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Airpark development is a magnet for aviators

During the last few years Rylstone Aerodrome has taken on a new lease of life with its owner Rob Loneragan investing money and plenty of energy into creating a unique aviator's facility. The Rylstone Aerodrome Airpark is located just a few kilometres out of town and is one of the most picturesque airports in the country. Surrounded by mixed farming, vineyards, waterways, wilderness and stunning mountain scenery it's becoming a magnet for aviators from the city wanting the freedom to fly.

The story of how Rob came to buy the aerodrome is interesting. His passion for flying goes back a long way. In fact, he remembers sitting on his dad's knee at the age of two in a plane. At the age of 19 he signed up to do his pilot's licence with well-known Mudgee instructor, George Campbell. After working in his family's business for some years Rob left the Mudgee-Gulgong district in 1987 to work in Sydney. During a visit back home in 2003 he returned via Rylstone and on a whim drove out to the aerodrome. It appeared to be neglected and in a run-down state.

"I always wanted to get back to the bush again, so an idea formed in my mind about the possibility of actually owning the aerodrome. I called in to the Rylstone Shire Council and spoke with Acting General Manager Kerry Morrissey. He explained that Council had a crown land lease on the area and he felt they would be amenable to offloading it."

This set the wheels in motion and Council eventually called for expressions of interest to take over the lease. Unfortunately for Rob, his dream of owning the aerodrome was shattered by the amalgamation of Rylstone Shire Council with Mudgee Council. Perseverance however eventually paid off and in 2008 Mid-Western Regional Council called for tenders. There were six tenderers and Rob was successful. For the investment of money and time that the aerodrome needed he knew that he would have to own the freehold. He then applied to purchase it from the Lands Department and this was eventually granted.

"I'd hate to see the aerodrome disappear. It's very important for the district. Apart from the value of having



The magnificent view of the Rylstone Aerodrome Airpark surrounded by the natural beauty of the district impresses all those who fly in for the first time.

an airstrip there in an emergency, it brings economic value to the area, so I wanted to see it maintained."

The way the airparks works is interesting. People can purchase lots for hangers only or residential lots with hangers. This Community Title Development is where members own their individual freehold lots and share in the upkeep of the common property. So far, around 10 hangers have been built out of a total of 37. There are 26 residential lots. The economic value of a development like this is not always appreciated at first, but as Rob pointed out it's quite significant.

"Every time we build another hanger we spend over \$40,000 on concrete alone which is supplied by a local business. In fact we try to employ local businesses and contractors whenever possible. A couple of times a year we hold an open day with a fly in BBQ and we pay the local Rescue Squad to look after the cooking. On these occasions we have 50 or 60 planes and upwards of 150 people all looking for accommodation. Last time we booked out all available accommodation in Rylstone and Kandos. These people all spend money locally while they're here, so you can see that a development like this takes on a whole new value."

Rob says his passion for aviation, love for the country and doing something positive for the community have all happily coincided.

"I hugely appreciate the opportunity to have been able to do this. I love coming up to Rylstone and experiencing the natural beauty and those wonderful sunsets," he said.

Family Fun Day

The eighth annual Rylstone-Kandos Family Fun Day is on again this year and groups and organisations are invited to participate. It is a wonderful opportunity to make contact with the local community and showcase the services or activities your organisation provides. The theme for this year's event is "Health and Wellbeing". It will be held on Wednesday, October 4 at the Rylstone Showground and will run from 10am to 2pm. The purpose of the Family Fun Day is to provide an opportunity for services to connect with the community in a relaxed and fun environment. The Family Fun Day has become a feature event on the local calendar with over 500 people attending last year. Services are asked to provide a nil cost activity on the

day that supports wellbeing or provides an opportunity for interaction.

There is no cost for services to participate, however organisers ask that you provide all relevant equipment (gazebo, tables, chairs etc.) for your stall. They will also need a copy of your organisation's Certificate of Currency including Mid-Western Regional Council listed as an interested party and a listing of any exclusions to their insurance policy, as well as public liability insurance for a minimum of \$20 million. Stalls will be allotted on a first come first served basis with space for the disco and jumping castle reserved prior to the day. Registration forms are available and need to be filled in and returned by Friday, September 22. For more information contact Marisa Quintana 6378 2720 or email: Marisa.Quintana@midwestern.nsw.gov.au.

