

RYLSTONE AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC. & THE COTTAGE MUSEUM

The Rylstone district was explored soon after the settlement of Bathurst in 1818. In search of good grazing land, explorers pushed north and found the rich Capertee, Cudgegong, Lue and Bylong valleys. Flocks and settlement followed.

The village of Rylstone developed as a centre servicing large pastoral properties. By the 1870's and 80's, wealth from fine wool, horse breeding, fat cattle and the nearby Turon River gold fields saw Rylstone become a social and government centre, with numerous Victorian sandstone buildings that continue to give it great charm today.

The RDHS precinct is located in the main street and consists of the 1871 Bridge View Inn — a handsome heritage-listed sandstone building, a Community Garden, a Slab Shed, and The Cottage Museum — a simple 1890's weatherboard home built for local blacksmith, James Nash. The museum displays domestic and rural life with items of costume, rustic furniture, kitchenalia, small farming tools, schooling, WWI & WWII, musical instruments, and photographs of pioneers, the town and district. The Bridge View Inn is open to the public 7 days a week and offers specialty shops and bed & breakfast.

The Society hosts lectures, workshops and exhibitions; organises excursions and heritage events; and continues to research local and family history drawing on the resources of the community as well as the Society's archives and collection.

REASONS FOR PARTICIPATING IN STANDARDS PROGRAM

RDHS has a desire to improve:

- our museum displays
- our collection management
- member/volunteer participation
- community involvement



DETAILS

**28-30 LOUEE STREET
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Museum Opening Hours:

Sundays from 10am to 3pm or by appointment. Entry by gold coin donation

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STANDARDS PROGRAM DESIRED OUTCOMES

RDHS would like assistance with:

- assessing the significance of items in our collection
- developing new displays/creating engaging stories
- organising our archives
- pre-planning for the use of the Slab Shed as display space
- learning methods for displaying a range of items, including fragile paper documents, and for better securing items on display
- developing routines for preventive conservation management and learning about preventive conservation
- inspiring new members to take on management responsibilities



1. The Cottage Museum 2. Bridge View Inn
3. Spotted Quoll