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Welcome to the August issue of Community Capers, volume 239. Our September issue will be distributed on Thursday, August 30. The deadline for this issue is Wednesday, August 15. 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.

Charity shop digs deep for local rescue squad

The Community Charity Shop have once again dug deep into their pockets to give a generous donation of \$7,000 to the Rylstone Kandos Rescue Squad. The presentation was made live on air in the studios of our local community radio station, KRR 98.7 FM by charity shop volunteers Colleen Yates and Valda Carberry to Rescue Squad secretary Lorna Anderson. It brings the total made by the charity shop to the local squad to \$10,000 this year – a fabulous effort. In accepting the cheque, Mrs Anderson said the group were very grateful for this wonderful donation which will be used to refurbish their new vehicle and buy essential equipment.



Lorna Anderson accepting a cheque for \$7,000 from charity shop volunteers Valda Carberry and Colleen Yates. The presentation was made live on air in the studio of KRR.

They are also steadily working towards buying their own premises, and their building fund, which is totally separate to their charity fund, is steadily growing and is now around \$17,000. The refund on cans and bottles is bringing in a worthwhile amount each month and the group are now also taking car batteries

which can be dropped into the shop in Kandos. If you have an hour or two to spare, the charity shop is always looking for more volunteers. Call into the shop if you can help out.



The Community Charity Shop in Angus Avenue, Kandos with its new sign painted above the doors and windows.

Agency closes

After more than 50 years the Kandos district has lost its NRMA offline Agency site located at Main St Mechanical in Angus Avenue. The agency was operating before the 1970's when Fountains owned the business and was then passed on to Chrisfield Holden in 1973. Carl and Kylie Pennell have successfully operated the agency in recent years. NRMA roadside assistance will still operate from Main St Mechanical in Kandos as it has done in the past but the payment of insurance, NRMA membership and other transactions has now ceased. The closure is part of a restructuring by NRMA which has seen 88 sites close across the state. A number of petitions signed by local residents condemning the closure and asking NRMA to reconsider its decision has failed. In a letter to Carl and Kylie Pennell at Main St Mechanical NRMA stated that it has seen an accelerated change in the way customers transact with them from face-to-face transactions to phone and web based services via computer, resulting in less customer traffic going through the NRMA offline agency network. It states that, "After consideration of the sentiment of the petitions the proposition to maintain your offline agency remains financially inviable for us and we will continue to the process of offline closures on 30th June 2018."

Following the closure, Kylie Pennell who along with her husband Carl have been in the top three agencies in the state for a number of years and who were trophy winners last year, said she feels for the customers.

"It's another blow for the town. I know it's the pattern for the corporate world but I feel for older people and those without computers. It's going to be especially hard for them. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our customers for their support over the years," Kylie said.



Carl and Kylie Pennell are disappointed to see the NRMA offline agency close and thank all their customers for their support over the years. NRMA's roadside assistance will remain in Kandos

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Wendy Whiteley to open Sculptures

Regional Australia's premier sculpture exhibition, Sculptures in the Garden has announced that Wendy Whiteley, the celebrated artist's muse will open this year's event. Ms Whiteley, who is well known for her contribution to the Arts and for her secret garden in Sydney's Lavender Bay, will be involved in the two-day event for the first time. She said she was really excited to be taking part in the Sculptures in the Garden event. "I am passionate about both art and beautiful gardens, so for me, it made perfect sense to be involved," she said.

Past events have seen Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO, Sydney Lord Mayor Clover Moore, renowned sculptor, Paul Selwood and respected art scholar, Edmund Capon AM OBE open the event. Having Wendy Whiteley doing the honours this year will again bring both prestige and interest to the exhibition. Sculptures in the Garden founder, Kay Norton-Knight said they are absolutely thrilled to have Wendy Whiteley open this year's event.

"Wendy is renowned and well respected in the art world and having her involved is a real treat. Since submissions opened last month, we have had some amazing talent enter work and I think Wendy will be really impressed with the quality and variety of the sculptures on display."

Submissions are being accepted until Friday, September 7 with judging to take place by a selection committee on October 5. Winners will be announced at the opening of the event on Saturday, October 6.



Well-known contributor to the arts, Wendy Whiteley will open this year's Sculptures in the Garden.

The not-for-profit event has all gate proceeds retained by Guide Dogs NSW/ACT, who also provide food for the event. Funds provided by sponsors for the event are used to acquire works for the Mudgee region's public sculpture collection.

