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Rylstone Kandos Show

The Rylstone Kandos Show is on Saturday, February 25 and this year it welcomes back one of the show's big attractions – the Pavilion. Cancelled last year because of COVID, the committee and show stewards are gearing up to make the Pavilion a real feature this year. The call is out for everyone to get their produce in for a great display. From wool to farm and garden produce, fruit, photography, art and craft, horticulture, jams, jellies, cakes and preserves and lots more, it'll be a must-see. Judging is on Friday and doors open to the public from 6pm to 8.30pm for a Friday evening view.

On Saturday, the show gets underway with an early start. The horse events will take pride of place in the main ring and judging will continue across the showground. Don't miss the 2023 Young Woman of the Year Competition, celebrating the young women that help make our community. Along with the wood chop events, which always draw a big crowd, there'll be interesting displays across the grounds, plenty of entertainment, lots of food and drink, and sideshow alley in full swing. Live music is also back

again this year with the band SaLT playing those fabulous covers. They really had the crowd going last year. The amazing fireworks will top off another great show. Show Society President Cameron Clarke said by all accounts the 2023 show is going to be a good one.

"With plenty of flooding rain this year it has presented a few challenges with showground maintenance and damage to some of our buildings. The flood we experienced in October flew down the Cudgegong so fast it turned Sammy's flat into a lake, which has not occurred in decades. I would like to tip my hat to our hardworking council team who had the Showground cleaned up and back to its pristine condition in a very short time. As for the more extensive damage, we have plans in place for refurbishing and rebuilding in the future." Cam said the heart of our country show is the produce and livestock and he confirmed that its business as usual for the Pavilion in the main hall.

"We hope you are all busy growing and making goods to showcase the talent of our local community. The livestock will be in their prime with the good season, and the pens will be a sight to see on the day. I would like to extend a thank you to our past President Phil English for his efforts and work over the last two years. Covid certainly threw a spanner in the works for the 2021 show but made us appreciate 2022 that much more. The Rodeo and fireworks on both the Friday and Saturday nights were a real treat last year. As always, we couldn't do this without our generous sponsors, committee and stewards. A big thank you to them and all the best for a great 2023 show.



The Pavilion is back and everyone is looking forward to browsing the wonderful displays of produce, art and craft of our local community.

Senior's Festival begins

The largest senior's festival in the Southern Hemisphere has arrived in the Mid-Western Region with a range of activities and events to celebrate the incredible seniors in our community. Themed 'Celebrate Together', the 2023 NSW Seniors Festival will deliver hundreds of free and discounted activities, workshops, and performances for seniors across the state. Locally, Council is supporting a variety of events including senior's luncheons in Mudgee, Gulgong, Rylstone and Kandos, Senior Citizen of the Year awards, history talks, musical high tea, writing workshops, technology sessions,

movie screenings, day bus tours to Dubbo and much more.

With a diverse range of experiences on offer, the festival will inspire seniors to be active, socialise, and share their skills and wisdom, all while connecting with their community. Local events will run from Monday, February 6 to Monday, February 27.

The NSW Seniors Festival is presented by Council in conjunction with the NSW Government. For the latest updates and activity listings visit Council's website and Facebook page.

Capers info

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Community groups and other organisations are welcome to 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 on 6379 1020 - mobile 0427 791 020. For advertising or sponsorship, please contact Brian Neaves on 6379 4092.

BVI celebrates 150

Rylstone and District Historical Society (RDHS) celebrated the 150th birthday of its NSW State Heritage Listed Bridge View Inn on Tuesday, December 6 with a wonderful turnout in its grounds. It was a fitting celebration for all members of the community from school students to distinguished guests and friends and supporters of the Society. The day began with an Open House allowing visitors to inspect the mural over the fireplace in the dining room, the upstairs apartment used for guest accommodation, and the new interpretive panels in the hallway of the building, as well as the other rooms in the complex.

The large gathering was welcomed by Peter Monaghan, President of Rylstone and District Historical Society, who gave a brief history of the Bridge View Inn. It was an interesting insight into the building's complexities by someone who has shared a real passion for its preservation. This was followed by some delightful songs by the Rylstone Public School choir. Jeanette McCarthy, Vice President of RDHS introduced the students and the choir's director, teacher Monica Fielding. Their rendition of 'Happy Birthday' topped off a very inspiring performance and was the perfect opportunity for the cutting of the birthday cake by past Presidents Robert O'Neill and Shirley Tunnickliff.

