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Welcome to the August issue of Community Capers, volume 272. Our September issue will be distributed on Thursday, August 26. The deadline for this issue is Tuesday, August 10. 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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Calling all Hummers



Tina invites you to hum along with her during Cementa 21 in a bid to create one of the biggest humming groups ever.

International artist and PhD candidate in fine arts Tina Stefanou wants to hum with the community of Kandos and create the largest humming chain in Australia. Tina is a featured artist at this year's Cementa 21 Festival and is asking the question - "Do you like to hum along to your favourite song? Hum while you're driving? Enjoy the hum of an engine? Enjoy listening to the humming of nature? If so, you may be interested in humming along with me."

Tina is a Melbourne/Naarm-based vocalist and artist who works with animals, ecology, musicians, and children to create performance-based experiences.

"I have exhibited overseas and throughout Australia and I am thrilled to be spending time in Kandos for Cementa 21. I have already met so many wonderful people here and look forward to meeting more."

In August, Tina will be attending the Cementa residency and will host free humming workshops, walks and lessons.



Tina Stefanou is a PhD candidate in Fine Arts at the Victorian College of the Arts, University of Melbourne and has performed and exhibited locally and internationally including at the Salt Museum in Istanbul, Kadist Gallery in Paris, Paris College of The Arts and at the University of Music and Performing Arts in Graz, Austria. In 2020, she won an Australian Art Music Award for Excellence in Experimental Music with The Music Box Project and was the 2020 Schenberg Arts Fellowship Recipient.

"This is not about being a 'good' singer, it is about having a go, enjoying creating sounds with friends and being part of something big. If you're interested in participating or finding out more about the longest humming chain, you can contact me at: ms.tinastefanou@gmail.com or reach out to the Cementa folk. All welcome. I can't wait to hum with you."

Business Chamber

The revitalised Rylstone Kandos Business Chamber received a resounding "thumbs up" from those who attended their network meeting at the Rylstone Club last month. The presentation organised by the group was also much appreciated and many expressed their enthusiasm for the group's inspiring launch and the future initiatives which were outlined by the committee.



A large and enthusiastic group of business owners attended the recent launch of the new look Rylstone Kandos Business Chamber held at the Rylstone Club.

Capers info

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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 46 Mudgee Street, Rylstone. Office hours are Mondays to Thursdays – 8.30am to 4pm and Fridays - 9am to 1pm.

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Health Council members

Susan Gawthorne Health Service Manager at Rylstone MPS has welcomed new members to the Rylstone Health Council. They are James Johnson, Virginia Doig, Marion Crossman and Joel Fuller who join existing members Robyn Oakes, Berenice Board and Barbara Eordogh. Ms Gawthorne said the Western NSW Local Health District is committed to community consultation and participation and the Rylstone Health Council plays a vital role in advocating for the health needs of local communities in and around Kandos Rylstone.

"James, Virginia, Marion and Joel are keen to talk to people and learn what concerns the community. We welcome members of the public to contact the Health Council with questions or suggestions about health services in the local community," Ms Gawthorne said. The email contacts for the Rylstone Health Council are:

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For more information about Rylstone Health Council you can email Ms Gawthorne at Susan.Gawthorne@health.nsw.gov.au



Rylstone Health Council (L-R) Susan Gawthorne, Virginia Doig, Joel Fuller, Robyn Oakes, Marion Crossman, James Johnson, Berenice Board and Barbara Eordogh.

Bushfire recovery

Mid-Western Regional Council has benefited from Bushfire Local Economic Recovery grants as part of the \$16.5 million package across the Calare electorate. This includes \$859,700 to provide community and tourism infrastructure at Mudgee's Putta Bucca Wetlands in the form of picnic shelters, a boardwalk, a playground, signage, nesting boxes and augmented hollows, an extended carpark, new walking tracks and a shared pathway that connects Mudgee to the wetlands. It will also cover wetland weed control. There will also be \$854,602 to deliver facilities, training programs and social services to improve emergency preparedness and recovery in Olinda and Running Stream. The project will be delivered in consultation with the community to meet their specific needs.

Another \$495,000 will be made available for the Feel the Love in the Mudgee Region (FTL) campaign, a three-year destination campaign designed to help the local tourism industry recover from the devastating 2019–20 bushfires, which saw visitation decline by 41 percent. The funding will help FTL develop new digital content, deliver a multimedia campaign; and roll out an industry

development program to support visitor recovery and growth.

Federal Member for Calare and Minister for Decentralisation and Regional Education Andrew Gee said funding was important because it combines support for future bushfire preparedness and practical community infrastructure improvements, along with projects which will boost local economies.

