



## Rylstone-Kandos district newsletter

# Community Capers

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Welcome to the December issue of Community Capers, volume 265. As usual, there will be no January issue. Our February issue will be distributed on Thursday, January 28. The deadline for this issue is Tuesday, January 12. News items, events, dates for the calendar etc. are inserted free. Email them to the editor, Brent Barlow at [brenbar@winsoft.net.au](mailto: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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## Kandos Rylstone Community Radio

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### All aboard



Participants in Scott McGregor's Railway Adventures enjoying the wonderful attractions at the Kandos Museum.

Kandos Museum was well placed to share its hospitality recently when Scott McGregor's Railway Adventures train pulled into Kandos and then on to Rylstone before bussing participants to Mudgee for a weekend escape. On the return journey the bus delivered the travellers directly to Kandos Station for some local hospitality before they boarded the train back to Central Railway Station. Kandos Station is leased by the Kandos Museum and loves to welcome new arrivals. President Buzz Sanderson and other museum volunteers served up refreshing cups of tea and coffee and delicious scones before escorting them up to the museum for a tour of the local attraction. At the time of Capers going to press Buzz and his crew were looking forward to welcoming

another large group of visitors on the vintage rail train. They were arriving on Saturday, November 14 for the museum's dinner and band at the Kandos Community Hall, plus a culture walk up town to the Wiradjuri Cultural Centre, Cementa's Way Out Art Space and the Kandos Museum. All visitors were overnighting on the train in the comfort of sleeping cars.

On Sunday, the Cruise Express was scheduled to do a return trip to Tarana for anyone who was in the mood for a train trip. Buzz Sanderson said it was great to see the trains running again after the Covid lockdown. "I hope it's the first of many," he said.



Museum volunteers Cheryl, Gemma and Fiona serving up a treat of yummy scones to visitors at the Kandos Railway Station.

### Australia Day nominations

Nominations are now open for Council's 2021 Australia Day Awards and residents are encouraged to nominate deserving citizens in seven categories including Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year, Glen Johnston Memorial Award – Arts and Music, Sports Award, Volunteer Services Award and Wall of Reflections. Nominations can be done online at [yoursay.midwestern.nsw.gov.au](http://yoursay.midwestern.nsw.gov.au) or if you'd prefer, hard-copy nomination forms are available at Council's Customer Service Centres and libraries. Nominees must be Australian citizens and must reside within the Mid-Western Regional Council area. Nominations close on December 1, 2020. Mid-Western Regional Council's Australia Day Celebrations will take place at Robertson Park Mudgee on Tuesday, January 26, 2021.



Buzz Sanderson with Scott McGregor in front of the 4204 at the Kandos Railway Station.

As always, the train attracted plenty of spectators. There's something about trains.....

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## Bridging the river

The long-awaited Dixons Long Point Crossing between Mudgee and Orange is becoming a reality following the Australian Government's contribution of \$9.8 million in the 2020-21 Budget. This means the project is now fully funded and can move to the public consultation phase, which will conclude Stage 1 of the project. It will then proceed to Stage 2 which is the design and construct phase. Member for Calare and Minister for Decentralisation and Regional Education Andrew Gee announced recently that the proposed design option includes a new location for the Macquarie River crossing. A preferred option has been selected 1.5km north of the current four wheel drive crossing due to reduced bridge length with flood immunity and fewer piers in the Macquarie River. Feedback on the location has also been sought by Mid-Western Regional Council. The preferred plan would see a 110-metre-long, two-lane bridge Mr Gee said the Dixons Long Point Crossing is a project 160 years in the making.

"I am very proud to be able to say that it can now become a reality. The benefits of completing this key transport artery for tourism, jobs and economic activity cannot be underestimated," Mr Gee said.



