



Welcome to the February issue of *Community Capers*, volume 244. Our March issue will be distributed on Thursday, February 28. The deadline for this issue is Tuesday, February 12. 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.

De Beaurepaire takes out National Wine of the Year Award

Rylstone's De Beaurepaire Wines has received Winestate Magazines two most coveted awards with their 2016 'Coeur d'Or' Botrytis Semillon taking out the Australian Wine of the Year Trophy and the Le Cordon Bleu Trophy for the 2018 Australian and New Zealand Sweet Wine of the Year. The winning drop scored 5 stars out of 5 from every judge in the competition and surpassed more than 10,000 wines covering all regions and varieties across Australia. In nearly 40 years of the Winestate Magazine National Awards, it is remarkable that the winning wine for Australian Wine of the Year 2018 has been awarded to a sweet wine. Another four of De Beaurepaire wines made it into the national finals for their categories and Wine of the Year after being ranked equal best in NSW (sparkling and chardonnay) and above 4.5 stars (pinot noir and cabernet sauvignon).

De Beaurepaire Wines is a family-owned and operated single-estate producer of 14 French-style wines. Best known for consistent quality across a range of red, white, rosé and sparkling wines, De Beaurepaire Wines was founded in 1998 by Richard and Janet de Beaurepaire. The second generation of the de Beaurepaire family, Amanda and Will, are now actively involved in the business. The broader family first established winemaking operations in the Yarra Valley in 1970 which is still operated by Richard's cousin, Hugh.

Commenting on the award Trophy, Richard de Beaurepaire, said "We are absolutely delighted with winning Australian Wine of the Year and it is extremely rewarding for our family and those who work with us

at the vineyard and in the winery. To top more than 10,000 wines that entered the competition is incredibly humbling and we would like to thank the judges for their comments and feedback. We hope that this award will entice more wine lovers to our historic cellar door and to also explore the excellent wines across the Central Ranges region of New South Wales".

Richard said that The Rylstone-Kandos area is ideal for growing grapes, with limestone-enriched soil and very cool winter temperatures.

"We have been rapidly attracting more visitors to our cellar door and this award should accelerate the flow of visitors. More importantly, we would expect other wine producers to plant vineyards over the next 10 years, creating a new industry, creating jobs and attracting more visitors. Our "instant success" follows 21 years of hard slog in the area. We are focused on making the next 21 years even better," he added.



The De Beaurepaire family with their prestigious trophies. Their success has well and truly put the Rylstone-Kandos area onto the map as one of the finest wine producing areas in Australia.

A crackup of a show

Visitors to this year's Rylstone Kandos Show on Saturday, February 23 are guaranteed plenty of fun when the Crackup Sisters stroll out onto the arena. These two country beauties will get audiences well and truly involved with their energetic and raw comedy, whipcracking, acrobatics and slapstick. You'll be sure to see hear tall stories, funny jokes and enjoy lots of action as they throw together plenty of wild antics. They'll be presenting three shows during the day at 12 noon, 5pm and 6.30pm. Another surprise for show goers will be local equestrian, Christine Selby and her Surprise Equines. You'll be impressed by a Serenade of Dancing horses at 6pm and a Horse Ball Match at 7pm. At 8pm line up for the Tug O War. Another highlight of this year's show will be old time country music by Crow Mountain near the bar area.

This year's show will once again provide plenty of entertainment with six-bar showjumping, woodchop, animal judging and the dog jumping competition. There'll be children's events and don't forget to check out Sammy's Flat for Yard Dog Trials starting early, the Big Ute and Van Show and the Championship Dog

Show nearby. Inspect the fabulous Sculptures on the Hill again this year and vote for your favourite piece. Check out the trade stands, sideshows and rides. The reptile display gets underway from 9am.

All animals and birds including poultry in the Harris Pavilion will be judged on Saturday morning. Judging in the main pavilion will take place on Friday, February 22 and will be open to the public for viewing on Friday night from 6pm until 8.30pm. Bar facilities are open all day from 10am and there'll be plenty of food available in various locations. Check out the show book for a list of all the entertainment and exhibits. The show will close as usual with a spectacular fireworks display at around 9pm in the main arena



The Crackup Sisters are out to have some fun at this year's show. Catch all the action with their three shows in the main arena.

