

Welcome to the November issue of Community Capers, volume 286. Our December issue will be distributed on Thursday, December 1. The deadline for this issue is Tuesday, November 15. 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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### Bridge View Inn's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday

Rylstone's most admired building, the Bridge View Inn is celebrating its 150th birthday and everyone is invited to attend an Open Day on Tuesday, December 6 to inspect the building and have a slice of birthday cake.

This grand old stone beauty was constructed for publican Goodwin Spires Hall who came to Rylstone in late 1867 from Pennyweight Flat near Sofala. In April 1868 he purchased two blocks of land on Louee Street and in 1871 constructed the Bridge Hotel.

The Bridge View Inn is actually a complex of buildings – the main two storey Inn with its timber verandahs and dressed stone façade, a courtyard behind with a single storey kitchen/laundry/storeroom building and an original outhouse. Originally there was a 12 stall stable in the rear yard, and other outbuildings. The stone flagged floor of the stable is still partially visible in front of a timber slab shed on the site.

The building was listed on the NSW State Heritage Register in 1999 and is listed on the Mid-Western Regional Council Heritage Register as an outstanding example of a simple styled country hotel built with

a high level of craftsmanship. It operated as a hotel until 1895 when it was taken over by the Australian Joint Stock Bank and was used as a bank building for the next 62 years becoming the Australian Bank of Commerce in 1911 and then the Bank of New South Wales in 1931.

The building was purchased by Rylstone and District Historical Society Inc. in 1967 after 10 years in private ownership. A museum was opened downstairs and housing upstairs, however by 1980 the cost of upkeep and upgrades to the 109 year old building meant that the Society then leased the building for restaurants, galleries and shops. In 1988, museum objects owned by the Society were moved to the Cottage Museum which opened in the rear yard. In more recent times a wide variety of tenants have used the Bridge View Inn and the original use of some rooms has changed, but the heritage of the building still shines through.

Rylstone and District Historical Society receives no funding to keep the building in public ownership and use. The Society relies on rent, fundraising and federal, state and local government grants for important conservation work. A current grant for Heritage Interpretation from the NSW Government (NSW Heritage) will allow the Society to better communicate the history of this important 150 year old building. A new book about Bridge View Inn history and new signs in the hallway will be officially launched at the birthday party along with a Time Capsule to be opened in 2072. Everyone is invited to attend and inspect the building from 12.30pm to 1.45pm. The formal launch will begin at 2 pm followed by refreshments. All welcome.



*The Bridge View Inn began its life as the Moir's Bridge Hotel in 1822. (Photo RDHS photograph collection).*



*The Bridge View Inn as it is now – lovingly restored and maintained by Rylstone District Historical Society. (Photo Virginia Hollister).*



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## Sacred Country Art

Mudgee Arts Precinct's latest exhibition Ngayirr Ngurambang: Sacred Country opened on Friday, October 23 to a large audience who enjoyed some fabulous art works. Celebrating the importance of Country, the exhibition features a group of First Nations and non-First Nations contemporary artists who focussed on the cultural, environmental, historical and social values that make up the water cultures of the Goulburn River and The Drip Gorge near Mudgee.



Fiona and Fleur MacDonald from Kandos both exhibited interesting pieces. Fiona's *Surface Tension: Shadow Waters 1 - 5* show how a brutal colonial 'shadow history' of terra nullius and dispossession has morphed into cooperative campaigns to protect the area from coal mining. Fleur's *Precipice* was inspired by a visit to The Drip 'Full of wonder and the most beautiful landscape I have seen for some time'. Her wish is that it won't be destroyed by humans' greed.

Exhibition curator Aleshia Lonsdale is a Wiradjuri woman from Mudgee. Her work in putting together such a striking exhibition was much appreciated by artists who contributed and by the enthusiastic audience at the opening. The exhibition includes three large-scale works that have been produced directly on the gallery walls by Jason Wing, Maddison Gibbs and Sam Paine.

