

Welcome to the May issue of Community Capers, volume 236. Our June issue will be distributed on Thursday, May 31. The deadline for this issue is Wednesday, May 16. News items, events, dates for the calendar etc. are inserted free. Email them to the editor, Brent Barlow at brenbar@winsoft.net.au or phone Brent on 6379 1020. For details and prices on advertising, sponsorship etc., contact Brian Neaves on 6379 4092.

Rocketing into town

The first train to Rylstone since the rail link from Kandos was reinstated arrived at the town on Easter Saturday, March 31.

Billed as the Rylstone Rocket and organised by Lachlan Valley Railway it was booked out well before it left Central Station, Sydney with travellers eager to spend a day viewing the magnificent escarpment of the Great Dividing Range, lunching in Rylstone and being able to say they were the first

to travel the eight kilometre Kandos-Rylstone Rail Heritage Precinct. The train arrived in Kandos to a warm welcome from the large crowd before heading to Rylstone where another big crowd of locals greeted it. The long train with two large engines attached certainly created plenty of interest.

Passenger hitched a ride on a mini-bus or walked

from the station to the main street for a look around and a bite to eat. Some venues were packed for the hour or so of the stopover and many visitors also took the time to walk further afield and view the local historic buildings and heritage architecture before returning to the train and the return trip back to Sydney.

There were plenty of people gathered with cameras and even drones flying above the area to see them off. The train stopped briefly in Kandos again

to cheerio's from the onlookers before heading off.

Lachlan Valley Railway was originally based in Cowra where it has a museum, but it was left stranded with no rail line following its closure. The group are now relocating to East Fork Depot, Orange where they will have an operational line for its fleet of railmotors and steam trains.



The imposing blue zephyr Rylstone Rocket at Rylstone Railway Station.

A fabulous garden treat for everyone

Eleven fabulous gardens greeted visitors to the 5th biennial Kandos Gardens Fair held over two days on April 7 and 8. They included Keewaydin, just off the Castlereagh Highway at Running Stream, Redbank and St Veda on the Tara Loop at Ilford, Nirvana on Bylong Valley Way just outside Kandos, the Convent in Kandos, Hazelgrove in Kandos, Pat's Place in Mudgee Street Rylstone, Ache n Back Acres in Panorama Court, Rylstone, Lara on Pinnacle Swamp Road, and two gardens at Coomber on Cudgegong Road. From cottage gardens with an emphasis on fruit and vegetables to panoramic parkland featuring wide open spaces and spectacular plantings of trees, garden lovers were spoilt for choice. There was something for everyone to inspire and enjoy.

The two days of glorious sunshine, music and



Flower arranger, Geraldene Nutting with Rae and Guy Sim owners of Keewaydin, a panoramic parkland at Running Stream.

poetry, guest speakers, stalls and demonstrations were a wonderful treat for visitors who came from far and wide to enjoy these special garden delights. One busload alone carried 20 Legacy widows from Gulgong, Mudgee and Dunedoo for an outing that included garden tours and lunch at The Convent – a spiritual garden that includes over 100 heritage roses.

The event was dedicated to the late June Keech, a tireless gardener and creative designer who loved to dig. She was a driving force behind the original gardens fair. Volunteers of the not-for-profit event organised by the CWA Kandos branch were thrilled with the response and issued a big thank you to everyone who came along and enjoyed this special occasion. They also thanked the many sponsors and supporters who made it all possible. Proceeds will go to local charities and organisations including the CWA.



The Kandos Ukulele Group playing in the delightful garden of Bonnie and Peter Farrell's Hazelgrove in Kandos.

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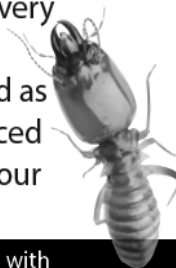
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Scones for the travellers

Rylstone CWA members, Margaret Baxter, Wendy Rodda, Robin Johnston, Helen Marsonet and Di Page, opened the CWA rooms on Easter Saturday for the Rylstone Rocket's Sydney to Rylstone train visit. The ladies served the traditional scones with jam and cream as well as sandwiches, fruit and pumpkin scones for the few hours the train was in town. The occasional local resident also made use of the rooms for their Easter Saturday treat. The CWA will be opening their rooms in Rylstone whenever the Rylstone Rocket or other trains come to town. Locals are also very welcome to come in for their scone fix.



Margaret Baxter, Wendy Rodda, Robin Johnston and Helen Marsonet along with Di Page (not in picture) opened the CWA rooms in Rylstone on Easter Saturday for a real country treat of freshly baked scones and other delicious food.

