



Monthly Newsletter

# Rylstone & District Historical Society

November, 2015



## Upcoming Events

**6pm Saturday 5th December, 2015**

RDHS Christmas Party in the grounds of the BVI & museum

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

6.00pm for tea & 7.30pm General Meeting – details to follow

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

Rylstone Kandos Show – stall  
Volunteers Needed

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## A Message from our President

At the November General Meeting RDHS members thoroughly enjoyed a wonderful presentation by Robyn Oakes and her brother Terry Glew on the Glew family. Robyn and Terry shared stories and detailed facts that had been told to them about their great grandparents who had crossed the mountains to settle near Glen Alice and then Spring Creek near Cudgegong and also their grandparents who had 11 children and lived at Breakfast Creek in a bark hut that still exists today. Thank you Robyn & Terry and also Peter Monaghan for suggesting and organizing the talk. The annual RDHS Christmas party will be held on the Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December in the grounds of the BVI and Cottage Museum– please come along and join in with other members to celebrate the end of year festivities.

I would like to wish all the RDHS members and their families all the very best for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## RDHS needs your assistance, can you help by volunteering a few hours a month?

Please consider volunteering to become a Museum Volunteer guide, the next Museum Roster will be compiled in the next month and the society is particularly keen to hear from members that may be able to volunteer just 1 or 2 Sundays every 6 months, full training will be provided. Are you interested in becoming a member of the Museum Committee, we currently have 4 RDHS members on this committee but would welcome more to assist with the planning and running of the museum. Included with this Newsletter is an article on the history of the Bridge View Inn and a request for a volunteer to help manage it for the society – if you think you may be able to assist in one of these roles please contact our Secretary Debra Bush at [rylstonehsitory@westnet.com.au](mailto:rylstonehsitory@westnet.com.au)

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Members and their families are most welcome to attend the Rylstone & District Historical Society Christmas Party which will be held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2015 in the grounds of the Bridge View Inn and the Cottage Museum commencing at 6pm

BYO picnic tea, rug or table and chair as well as a plate to share

Tea and Coffee will be provided

## Cottage Museum

*Volunteer Guides are needed for the Cottage Museum which is open each Sunday between 10am and 3pm. The new roster for 2016 is currently being prepared*

Training is available contact Shirley on 6379 1121

## Family & Local History

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

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## Family History Hunters –Research Enquiries

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

### Tracy and Milligan

William Henry Tracy and his wife Minnie Olive Milligan lived in the Bylong Valley and operated the post office and store which were destroyed by fire in 1940. Any information about this family or the business gratefully received.

## Rylstone Kandos Show Stall on the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Volunteers are needed to assist manning the stall between 8am and 3pm, please email the secretary on [rylstonehistory@westnet.com.au](mailto:rylstonehistory@westnet.com.au) if you are available, even just an hour will be a great help. The society will be running a raffle as well selling RDHS merchandise.

## Committee Meeting Updates :

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

- 3 RDHS members have indicated their interest to undertake training in a computer software program to digitize the RDHS museum collection.
- RDHS Rylstone Kandos Show stall and raffle prize.
- Arrangements for the RDHS Christmas Party on the 5/12/15 and General Meeting on the 21/11/15.
- RDHS invitation to participate in the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the Rylstone Memorial Hall by the “Friends of the Rylstone Memorial Hall” society which will feature a play by the Twin Players and a static display on the history of the hall. Further information to follow.
- Suggestion by Shirley, to help celebrate International Museum Day in May 2016, that the RDHS to have a display of all our old photographs that are of unknown people in the hope that some can be identified by members and the public – arrangements and details to follow.

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

Sincere apologies from the Secretary for 2 omissions in the October Newsletter, (information provided at time of print was incomplete). Tricia Aitchison also participated in the RDHS working bee on the 18/10/15 but was not included in the report. Wal Pilz made significant contributions to the file on people and properties in the Bylong Valley which was used at Bylong Wall of History event on the 24-25/10/15.