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Welcome to the February issue of Community Capers, volume 255. Our March issue will be distributed on Thursday, February 27. The deadline for this issue is Tuesday, February 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.

Show will be big on entertainment

Despite the drought and local fires, residents and visitors are being encouraged to come to the Rylstone Kandos Show on Saturday, February 22 for a day of entertainment and support for our community. Show society President Sam Hamilton believes that this is important. In his 2020 Presidents Report he says: "At the time of writing the district is overwhelmed by the drought which has continued to intensify over the last couple of years. This together with the threat of fires make it difficult to predict what the show and the district for that matter will be like at show time. Unfortunately, Bull-A-Rama had to be postponed due to the fires and will be rescheduled later in the year. However, under these conditions I believe it is more important than ever to have a successful and enjoyable event to raise community moral and hopefully boost the local economy with increased visitor numbers.

The committee is planning a show with new and extra entertainment to attract a wider audience and overcome the expected loss of traditional exhibits. Our sponsors, many of who are combating difficult times themselves, have again been generous in their support and I thank them on behalf of the society. The executive committee are again very active working towards the 2020 show and I know the wider committee and the great band of helpers and volunteers will also be over the coming months. I thank you all in advance for your effort and support. I wish everyone an enjoyable and successful show in 2020 and hopefully a return to more favourable conditions and better times."

Although Bull-A-Rama was postponed there will be plenty of rodeo action at the show to help make up for it. The evening entertainment will include steer riding and bull riding and a guarantee of plenty of thrills. Due to popular demand, the Crackup Sisters will be back and will lead the entertainment in the arena at 6pm. There'll be a live band and all the usual great events including horse events, 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 21 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.

Catastrophic fire season

A prolonged drought combined with record temperatures and strong winds has resulted in horrific fires across Australia. One of the biggest fires in NSW started in the Rylstone Kandos district with a lightning strike during a thunder storm at Gaspers Mountain. From there it spread towards the Blue Mountains, the Central Coast, Sydney, Kelgoola, Dunns Swamp, Coxs Creek, Ferntree Gully and Reedy Creek, eventually joining up with other fires including the Kerry Ridge Fire which threatened Nullo Mountain, and also the Palmers Oakey fire on the Turon River which burnt properties at Cherry Tree Hill, Running Stream and Brogans Creek. Australia has seen loss, destruction and heartache on a massive scale but it has also seen courage, generosity, self-sacrifice and a community spirit that is almost beyond belief. Locally, we have witnessed a super-human effort by RFS volunteers, dozer drivers, helicopter pilots, property owners and ordinary people who have banded together to save homes, property and lives. Some of these people have spent weeks at the frontline, day after day, shift after shift, going without a family Christmas, a holiday and proper sleep. They must be exhausted. Other community members, seeing the sacrifice that is being made have got together and organised donations, meals, drinks and snack packs for those on the ground. The community spirit that these fires have inspired is something positive that has come out of the incredible destruction. If a plan for the future of our country comes out of a Royal Commission or some other enquiry, this will be another positive. In the meantime, our hearts go out to all those who have experienced loss, pain and suffering during this festive season.



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Community Capers is a publication where community groups and other organisations can list their meeting times, events, dates

and venues. Please send all information to the editor, Brent Barlow, 38 Mudgee Street, Rylstone, NSW 2849, or email him at brenbar@winsoft.net.au or phone him on 6379 1020. If meeting times or dates etc. change, please contact Brent as soon as possible with corrections. Advertising space is limited but we do require advertising support to fund our newsletter. Usually it's on a "first in, best dressed" basis. If you wish to advertise or sponsor a page, please contact Brian Neaves on 6379 4092.

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.

KHS Captains for 2020

Towards the end of school term last year, eight Year 5 students nominated for the role of School Captains for 2020. The students delivered their speeches in front of students, staff and parents at a special assembly on Friday, November 29. They all delivered terrific speeches and after the assembly, students and staff were given the opportunity to vote. Results are as follows: Captains – Ryley

Sack and Emily Gallaher, Vice-Captains – Eleanor Vidler and Brandi Wilkinson. House Captains: Lloyd – Connor Pendlebury and Mia Waterton, Coomber – Kaysi Munday and Mia Reddish, Dabee – Amia Jupp and Chelsea Ford. Congratulations to these student leaders for 2020. Congratulations also to the 2019 Dux of the year Willow Connellan for a fabulous academic effort.