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Don't flush

Mid-Western Regional Council is urging residents not to flush disposable wipes into their toilets with the products causing major blockages to the region's sewer networks. Last month Council staff removed a 12 kilogram mass of nappy and sanitary wipes from a sewer main in East Mudgee. While baby, facial, cleaning and personal wipes are often marketed as flushable they do not break down in water and combine with oils and fats to form congealed blobs that cause significant problems to the region's sewer systems. Mid-Western Regional Council General Manager Brad Cam said the sewer network was not designed to accommodate non-biodegradable material like wipes, sanitary items, cotton buds, cooking oils and fats.

"All of these items should be thrown into your rubbish bin. Although it's a topic most people would rather not discuss, residents need to be mindful about what they place down their sinks and toilets and the impact it can have," Mr Cam said.

Residents are reminded to flush only toilet paper down their toilets and dispose of wipes, nappies, rags, sanitary items, cotton buds, cooking oils and fats, chemicals, cigarette butts, medicine and dental floss in their rubbish bin.

Books for Babies Program

Rotary is currently welcoming new babies into their families in the local area by providing a book and some gifts to start their lifelong journey of learning and fun.

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Cottage Museum Project

Rylstone and District Historical Society has received a State Government grant of \$12,345 and also a donation from the KEPCO Bylong Project of \$2,845 to enclose part of the verandah at the Cottage Museum and to help establish family history archival storage.

The enclosed verandah will provide approximately 16 square meters of storage space. Work is being undertaken by local builder Andrew Quirk, carpenter Terrence Keen, electrician Ric Simshauser and RDHS Vice-President Ed Windle. The lining and fit out of the space will be undertaken over the next few months with help from other volunteers at Rylstone and District Historical Society.

The Cottage Museum is located in the repurposed James Nash House at the rear of the Bridge View Inn, 28-30 Louee Street Rylstone. This building was moved from Rylstone Showground in 1984 and opened as a museum in 1988. The collection consists of domestic items, records and photographs portraying aspects of family life in the Rylstone District in the 19th and 20th centuries.

The Cottage has historical reference books and souvenir items for sale, and is open every Sunday from 10 am to 3 pm. Entry is by gold coin donation. RDHS President Shirley Tunnickliff said they were grateful for this funding from the state government through the Regional Communities Fund, and for the donation from KEPCO Bylong Coal.

"This will enable the Cottage Museum to refresh its display of local history and to house the collection of family history archives. Over the last 10 years the Society has received numerous significant gifts of items relating to local history but has had little capacity to display

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.

these due to space restrictions. The new storage on the verandah, although modest, will allow collection items to be rested off display, making room for new items and special exhibitions.

Many visitors come to the Cottage Museum on Sundays seeking information about family ancestors who lived in the area. The enclosed verandah space will also be fitted out with furniture to house the Society's family history resources. Having the archives and books all together will benefit our volunteers seeking answers to all those family history questions," Mrs Tunnickliff said.

Member for Bathurst, Paul Toole said the Society has worked tirelessly since 1984 to establish a much respected and popular attraction in the town.

"I want to congratulate the Rylstone and District Historical Society for the efforts over many years to establish, grow and establish the Cottage Museum," Mr Toole said.



Local Member of Parliament Paul Toole with Rylstone and District Historical Society President Shirley Tunnickliff, Vice-President Ed Windle, and Virginia Hollister.