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KRR celebrates 25 years

Kandos Rylstone Community Radio is celebrating 25 years since it began in January 1994. During this last quarter of a century, KRR 98.7 FM has gone from strength to strength from those early days when a group of people had a dream to start a community radio station. It was an ambitious idea, but the community got right behind it and with their support the dream became a reality. The first broadcast was not without its hiccups though, and organisers breathed a sigh of relief as they successfully concluded the very first test transmission from an upstairs classroom at Kandos High School on Saturday, January 8, 1994. Broadcasting originally as Twin Towns Radio TTT 90.7 FM, the group of volunteers received over 200 phone

calls during the first evening request program. The small community was buzzing with anticipation and throwing everything behind the broadcast. Using borrowed equipment, loaned premises and just 90 days air time over a 12 month period to learn the ropes and prove they were worthy of a full time licence, the station gradually improved and everything began to take shape.

During those early years the station used a number of different premises for its broadcasts and was required to change its FM frequency and call sign. This became KRR 98.7 FM and has become well-known across the region. Local fund-raising barbecues and stalls enabled improvements to equipment and with sponsorship support

and the offer of vendor finance the decision was made to purchase its own building in a central location at 50 Angus Avenue, Kandos. The former Rylstone Shire Council also supported KRR's purchase with a \$6,200 grant. This was followed by the successful application for a grant for the KRR Federation Studio Project

under the Federal Government's Federation Community Projects program. The approval of a grant of \$20,000 enabled the construction of a modern studio – much of it constructed by community volunteers. It was officially opened by the late Peter Andren MP, Federal Member for Calare on Saturday, September 29, 2001. This was preceded a week earlier by full time broadcasting 24 hours a day - a tremendous milestone for station members and the local community. Other achievements since then include National Australia Bank's Volunteer of the Year award for NSW with a cheque for \$5,000, the installation of a new transmitter, the construction of a new production and training studio (called the Peter Andren Studio), taking over the publishing of Community Capers from the local business group with support from Mid-Western Regional Council to help with publishing costs, the installation of new antennas and tower on Baldy, construction of a new storage shed, landscaping and gardens at the rear of the building and many other refurbishing projects inside the building. Current president of KRR, Brent Barlow paid tribute to those people who had that dream all those years ago and to the local community for supporting them.

"Thank you listeners for your loyalty and support. Thank you members who have come and gone over the past 25 years - you have been the backbone of KRR 98.7 FM. Thank you volunteers for your time and effort and for your work in helping to improve our station for our community.

Thank you to past and present committee members for your vital work in ensuring we move forward and that we meet the needs of our community. And finally thank you to our sponsors and all those in the community who have supported us in so many ways, including some great financial support from the Community Broadcasting Foundation over the years. Your support has enabled us to survive and flourish. Thank you everyone and best wishes from all of us at KRR."

An open day and free sausage sizzle will be held at the station for the public as part of KRR's celebrations. Call in to the station for a bite to eat and a look through the studios from 11am on Saturday, February 2. All welcome.



Current members who were in the original group that started the local community radio station, Roger Heap, Brian Neaves and David Innes. Many others have since passed on. They all played a vital role in this wonderful community asset.



Kandos High School students showing a keen interest in the first broadcast in 1994 from one of their classrooms, L-R Alana Brabin, Candice Cole, Elease Rose and Nicholas Baskerville.

Men's Shed raffle

The Kandos Rylstone Men's Shed raised \$1300 in their raffle held for Farm Aid Aust. during the weeks leading up to Christmas. It was a great effort and the men at the shed wish to thank everyone who donated to this worthy cause. The cheque for \$1300 will help the farming community that is in need. The raffle was drawn live in the studio of KRR FM and first prize of an Akai 49 inch smart UHD Television was won by Pauline and Dennis Brooks of Kandos. Pauline gratefully accepted the prize and said she had never been lucky in the past. Second prize of a dozen bottles of local wines went to Dave Taylor from Mudgee.



Above: Secretary of the Men's Shed, Fred Hoy with Brent Barlow who drew the winning tickets live on air during his Morning Magazine show on KRR FM.



Fred Hoy presenting first prize of a 49 inch smart TV to Pauline Brooks.

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.

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Students graduate



Congratulations to Year 12 students on their graduation at the end of 2018. Their school formal was held on Friday, November 23 and was the climax of 13 years of schooling. Teachers, staff and parents wish them all the very best of luck for the future. Thank you to photographer Matt Teague from Feather & Birch for the fantastic photos of the graduates.