KHS Captains for 2020 - Front Row L-R Eleanor Vidler (vice-captain), Emily Gallaher (captain), Ryley Sack (captain) and Brandi Wilkinson (vice-captain). Back row - House Captains L-R Amia Jupp, Chelsea Ford, Mia Reddish, Kaysi Munday, Mia Waterton and Connor Pendlebury.



KHS Dux for 2019 – Willow Connellan.

StreetFeast donation

In appreciation for the Community Charity Shop's support in previous years, Rylstone StreetFeast turned the tables and made a substantial donation to them this year. In a surprise presentation on KRR 98.7FM during Morning Magazine, StreetFeast President Peter Monaghan presented Charity Shop representatives Colleen Yates and Laurie Jardine with a cheque for \$1000 for their building fund. Peter said StreetFeast members couldn't imagine a more worthy recipient than this group of volunteers who have themselves donated so much money to groups and individuals across the region. Both Colleen and Laurie were suitably surprised and delighted with the donation. They thanked Peter and the StreetFeast committee for the wonderful donation and said all the Charity Shop volunteers would be extremely grateful.



Peter Monaghan presenting a cheque to Charity Shop volunteers Colleen Yates and Laurie Jardine for the group's building fund.

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Rylstone CWA

Rylstone CWA combined their December meeting with their Christmas party. Congratulations to Val Warwick, Wendy Rathbone and Margaret Richens who were presented with their membership badges during this special occasion.



Margaret Baxter presenting CWA membership badges to Val Warwick, Wendy Rathbone and Margaret Richens.

Cake shared by winner

Rylstone Cake and Sugar Artists' Christmas Cake Raffle was won by Mellissa Shumack. Congratulations to Mellissa who kindly shared the prize with local fire fighters and volunteers. The group thanks everyone for their support. Donations from the raffle will go to Rylstone and District volunteer fire fighters, the Community Charity Shop in Kandos and the Koala Hospital in Port Macquarie.

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School's Christmas cards



Bathurst MP Paul Toole with RPS Christmas card designers from left: Chloe Spittles, Teegan Reynolds, Sophie Suttor, Lily Kane, Brienna Fuller and Janine Maw.

Bathurst MP Paul Toole visited Rylstone Public School before Christmas to congratulate the winners of his annual Design a Christmas Card Competition. This year's theme was "Christmas in your Backyard". Sophie Suttor and Lily Kane were judged the winners, but Mr Toole said he also wanted to recognise the efforts of Chloe Spittles, Teegan Reynolds, Brienna Fuller and Janine Maw who received participation certificates.

"Congratulations to them all. Lily's entry featured an emu and barbecue and really did depict an Aussie Christmas in your backyard. Sophie's effort was also a great job and included a BBQ, cricket stumps and bat, a pig on a spit, and a Christmas tree and

presents. It was fantastic to see that children from Years 5 and 6 at Rylstone Public School made the effort to put their entries in this year's competition," Mr Toole said.

Bridge named

At their December 11 meeting, Mid-Western Regional Council formally approved the name of John Hawkins Bridge for the bridge over the Cudgegong River in Rylstone. The new name was expected to be gazetted in the 20/12/19 Government Gazette and signs will be installed as soon as possible pending budget and staff availability.

During the public consultation period for the naming of this bridge, Council received several submissions in relation to another worthy Rylstone resident, Bill Staff. A motion to name one of the nearby public reserves in honour of Mr Staff was carried at the meeting and Council staff will begin the naming process in February. The first step will be to decide on the site of the prospective Bill Staff Park. There are two public reserves located near the newly named bridge that may be named. The first is located on Lot 7300 DP 1140929, which is found between the Cudgegong River and Tong Bong Road south west of the bridge. The second is located over Lots 7013 & 7014 DP 1023898 and Lots 9 & 10 Section 2B DP 758891, which are found between the Cudgegong River and Louee Street north east and south east of the bridge.

Council would like to hear from the public with regards to their choice of public reserve to be named in honour of Bill Staff, or would like to know if another location would be preferred. Please send submissions nominating a preferred location, in writing, to the General Manager, Mid-Western Regional Council, PO Box 156 MUDGEES NSW 2850. Submissions can also be emailed to Council@Midwestern.nsw.gov.au. Submissions will be accepted until Friday, February 21, 2020. Should anyone have any queries or wish to discuss this matter please contact Council's Revenue and Property Department on 63782850 or 1300 765002.