"The Black Summer bushfires were absolutely devastating for our region. The truth is that we'll be living with the effects of these bushfires for a long time to come, with vital recovery work ongoing."



Andrew Gee with members of the Ilford Running Stream Rural Fire Service.

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Coal free stand

Members of the Rylstone Region Coal Free Community set up an information and display stand at the Kandos Square outside the Kandos Community Hall on Saturday, July 10 to put forward their view that local land, heritage and culture should be protected by stopping further exploration of coal and the approval of mines in our region. The government is currently looking at releasing two areas, Hawker and Rumker for commercial exploration and mining, with another – Ganguddy-Kelgoola next. The group says they are not against coal mining but oppose the opening of new areas for coal exploration when existing mines are operating below capacity and still meeting current demands. They believe that thousands of acres of bushland, productive farms, cultural sites and local fauna will be destroyed and that it is vital that people have their say on the issue by going online to: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker | Planning Portal - Department of Planning and Environment (nsw.gov.au)



Members of the Rylstone Region Coal Free Community at their information stall at the Kandos Square. They also had forms available which people could fill in to express their views to the Department of Planning and Environment.

Emergency Plus

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Are there Koalas?



There has been renewed interest in Koalas across the district following recent sightings. The sad news that they are endangered in some areas where they were formerly strong has sent a wake-up call to those who don't want to see this unique and iconic Australian native disappear.

Residents of the Capertee Valley are searching for Koalas. A lovely little story in the last edition of Glen Alice Gazette raises the question; are there Koalas in the valley? "Besides two sightings in Mugii Murum-ban State Conservation Area (one before the fires and one after), there have been no sightings of koalas in the Capertee Valley. But they are on Newnes Plateau and there have been sightings in the Wolgan Valley. Even with the escarpment, we think its possible koalas from that population could make it down to the valley. We'll have to see what the surveys find. There is a chance that we won't find any evidence of koalas in the Capertee Valley, but that in itself will be an interesting result.

In terms of the surveys, we use a detection dog to search a one-hectare area for koala scat. We do this over a range of vegetation types, burn intensities, and land tenure. If you have any information regarding koala sightings in the valley please contact: Dr Victoria Inman Research Scientist, Science for Wildlife victoria@scienceforwildlife.org From Science for Wildlife - Scat surveys Capertee Valley." We do know that Koalas are in the district. There have been sightings in the Breakfast Creek area, and halfway down Growee Gulph a vehicle recently stopped to watch a Koala cross the road. There are also colonies between Rylstone and Mudgee and in the Aarons Pass area. According to local farmers, a colony in the Wollemi National Park in the Cox's Creek area (formerly Crown Land) disappeared through disease in the 1920's.



Koala scats look like a large elongated seed pod. Finding them could be the first sign that they are around.

CWA food

Rylstone CWA rooms near the showground are open on the second Saturday of each month selling CWA scones and other yummy food. Call in for a relaxing bite to eat and a cuppa.

Tennis day

Rylstone Tennis Club hosted a great day of tennis coaching for an enthusiastic group of children at the Rylstone courts recently. They were lucky to gain the services of two enthusiastic and talented coaches, Mario Cabral and Fernando Garcia from Premier Tennis Academy. The coaches said the kids were a great bunch of learners and they looked forward to coaching them again in the future. The coaching day preceded a fabulous Wimbledon victory for Ash Barty which is sure to give all youngsters a big boost towards becoming champion tennis players.



A large group of children took the opportunity to learn the finer points of the game at the Rylstone Tennis Courts from coaches Mario Cabral and Fernando Garcia.

Arts Precinct

The Mudgee Arts Precinct will officially open to the public on Saturday, August 7. In addition to gallery spaces the Mudgee Arts Precinct will be the new home of Mudgee Region Tourism. The building includes community meeting spaces, office space and artist workshops for education to help promote, nurture and facilitate participation in art, creativity and cultural activities.