Meals on Wheels

Rylstone Kandos District Meals on Wheels (RKMOW) supplies frozen meals to anyone who is frail, aged or a younger person with a disability and their Carers. You can contact RKMOW on 6379 1519 or call into the office at HealthOne Ilford Road, Rylstone. Office hours are Monday to Thursday - 9am to 4pm and Friday - 9am to 1pm.

New waste service

At the time of collection the average garbage bin in the Mid-Western Region is only 80% full and of that 60% is organic material. To make use of this valuable resource and divert waste away from landfill, Council is introducing a Food and Garden Waste Collection service on July 1. Standalone residential properties with an existing garbage collection service will receive a new Food and Garden Waste bin throughout May and June as part of the service rollout. Mayor Des Kennedy said residents will receive an education pack with their new bin explaining how to use the new service.

"Rather than taking up more space in limited landfill reserves, your kitchen scraps and garden waste will now be made into a new resource," Cr Kennedy said. "The new service will divert 3,000 tonnes from landfill each year, extending the life of the current Waste Facility by 10 to 15 years and subsequently saving millions of dollars in replacement landfill space."

Food and Garden Waste bins will be collected weekly along with General Waste while blue and yellow recycling bins will rotate fortnightly. Introduction of the new service will require some changes to waste and recycling collection in Rylstone, Kandos and Gulgong. Details of these changes will be advised in coming months. Ratepayers with an existing garbage collection will notice an adjustment to their Rates Notice to reflect the additional collection and processing service. This fee increase will be added to the Domestic Waste Management charge on annual Rates Notices. For more information visit Council's website.

Sand for students

Students at Lue Public School were blessed to receive a very generous donation of new sand for their sandpit from Miskies Earthmoving in Rylstone. The sandpit is a very popular place for students to play during recess and lunch. One of the parents, Meredith Pennell, kindly offered to fund the new sand personally so it was ordered and delivered several weeks ago. When the school approached Miskies for the invoice, they were told that they were donating the sand instead. Mrs Pennell has asked that her donation now be used towards the cost of other school resources instead. School principal, Caron McDonald said she is constantly amazed by the generosity in our small community.



Thumbs up from Lue students who are enjoying their replenished sandpit.

Doug fields a few

Former Australian test cricketer and hero of the baby boomer generation Doug Walters visited Rylstone and Kandos in April to attend a dinner night in his honour at the Globe Hotel. Called 'Dougies Roast' the dinner was attended by 40 lucky punters who enjoyed a talk from Doug afterwards. He also mingled in the bar with locals for a chat. During his visit, local radio station KRR 98.7 FM was lucky enough to have him in for a chat. President of the station and editor of Community Capers, Brent Barlow bowled him a few curly ones, but Doug, always good on the front foot played them with a straight bat and fielded every question in style. His only complaint was that the Globe served a delicious gravy with the roast and he has never been a fan of the popular accompaniment. His comments on the recent ball tampering fiasco were rather scathing, but although he was relieved that the players had accepted their penalty, thought it was a bit severe. He also suggested that sledging in its current form was a slur on the game and that we should follow New Zealand's example and ban it. Doug was a swashbuckling bat and at the time was compared to Bradman. He made 11 hundreds for Australia with an average of 48.26 in 74 tests. He was also a useful mid-order bowler taking 40 test wickets at an average of 29.



KRR's Brent Barlow with Doug Walters during their interview at the station

School's Italian hospitality

Kandos High School's term 1 Pop Up Restaurant was held last month with an enthusiastic crowd sitting down to enjoy Italian cuisine in the Multi-Purpose Hall. Congratulations to staff students and volunteers who made the night such a success. Viva la Italiane.



Guests Grahame and Margaret Jose were well attended to by Kandos High School hospitality students Toni Mason and Katelyn Lewis-Phillips.

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Easter Hat Parades

Kandos and Rylstone Primary Schools held their annual Easter Hat Parades during the week before Easter. They were colourful affairs with some very impressive hats on show and plenty of parents, family members and friends at both schools to cheer and

applaud the wonderful creations. Easter eggs and raffle prizes were in abundance and hopefully not too many people suffered from chocolate fatigue. A big thank you to staff, teachers, parents, supporters and students for a great effort



Rylstone Public School students Sophie Suttor and Teegan Reynolds made everyone smile with these gorgeous creations during their Easter Hat Parade.



Kandos Public School Students had a fabulous time parading with their colourful hats during the Easter hat Parade.