The exhibition was officially opened by Mid-Western Regional Councillor, Mayor Des Kennedy who paid tribute to Aleshia and the organisers. He expressed his appreciation and enjoyment of the artworks and congratulated the artists who contributed. "This is a great art space and we are very fortunate to have something like this for the entire region to enjoy."

Exhibiting artists in the group exhibition include: Irene Ridgeway - Wiradjuri NSW, Teresa Yasserie - Wiradjuri NSW, Kim V. Goldsmith, Jamie-Lea Trindall - Wiradjuri NSW, Fiona MacDonald, Genevieve Carroll, Harrie Fasher, Jason Wing - Biripi NSW, Maddie Gibbs - Barkindji NSW, Sam Paine, Vera Hong, Craig Bender and Mudgee Local Aboriginal Land Council. The exhibition closes on December 11. Mudgee Arts Precinct is open seven days a week from 9am to 5pm. Entry is free.



Jason Wing's impressive mural *National Treasure 2022*, painted on the gallery wall, explores the inconsistency of outrage over the possible destruction of a Brett Whitely mural at The Drip and the destruction of Aboriginal art without concern or comment.

## A Fun Day

Wet weather didn't deter kids and their families from attending the annual Rylstone Kandos Family Fun Day on Wednesday, October 5. Because of the rain it was held at the Rylstone Memorial Hall instead of the local showground and it turned out to be a great venue with around 300 people coming along for a terrific day of free family activities. Hosted by Mid-Western Regional Council and the Rylstone and Kandos Interagency, the day showcased an exciting range of local services and family friendly activities including Get Wild Animal Encounters and Birdlife Australia Displays. There were also a number of community organisations in attendance including Council's Youth Services Team, Ironed Out, Barnardos, Lifeskills Plus, North East Wiradjuri Co, Samaritans, Rylstone Kandos Preschool and more. All activities were free and the Rylstone Kandos Rotary Club provided a sausage sizzle lunch for a gold coin donation.



Kandos High School student Tilda Poole providing some great live entertainment at the Family Fun Day.



Brittany and Kristy from Get Wild Animal Experiences based in Liverpool, holding a Shingleback lizard and a Bearded Dragon.

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## Australia Day nominations

Local Australia Day Award nominations are open and residents are encouraged to nominate someone they know who may be deserving of an award. The six categories are: Citizen of the Year: (Over 25 years) for contribution to the community, taking into account individual acts of compassion, generosity, bravery, or other similar characteristics. Young Citizen of the Year: (Aged 16-25 years) for contribution to the community or other significant achievements. Community Event of the Year: An event which contributes to the community in some way or raises the profile of the Mid-Western Regional Council. Glen Johnston Memorial Award - Arts & Music: (Any age) who has made a contribution to music in the community be it either singing, writing or playing music. This is intended for non-professionals. Sports Award: (Any age) taking into account performance, approach to sport or contribution to the advancement of sport. Volunteer Services Award: A person or group who volunteers their time and energy in ways that benefit our community as a whole, or individuals in our community.

Nominees must be Australian citizens and must reside within the Mid-Western Regional Council area. Nomination forms are available on Council's website and close on November 24. Mid-Western Regional Council's Australia Day Celebrations will take place at Rylstone Showground on Australia Day, Thursday January 26, 2023.

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## Murder at Aunt Agatha's

The Twin Town Players latest production, Murder at Aunt Agatha's is well on the way with rehearsals proving to be a lot of fun for the cast. This is their first play after a long break due to COVID and it's going to be a lot of fun for audiences too. Get ready for a crazy romp through rich Aunt Agatha's house as all her family come together to hear the reading

of her will. Full of ghosts, murder and mayhem, this is the first murder mystery the Twin Town Players have produced and celebrates thirty years since their first performance in 1992. Performances will be at the Rylstone Memorial Hall on December 1, 3 and 4 and Tickets are available online at Ticketbooth.