High School news

Eleven students from Kandos High School travelled to Geurie on Wednesday, June 13 to participate in the Western Region Cross Country. All students ran well and represented the school with pride. Congratulations to Ky Reddish 3rd place and Tyron Reynolds 5th place. They will both represent the Western Region at State Cross Country next term. Rory Lomax finished 7th, narrowly missing out on a place in the Western team. Well done to Laandi Buckland, Bianca Anderson, Keliera Ray-King, Jessica Reynolds, Ty Stone, Lister Ellis, Kendall Goldspink and Bethany Vidler. Also, a big thanks to Kylie Reddish for helping to transport students.

Another exciting event during last term was the installation of a wooden sculpture at the school.

A big thank you to Rylstone Sculptures Inc. for the wonderful sculpture, in particular Ludwig Mlecek who installed it in the school garden. A special thank you

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.

Jurassic school

Dinosaurs have come to life at Rylstone Public School through an amazing mural painted by talented local artist Jenny Conlon. Students were fascinated to watch the painting come to life each day as Jenny painted it. The mural is now a feature of the school's Dinosaur Garden and the kids love it. During the official opening of the special garden Jenny explained her motivation behind the design and the different stories it tells. The SRC are very proud of this resource and have added rocks, plants and dinosaurs to keep Arpysaurus Rex company. It is a fantastic area where children stretch their imaginations while learning about cooperation and team work. The SRC are getting closer to their goal of installing umbrellas to make it a sun safe area. This is due to their bottle, can and popper recycling program.

The artist Jenny Conlon's grandsons Jack and Charlie enjoying the fabulous dinosaur mural that Jenny painted for the school.



also to David Fuller and Sibelco, Kev Warren, David Meehan and Maceco for their generous time and use

of equipment to ensure that the sculpture was installed safely. Their support of Kandos High School is greatly appreciated. Thank you also to Harley Endacott, Greg Jamieson and Simon Murphy for the building of the slab for the sculpture, and Kat Brown for her sound advice. This amazing sculpture 'Time' by Luka Radojovic is located at the front of the school in the garden near the double gates.

The wood sculpture 'Time' by Luka Radojovic is located in the garden at the front of Kandos High School.

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Ky Reddish and Tyron Reynolds will represent the Western Region at State Cross Country next term.

Up the baked bean stalk

The Twin Town Players had a terrific turnout for their first lot of auditions for their next production 'Jackie and the Baked Bean Stalk'. Directors Eleisha Corradini and Anne Attwood have been busy finalising casting and are more than happy to hear from anyone who would like to be involved in the production in some way. You can phone Eleisha on 0488 965 882 or email on eleisha@zindello.com.au.

Spelling Bee Champions

Well done to Kandos Public School students who took part in the school's Spelling Bee on Monday, June 25 and congratulations to the Spelling Bee champions on their success in the competition. The Junior Spelling Champions are Emily Gallaher and Phoebe Warton while the Senior Spelling Champions are Amy Sams and Kirilee Besant. These four students will now represent Kandos Public School in the Regional Final of the Premier's Spelling Bee to be held in Term 3.



Emily Gallaher and Phoebe Warton are Kandos Public School's junior spelling champions.



Senior spelling champions Amy Sams and Kirilee Besant.

Dynamic art

A recent art exhibition opening by Lisa Kennedy titled *On the Farm and in the Bush* drew a big crowd to Gallery 47 Rylstone. This exhibition by the Mudgee artist is her second one held at the local gallery and follows her very successful sellout exhibition held last year. Originating from Grafton and now based in Mudgee, Lisa is both an artist and a veterinarian. Not surprisingly, animals, birds and wildlife tend to feature in many of her drawings. Known for her black and white pencil sketches, Lisa has now moved towards the use of colour creating realism



Lisa Kennedy's artworks struck a chord with viewers at her recent art exhibition opening

and vibrancy. The gallery walls reflected this dynamic style and lots of red dots below the artworks indicated that viewers were impressed. There was certainly a buzz in the gallery with supporters enjoying delicious finger food and local wine from Naked Lady Wines.

Wild food for profit

Cementa inc. and the Kandos School of Cultural Adaptation are hosting a workshop by artist and wild food forager Diego Bonetto in the Kandos area. This workshop is aimed at farmers and property owners who might be interested in earning extra income by participating in a new distribution program established by Diego that will see a regular supply of edible weeds and wild foods harvested from our area and served at the tables of some of the finest restaurants in Sydney.