Stall for type 1 Diabetes

Rachel and Glen Maher are hosting their 6th Jolly Baby Breakfast and Cake Stall at the front of Rylstone Ag Supplies on Friday, May 11 starting from 7.30am. Bacon and eggs rolls and a delicious variety of cakes and slices will be available. All money raised will go to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) to fund Research to cure Type 1 Diabetes. More information can be found at <https://teamcurediabetes.everydayhero.com/au/rachel-maher1>.

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Senior's Awards

Senior Week luncheons were held in Kandos on Saturday, April 7 at the Returned Services Community Club and in Rylstone on Thursday, April 12 at the Rylstone Club. Guests enjoyed a delicious meal at both clubs and entertainment courtesy of the Bushrock band in Kandos. In Rylstone, local primary school students entertained seniors with some great singing and musical virtuosity. The Kandos Seniors Week Award was presented to James Large. James is a long-time resident of Kandos and over those years has made an extraordinary contribution to the sporting life of the community, particularly in amateur boxing and rugby league. He established the Kandos Amateur Boxing Club in 1969. It's still active and is the oldest amateur boxing club in Australia. Over the years hundreds of boys and young men and women have been active participants in this club.

In Rylstone, the Seniors Award was presented to Patricia Reynolds. Patricia has always been a community minded person, very involved in many organisations. As well as working in school canteens for well over 10 years she was a very active member of the Rylstone Tennis Club for more than 30 years. She was a member of the Rylstone-Kandos View Club, and is a current member of the Rylstone Branch of the Australian Red Cross helping with many fundraising activities over the years. Congratulations to Pat and James for their awards.

Rylstone Senior of the Year, Patricia Reynolds with Cr Esme Martens.



Kandos Senior of the Year, James Large with president of the Kandos Combined Pensioners and Superannuants Association, Delma Smith, MWRC Councillors Esme Martens and Percy Thompson and CPSA treasurer, Helen Roberts.

Become a member of KRR

New members are always welcome at Kandos Rylstone Community Radio (KRR 98.7FM). If you're interested in becoming a presenter and doing an on air show, it's easier than you think. Training is available and it won't take you long to master the panel and other equipment. If you have a particular type of music you'd like to play on-air or ideas for a show, get in touch with any member or committee member, or call into the station and pick up a membership form. Social membership is also welcome. Membership is only \$20 for adults, \$10 for juniors and pensioners, \$50 for family membership and it includes two free barbecues a year. Age is no limit and experience is not necessary. It's a great way to meet a group of friendly people and do something positive for yourself and your community. Call the station on 6379 4360 for more information.

New mobile library van

Council unveiled its new state-of-the-art Mobile Library Van last month. Sponsored by Glencore Coal, the new van delivers reading and audio-visual material to 270 people across the Mid-Western Region, delivering a longstanding valuable service to residents in rural and remote villages. Council successfully secured \$80,000 in grant funding to purchase the van through the Glencore Community Investment Program. Mid-Western Regional Council Mayor Des Kennedy said the demand for Mobile Library Services continues to grow.

"The service was established in February 1999, and makes weekly visits to six rural schools, seven nursing homes, two community halls and 30 housebound customers. In addition to providing reading resources, the van is a part of the social fabric of these outer-lying communities, providing face-to-face contact with vulnerable members of our community. I'd like to thank Glencore for recognising the importance of this service to those members of our community," Mr Kennedy said.

The Mobile Library Van operates on a three-week rotation. A schedule of dates and locations can be found on Council's website. Residents who have difficulty in getting to the library may be able to access this service; eligibility is not restricted to age. For more information please call the library on 6378 2740 or email libraries@midwestern.nsw.gov.au



Ulan Public School students enjoying their books from the Mobile Library Van.