Another highlight was the loading of objects and documents into a time capsule by Rylstone Public School Captains and Prefects. It will be installed in a chimney cavity in the building marked "To be opened in 2071 to mark the 200th year of the Inn." Guest speaker Bruce Wilson, President of the Gulgong-Mudgee-Rylstone Branch of the National Trust, spoke about the value of conserving our heritage. He warned that if we fail to conserve our iconic building we lose our treasures, however if we maintain our buildings, we gain something invaluable to pass on for the future. "The Bridge View Inn is a typical example of a heritage win," he said.

A fitting end to the formal part of the day was the launch of Virginia Hollister's book, "The Bridge View Inn - Rylstone, NSW." The publication celebrates the 150th birthday of the building with a collection of information gathered over many years about the building's history, significance, occupants and conservation. It has been painstakingly researched and includes two interesting stories by former occupant Helen Marsonet titled "The Bank My Home" and another by former lessee of the kitchen, Helen Kristensen titled "Restoring the Bridge Hotel." Virginia's work provides a fascinating insight into the ups and downs, the trials and tribulations, the discoveries and the eventual rewards that arrived through perseverance and strong individual and community support. Copies of the book were signed by Virginia and sold on the day. They are now available at the Cottage Museum next to the BVI which is open every Sunday. Celebrations ended with guests enjoying a piece of birthday cake and refreshments catered by the Rylstone P&C.



A happy celebration for RDHS Vice-President Jeannette McCarthy, President local branch of National Trust Bruce Wilson, RDHS President Peter Monaghan and author of Bridge View Inn, Rylstone NSW Virginia Hollister.



Former RDHS Presidents Robert O'Neill and Shirley Tunnickliff cutting the 150th Birthday Cake.



A proud moment for publishers of our monthly newsletter Community Capers as RPS students load November and December 2022 copies into the time capsule.

Care and Transport

Rylstone District Care and Transport is funded for Meals on Wheels, Transport and Social Support. For further information on any of the above services please contact their office on 6379 1519 or call into the office at 46 Mudgee St, Rylstone.

Name a road

Mid-Western Regional Council proposes to name a road in a subdivision near Rylstone off White Rock Road in the locality of Pinnacle Swamp. Council is inviting submissions from the public, in addition to submissions from Council's pre-approved names list. Submissions should be in writing, giving reasons and addressed to the General Manager, Mid-Western Regional Council, PO Box 156 MUDGEE NSW 2850. Submissions will be accepted until Friday, February 24. Should you have any queries or wish to discuss this matter Council's Revenue and Property Department can be contacted on 6378 2850 or 1300 765 002.

Pupil's vision checked

Lue Public School's pupils were under the spotlight last year when a team of volunteers from the Lions Club conducted the Lions Eye Health program on all students. The program aims to identify common vision problems after which a referral to an optometrist for further investigation can be made. School Principal Caron McDonald said it's essential that children's eyes are checked.

"This just made it all so easy, and it was lovely to hear the volunteers say nice things about how well-mannered our students were."

Mudgee Lions Club are hoping that after this pilot session, other small schools will get involved and eventually the program could be screened across our whole area.



Eye Health volunteers from the Lions Club with Lue school students Tyler Charters, Holly Webb, Charli Statham and Eden Carkeek.

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Museum's Master Plan

Kandos Museum has secured funding from the Creative Capital Fund to reinvigorate the museum in a bold new initiative that could also provide a valuable spinoff for the town. The initiative follows the adoption of a strategic plan last year that aims to lift the visitation to the museum from 3000 per year to 30,000 and to make the museum significant at a national level. Museum President Buzz Sanderson said their strategic plan has set the aims and they are now following this up with a road map to meet those aims. "Kandos Museum needs a Master Plan and its development will be one of the key activities of the museum this year. We will be looking at all aspects of the museum; the collection, how it is displayed, what facilities are needed, the cultural positioning of the museum at local and national levels, the marketing and the economics, the human resources needed, who are the stakeholders, how do we tell that great Kandos story and how does that lead into the future for both the museum and the town."

The museum has engaged principal consultants Andrew Andersons AO, Architect, Richard Green FIEAust, Engineer and Andrew Overton BA, Churchill Memorial Fellow, Cultural Consultant, to undertake the development of the Master Plan.



L to R Andrew Overton, Richard Green, Andrew Andersons and Buzz Sanderson at the initial team formation meeting in front of a handsomely executed concrete structure at Chippendale.

"Kandos Museum has been extremely fortunate in being able to attract talent of this extraordinary calibre to the project. These team members have been responsible from some of the nation's most notable cultural projects including the Art Gallery of NSW, National Gallery of Australia and on through to institutions closer to home like the Bathurst Regional Gallery." Buzz said.

The team is rounded out by Jim Disher of TriAxial Mudgee looking at transport planning and James Marshall of Centennial Fassifern taking charge of stakeholder engagement.