Can you pick the killer?

There's a lot of suspects to choose from in the Twin Town Players murder mystery and lots of fun trying. Tickets are available now.

## Flavours was a blast

Flavours of Mudgee made a spectacular return this year with 11,696 people making their way into Mudgee's CBD to enjoy the region's best food and wine. Following pandemic-forced cancellations in 2020 and 2021, more than half of this year's crowd (53 per cent) were first-timers to the event, with the remaining 47 per cent having attended previously. A strong contingent of visitors made up this year's crowd, with 71 per cent visiting from outside of the region and the remaining 29 per cent living locally. Based on these visitor numbers, length of overnight stays and postcode data it is estimated the event has generated \$2 million for the local economy. The Council co-ordinated event remains one of the State's premier wine and food festivals after almost ten years.



What an atmosphere! Flavours of Mudgee lived up to its reputation as the place to be for a fabulous sampling of the region's best food and wine.

## Lola's tulips

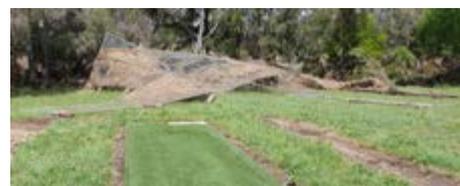
Rylstone resident Lola Yates has good reason to be proud of her tulips this year. They are an absolute picture postcard of colour in all shades and patterns. She has welcomed visitors to her home to see her glorious display and they come away delighted at her springtime success. Lola is no youngster but it seems the older she gets, the better her garden blooms. Tulips require some expertise in chilling the bulbs prior to planting and correct nutrients as well. Lola has certainly nailed it. Congratulations Lola.



Lola Yates in her backyard with a dazzling display of tulips. They deserve a song. Perhaps 'Tulips from Rylstone town'! (You can check out our photos in colour on KRR's website at krrfm.org.au).

## Floods cause havoc

Unprecedented rain events continue to cause havoc across the region with widespread flooding of the Cudgegong River and its tributaries. The event on Thursday and Friday October 6 and 7 delivered 150 mm in some areas overnight ripping out already damaged roads and isolating Rylstone for some time. Further downstream, Windamere Dam filled and spilled for the second time since it was completed in 1984. This added to flooding alerts for areas downstream of the dam and caused inundation of some low lying properties. Damage at Rylstone Showground includes the destruction of the practice cricket nets near Sammy's Flat and severe damage to the sheepdog trial pens. The brick irrigation enclosure near the foreshore was also partially destroyed and the walk-bridge across the river was damaged again. Roads throughout the region are falling apart and continuing rain will cause headaches for drivers and for council staff trying to keep up with roadworks across many council areas. Property owners' roads are also becoming boggy with some properties completely inaccessible and isolated.



Anyone for cricket? No practice available with the nets near Sammy's Flat destroyed.



