



Welcome to the April issue of Community Capers, volume 235. Our May issue will be distributed on Thursday, April 26. The deadline for this issue is Wednesday, April 11. 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.



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Rylstone Kandos Show



Despite a hot and very dry summer, exhibitors still managed to enter a nice selection of garden produce in the pavilion.

The 80th Rylstone Kandos Show opened at the Rylstone Showground on Saturday, February 24 to perfect weather and a great atmosphere. With general rain predicted for the following day, organisers were hoping it would remain dry for the show.

It not only remained dry, the evening was clear, warm and balmy - perfect for families enjoying the night events on the hill. Gate takings were down a bit on last year due partly to the Charity Shield football match in Mudgee, however overall takings and bar figures were satisfactory - a pleasing result for committee members, volunteers, supporters and sponsors. This year's show was opened by Tony McClure, Director of Bowdens Silver - the major sponsor of the show. Mr McClure welcomed everyone and thanked all the supporters for getting behind one of the best small shows around. He said he was proud to be associated with such a wonderful show.

As to be expected after such a hot and dry summer, pavilion entries in some sections were down, however as always, it was a popular place for viewers with plenty of quality on display. This year, the dog jumping event was held near the woodchop which kept the crowds around the main stall area and the bar during the late afternoon. Later, people gravitated towards the hill for a great view of the tent pegging team in action - a first for the local show and one that proved very popular. Unchained BMX were also greatly appreciated by the crowd. They performed freestyle BMX demonstrations and daredevil stunts on their mega ramp and presented lots of prizes to children nearby. All in all it was a top show with a terrific exhibition of horses, livestock, poultry, dogs Utes, machinery and lots more. The fireworks, courtesy of Mid-Western Regional Council were absolutely spectacular and topped of a fabulous day, generating plenty of applause from the crowd. Following the clean-up and storage of equipment on Sunday morning, the expected rain began late morning and delivered around 70mm of rain to the town and showground.



Former local resident Leanne Neilsen received a special mention for her work with the show over the years. She is pictured here with past show president, Cameron Clarke and members of the youth committee.

CWA Kandos Gardens Fair

Eleven gardens will be open during the Kandos Gardens Fair on Saturday and Sunday, April 7 and 8 from 10am to 4pm. They are: 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 (enter via the carpark off Dabee Road), Hazelgrove in Kandos, opposite Henbury golf course, 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. Look out for the red and orange flags.

The program, including maps and addresses, is available online at www.kandosgardensfair.com or from the garden gates. Tickets can be purchased at the garden gates or online from www.visitmudgeeregion.com.au or by phoning 6372 1020. Please leave your pets at home, and if it's raining we'll all be celebrating - bring an umbrella.

As well as enjoying the autumn gardens there'll be musical performances, guest speakers, demonstrations and stalls, including food and refreshments. Christine Corner from Crave Natural will talk about developing a micro business from your love of gardening, and about fermented food that is good for your gut. Bonnie Farrell will demonstrate how to make a kokedama. Landscape architect Gay Stanton will talk about garden design, and there will be stalls selling plants, produce, handmade ceramics, garden sculptures, garden books and more - a feast of ideas, creativity, inspiration and garden goodies. For more information contact kandosgardens@gmail.com or phone 0417 029 457.



Beautiful gardens, interesting speakers, demonstrations and entertainment awaits everyone who attends the Kandos Gardens Fair in April.

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Researching Coal Communities



PhD student Vickie Zhang is in Kandos on a research project exploring the changing everyday lives of coal communities in regional Australia.

Twenty five year old PhD student Vickie Zhang is currently in Kandos on a three month research project from the School of Geography at the University of Melbourne exploring how economic change through the closure of coal mines affects ordinary people and how they adapt to this change. The results of this research will form part of Vickie's

PhD thesis and may also be published in an academic journal. Vickie is living in Kandos for the duration of her research project and is keen to interview people about how the closure of local coal mines has affected them and their families. Vickie says her project will involve a combination of interviews and observations.

"I am hoping to speak to people whose lives have been associated with local coalmines and related industries which closed a few years ago. I'm looking for people who were associated with the coalmines and cement works in different ways and who are willing to discuss with me the ways their lives may or may not have changed since the closure of the site."

Vickie says as well as forming part of a PhD thesis the findings may be published in an academic journal, however if your story is to be retold, your approval for its use will be sought before publication and you will have the opportunity to withdraw your comments prior to publication. Participants will be sent a digital copy of the thesis upon its completion. You can also request a digital copy of all images and video footage which may be taken as part of this project in which you appear, as well as any edited video outputs such as films in which your image appears.