Impressive chess team

On July 13th, Mathew Jenik, Emerson Maunder and Niki Maunder from the Kandos High School Chess Team once again made their assault on the New South Wales Junior Chess League in the rated Winter Orange Tournament. With 63 entrants, a large pool of players challenged for supremacy in a tight race to the finish line. This year's winner Emerson Maunder taking the title with an impressive score of 7.5/8. Mathew played a tough pairing and finished 5th, scoring 6/8 and Niki broke even on 4/8 finishing mid-pack. A valiant effort by all and a great result for the no.3 board, Emmerson. In the Country Secondary Schools Comp, Kandos remains undefeated after three rounds of play. There were some nerve racking moments and some excellent accurate play against Broken Hill High to secure a 3 point win, which means KHS has made it to the semi-final stage. The games were played online and went until after school hours reaching almost the time control of 3 hours. At games end, the players had an over-the-phone discussion on their games with



Kandos High School's Emerson Maunder, taking the title with an impressive score of 7.5/8.

Broken Hill students, sharing the highlights and blunders of their experience. Everyone enjoyed this chance to relax after the tense atmosphere, and the banter was a credit to the spirit of the team. Hats off to all the boys for their grit, determination and some great offence.

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Illegal Fires Spark RFS Concerns

Because of concerns about the number of illegal fires in our district during recent months, some of which escaped to burn out of control, the New South Wales Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) is reminding residents to let the RFS and their neighbours know at least 24 hours before lighting up and take other simple safety precautions. Superintendent Troy Porter of the RFS Cudgegong District said that even though the Bush Fire Danger Period has not yet started, there are a number of precautions that must be taken year-round.

"Failing to take these precautions, including the required advance notification, is illegal and may result in penalties ranging from a warning letter to court action. Since the end of last year's Bush Fire Danger

Period there have been 12 illegal burns in our district including three that escaped to burn out of control with the potential to become major bush fires. The law requires that you must notify the RFS, all residents who adjoin the site of your planned fire and anyone else who may be affected at least 24 hours before lighting up. The smoke produced from your fire has the potential to impact upon other people. Your neighbours may be exposed to smoke and may need to make preparations to avoid any negative impacts," Superintendent Porter said. "When you notify us about your planned burn we record that information, including when you expect to light up. Then if a passer-by sees your fire and calls 000 we are able to check the burn list and either call you or send someone out to make sure everything is OK rather than triggering a full scale emergency response." You can notify the RFS by calling the Cudgegong District Fire Control Centre in Mudgee on 6372 4434.

MPS redevelopment update

Construction work at the Rylstone MPS continues to move ahead. Areas of activity include the Residential Aged Care (RAC) dining and activities area, HealthOne extension and staff accommodation rebuild, which are part of the initial stages of the project. Construction work on the front entry, RAC rooms and acute areas will occur in subsequent stages of the redevelopment project. Works are ongoing at the northern section of the RAC, as well as the HealthOne extension. The existing staff accommodation building has been demolished, and preparations are occurring for its rebuild. Upcoming works will include the additional RAC beds and upgrades to the MPS front entry.

There will be some changes with accessing the MPS once works start on the front entry, however these will be clearly identified and the community will be notified of these changes in advance. A spokesperson said all works are being staged so the delivery of health services is not impacted during the redevelopment project.

"We thank the staff, patients and visitors for their patience and understanding during this time, and look forward to unveiling the "new look" Rylstone MPS once the redevelopment is complete."

The redevelopment project team held a "cuppa catch-up" in July with the MPS residents and staff to update them on the project and answer questions. The project team was pleased to hear the construction works are not too disruptive. In fact some of the residents are finding it very entertaining seeing the tradespeople go about their work.

The Cap came back

After a five month search, a replacement for the iconic 1930's Nash Kandos Cement Ambulance radiator cap has been found. Disappointingly the original cap was souvenired at this year's Rylstone-Kandos Show where the Ambulance was on parade as part of the Kandos Museum display.

"We put a brave face on it but the museum was devastated by the loss of the Ambulance's radiator cap. It's hard to believe that someone in our community could treat this much loved community asset so poorly," Buzz Sanderson, President of Kandos Museum said. "I never thought that we would be able to replace the cap but through a network of Nash enthusiasts, friends and Rotary we were able to track one down in Sweden," he added.

