

Monthly Newsletter

### Rylstone & District Historical Society

March/April, 2016

### **Upcoming Events**

### May General Meeting

Saturday, 21st May 2016 at 2pm in the BVI dining room

### 2016 Annual General Meeting and August General Meeting

Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> August at 2pm in the BVI dining room

### October RDHS Working Bee

Saturday15<sup>th</sup> October 2016, 9am – 3pm BVI Complex and Museum.

#### **Street Feast**

Saturday 5th November 2016

## Family & Local History Group

Join us on the

first Tuesday of each month 10am - 3pm Contact Fiona Nevell on 0478 669 706 or research@rylstonehistory.org.au

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### A Message from our President –

What a wonderful surprise that the NSW Department of Industry has provided a grant to the Rylstone and District Historical Society to the amount of \$12,345. This will enable us to extend the office of the Cottage Museum so that family research and photo research can be carried out without interruption as well as increasing storage and providing better amenities for our volunteers. Many thanks to Virginia, Terry and Ed without them all this would not have been possible. We must also thank Paul Toole who went in to bat for us by arranging the grant.

The Dabee Display was really wonderful; I hope that everyone took the time to view this display again thank you to Ed and to Virginia for her assistance.

Receiving the \$500 donation from the Kandos Community Charity shop was a wonderful surprise, the committee has decided to use the donation to purchase a new urn and a microwave for the Museum Volunteer Guide's use whilst they are working at the museum.

I hope to see Members at the May meeting where all above can be discussed. Shirley Tunnicliff.

## Dabee Aboriginal Travelling Exhibition 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> April 2016, BVI Dining

### Room. Report by E. Windle

The exhibition was well supported and enjoyed by all that attended Thank you to RDHS members for supporting the exhibition.

The exhibition was put together by the North East Wiradjuri Co and Kandos Historical Society, and was designed by L. Syme, K. Williams, W. Lewis & E. Windle. It includes 10 display panels and a number of other artefacts including a facsimile of Jimmy Lambert's breastplate and Peggy Lambert's Queen Sash, the last identified ancestors of the Dabee people of the Kandos area.

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Blue Mountains Association of Cultural Heritage Organizations Inc

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# BLUE MOUNTAINS HISTORY CONFERENCE 2016

### "ARTEFACTS"

When: 8.45am to 4.30pm Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Where : Victoria & Albert Guest House, 19 Station St, Mt. Victoria

Cost: \$60 includes attendance at conference, morning & afternoon tea, lunch and a USB of the presentations.

For further information contact Jan Koperberg : j.koperberg@bigpond.com or phone 4751 5834

### Cottage Museum

Volunteer Guides are needed for the Cottage Museum which is open each Sunday between 10am and 3pm.

> Training is available please contact Shirley on 6379 1121

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### RDHS Working Bee March 19th 2016

Attendees: T. Keen, S. Keen, E. Windle, H. Marsonett, A. Ward, K. Ward, S. Tunnicliff, L. Pennell, J. Pennell, D. George, P. Monaghan.

Many thanks to all that attended, special thanks to our tireless and thorough painters - Anne, Kody & Leslie who completed the maintenance painting on the BVI verandah posts.

Ed, Jack and myself undertook the nailing of metal banding to the northern boundary fence. Other works undertaken on the day were repairs and security measures on the slab shed – thanks to Jack's handiwork and expertise.

David George from AXE-O-EXA's display/workshop was informative and interesting. He demonstrated the fitting of hardwood handles to axe/block splitter heads using heritage tools and methods.

T. Keen

### National Trust Magazine : For those interested in fashion

and costumes – Miss Fisher's Murder Exhibition Series 3 is open on between 15/3 & 19/6 at Old Government House Parramatta, for further details www.missfisherexhibiton.com.au .

'Stories on Country' Museum & Art Exhibition opens on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2016 at the Woodford Academy complex, 90-92 Gt. Western Hwy Woodford. The new and permanent exhibition features indigenous works from the Blue Mountains Artists camp and gives visitors the opportunity to meet local artists. woodfordacademy@gmail.com or call 9258 9141

### March & April 2016 Committee Meetings

At our March & April committee meetings, the following items were discussed...

- \* Planning for the Dabee Aboriginal Travelling Exhibition
- \* Planning for March RDHS working bee.
- \* Planning proposed works prior to commencement of the refurbishment and improvements on RDHS Thyme Out Garden.
- \* Recommendation and approval for \$5k to be allocated to a 'future fund' for ongoing maintenance and refurbishment of the BVI complex.
- \* Clarification of recommendations from the committee to GIO for the RDHS building insurance policy covering the BVI complex and museum by V. Hollister.
- \* BVI apartment furnishing and linen stock take completed.
- \* Committee approval to replant BVI courtyard garden bed.
- \* Grant Application made to Bylong Coal Project 2016 Community Investment Fund Grant for funding support to purchase photographic equipment to assist with documentation of RDHS collection items.
- \* Donation of \$500 received from Kandos Community Charity Shop, committee decision to purchase an urn and microwave for the convenience of Museum Volunteer Guides.
- \* Confirmation of membership of renewing member Peter Grieve, welcome back to the RDHS and we hope you enjoy taking part in the society once more.

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