"Your participation in this project is voluntary and you may, without negative consequences, decline to take part or withdraw from the research without providing an explanation at any time. I'm really looking forward to meeting local people and getting to know them," Vickie said. She is also researching a town in China which has a similar industrial past, and will compare the two. You can contact Vickie on 0402 566 099 or email her at v.zhang@student.unimelb.edu.au.

Artist's orange glow

Local artist Terry Burrows showed a preview of his latest body of work Agent Orange in mid-February at his gallery-home in Angus Avenue, Kandos before packing it up and heading to India for an exhibition there.

One of his sojourns there resulted in The Banaras Back Book created during a residency at the Kriti Gallery in Varanasi and containing over 1000 images. This same gallery will be the destination for his latest body of work. It was inspired by the proliferation of Hanuman Murtis (idols) found throughout India and painted with a generic bright orange colour. As a painter he became interested in the pigment used and discovered that it was predominantly red lead – a highly toxic material, thus a parallel to the other highly toxic 'Agent Orange' used during the Vietnam War. Terry points out that the traditional sindoor smeared on the Murtis or applied as a blessing to devotee's foreheads is made from turmeric powder and alum or lime or other herbal ingredients (turmeric powder with a dash of lime juice will make it go bright red). Terry's latest project continues his interest



in the fascinating 'theatre' of activities along the Ghats of the Ganges in Varanasi.

Terry Burrows with one of his pieces that will be featured during an exhibition at the Kriti Gallery in Varanasi, India.

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.

High School News

Over the past two years, Kandos High School Banksia students and staff have planted and nurtured two grape vines to the stage of harvesting quality produce. Recently, students submitted an entry into the Rylstone-Kandos Show's Fruit section and achieved second place for Grapes - Best 3 Bunches - Table Grapes. Congratulations and a huge thank you to former Kandos High School student Kyle Lang for his massive effort in helping students to make their produce award winning quality.

This term, the support students have been using Papier Mache to create head sculptures. They then painted these heads to give them real features. The sculptures were entered into the Kandos-Rylstone Show where they were awarded the following prizes:

Year 7-8 Sculpture: Dean Blain - Highly commended, Christopher Edwards - 2nd Place and Rowan Willis - 1st Place.

Year 9-10 Sculpture: Laandi Buckland - 2nd Place and Gordon Smith - 1st Place.

Paul Irons entered a 2D Acrylic painting titled Life Force and was awarded a 1st place for this section. The school would like to thank the Show Society for their generous prizes, certificates and pennants.



KHS headed to the show with these award winning sculptures.

Another exciting event earlier in the year was the participation of Kandos High School's Year 12 students in the 'Discovery Days' program at Wollongong University on February 6 and 7. The program provides students with an opportunity to experience first-hand what university life is like for a day and is geared to get students thinking about their future.



Kandos High School students pausing for a photo at Wollongong University during their interesting and informative tour of the facility.

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Successful show for CWA

Rylstone CWA had a successful Rylstone Kandos show day in more ways than one. Their rooms were kept busy all day with plenty of delicious food and drinks for everyone and in the pavilion members Robin Johnston and Isabel, Wendy Rodda, Margaret Skropeda, Helen Marsonet and Dianne Page achieved first places in cooking, jams and preserves, horticulture and needlework. Congratulations on a great effort. The winner of the CWA raffle was Philip of the Globe Hotel. Rylstone CWA was also fortunate to receive a cheque from Paul Tool for rewiring the CWA Hall. Mr Tool was at the show and met with many local groups and organisations while he was there.



Rylstone CWA members with Paul Tool who delivered a very welcome cheque to the group for rewiring the CWA Hall.

Organic Waste Collection

From July 1 residents with an existing kerbside collection service will receive an Organics Waste Collection service. This new service will enable residents to dispose of food and garden waste, including red and white meat and bones, dairy products and grain products such as breads, cereals, rice and pasta. These food products will be made into a valuable compost product and diverted away from landfill.

Become a member of KRR

Kandos Rylstone Community Radio's door is always open for new members, young and old. Experience is not necessary as free training is provided. Why not join our team of volunteers and put your show on the air waves. KRR 98.7 FM brings our community together. Check out our website at krfm.com for information and a membership form or call into the studio at 50 Angus Ave Kandos to pick one up. You can phone us on 6379 4360.