The cap was found through the Nash Car Club in the US where the museum put a "wanted ad" on their bulletin board. After many false leads from scammers claiming to have a cap, a genuine sounding response came from Ingvar Berg of Avesta Sweden - a member of the Nash Car Club and Nash enthusiast. To help secure the cap Rotary stepped in with Lars Carlsson, President of the Avesta Rotary Club acting as intermediary, checking out the cap and making sure it was all sound.

"Not only did we manage to replace the cap but Kandos Museum established a real friendship with the good folks of Avesta in Sweden. Thank you to all involved," Buzz said.



The photo of James Angus looks down approvingly on the new replacement radiator cap for the 1930's Nash Cement Ambulance. As good as new is the verdict.

Charity shop helps students

The Community Charity Shop in Kandos continues to give generously to groups and individuals in the community. Its latest donation is a cheque for \$3000 towards the cost of the bus for Kandos High School's Year 9 excursion in October. Charity shop member Colleen Yates said she hoped that by donating such a large amount of money it would mean that more students could attend the very worthwhile excursion and that it would help lighten the load on families.

A spokesperson for the school said that transport is a significant part of the cost for events such as this so the extremely generous donation is very welcome and reduces the cost per students by around \$100.



Year 9 students Corey Witcher and Lucy Waddell gratefully accepting a cheque from the Community Charity Shop's Jennifer Miller for \$3000

Ilford Bush Dance

Shine your shoes this coming October long weekend for the 5th Ilford Bush Dance. This dance has become an established favourite over the years with a mix of great music and dancing plus lamb BBQ with a supper. It's on Saturday, September 30 and this year The Gang Gangs will be providing the music that will keep you whirling and twirling.

"It's a great night out," Kate Dupree, co-coordinator of the Ilford Bush Dance said. "It's fabulous to see both young and old kicking up their heels."

The Ilford Bush Dance is held at the Ilford Hall and is a fundraiser for the hall, helping it to continue to be the focal point of the small community at Ilford. Ilford Bush Dance tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 school age and free for before school agers. They include a lamb BBQ, supper and dancing. The BBQ starts at 6pm with dancing starting at 7.00pm. Tickets are available on-line at ilfordbushdance.eventbrite.com.au, [facebook.com/ILFORDBUSHDANCE](https://www.facebook.com/ILFORDBUSHDANCE) or through the Kandos Museum. Check out The Gang Gangs at theganggangs.com.

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Calendar of Events - September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Uniting Church holds services at Rylstone at 9.30am every Sunday.		Rotary meets every Tuesday at the Rylstone Club, 6.30 for 7pm.		AA meetings 6pm every Thursday at Anglican Church Hall, Kandos. Phone John 0434 061 094	1 Rylstone CWA meeting at 10am.	2 The Cottage Museum, Rylstone is open every Sunday from 10am to 3pm.
3 One Life Family Church services, 10am every 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday at the corner of Noyes and Dunn Streets, Kandos	4	5 Rylstone Rural Fire Brigade meets first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm - training nights on 3rd Tuesdays.	6 Pop in Playgroup 10am to 12noon each Wednesday.	7 RKB&T meeting at 6pm..	8	9 Rylstone Artisan and Produce Market.
10 Kandos Christian Fellowship 10.30am on 2nd and 4th Sunday at CWA Hall, Kandos.	11	12 The Kandos Art Group meets every Tuesday at the CWA rooms in Kandos from 11am to 2pm.	13 Kandos RSL Sub Branch meeting. *Ryl. Hospital Auxiliary Meeting. R/K Rescue Squad AGM at 7pm.	14 Kandos CPSA meeting on 2nd Thursday of the month, 2pm at the Kandos RSC Club.	15 Storytime for kids, 10am to 11am Fridays at Kandos Library.	16 Kandos Markets are back
17 Bogee RFS Training every 3rd Sunday of the month at 9am.	18 KR Singers, 7pm every Tuesday at One Life Church, Kandos (except during school holidays). Everyone welcome.	19 Venturers meet Tuesdays at 5pm.	20 The Craft Group meets at 10am each Wednesday at the VRA shed, Rylstone.	21 Ladies Tennis, 9am Thursdays at Henbury Sport & Rec. Club.	22 Join the Ukulele Group, 5pm on Fridays at the Kandos CWA Rooms.	23 The Kandos Museum is open Wednesdays to Sundays from 10am to 4pm.
24 KRSCC Markets on the bowling green on the last Sunday of each month. Phone 6379 6591 to book a site.	25 KRR Broadcasting on 98.7FM	26 Rylstone-Kandos Street Machine Club meeting at 7.30pm. *Twin Town Players meet 6pm on 4th Tuesday of each month at VRA Shed, Rylstone.	27 Ryl. CPSA meet 12pm at Ryl. Club for lunch. *Kan. CWA meeting 7 Jaques St. at 5.30pm. * KRR radio meeting, 7.30pm at KRR studios 50 Angus Ave Kandos.	28 Scrabble on 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday of each month, 10am to 1pm at the Rylstone Club.	29 Mitchell Quartet at Kandos Museum.	30 Bush Dance at Ilford Hall.