Above: Looking a treat, these Kandos High School students enjoyed dressing up for their special day. They looked stunning and enjoyed a fabulous occasion.

Below: An exciting day for these stylish students. Their formal was a great way to celebrate the closing of one chapter and the opening of another.



First aid at Bogee RFS

More than 30 people attended a First Aid refresher training session at Bogee on November 18. The training was open to anyone in the community as well as local brigades and aimed to give some basic information on resuscitation, defibrillation, snake bite and heat exhaustion. The trainer, Sue Duggan came from Cudgong to deliver the training and brought a number of resuscitation mannequins, a demonstration defibrillation unit and lots of bandages so participants could practice their skills. A sausage sizzle was provided by the brigade. Bogee members would like to thank the training team from Cudgong who helped organise the training, Sue, RFS members from other brigades and community members for attending this important training. Badged as "this could save a life".



Learning resuscitation skills at Bogee

Christmas decorations

The Community Charity Shop's Christmas Display Competition inspired some fabulous displays in Kandos and Rylstone during the lead up to Christmas. The judging bus headed off just after dark on Thursday, December 13 with plenty of oohs and ahhs from the judging panel. With lots of great entries it wasn't easy to separate the winners. Cash prizes of \$100 for first and \$50 for second in each category were awarded. Congratulations to everyone who entered and well done to the winners and runners up in each category.



Santa was well represented in the display competition during the lead up to Christmas

Sofala Show

The Sofala Show is a great little one day family show. It's on Sunday February 24 – the day after the Rylstone Kandos Show, from 8am to 4pm. Be in the running for Sofala Show Lady 2019, Tiny Tot – Under 5 Boy or Girl, Sofala Junior Showgirl – 5-12 years, 13-19 years - all chosen at random on show day. Check out the exhibition stalls. There'll be an exciting new Railway Display, Antique Cars, Animal Nursery, Side Show Alley, Showbags, Helicopter Rides, Toddlers Rides and live music with Bush Rock. Free activities include a Bucking Bull, Lazer Tag and Horizontal Bungee. There'll be hot and cold food, soft drinks, tea and coffee, and lots more. Entry for adults - \$10, pensioners with card - \$8, students with card - \$8 and school children under 15 – free. There's also free camping and a BBQ Saturday night from 6pm to 9pm and a BBQ Sunday morning from 6am to 8am. Hot showers are available.

Govt. increases fines

The NSW Government has increased fines for dog attacks under the Companion Animal Act 1988 (NSW). The fine for owners of dogs involved in an attack has increased significantly from \$550 to \$1320. Under the Companion Animals Act a 'dog attack' is defined as a dog rushing at, attacking, biting, harassing or chasing any person or animal (other than vermin), whether or not injury is caused to the person or animal. Owners who also fail to keep their dog on a lead in public areas now face a \$330 fine, up from \$220. Council is reminding dog owners to be aware of their responsibilities. "It is important dog owners are aware of their responsibilities to ensure the safety of the whole community," Council's General Manager Brad Cam said. "This means keeping your dog on a leash and under the control of someone capable of restraining it in public. At home, ensure you take all reasonable precautions to contain your dog within the property and prevent it from escaping."

Smart Water

New Smart Water Meters will be installed free of charge to all households connected to town water after Council secured \$1.2m through the Australian Government's Smart Cities and Suburbs Program. The Smart Water Meter Network will provide an estimated \$445,000 annual cost saving to ratepayers by detecting leakages in real time. The new meters will relay data on an hourly basis to Council, allowing Water Teams to act promptly. Residents will be able to manage their future usage by accessing a customer portal which will provide real time data on the amount of water they are using daily. The project is expected to take approximately 2 years to roll out across the region.