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<b>The Cottage Museum</b> , 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 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> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Thurs. 10am at Rylstone Club.	<b>4</b> Rylstone CWA meets at 10am. *Cudgong Valley History Group, 11am to 3pm at Henbury Sport & Rec. Club	<b>5</b> <b>The Kandos Museum</b> is open Wednesdays to Sundays, 10am to 4pm <b>Rylstone StreetFeast</b>
<b>6</b> One Life Family Church services, 10am 1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays at the cnr. of Noyes and Dunn Streets, Kandos	<b>7</b> Pilates classes, 6pm Mondays at St James Hall Rylstone..	<b>8</b> Rotary meets every Tuesday at the Rescue Squad VRA shed, Ryl. 6.30 for 7pm..	<b>9</b> Kandos RSL Sub Branch meeting.	<b>10</b> Kandos CP&SA 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> <b>Rylstone Markets</b>  Rylstone CWA Rooms open for food
<b>13</b> Uniting Church holds services at Rylstone at 9.30am every Sunday.	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Dance to be Fit 4.45pm Tuesdays at St James Hall Rylstone.	<b>16</b> Venturers meet at 5pm Wednesdays at the Kandos Scout Hall.	<b>17</b> Ladies Tennis, 9am Thursdays at Henbury.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Kandos Markets</b>  <b>Info Expo</b>
<b>20</b> 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.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> The Wollemi Singers meet at 6pm Tuesdays at Kandos CWA Rooms. *For kids, at St James Hall, Tuesdays from 10am to 11.30am.	<b>23</b> The Craft Group meets at 10am each Wed. at the VRA shed, Rylstone. *Pop in Playgroup 10am to 12 Wednesdays.	<b>24</b> Rylstone CP&SA 11am at Ryl. Club on the 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of month.	<b>25</b> Storytime for kids, 10am to 11am Fridays at Kandos Library..	<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> Walking group Tuesdays and Thursdays. Meet at Rylstone Showground Thursdays at 9am.	<b>30</b> KRR Radio meeting 5.30pm on last Wed. of month at 50 Angus Ave Kandos. *Kandos CWA, 5pm on last Wed. of month.	Walking group meet at Rylstone Showground Thursdays at 9am.		<b>KRR Broadcasting on 98.7FM</b>

**December 1, 3 and 4...TTP's Murder at Aunt Agatha's, December 6...Bridge View Inn's 150th.**

**Rylstone Markets**

The next Rylstone Markets are on Saturday, November 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](mailto:rylstonemarkets@gmail.com).

**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. Come along, enjoy a morning walk in Rylstone and then pick up a bargain

**Kandos Community Markets**

The Kandos Community Markets will be held on Saturday, November 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.

**Info Expo**

A sub-committee of the Community Charity Shop is holding an Information Expo for local organisations, sporting groups etc. at the Rylstone Memorial Hall on Saturday, November 19 from 9am to 4pm. Groups will be able to showcase their various activities, meeting times, locations and other interesting information they wish to put forward. The idea is that groups come along and set up a stall where they can provide information for visitors. The expo will be free to attend and there will be a free sausage sizzle with coffee and cakes provided. For more information email [rylstonekandosexpo@gmail.com](mailto:rylstonekandosexpo@gmail.com) or phone Ellen on 0458 047 506, Keryn on 0400 780 722 or Colleen on 0429 794 339.

**Portrait Prize**

Mudgee Arts Precinct is now accepting entries to the region's first ever Portrait Prize. The Precinct's inaugural Portrait Prize exhibition will take place from December 16, 2022 to March 12, 2023. Gallery Curator, Lizzy Galloway said the Portrait Prize is open to all artists in all media from beginner's right through to arts professionals. "This could be drawing, sculpture, photography or even digital art. It will make the exhibition unique to the region." There are several prizes to be won, including the Gora and Ellie Singh Mann Best Portrait (open only to artists living in the Mid-Western Region), the Best Overall Portrait Prize, the Best Emerging Portrait Prize and the People's Choice Award.

Artists are invited to submit up to five artworks towards this exhibition. They can be in any medium of their choosing and in as many categories as they wish but all works must be delivered exhibition-ready. Entries are open now and close at 5pm on Friday, 18 November. Entry details at [www.mudgeeartsprecinct.com.au](http://www.mudgeeartsprecinct.com.au)

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**Rylstone StreetFeast**

Excitement is building for this year's Rylstone StreetFeast when 400 guests will enjoy a long lunch under the trees in Rylstone's main street. Hundreds of others will browse the stalls and enjoy a bite to eat at local pubs, restaurants and stalls. It'll be a great day with plenty of free entertainment and some great live music. Come along and soak up the atmosphere. Sample some local olive oil and test taste our wonderful local wine. There'll be an abundance of stalls with some great gift ideas for Christmas too. See you there.

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