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Calendar of Events - May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
The Cottage Museum, Rylstone is open every Sunday from 10am to 3pm.	Scouts and Cubs meet at 4.30pm on Mondays at Kandos Scout Hall.	1 Rylstone Rural Fire Brigade meets first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm - training nights on 3rd Tuesdays..	2 R/K VRA Rescue Squad meeting at 7.30pm. *RKB&T meeting at 6pm.	3 Ladies Tennis, 9am Thursdays at Henbury Sport & Rec. Club.	4 Rylstone CWA meeting at 10am.	5 The Kandos Museum is open Wednesday to Sunday, 10am to 4pm.
6 Kandos Christian Fellowship 10.30am on 2nd and 4th Sunday at CWA Hall, Kandos. *FTG Bush Croquet Day.	7 Kandos Rylstone Singers, 7pm every Tuesday night at One Life Family Church Kandos	8 Rotary meets every Tuesday at the Rylstone Club, 6.30 for 7pm.	9 Kandos RSL Sub Branch meeting. *Ryl. Hospital Auxiliary Meeting.	10 Kandos CPSA meet at 2pm on the second Thursday of each month, at the Kandos RSC Club	11	12 Rylstone Markets
13 One Life Family Church services, 10am every 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday at the corner of Noyes and Dunn Streets, Kandos.	14	15 The Kandos Art Group meets every Tuesday at the CWA rooms in Kandos from 11am - 2pm.	16 Pop in Playgroup 10am to 12noon each Wednesday.	17 Scrabble on 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday of each month, 10am to 1pm at the Rylstone Club.	18 Storytime for kids, 10am to 11am Fridays at Kandos Library.	19 Kandos Markets.
20 Bogee RFS Training every 3rd Sunday of the month at 9am. *Globe Hotel Markets 8am - 12pm.	21	22 Venturers meet Tuesdays at 5pm.	23 The Craft Group meets at 10am each Wednesday at the VRA shed, Ryl.	24 Rylstone CPSA meet at 11am at the Rylstone Club on the 4th Thursday of each month.	25	26
27 Uniting Church holds services at Rylstone at 9.30am every Sunday.	28	29 Rylstone-Kandos Street Machine Club meeting at 7.30pm. *Twin Town Player meet 6pm on 4th Tuesday of each month at VRA Shed, Rylstone.	30 Kandos CWA meeting 7 Jaques St. at 5.30pm. * KRR radio meeting, 7.30pm at KRR studios 50 Angus Ave Kandos.	31	Join the Ukulele Group, 4.15pm on Fridays at the Kandos CWA Rooms.	KRR Broadcasting on 98.7FM

Queen's Birthday Weekend in June...Orienteering Carnival at Clandulla State Forest and the Rylstone Common, September 1-9...History Week.



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Swap Meet

The Annual Rylstone Swap Meet is on at the Rylstone Showground on Sunday May 20. Traders include sellers of motor parts, antiques and bric a brac. Catering is provided by local community groups (no other food sellers). There'll be a car display by members of Cudgegong Valley Pioneer Vehicle Club and other clubs and enthusiasts are encouraged to bring their cars for display (no show 'n' shine this year). Enquiries to Peter Wilson on 0429 441 220 or Mellissa Wilson on

0488 968 124. Cost of entry is \$15 for sellers (two persons) with additional adults \$3 each. Entry for lookers is \$3 with children under 14 years free. There is free parking in the grounds around the oval. For sellers, entry to the showground is available from 1pm on Saturday for free camping overnight. Sellers must clear the showground by 3pm on Sunday.

Ferntree croquet

Ferntree Gully Trust's main fundraiser, the annual Bush Croquet Day is on Sunday, May 6. Come along and support this worthy fundraiser. It's at the look-out and picnic area at the top of Growee Gulph, around 25 kms from Rylstone on the Bylong Valley Way. Keep an eye out for signs. The first heat gets underway at 10am and the grand final will be played after lunch. Bring a picnic lunch and chairs for comfort. Barbecue facilities and a campfire will be there. Entree fee for those playing the game is \$10 for adults and there'll be a raffle for a ute-load of well-seasoned yellow box firewood cut to size (tickets are also available beforehand at The Friendly Grocer and the Newsagency in Rylstone and the Community Charity Shop, Kandos.) The prize for the winner of the bush croquet competition is a very nice basket of goodies and the Ted Daniels Trophy awarded for the next year.

Rylstone Market Day

The next Rylstone Markets are on Saturday, May 12 in the grounds of the Memorial Hall in Louee Street from 9am until 1pm. Come along and browse the extensive range of quality products the region has to offer. The association is always looking for more stallholders and they've expanded the markets to include more than just artisans and produce. They want a bigger variety and a whole range of stalls, so if you would like to come along call their secretary Bev on 0410 577 667 or their president Diana on 0428 663 161. You can also send them an email at rylstonemarkets@gmail.com. They're looking forward to expanding these markets for everyone.

Kandos Community Markets

The Kandos Community Markets are on Saturday, May 19 in the grounds of St Laurence Church, Kandos from 9am to 1pm. Come along for some great bargains and interesting gifts, enjoy a cuppa and have a bite to eat. There will be all the usual stalls including fruit and vegies, books, plants, handmade soy wax candles, Devonshire teas, and a barbecue. For stall bookings, phone Rose on 6379 4179 or Joy on 6379 6097.

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