Prue and Peter were dedicated members of the Society and we will miss them both. Our sincere sympathy goes to their family.

## Museum Working Party

Last year a group of members, known as the 'Think Tank' developed a list of recommendations for the future of the Cottage Museum. These recommendations have been accepted by the Committee. At the November 2014 General meeting it was decided to establish a Working Party to implement the recommendations.

The Working Party will hold it's first meeting at 2pm on Saturday, 7th February, 2015 in the BVI Dining Room. There are a number of recommendations to work through and it is envisaged these will be undertaken over a number of years.

... contd

## Museum Working Party

Saturday, 7th February, 2015

BVI Dining Room

2pm

Contact Jeannette McCarthy on 6379  
1095 for more information

## Cottage Museum

Volunteers are  
needed  
to open the  
Cottage Museum  
on Sundays.  
Training is available.  
Contact Helen on  
6379 0772

## Family & Local History

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

### Rylstone & District Historical Society

28-30 Louee St,

PO Box 66, Rylstone, NSW 2849

P: 6379 1840

E: rylstonehistory@westnet.com.au

Facebook: Rylstone Cottage Museum

President: Helen Marsonet 6379 0772

In order to be successful, we need many willing hands. If you can help, please come along to the meeting and be part of this important initiative.

## 2015 Calendar

Attached to this newsletter you will find the 2015 Calendar of Events.

## Family History Group News

The March meeting of the Family & Local History Group will feature a talk by experienced World War I researcher, Mick Boller. For many years Mick has been researching the fate of servicemen from the former Mudgee and Rylstone Shire areas. Through this, he has gained many insights into both the lives of these people and how to effectively search the records at the various repositories. Mick's talk will commence around 11am.

On 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

For further information on either of these activities, please come along to the meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> February in the BVI dining room.

## Committee Meeting

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

- ✦ Strategic Planning for 2014-2017. - Virginia and Jeannette to form subcommittee to undertake planning
- ✦ Roles & Responsibilities - members to be asked to fill vacancies at next meeting.
- ✦ Quotes to be 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.
- ✦ Discussion re Bogee Quilt Exhibition in the BVI Dining Room in April, 2015.
- ✦ Income from BVI accommodation has seen a 60% decline over last 5 months. This is typical of the region. Will have implications for future planning.
- ✦ Seek an accurate heritage valuation of buildings for insurance purposes.

If you would like any further information please ask a committee member.