The Master Plan project is now underway with preliminary information gathering, to be followed up with the development of initial ideas and the formulation of a draft plan to be used as the base for stakeholder engagement and community consultation leading to the finalisation of the plan. Buzz Sanderson said community feedback and input is a vital part of this initiative.

"We will be holding a public session towards the end of April along with individual stakeholder briefing such as with

Council. This is a great opportunity to develop not only the museum but to reinvigorate Kandos and surrounds. We are very excited by this first step," he said.

Murder at Aunt Agatha's

After a long break due to COVID the Twin Town Players returned in December with a bang – literally, with their hilarious 'who done it' - *Murder at Aunt Agatha's*. With a cast of over 20 players, Director Cathy Heap can take a bow for this one. With great acting and fabulous costumes the production was a winner. Audiences loved it and kept

coming along to see it over the four performances. The cast and crew included plenty of seasoned members with a strong mix of newcomers, promising more great productions for the future. A big cheer for the crew for their great work in lighting/sound, costumes, front of house and catering. We're all looking forward to the next one.



An enthralling scene from the Twin Town Players' hilarious *Murder at Aunt Agatha's*.

Portrait prize

Gus Armstrong's artwork *High waters on the shoulders of giants* 2022 won the Mid-Western Region Best Overall Portrait Prize at the inaugural MAP Portrait Prize held at Mudgee Arts Precinct in December. Close to 400 entries were received from across Australia, with 89 entries shortlisted for the final exhibition. The exhibited artworks included a broad range of subjects and styles in a cross section of artistic genres including painting, sculptures, photography, mixed media, drawing, ceramics and video. Gallery Curator, Lizzy Galloway said the standard was incredibly high for a first-time art prize. "The most encouraging part of the exhibition has been seeing the high standard of creativity that exists within our region," she said.

The winning prizes were awarded by the judging panel of Alex Wisser, Cementa (Kandos), Kent Buchanon, Curator Western Plains Cultural Centre (Dubbo), Linda Jackson, artist (Clandulla) and Steven Cavanagh, Arts OutWest (Bathurst).



Gus Armstrong's artwork *High waters on the shoulders of giants*, winner of the inaugural MAP Portrait Prize held at Mudgee Arts Precinct

Leanne's birds

Local textile artist and bird watcher Leanne Wicks has an exhibition in the Kandos Projects windows at 18 Angus Avenue. The four windows follow a bird theme including knitted Sulphur-Crested Cockatoos which were inspired by her grandmother, the results of the Yarn the Mountain community yarning project held last year at WAYOUT ArtSpace and museum drawers with knitted bird specimens exploring her 3rd great-grandfather's donation of birds and eggs to the Australian Museum in 1837. Leanne has selected four local endangered species to raise awareness of before they end up in boxes too - Gang Gang Cockatoo, Diamond Firetail, Regent Honeyeater and Dusky Woodswallow. Everyone is invited to a closing celebration on Saturday, March 4 from 5 to 7 pm at Kandos Projects.

Opportunity for farmers

A unique course opportunity is available to farmers/land managers in the Olinda, Running Stream/Ilford and Rylstone area in March for those able to put what they learn in the course into action. Bryan Wehlberg from Inside Outside Management will bring you the complete course of "A Foundation for Regeneration" which will enable you to develop a clear vision for the future and manage your land in a way that regenerates the environment. This is an eight day course of four two-day sessions. Session one - March 2-3 (Thurs-Fri), Session two - March 30-31 (Thurs-Fri), Session three - May 11-12 (Thurs-Fri) and Session four - June 22-23 (Thurs-Fri). The cost is \$250 which is a refundable commitment fee (the course is valued at \$2,400 per person).

This is an unmissable opportunity to complete a Holistic Management course in Rylstone and learn to make decisions that are environmentally, economically, and socially profitable. The course is aimed to improve profitability, increase biodiversity, build resilience, work with nature and use your livestock to enhance landscape health. For more information and to register, contact Watershed Landcare at maddison@watershedlandcare.com.au

