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Bridge View Inn



Rylstone is in a rich cattle district

Rylstone

During the year the Parramatta and District Historical Society has a program of fascinating history and heritage walks and tours that would be of interest to our members.

The following is an account of our tour to Rylstone.

Rylstone is a township with a population of 615 persons, 582 metre above sea level and 238 kilometres north-west of Sydney.

Buildings constructed between 1865 and 1895 developed a community and residents of the village on the banks of the Cudgegong River requested Governor Gipps name their settlement Tongbong. It

is not clear how the origin of the name developed but in 1885 the township was officially named Rylstone. Michael Hayes who built the Shamrock Hotel and other buildings at the junction of Cudgegong River and Tong Bong Creek claims responsibility. His Irish accent converting his "Royal Stone"





Above: Exhibits at the Cottage Museum





Main room of the Museum



Manual Telephone Exchange

story about sleeping in the area to sound-like “Ryle Stone”.

On the tour, the Parramatta and District Historical Society members enjoyed a luncheon provided by the Rylstone & District Historical Society in their Bridge View Inn dining room. This fine building, built for publican Goodwin Spires Hall, opened in 1872. In 1895 it became a bank and manager's residence and was used as such until 1957. It was acquired by the Historical Society in 1960s. It is on the NSW State Heritage Register under a permanent conservation order.

James Nash (blacksmith) House, adjoining



St Malachy's Church



the Bridge View Inn is the Cottage Museum and family history archives of the Rylstone and District Historical Society.

By 1868 there were four Hotels, the Rylstone, Bridge View, Shamrock and the Globe.

The Rylstone and Globe Hotels remain in business. The Bridge Hotel provides B&B accommodation and has two retail shops.

St Malachy's Church. This graceful 1875 Catholic church replaced an earlier wooden structure built in the 1850s and is styled as Victorian Gothic, with an Italianate belltower and built using local stone.



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Female Factory Exhibition