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For further details

Calendar of Events - August 2021

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 1st Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm - training on 3 rd Tuesdays.	4 R/K VRA Rescue Squad meeting at 7pm. *RKB&T meeting at 6pm.	5 Scrabble on 1st, 3rd and 5th Thurs. 10am at Rylstone Club. *Ladies Tennis, 9am Thurs. at Henbury Sport & Rec. Club.	6 Rylstone CWA meets at 10am. *Cudjogong Valley History Group, 11am to 3pm at Henbury Sport & Rec.	7 The Kandos Museum is open Wednesdays to Sundays, 10am to 4pm
8 Uniting Church holds services at Rylstone at 9.30am every Sunday.	9 Pilates classes, 6pm Mondays at St James Hall Rylstone.	10 Rotary meets every Tuesday at the Rescue Squad VRA shed, Rylstone 6.30 for 7pm.	11 Kandos RSL Sub Branch meeting. *Pop in Playgroup 10am to 12noon Wednesdays.	12 Kandos CP&SA meets 2pm on the second Thursday of each month at the Kandos RSC Club.	13 Ryl. Hosp. Aux. Meetings 2 nd Friday of each month at 10am.	14 Rylstone Markets Rylstone CWA Rooms open for food
15 One Life Family Church services, 10am 1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Sundays at the cnr. of Noyes and Dunn Streets, Kandos.	16 Yoga with Jodi, 6pm Mondays, \$12pp at Stone Strength Gym.	17 Dance to be fit, 4.45pm every Tuesday at St James Hall Rylstone.	18 Venturers meet at 5pm Wednesdays at the Kandos Scout Hall.	19 Twin Town Players meet at 6pm on 3rd Thursday of each month at VRA Shed, Rylstone.	20 Storytime for kids, 10am to 11am Fridays at Kandos Library.	21 The next Kandos Markets are in September
22	23	24 The Wollemi Singers meet at 6pm Tuesdays at Kandos CWA Rooms.	25 KRR Radio AGM 5.30pm on last Wed. of month at 50 Angus Ave. Kandos. *Kandos CWA, 5pm on last Wed. of month.	26 Ryl. CPSA meet at 11am at the Ryl. Club on the 4 th Thursday of each month.	27	28 Cake and Sugar Artists meet at Ryl. CWA Rooms. Info at 63791662.
29 Rylstone-Kandos Street Machine Club meeting at 2pm on last Sunday of each month.	30	31 Walking group Tuesdays and Thursdays. Meet at Rylstone Showground Thursdays at 9am.	The Craft Group meets at 10am each Wed. at the VRA shed, Rylstone.	The Ukulele Group meet at 4.30pm Thursdays at Kandos CWA rooms. *Community Singing 6pm Tuesdays at Kandos CWA rooms.	KRR Broadcasting on 98.7FM	KR Singers, 2.30pm to 4.30pm Saturdays at One Life Church Kandos.

September 4...NSW Local Government Elections - nominations close on August 4,
September 29...Family Fun Day at Rylstone Showground, October 14-17...Cementa, November 6...Rylstone StreetFeast.

Rylstone Markets

The next Rylstone Markets are on Saturday, August 14 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 so if you would like to come along and join their 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.

A child's gift

Samaritan's Purse invite you to be a part of Operation Christmas Child this season by making a gift to a child. The gifts are shoeboxes filled with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and fun items and are taken to underprivileged children of our Asian-Pacific neighbours and some Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples. It concludes locally by September 17 or later if you need more time by contacting Sue Garlinge. The gifts will be transported to Sydney for processing in October. If you don't have a shoebox, your own Christmas wrapped shoebox at 50c each can be collected and any further questions answered by contacting Sue on 0428 588563.

KRR's AGM

Kandos Rylstone Community Radio's Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday, August 25. It'll get underway at 5.30pm in the station's meeting room at 50 Angus Avenue, Kandos and community members are invited to join station members for the meeting. Don't forget that new members are always welcome at KRR 98.7FM and 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 learn how to use 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. They're available in the foyer. Keep an eye out for a membership form at various events around town too.

Wollemi Singers

The Wollemi Singers (formerly Kandos Rylstone Singing Group) have changed their get-togethers to Tuesday evenings (instead of Thursday) and their venue to Kandos CWA Rooms in Jacques Street (formerly at Wirimbili Cultural Centre). Come along from 6 pm to 7.30pm and join in. All welcome. There's no cost and no auditions, just fun for all ages. Bring your voice, snacks and a drink. You can RSVP to Virginia Handmer, Community Development Officer on 0427 063 686 or Emma Syme on 0456 032 373, or just turn up.

StreetFeast

Rylstone Streetfeast will be held on Saturday, November 6. Tickets to go on sale at 9am on August 12 and you can get them on 123 Tix. Because of Covid, please book in groups of your fellow guests. Cost of tickets is \$135. Rylstone Streetfeast is calling for volunteers or community groups that would like to help on the day for a donation. Please contact Robyn Oakes on 0428 699 737 if you can help. Volunteers make the day happen and StreetFeast needs helpers for the day. If your sporting group, school, fire Brigade, or any organisation is interested in helping on the day please contact Robyn ASAP.

Honeyeater planting

The next Regent Honeyeater planting in the Capertee Valley is scheduled for August 20 - 22. Organisers have set down Friday, August 20 for laying out plants, and Saturday, August 21 for the main planting. There will also be an organised activity on Sunday August 22, to be determined. Participants can reserve their spot for the Saturday dinner if they wish.

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