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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 Rescue Squad VRA shed, Ryl. 6.30 for 7pm.	1 R/K VRA Rescue Squad meeting at 7pm. *RKB&T meeting at 6pm.	2 Scrabble on 1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Thurs. 10am at Rylstone Club.	3 Rylstone CWA meets at 10am. *Cudgong Valley History Group, 11am to 3pm at Henbury Sport & Rec. Club	4 The Kandos Museum is open Wednesdays to Sundays, 10am to 4pm
5 One Life Family Church services, 10am 1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Sundays at the cnr. of Noyes and Dunn Streets, Kandos	6 Pilates classes, 6pm Mondays at St James Hall Rylstone..	7 Rylstone Rural Fire Brigade meets 1st Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm - training on 3rd Tuesdays..	8 Kandos RSL Sub Branch meeting. Pop in Playgroup 10am to 12pm Wednesdays	9 Kandos CP&SA meets 2pm on the second Thursday of each month at the Kandos RSC Club.	10 Ryl. Hosp. Aux. Meetings 2 nd Friday of each month at 10am. Kandos Seniors Lunch	11 Rylstone Markets Rylstone CWA Rooms open for food Back to Bylong Afternoon
12 Uniting Church holds services at Rylstone at 9.30am every Sunday.	13	14 Rylstone Seniors Lunch	15 Venturers meet at 5pm Wednesdays at the Kandos Scout Hall.	16 Ladies Tennis, 9am Thursdays at Henbury.	17	18 Kandos Markets
19 Anglican Church services at St Laurence, Kandos at 10am on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays and at St James Rylstone at 10am on the 4th and 5th Sundays. *3rd Sunday Markets at the Globe 10am – 2pm.	20	21 The Wollemi Singers meet at 6pm Tuesdays at Kandos CWA Rooms. Dance to be fit, 4.45pm Tuesdays at St James Hall Rylstone.	22 KRR 98.7 FM Radio meeting 5.30pm at 50 Angus Ave Kandos. Kandos CWA meeting, 5pm on last Wed. of month.	23 Rylstone CP&SA 11am at Ryl. Club on the 4 th Thursday of month.	24 Storytime for kids, 10am to 11am Fridays at Kandos Library..	25 Rylstone Kandos Show
26 Rylstone-Kandos Street Machine Club meeting at 2pm on last Sunday of each month. Sofala Show	27	28 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.	Walking group meets at Rylstone Showground Thursdays at 9am.		KRR Broadcasting on 98.7FM

March 2...StreetFeast AGM, March 18...Olinda Hall 120 year's party and celebration, April 15...Bull A Rama, April 29-30...Mudgee Classic Bicycle Ride,

Rylstone Markets

The next Rylstone Markets are on Saturday, February 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 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.

Senior's local program

There's a huge range of activities and events at this year's Senior Festival which begins on Monday, February 6. You can get the whole program and latest updates by visiting Council's website and Facebook page. In Rylstone and Kandos the program begins on Friday, February 10 with the Kandos Senior's Lunch and Senior Citizen Award Presentation at the Kandos Returned Services and Community Club from 12 midday to 2pm. Cost is \$15 pp and tickets are available at the club. For information, phone Delma Smith on 0427 207 089. On Tuesday, February 14 it's the Rylstone Seniors Lunch and Senior Citizen Award Presentation at the Rylstone Club from 11.30am to 2.30pm. Tickets are \$15 pp and they're available from Carol Hayward on 6379 1096. Then on Wednesday, February 15 enhance your skills at the Senior Stories Writing Project Workshop at the Rylstone Club it's on from 11am to 1pm and it's free. Bookings can be made by phoning Jill on 0409 609 869.

Kandos Community Markets

The Kandos Community Markets will be held on Saturday, February 18 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.

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StreetFeast AGM

Rylstone StreetFeast's AGM will be held on Thursday, March 2 at 6pm at the Rylstone Club Boardroom. Everyone is invited. If you would like to join StreetFeast's wonderful committee and be part of a major event for the Rylstone Kandos region, please come along. You will be made most welcome.

Back to Bylong

The 'Friends of St Stephen's Bylong' invite you to a 'Back to Bylong Afternoon' on Saturday, February 11 from 12.30pm. Come along to the Bylong Community Hall, 7695 Bylong Valley Way and enjoy a light luncheon followed by a Tree Planting Ceremony to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. There will also be a presentation on growing Australian native plants in our local climate and the inspection of recently completed restoration works at St Stephen's. For further information phone Peter on 0427 791 181 or email: friendsofststephensbylong@gmail.com

Book launch

Kandos Museum is proud to present an afternoon with Terry Yates to celebrate the publication of his most recent book of poetry. It will be held at the Museum in Buchanan St Kandos on Saturday, March 11 at 1pm and Terry will be signing copies of his books for sale on the day. Free entry to the museum for this event. All welcome, please RSVP to secretary@kandosmuseum.org.au or phone 6379 4600. Afternoon tea will be available (a gold coin donation appreciated).

Sofala Show

The Annual Sofala Show will be held on Sunday, February 26 at the Sofala Showground. It's a great day for the whole family with horse events, sheep dog trials, poultry, caged birds, art, handicraft, exhibition stalls, side show alley, activities for the kids, rides for all ages and lots more. Enjoy Sofala hospitality with free camping on Saturday evening and a BBQ from 6pm to 8pm and Sunday morning from 7am to 8am. Entry is only \$15 for adults, children over five years \$5 and concession \$10

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