October 4...Family Fun Day at Rylstone Showground, October 28...Rylstone StreetFeast,
Queen's Birthday Weekend, June 2018...Orienteering Carnival at Clandulla State Forest and the Rylstone Common.

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Kandos Community Markets

The Kandos Community Markets are back. The first market after the winter break will be held on Saturday, September 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 Rose on 6379 4179 or Joy on 6379 6097.

Rylstone Market Day

The Rylstone Artisan and Produce Market is on Saturday, September 9 in the grounds of the Rylstone 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 to showcase local talent, so if you create it, bake it, grow it or make it, and you live locally, you can sell it at the Rylstone Artisan and Produce Markets. Please contact the secretary Therese Hay on 6358 8211 or 0425 242 510 for more details, or send an email to rylstonemarkets@hotmail.com.

StreetFeast tickets on sale

A reminder that tickets are currently on sale for Rylstone StreetFeast's Long Lunch on Saturday, October 28. StreetFeast is one of the district's premier annual events, bringing in tourists from across the region and beyond to join with locals for a celebration of the diverse range of local food, produce, wine, art and local craftwork. Celebrated caterer, Jenni Milne from 'Milnes of Mudgee', will be catering for the four-course 'Long Lunch' and tickets for the lunch are now on sale. They're \$95 per person and available on the StreetFeast website. Stall holders are also encouraged to book in early to acquire a prime position. To find tickets or book a stall site, visit the website at www.rylstonestreetfeast.com.au.

Mitchell Quartet at Museum

The Mitchell Quartet will be playing at the Kandos Museum on Friday, September 29 with a full program featuring the music of Haydn, Weber, Baermann and Shostakovich. The Mitchell String Quartet (MSQ) was launched in November 2014 at their inaugural and highly acclaimed performances in Lithgow and Bathurst. Mitchell String Quartet's members, Andrew Baker, Nicholas Newell, Fiona Thompson and Sybbi Georgiou, have been presenting chamber music concerts in the Central West for over 30 years. Over the past Three years MSQ has collaborated with several talented local musicians including Stephanie Baker, Justin Screen, Cindy Fox and Phil Braithwaite. This season the quartet will be led by Doreen Cumming and joined by acclaimed local clarinetist Rosemarie Barnes. Doors open at 6.30pm with refreshments available. Tickets are available at mitchellconservatorium.edu.au. Kandos Museum - Always an Event. Check out kandosmuseum.org.au, phone 6379 4600.

Fire info day

The fire season starts officially on October 1 and unfortunately, there is a vast quantity of fire fuel around so fire danger will be high. The Rylstone Brigade is holding an information morning from about 9am to noon on Saturday, September 16 at both Kandos and Rylstone to assist everyone to make necessary preparations. Both of these locations will have a map available of the areas showing homes/properties and fire danger spots. Come and see your home. The Kandos location is at the IGA store in Angus Avenue and Rylstone is at the Saffron Kitchen Coffee Shop. Following these sessions the Rylstone Fire shed will be open so people can come and inspect the equipment and have a general look around. There will be a Free BBQ and tea/coffee for those attending.