Diego Bonetto, the Kandos School of Cultural Adaptation

After many years working as a foraging educator Diego Bonetto has established Wildfood Store, a marketplace for edible wild food.

The platform and registered company will offer farmers and people in regional NSW the opportunity to subsidise their income by harvesting desirable edible wild plants for the catering and restaurant industry of Sydney. Diego will run a series of workshops and skill-up events in the region. The first event will be held in Kandos at a location to be confirmed. It's on Saturday, August 11 from 10am to 12.30 pm. Cost is \$10 and tickets are available at <https://www.diegobonetto.com/shop/mid-western-foragers-training-aug11>

Diego will also be available to conduct consultation visits to local properties to identify wild food produce potential during the week of August 6 to 10.

According to Diego the concept is simple. Chefs in the city want clean, well-presented and fresh wild edibles. Farmers usually have plenty of edible weeds and Diego

will train farmers on how to harvest and package the produce and via a distribution company in the city deliver them to the top restaurant in Sydney. Farmers get paid for their efforts and Diego will bring their produce to the city's tables. Some wild weeds such as wild fennel can bring up to \$80 a kilo. For more information, contact Diego by phone at 0411 293 178 or email info@diegobonetto.com.

Website www.diegobonetto.com www.wildfood.store.

Glen Alice update

Glen Alice Public School has a knack for raising poultry. Their chickens were triumphant at the Sydney Royal Easter Show bringing home a second Prize for their Hyline Brown Powerpoint, a fourth Prize for their eggs and an eighth Prize in the Egg Laying Competition. Well done everyone. The school was excited to be able to attend the prize presentation at the show and receive their prize from the judge. By the way, if you find bottle recycling too difficult but don't like the thought of all those bottles going to landfill, drop them off at the school. They are recycling them as a fundraiser.

The Glen Alice Community Association's extensive renovations to the local hall are nearly completed and temporary Council approval was given to hold a successful Tree Planters' Dinner in May. The Community Association has received a few submissions regarding possible uses for the hall and more submissions are encouraged. There will be another Tree Planters Dinner in August and helpers are needed to cook, set up the hall and serve on the night. For more information contact Neil Franklin on 6379 7351 or Terrie Wallace on 6379 7282.



Glen Alice Public School students were triumphant in poultry at the Sydney Royal Easter Show

Names and places

Colleen O'Sullivan's website/blog www.kandoshistory.com has been created to promote the town of Kandos and provide a forum for its history. It contains plenty of fascinating articles which focus on the history of our local area and is well worth a look. Colleen is writing fortnightly blogs and would love your comments, feedback and suggestions. Local history publications and events are promoted on the website and contributions are invited. Colleen can be contacted on mobile at 0428 518 380 or landline at 6379 6902. Her email address is colosullivan@optusnet.com.au. Capers downloaded this interesting piece titled 'Along the Castlereagh Highway'

"In the early 2000s, travelling towards our new little weekend in the country, 24 Dabee Road Kandos, I yearned to know more about the places I passed. Names intrigued me like Jews Creek and Kadisha Herb Farm. Roads tempted me like Razorback and Excelsior. And lonely villages troubled me like Blackman's Flat and Ben Bullen. Scenic spots such as Pearson's Lookout and the wishing well enticed me, while quaint localities, Cherry Tree Hill and Running Stream at least caught my attention.

The names Cullen Bullen and Ben Bullen have always seemed to me to have a Scottish ring about them but I've discovered they have an Aboriginal origin. Cullen Bullen was named in or before 1833 by Robert Dalhenty who got the first land grant of 2000 acres in this area and who, it seems, had a good relationship with the indigenous population; Cullen Bullen meaning "lyre bird" and Ben Bullen meaning "high, quiet place". Colleen's reply from Carol is as follows:

"Hi I think that Ben Bullen is Irish, my 2 times and 3 times g-grandparents and a lot of others all connected by marriage are Irish and there were a lot of them at Ben Bullen including the Corliss family...on the right hand side going towards Mudgee there is a rock plateau formation and in Ireland there is one the same called Ben Bulbin {I think that is how it is spelt} and it looks exactly the same as the one at Ben Bullen I believe they called it the same which ended up Ben Bullen."

"Good to get your feedback Carol. Yes all those family names are familiar to me now that I have explored that area. I got the information about Ben Bullen from Wikipedia with the following reference: "Ben Bullen". Geographical Names Register (GNR) of NSW. Geographical Names Board of New South Wales."