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Kandos streetscape

The new retaining wall on Angus Avenue between KRR and the Kandos Community Hall completes a nice streetscape from the town square to the community radio station. Facing the street side of the car park the new brick wall complements the feature in front of the war memorial and sets off this area of Angus Avenue. The project was undertaken by Mid-Western Regional Council and involved considerable trenching and steel work prior to the construction. Grass has also been laid behind the wall to complete the job.



The new retaining wall at KRR

History Week

The History Council of NSW has announced the theme for History Week in 2018, which will run from September 1-9. The theme 'Life and Death' will explore life's defining moments and the impact of death on communities across time. It includes stories about life's milestones and how different cultures come to terms with death. How do we commemorate people's lives and what do rituals and burial practices reveal about our relationship with and understanding of life and death? History Week will investigate how death has been feared, used as form of punishment and shattered communities. But it will also show how communities have rebuilt after loss, shared stories across generations and inspired remembrance and creative expression. For further information, visit the History of Council website at <https://historycouncilnsw.org.au/history-week-2018-life-and-death/>.

Region Tourism Launch

Mudgee Region Tourism officially launched their 2018-19 Partnership Prospectus to an audience of over 80 business representatives from across the region at Parklands Resort on Tuesday night, March 13. Mudgee Region Tourism CEO, Cara George, presented insights into the tourism industry and the organisation's recent success in growing the visitor economy.

"We are thrilled to launch our 2018-19 Partnership Prospectus to passionate people directly involved in tourism and to others who understand the value of supporting our region's thriving visitor economy," she said.

Mudgee Region Tourism is a multi-award-winning not-for-profit organisation, committed to growing the visitor economy. Over the past three years their efforts have contributed to over 10% growth, winning Gold and Bronze at the Australian Tourism Awards for Destination Marketing. To find out more, you can get in touch with Jules, Partnerships + Events Coordinator, on 02 6372 1020 or visit the team at 84 Market Street, Mudgee.

Ferny bush 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 will 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.

All funds raised will go towards the cost of maintaining the walking tracks, signage, access road and insurance costs. There are 21,000 spectacular and beautiful hectares of Ferntree Gully Reserve which require fencing and feral animal control. The Trust also plans to upgrade the main picnic area signage board and upgrade the 2.5kms of access road with discreet passing bays. Currently, there are only three volunteers on the ground to maintain the facility and care for public safety, with five Trust members all up, appointed by the Crown Lands Department. "Friends of Ferntree Gully" are welcomed. For enquiries, email the secretary at badgerground@bigpond.com or write to PO Box 162, Rylstone 2849.



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Calendar of Events - April 2018

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

May 6...Ferntree Gully Bush Croquet Day,

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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ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day is on Wednesday, April 25. The Dawn Service in Rylstone will be held at 6am at the Memorial outside the Memorial Hall (if wet it will be held inside the hall). Light breakfast will be provided. In Kandos the Dawn Service is at 6.30am at the Memorial next to the Community Hall. Commemoration Services will be held in both Rylstone and Kandos halls at 11am. The March in Kandos will take place at 10.45am with marchers to assemble at the Rotunda at 10.30am for the march to the Community Hall. Community members representing deceased service men or women are welcome to march wearing their medals on their right-hand side. All are welcome to attend all services.

Youth Week

Mid-Western Regional Youth Council will launch Youth Week 2018 with its annual Youth Trivia Night on Friday, April 13 at Mudgee Town Hall. A host of other events including a mural painting project, an art/photography/flash fiction competition and exhibition, youth movie screenings and bubble soccer events are planned for the week. Visit Mid-Western Regional Council's Facebook page and Council's website for further event details and competition entry forms

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Seniors Week

The Rylstone Seniors Lunch and presentation of Senior Citizen of the Year will be held at the Rylstone Club on Thursday, April 12. Cost is \$15 per person. For bookings, phone Carol Hayward on 6379 1096. The Kandos lunch and presentation will be held at 12 noon on Saturday, April 7 at the Kandos Returned Services and Community Club. Tickets are \$15 each and must be paid for by April 2. Phone Dell on 6379 4230 or Helen on 0428 070 579 for bookings.

Rylstone Market Day

The next Rylstone Market is on Saturday, April 14 in the grounds of the Rylstone 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 stalls. Send an email to rylstonemarkets@hotmail.com.

Kandos Community Markets

The Kandos Community Markets are on Saturday, April 21 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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