

'Be there for Bylong weekend guide'

The Bylong Valley Protection Alliance – together with local farmers and Lock the Gate Alliance - invites YOU to 'Be there for Bylong' on the first weekend of the school holidays, Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 July.

Stay for the whole weekend or make a day trip on Sunday 7 July to see Sara Storer live in concert.



BYLONG EVENT OF THE DECADE!

**Sara and Greg Storer
LIVE IN CONCERT**

1pm Sunday 7 July

Hear great music AND help protect productive Bylong Valley farmland!

LOCK THE GATE

BYLONG VALLEY PROTECTION ALLIANCE

SARA & GREG STORER LIVE IN CONCERT - 1PM, SUNDAY 7 JULY

Sara is recognised as one of Australia's finest singer-songwriters. In 2016 she won an ARIA for Country Album of the Year. In 2017 she was voted Female Artist of the Year at the Country Music Awards of Australia. In total, she has won 21 Golden Guitar awards to date. [Raindance](#) is her latest single on her seventh studio album (of the same name), released in April 2019. Sara and Greg Storer are traveling to Bylong for this one-off show.

MAKE A WEEKEND OF IT ON SATURDAY 6 AND SUNDAY 7 JULY

Book a house in Mudgee, Rylstone and surrounds or camp* with Lock the Gate in the Bylong Valley. Activities include:

- **Self-drive Bylong tour (departing from Bylong Hall):** See the gorgeous valley on our self-drive tour (maps generated by local farmers). Take pictures that will make other people want to join the campaign. Best photo wins a case of wine.
- **Community film night in the Bylong Hall (Saturday night):** stay tuned for an update about an engaging, family-friendly program to be announced soon. Check our website for details. *N.B. we had planned to screen 2040, but this can no longer proceed so we're working hard now on an alternative program.*
- **Bylong briefing (Sunday morning, Bylong Hall):** Join our workshop on Sunday morning where you can get an update on the proposed Bylong coal

mine and hear directly from local farmers who have been fighting it for many years. Find out what you can do and why this place deserves protection.

- **Sara and Greg Storer live in concert (Bylong campground):** Sunday lunchtime
- **Bylong Valley Way** - experience one of the [top-ten scenic drives in Australia](#) as part of your journey.

* Campers will have to be entirely self-sufficient in food. Water is available. There is a local store which sells a limited amount of food such as pies and sandwiches. Please note also that it will be cold. So make sure you're prepared for that.

DO I NEED TO BUY A TICKET FOR THIS EVENT

The entire weekend of activities culminating in the live concert with the Storers does have costs which need to be recovered by Lock the Gate. Any funds raised in addition to covering the costs of the event will go towards a legal fighting fund to defend Bylong from the threat posed by KEPCO's coalmine proposal. Tickets are \$38.50 each. Kids are free. **Please buy tickets online [here](#).**

If you are not intending to stay in Bylong for the show with the Storers, you do not need to buy a ticket, but a donation would be very much appreciated. Donations can be made on the weekend in Bylong or via our website's donations page [here](#).

WHY IS THIS EVENT HAPPENING?

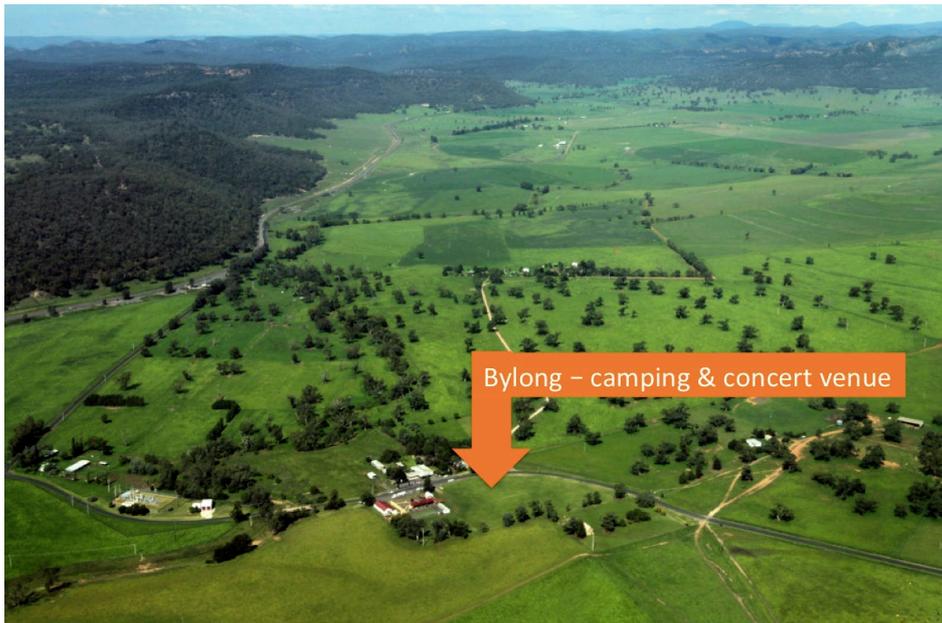
The Bylong Valley and it's richly productive farmland is at risk from a brand new coal mine proposed by KEPCO. But there's still hope that the NSW Independent Planning Commission will recognise the unique values of this place. The coal project would have unacceptable impacts on local agriculture, water and on rich natural and cultural heritage. It is the wrong mine, in the wrong place, at the wrong time. Join us in the Bylong Valley to see for yourself what's at stake.