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Calendar of Events - August 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.	Rotary meets every Tuesday at the Rylstone Club, 6.30 for 7pm. *Venturers on Tuesdays at 5pm.	1 R/K VRA Rescue Squad meeting at 7.30pm. *RKB&T meeting at 6pm.	2 Yoga with Katie every Thursday at 5:30pm, \$15pp at Stone Strength Gym.	3 Rylstone CWA meeting at 10am. *Cudgegong Valley History Group, 11am to 3pm at Henbury	4 The Kandos Museum is open Wednesday to Sunday, 10am to 4pm.
5 One Life Family Church services, 10am every 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday at the corner of Noyes and Dunn Streets, Kandos.	6	7 Rylstone Rural Fire Brigade meets first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm - training nights on 3rd Tuesdays.	8 Pop in Playgroup 10am to 12noon each Wednesday.	9 Kandos CPSA meet at 2pm on the second Thursday of each month, at the Kandos RSC Club.	10	11 Rylstone Markets
12 Kandos Christian Fellowship 10.30am on 2nd and 4th Sunday at CWA rooms, Kandos.	13	14 The Kandos Art Group, Tuesdays at the CWA rooms in Kandos from 11am - 2pm.	15 Kandos RSL Sub Branch meeting. *Ryl. Hospital Auxiliary Meeting.	16 Scrabble on 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday of each month, 10am to 1pm at the Ryl. Club.	17 Storytime for kids, 10am to 11am Fridays at Kandos Library.	18 Next Kandos Markets in September
19 Bogee RFS Training every 3rd Sunday of the month at 9am. *3rd Sunday of the month markets at the Globe Hotel.	20	21 Kandos Rylstone Singers, 7pm Tues. at One Life Family Church Kandos.	22 The Craft Group meets at 10am each Wednesday at the VRA shed, Rylstone.	23 Rylstone CPSA meet at 11am at the Rylstone Club on the 4th Thursday of each month.	24	25
26 Uniting Church holds services at Rylstone at 9.30am every Sunday.	27	28 Rylstone-Kandos Street Machine Club meeting at 7.30pm. *Twin Town Players 6pm on 4th Tues. at VRA Shed, Rylstone.	29 KRR radio meeting on the last Wed. of each month. 5.30pm at KRR studios 50 Angus Ave Kandos. *Kandos CWA meeting, last Tues. of each month at 5pm.	30 Ladies Tennis, 9am Thursdays at Henbury Sport & Rec. Club.	31 Join the Ukulele Group, 4.15pm for a 4.30pm start on Fridays at the Kandos CWA Rooms.	KRR Broadcasting on 98.7FM

September 1-9...History Week, October 6 and 7...Sculptures in the Garden at Rosby Vineyard, Mudgee, October 13 and 14...Mudgee Garden Spectacular.



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Rylstone Markets

The next Rylstone Markets are on Saturday, August 11 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 so if you would like to come along and join their great little group, 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.

Print workshop

Kandos Museum is holding a print workshop for beginners led by local artist Fleur MacDonald. You can learn to Lino print on fabric at the Kandos (Print) Station from 9.30am to 4pm on Saturday, September 1. Cost is \$50 for individuals or community group members. All welcome. All materials are supplied. Lunch is available for \$10 or bring your own with complimentary tea and coffee provided. For further information contact the Kandos Museum on 6379 4600 or email secretary@kandosmuseum.org.au.

Library for Rylstone

A new Library Branch will be established in Rylstone after Council successfully secured funding. The new branch will be located at the Rylstone Customer Service Centre which will be renovated and refurbished. The project will include some minor building works as well as the installation of shelving and furniture. The centre will provide a one-stop shop for Council and library services for the Rylstone Community. Construction is due to be completed by the end of 2018.

Heritage Grants

Applications are now open for Council's Local Heritage Grants. Applications can be made for minor repairs and maintenance such as external painting, roofing and restorations across heritage sites in the region. Grants between \$1,500 and \$5,000 are available with matched funding to be provided by the applicant. Applications close on Friday, August 24.

Rylstone StreetFeast

Tickets for Rylstone StreetFeast's Long Lunch on Saturday, November 3 are now on sale and going fast. Around 320 have been sold and there's a limit of 400, so get in soon. You can buy your tickets online at <https://www.rylstonestreetfeast.com.au/> or in person at Rylstone Newsagency.