*On site in the vicinity of the proposed bridge crossing. Cr Jamie Jones (Deputy Mayor, Cabonne Shire Council), The Hon Andrew Gee MP, Cr Reg Kidd (Mayor, Orange City Council), Rick Burns and Vivien Bowman, Ian Greenham, Technical Service Director, Orange City Council, Martin Gleeson, Brad Byrnes (General Manager Cabonne Shire Council), Brad Cam (General Manager Mid-Western Regional Council), and Ray Kearns (Senior Engineer, Mid-Western Regional Council).*

## School's Curious Creatures



Kandos Public School celebrated Book Week with the theme "Curious Creatures Wild Minds". They had a book fair, a book cover competition and a wonderful character parade where the kids dressed up as their favourite character.

The School P&C's Annual General Meeting was held online on Monday, November 2 and the following parent have been elected to the roles: President Sherie Thorn, Vice Presidents Renee Ford and Cassie Juponker, Secretary Alex Levy and Treasurer Julie Hyde.

In early November, NAIDOC week was celebrated over five days with plenty of activities. Local Indigenous artist, Peter Swain was the school's special guest. As part of the NAIDOC week celebrations, students enjoyed excursions to Dubbo, Wellington and Red Hill.



*Top: Michael Waterton changed his appearance to 'Fantastic Mr Fox' for Book Week.*

*Left: Mackenzie Levy and Hayley Thomas looking very scholarly for Book Week.*

## 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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## Way Out exhibition

Young Kandos High School student and budding artist Gordon Smith has completed a very successful exhibition with the intriguing title "Paper Hollywood What?" at Cementa's Way Out Art space in Kandos. Gordon lives in the Capertee Valley and though he has autism and intellectual disability and is diagnosed as non-verbal, what he lacks in language he makes up for in visual art. He is a talented painter, sculptor and filmmaker and uses his skills to create his own private world, copying characters from popular television, movies and video games to create his own strange and fascinating monsters. His exhibition created quite a stir. The volume of work and highly creative pieces were certainly an eye opener. Gordon sold some of his creations during the exhibition, which was a terrific outcome for the young artist.



Young artist Gordon Smith creating a three dimensional pool table and balls – part of his unique exhibition at Way Out Art Space.



An array of Gordon's creative and colourful creatures.

## The RYLSTONE CLUB Your Friendly Club Open Daily Seafood Night



**Friday 11th December**  
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We thank all our members & guests for their support this year & wish everyone a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

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## KHS Touch Superstars

Kandos High School's Opens Girls Touch Team surprised everyone when they travelled to Orange to play in a Western Region Touch carnival last month. The team was formed at short notice with no training and "Wow", did they play well. In the first game the girls had a confident win against Blayney winning 4-0. They then faced a well-trained Parkes team

beating them 4-3 and finishing the round games with a win against Dunedoo 3-2. Three wins in the round games put the girls at the top of their pool and second on the ladder. The girls then faced a much larger and older Canobolas High in the Semi Final, but were unlucky to finish with a 4-5 loss. The entire team were all under 15 and played in an opens competition.



They played to the best of their ability and improved throughout the day, representing their school with pride and displaying fantastic sportsmanship.

*A brilliant effort by the KHS Touch Footie team at the Western Region Touch Carnival last month.*

## Preschool's excellent extension



*A big thank you to the community from Preschool Director, Sandra Mackintosh and preschoolers Toby and Katie Braithwaite.*

The Rylstone Kandos Preschool has installed a sign to thank the community for their generous support and contributions to the building extension that was completed in May 2020. The extension has increased the service from a one room to a two room service, which in turn has increased the enrolment capacity. It includes a new bathroom, storeroom, staffroom, offices, meeting room for visiting specialists, automatic entrance doors, foyer and verandah.

The fabulous contributions and support of the Rylstone Kandos community made it possible to envisage the extension a number of years ago. Funding from Mid-Western Regional Council and the NSW State Government together with the community efforts have produced an amazing building which will improve the quality of the preschool service for local children for years to come.