Christmas competition

The Charity Shop's Christmas Decoration Competition had judges smiling with delight in December. Winners and runners up received nice cash prizes. Results are as follows: Best Dressed Christmas Character –

Let it Rain

Rotary's Christmas Carnival held at the Rylstone Showground featured a rain dance by local Fire Brigade members and volunteers along with some very enthusiastic kids. Everyone was hoping it would bring some much-needed rain, but unfortunately the rain-dance fairies were tied up that day. It was however, a fun event and gave everyone watching a bit of light relief and entertainment. During the day, Santa and his trusty reindeer/dog called in with lots of sweets for the kids (and a few adults too). It was a nice day and much enjoyed by everyone.



Kick up those boots and bring on the rain at Rotary's Christmas party

1st Jorta Griffiths, 2nd Connor Pendeberry and 3rd Olivia Ashford. House and Garden – 1st N & E Norris, 2nd Ivan Crean, 3rd Kathy Shipp. Inflatables/Unique Creations – 1st Hood-Castle, 2nd Kandos Police House, 3rd Alison Oldfield. Shop Front/Business – 1st Kandos Motel, 2nd Main Street Mechanical, 3rd St Vincent de Paul. Tree Exterior – J Bailey. Christmas Interior through Window, Hood-Castle. Combined Houses – Evans/Murray. Congratulations to all the entrants for some great displays.



The Best Dressed Christmas Character was judged at the Charity Shop's Christmas party held at the Rotunda Park, Kandos on Thursday, December 19. Well done everyone for the fabulous costumes. It was a great party, well attended by residents with lots of food, live music and hospitality. A big thank you to the Charity Shop for this special Christmas treat.

Charbon Lime reopens

Global leader in lime and limestone solutions, Graymont announced in December that it was restarting the Charbon lime plant, located near Kandos in NSW. The company, which is headquartered in Canada, serves markets throughout North America and Asia Pacific. Graymont is also the strategic partner of Grupo Calidra, the largest lime producer in Latin America. The company says its decision to reopen the plant is in response to increased market demand.

"We plan to immediately restart some 70,000 tonnes of quicklime capacity and 50,000 tonnes of hydrated lime capacity at Charbon to meet increased market demand."

The resumption of operations at Charbon will create approximately 15 full-time jobs at the plant and a few more at the Excelsior quarry site, generating significant indirect economic spinoffs and employment opportunities for the benefit of the community. Graymont said the decision to restart the facility reflects the company's continued confidence in the dynamism and significant growth potential of the Asia-Pacific region. Stéphane Godin, CEO of Graymont said wherever the company operates they aim to be the preferred supplier, employer, and partner of choice.

"The restart of Charbon further demonstrates both our capacity and our willingness to invest in order to enhance our position as a global industry leader." The family owned company has been in operation for over 70 years.

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Calendar of Events - February 2020