ACCOMMODATION

Other than camping, there isn't much accommodation in the Bylong Valley. There are some AirBNB places nearby if you get in quick, otherwise Rylstone and Mudgee are the closest major centres. As this weekend is the first weekend of the school holidays, we suggest that you make plans as soon as possible.

- **RYLSTONE** is 40 minutes drive from Bylong
- **MUDGEE** is an hour's drive from Bylong
- **CAMPING:** The Bylong campsite is right next door to the Bylong Hall in the middle of the Valley and opposite the shop. If you plan to camp the cost will be **\$10 per site payable when you arrive at the Bylong General Store**. The Store sells basic supplies incl. milk, bread, sandwiches and coffee. It also licensed to sell a small range of wine and beer. Temperatures will be low over night (avg night-time low for that time of the year is about 3 degrees) so make sure you have the right camping gear to stay warm. Water is available at the campsite and the picnic shelter has two BBQ's.

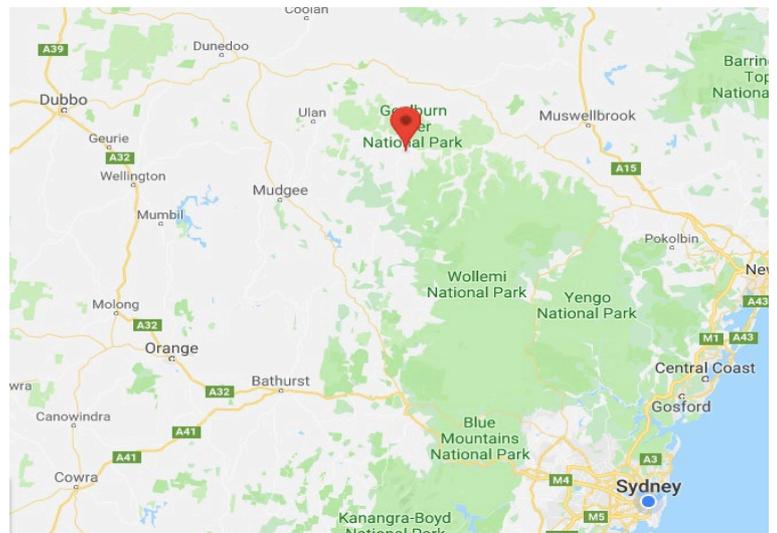
If you are intending to camp, please let Lock the Gate know in advance to help us ensure your stay is comfortable. Please **RSVP** for camping by emailing nic@lockthegate.org.au.



WHERE IS BYLONG AND HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO GET THERE?

Bylong is halfway between Mudgee and Muswellbrook. All activities for the weekend will be run from the Bylong Hall, opposite the Bylong General Store. This is also where the Bylong campground and BBQ area is located. 7690 Bylong Valley Way, Bylong NSW.

- Rylstone - 40 mins (good local accommodation options)
- Mudgee - 1 hour (good local accommodation options)
- Denman (Upper Hunter) – 1 hour
- Muswellbrook – 1: 15
- Scone - 1:35
- Singleton - 1:45
- Katoomba - 2:25
- Newcastle - 2:40
- Sydney - 4 hours



HELP US PROMOTE THIS EVENT

- Facebook event for sharing is [here](#).
- Tweet for sharing is [here](#).
- An A4 poster and A5 flyer for download is [here](#).

BYLONG PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

If you're planning on taking our self-drive scenic tour, why not enter the 'Bylong Valley Photo Prize'? Best photo wins some superb wine kindly donated by Mudgee winery Miramar (Miramar has won more than 60 trophies at regional, national and overseas Wine Shows).

Simply take the self-drive tour, enjoy the scenery, email your best photos to nic@lockthegate.org.au and then share them on social media. Maps and instructions about how to enter the competition will be available online on our event page or from the Bylong Hall when you arrive.

Social media: load up your best photos to Instagram using the hashtag #Bylong, to Twitter using the hashtag #Bylong or to Facebook where you need to write @BattleforBylong into your post as you share your best photo/s and tell your online community why this place should be protected from KEPCO's proposed coal mine.



SOMETHING MISSING FROM THIS GUIDE?

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