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The club welcomes Melissa Shumack to
the team

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Calendar of Events - February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
The Cottage Museum. Rylstone is open every Sunday from 10am to 3pm.	Pilates classes, 6pm Mondays at St James Hall Rylstone.	Rotary meets every Tuesday at the Rylstone Club, 6.30 for 7pm.	Pop in Playgroup 10am to 12noon each Wednesday	Yoga with Laura every Thursday at 6.15pm, \$15pp at Stone Strength Gym.	1 Rylstone CWA meet at 10am *Cudgegong Valley History Group, 11am to 3pm at Henbury Sport & Rec.	2 The Kandos Museum is open Wednesdays to Sundays, 10am to 4pm.
3 One Life Family Church services, 10am every 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday at the corner of Noyes and Dunn Streets, Kandos.	4 Scouts and Cubs meet at 4.30pm on Mondays at Kandos Scout Hall.	5 Rylstone Rural Fire Brigade meets first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm - training nights on 3rd Tuesdays.	6 R/K VRA Rescue Squad meeting at 7.30pm. *RKB&T meeting at 6pm.	7 Scrabble on 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday of each month, 10am to 1pm at the Rylstone Club.	8 Ryl Hosp Aux Meetings 2nd Friday of each month at 10am.	9 Rylstone Markets
10 Kandos Christian Fellowship 10.30am on 2nd and 4th Sunday at Scout Hall, Kandos.	11	12 The Kandos Art Group, Tuesdays at the CWA rooms in Kandos from 11am - 2pm.	13 Kandos RSL Sub Branch meeting.	14 Kandos CPSA meet at 2pm on the second Thursday of each month, at the Kandos RSC Club.	15 Storytime for kids, 10am to 11am Fridays at Kandos Library.	16 Kandos Markets
17 Boguee RFS Training every 3rd Sunday of the month at 9am.*3rd Sunday of the month markets at the Globe Hotel.	18	19 Venturers on Tuesdays at 5pm. *Dance to be fit, 5.45pm every Tues. at St James Hall Rylstone	20 The Craft Group meets at 10am each Wednesday at the VRA shed, Rylstone.	21 Ladies Tennis, 9am Thursdays at Henbury Sport & Rec. Club. Rylstone	22 KR Singers, 2.30pm to 4.30pm Saturdays at One Life Church Kandos.	23 Rylstone Kandos Show.
24 Uniting Church holds services at Rylstone at 9.30am every Sunday. *Rylstone-Kandos Street Machine Club meeting at 2pm on last Sunday of each month. SOFALA SHOW	25	26 Twin Town Players meet at 6pm on 4th Tues. of each month at VRA Shed Rylstone.	27 KRR Radio meet 5.30pm on last Wed. of month at KRR studios 50 Angus Ave. Kandos. *Kandos CWA meet 5pm on last Wed. of each month.	28 CPSA meet at 11am at the Rylstone Club on the 4th Thursday of each month.	Join the Ukulele Group, 4.15pm for a 4.30pm start on Fridays at the Kandos CWA Rooms.	KRR Broadcasting on 98.7FM

April 19... Good Friday.



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Rylstone Markets

The next Rylstone Markets are on Saturday, February 9 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 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.

CWA at Show

The CWA rooms in Rylstone will be open again this year on show day – Saturday, February 23. Please join them for some of their famous scones and delicious waffles. For the savoury buffs they'll also be serving fresh or toasted sandwiches as well as tea and coffee. Come in for a chat and check out their bits and pieces for sale as well as their raffle. They're looking forward to seeing you all.

Pilates classes

Pilates classes are on again at St James Anglican Church Hall, Rylstone on Mondays from 6pm to 7pm. Pilates is a full body workout, equivalent to weight training. It stretches tight muscles and strengthens all the stabilising muscles of the body and improves posture. It's suitable for all ages. Arrive 10 minutes early and bring a Yoga Mat. For further information, contact Alison Barnes at glendavishotel@gmail.com or by phone on 6379 7372.

Kandos Community Markets

The Kandos Community Markets are on Saturday, February 16 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 Joy on 6379 6097.

Dance classes

Come along for Contemporary Dance Classes and Creative Movement with Susan Barling at St James Anglican Church Hall, Rylstone on Tuesdays at 5.45pm. Dance your way to fitness - not too serious, come and have some fun. For enquires, please call 0425 274 937.

Cudgegong Valley History Group

The Cudgegong Valley History Group meets on the first Friday of each month at Henbury Golf Club from 11am to 3pm. At each meeting there are two spare laptops with Ancestry.com for people to use. Often a laptop is connected to an A3 scanner to allow people to digitise their photos. The group also holds a number of useful resources. Researchers are on hand to assist with worldwide research and photo book creation using Macs, PCs and Linux systems. Henbury is air-conditioned and has disabled access and disabled toilets. There is no charge for attendees. All welcome. Further enquiries to Fiona at 0478 669 706.

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