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 every Wednesday.	Scrabble on 1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Thursday of month, 10am at Rylstone Club..	KR Singers, 2.30pm to 4.30pm Saturdays at One Life Church Kandos	1 The Kandos Museum is open Wednesdays to Sundays, 10am to 4pm
2 One Life Family Church services, 10am every 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday at the corner of Noyes and Dunn Streets, Kandos.	3 Scouts and Cubs meet at 4.30pm on Mondays at Kandos Scout Hall	4 Rylstone Rural Fire Brigade meets 1st Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm - training nights on 3rd Tuesdays.	5 R/K VRA Rescue Squad meeting at 7pm. *RKB&T meeting at 6pm.	6 Kandos CPSA meets 2pm on the second Thursday of each month at the Kandos RSC Club..	7 Rylstone CWA meets at 10am. *Cudgong Valley History Group, 11am to 3pm at Henbury Sport & Rec.	8 Rylstone Markets The Kandos Art Group meets Fridays from 11am to 2pm at the CWA Rooms in Jacques Street.
9 Uniting Church holds services at Rylstone at 9.30am every Sunday.	10 Yoga with Jodi, 6pm Mondays, \$12pp at Stone Strength Gym.	11	12 The Craft Group meets at 10am each Wed. at the VRA shed, Rylstone. *Kandos RSL Sub Branch meeting.	13 Kandos CPSA meets 2pm on the second Thursday of each month at the Kandos RSC Club.	14 Kandos CPSA meets 2pm on the second Thursday of each month at the Kandos RSC Club.	15 Kandos Markets
16 3rd Sunday of the month Community Markets at the Globe Hotel.	17	18 Walking group every Tuesday at 8.30am.	19 Venturers meet at 5pm Wednesdays at the Kandos Scout Hall.	20 Ladies Tennis, 9am Thurs. at Henbury Sport & Rec. Club. * Walking group every Thursday at 8.30am.	21 Storytime for kids, 10am to 11am Fridays at Kandos Library *Show Pavilion opens at 6pm.	22 Rylstone Kandos Show
23 Rylstone-Kandos Street Machine Club meeting at 2pm on last Sunday of each month. * Sofala Show	24 Dance to be fit, 5.45pm every Tuesday at St James Hall Rylstone.	25 Twin Town Players meet at 6pm on 4th Tues. of each month at VRA Shed.	26 KRR Radio meet 5.30pm on last Wed. of month at 50 Angus Ave. Kandos. * Kandos CWA, 5pm on last Wed. of each month.	27 Ryl. CPSA meet at 11am at the Globe Hotel on the 4th Thursday of each month.	28 Join the Ukulele Group, 4.15pm for a 4.30pm start on Fridays at the Kandos CWA Rooms.	29 KRR Broadcasting on 98.7FM

March 12 to March 29...Seniors Week Program, April 4...Kandos Bush Dance, April 25...ANZAC Day services, May 3...Mudgee Classic cycling event.



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Sofala Show

The Sofala & District Agricultural & Horticultural Show is on Sunday February 23.

Show times are 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. Exhibition stalls and entertainment. Ride on a camel and follow it up with a helicopter ride. Railway Display, Antique Cars, Animal Nursery and Side Show Alley. There'll be Showbags, Toddlers Rides and live music with Bush Rock. Free activities include a Bucking Bull, Reptile Kingdom Australia and Horizontal Bungee. Hot and cold food, soft drinks, tea and coffee available. Entry for adults is \$10, pensioners with card - \$8, students with card - \$8 and school children under 15 are free. There's free camping and a BBQ Saturday night from 6pm to 9pm and a BBQ Sunday morning from 6am to 8am. Hot showers are available. For further information or enquiries, contact show secretary Ash Miller on 0429 377 191, email: info@sofalashow.com or check out the website at www.sofalashow.com

Kandos Bush Dance

Do Si Do and swing your partners at the Kandos Bush Dance on Saturday, April 4 to the music of live band, Swamp Dawkins. It's at the Kandos Community Centre. Doors open at 6.30pm and music and bar kicks off at 7pm. This is a dinner occasion. Sit down to a spit roast plus tea, coffee, and cake supper. The dinner service starts at 7.30pm, with the first dance at 8.30pm. Supper starts at 9.30pm and the second dance is at 10pm. Tickets are \$50 plus processing and they're available at kandosmuseum.org.au or at the museum.

Seniors Week

The seniors' lunch, entertainment and presentation of Rylstone Senior Citizen of the Year will be held at the Rylstone Club on Thursday, March 12 from 11am to 2pm. Cost is \$15pp, phone Carol Hayward on 6379 1096. The lunch and presentation of Kandos Senior Citizen of the Year will be held at the Kandos Returned Services Community Club on Friday, March 20 from 11am to 2pm. Cost is \$15, contact Delma Smith or the club.

Rylstone Markets

Rylstone Markets are on Saturday, February 8 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 association is always looking for more stallholders so if you would like to come along and join the group, call their secretary Bev on 0410 577 667 or their president Diana on 0428 663 161. or email at rylstonemarkets@gmail.com.

Kandos Community Markets

The Kandos Community Markets are on Saturday, February 15 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.

Third Sunday Markets

The Rylstone Sunday Morning Community Markets are held every third Sunday of each month in the grounds of the Globe Hotel from 9am to 1pm. It's a community based event and organisers welcome stall holders. If you'd like to be a stall holder, contact Philip on 6379 1048 or email info@theglobehotel.com.au for information and to reserve your spot.