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## Some Calendar of Events listings may still be in lockdown - December 2020

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.	<b>1</b> Rylstone Rural Fire Brigade meets 1st Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm - training nights on 3rd Tuesdays.	<b>2</b> R/K VRA Rescue Squad meeting at 7pm. *RKB&T meeting at 6pm.	<b>3</b> Scrabble on 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month, 10am at Rylstone Club. *Walking group every Thursday at 8.30am.	<b>4</b> Rylstone CWA meets at 10am. *Cudgegong Valley History Group, 11am to 3pm at Henbury Sport & Rec.	<b>5</b> The Kandos Museum is open Wednesdays to Sundays, 10am to 4pm
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Pilates classes, 6pm Mondays at St James Hall Rylstone.	<b>8</b> Rotary meets every Tuesday at the Rylstone Club, 6.30 for 7pm.	<b>9</b> Kandos RSL Sub Branch meeting. *Pop in Playgroup 10am to 12noon Wednesdays.	<b>10</b> Kandos CPSA meets 2pm on the second Thursday of each month at the Kandos RSC Club.	<b>11</b> Ryl. Hosp. Aux. Meetings 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at 10am.	<b>12</b> Rylstone Markets
<b>13</b> One Life Family Church services, 10am every 1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday at the corner of Noyes and Dunn Streets, Kandos.	<b>14</b> Yoga with Jodi, 6pm Mondays, \$12pp at Stone Strength Gym.	<b>15</b> Walking group every Tuesday at 8.30am.	<b>16</b> The Craft Group meets at 10am each Wed. at the VRA shed, Rylstone.	<b>17</b> Ladies Tennis, 9am Thurs. at Henbury Sport & Rec. Club.	<b>18</b> Storytime for kids, 10am to 11am Fridays at Kandos Library.	<b>19</b> Kandos Markets
<b>20</b> Uniting Church holds services at Rylstone at 9.30am every Sunday.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Dance to be fit, 4.45pm every Tuesday at St James Hall Rylstone.	<b>23</b> Venturers meet at 5pm Wednesdays at the Kandos Scout Hall.	<b>24</b> Ryl. CPSA meet at 11am at the Rylstone Club on the 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month.	<b>25</b> Merry Christmas Everyone	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Rylstone-Kandos Street Machine Club meeting at 2pm on last Sunday of each month.	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Twin Town Players meet at 6pm on 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues. of each month at VRA Shed.	<b>30</b> Kandos CWA, 5pm on last Wed. of each month.	<b>31</b> Join the Ukulele Group, 4.15pm for a 4.30pm start on Thursdays at the Kandos CWA Rooms.	<b>KRR Broadcasting on 98.7FM</b>	KR Singers, 2.30pm to 4.30pm Saturdays at One Life Church Kandos.

**February 27...Rylstone Kandos Show, March 13 and 14, 2021...Fermenta**

### Rylstone Markets

The next Rylstone Markets are on Saturday, December 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 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.

### Kandos Community Markets

The next Kandos Community Markets are on Saturday, December 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'll be all the usual interesting stalls. For stall bookings, phone Pauline on 6379 4533 or Rose on 6379 4179.

### Land, water and people

The weekend of November 7 and 8 and November 14 and 15 were the culminating events of a year-long community engagement in the Capertee Valley looking at the well-being of land and people. It came about as a response to extended drought conditions and resulted in the Resilient Farmer's and Capertee Hydrology projects which aimed to bring the community of the watershed together to talk about water and hydration of the landscape. Science knowledge, farming practices and art have been hubs for gatherings since November 2019. The community came together on the first weekend at Umbiella farm to participate in creating a giant woven sculpture with master weavers Peter Williamson and Lanny Mackenzie. Project artist Leanne Thompson continued her work there throughout the weekend which included co-ordinating scything demo's, lantern-making along with the sculpture build. The following weekend saw a major culminating cultural event and Water Ceremony with Traditional Custodian and local Dabee man Peter Swain starting at the Glen Alice Hall from midday. Later, the gathering headed to Umbiella to engage with the land sculpture and the light show.

### Kandos Museum

Are you interested in local history, tourism and meeting new people? Kandos Museum is looking for volunteers to welcome people to the museum and assist with daily operation and development. Join the team at Kandos Museum and you will develop new skills and knowledge. Give something back to the community, contribute to the visitor experience and help preserve and promote Kandos and District Heritage. Contact Sectaratry@kandosmuseum.org.au or call Museum 6379 4600 or just pay a visit.

### Christmas Decorations



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