



Welcome to the April issue of Community Capers, volume 279. Our May issue will be distributed on Thursday, April 28. The deadline for this issue is Tuesday, April 19. 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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## Get ready for action at Bull A Rama

The 2nd Annual Bull A Rama returns to the Rylstone Showground on Sunday, April 17 for an exciting event on the Bull riding calendar. There'll be plenty of tough bulls arriving at the local showground from all over Australia and some tough riders as well. Keep your eye out for the Australian champion bull rider. Some of these bulls have a fearsome reputation and the riders will try their best to outdo one another. Gates open at 2pm and the bull riding gets underway from 4.30pm. There'll be live entertainment with the Crawfish Stew Band and a guest appearance from the Easter Bunny for the kids. Grow yourself some hair and be in the running for a \$200 prize for the best mullet and \$100 for the best kid's mullet.

Bull A Rama supports local charity groups. This year's main charity will be the Rylstone

Hospital Auxiliary. Family entry is \$60 for two adults and two kids, \$25 for adults, \$15 for children 5 years to 17 years and free for under 5 years. Tickets are available online only at [123tix.com.au](http://123tix.com.au) (strictly no BYO alcohol).



Hang on tight for some exciting action at the Rylstone Bull A Rama on April 17.

## Hospital staff walk off

Rylstone Hospital staff joined thousands of nurses across NSW in a state-wide strike on February 15 to express their anger and frustration at the way they are being treated in the workplace. Nurses said they are at breaking point and are pleading for an increase in pay and more realistic and sustainable patient ratios. In an unprecedented display of unity the local hospital staff took banners to the side of the Rylstone-Kandos road opposite HealthOne to point out to passers-by their deep concerns. The banners were explicit, with hand-written messages such as "Rylstone – We are your Frontline, and we are Broken." A nurse of 15 years said, "It has taken a lot for us to walk off the job today but it has reached a critical point. The way it's going, it's unsustainable. We just want to provide safe care to our patients."



Nurses taking to the road in Rylstone to express their deep concerns over working conditions.

## River floods

One of the biggest floods for many years occurred in the Cudgegong River at Rylstone in early March rivalling the flood of 1954 and a couple of others since. According to eye witnesses on properties upstream, a wave of water half a metre high was seen travelling down the river which led to the huge inundation of the showground covering Sammy's Flat and uprooting trees. It brought large debris including logs and fence posts with it. Large fish were later found lying on the banks, either stranded by receding water or killed by the silt and stones scoured from paddocks and riverbanks. A phone call to local community radio KRR 98.7FM on Wednesday morning, March 9 by National Parks and Wildlife Service quelled rumours that the Dunns Swamp – Ganguddy dam wall had been damaged. The NPWS officer confirmed that the wall had been inspected and no damage had been done.



A large Golden Perch (Yellowbelly). One of a number of fish found on the banks of the river at Rylstone following the flood

The Cudgegong River at the railway crossing on the northern side of Rylstone, close to the level of the 1954 floods.



## Rylstone Kandos Show

This year's concept for a two day show was an innovation prompted by the Charity Shield in Mudgee on the Saturday which would impact on Saturday's numbers. It certainly worked for the local show society with near record gate numbers of around 2,500 over the two days and record takings at the bar on Friday night. Phil English, President of the Show Society said they were happy with the outcome considering the rainy weather on the Friday evening which kept numbers down a little.



Face painting is a must do for kids at the show. Chloe from Rylstone is showing her cousin Huon from Mudgee her face of art.

this year and especially proud of the great support we received from the community. The innovative Friday night show turned out to be a great night and was well supported despite the showery weather.

It was also really good to see a lot of visitors from other regions come along."

"Overall we are very proud of the show that we put on



Stephen Evans, Steve Rose and Sam Hamilton giving some hands-on expertise on sheep judging to Kandos High School students. They also gave some pointers on cattle judging to the students.

Phil said the committee met a week or so after the show and looked at what worked well and how they can improve things for the next show.

"We're not sure yet if we'll hold the Friday night show or not next year. It was definitely a lot more work to organise and of course it was more expensive for us as well. We'll weight it all up and make the decision sometime in the future."

With good crowd numbers and perfect show weather on the Saturday, this year's show has been chalked up as a great success. The circus at Sammy's Flat was well attended and community stalls such as the CWA raffle, Kandos Public School's BBQ and the Environment Society's raffle brought in excellent funds for their groups. Phil English thanked his committee and other volunteers for their great support and issued a big thank you to sponsors who helped make the show a success.

## 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.

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The Rylstone District Environment Society were thrilled with their raffle of local produce which raised around \$440 for the group.

## Bush Croquet fundraiser

The Ferntree Gully Environmental Reserve Annual Bush Croquet Tournament is on Sunday, May 1. The event is their annual fundraiser to help with the upkeep of the roads, walking tracks, picnic area, signage, and general maintenance of the infrastructure of boardwalk and lookouts and feral animal control. Come along for a fun family day. Absolutely no experience is necessary to participate. Bush croquet differs from traditional croquet in that it's played in a paddock or in the scrub. Here you might have to negotiate your ball through a hollow log, over a wombat hole, into a stump or through bushes. The first heat starts about 9.30 am, with the final after lunch to decide the winner of a great hamper along with the sought-after Ted Daniel's Trophy. Balls and mallets are provided. The entrance fee to play is \$10 per adult, children under 12 are free and there'll be a raffle for a ute-load of yellow box firewood drawn at the end of the day. Bring a picnic and a chair. Barbecue facilities are available. The venue is the northern part of Ferntree Gully Reserve, about 20 kms north of Rylstone along the Bylong Valley Way at the top of Growee Gulph (NOT at the picnic area). The road will be sign-posted for the day. For further enquiries, contact the FTGRLM Secretary Sue Pridmore on 6379 1184 or text on 0427 890 437.

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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](mailto:brenbar@winsoft.net.au) or phone on 6379 1020 - mobile 0427 791 020. For advertising or sponsorship, please contact Brian Neaves on 6379 4092.

## Sign restored

Rylstone Rural Fire Service's information sign has been renovated. The screen had turned opaque with age and members decided to organise a replacement screen. Danny Jackson approached Mudgee Glass and Security Door Services with the problem and they agreed to fix it for only the cost of materials. Many thanks to the company and their prompt response. As you drive past the Rylstone Fire Shed check out the clear sign.



Rylstone RFS representative with Nathaniel Leatherby and Josh Warby from Mudgee Glass and Security Door Services.

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## Church celebrates 100

St Laurence Anglican Church, Kandos celebrated 100 years on March 6 with visitors coming from many districts to join the gathering at the beautiful stone church. Reverend Matthew Brooks-Lloyd welcomed the visitors including Bishop Mark Calder. With around 80 people to squeeze inside the church, Bishop Mark took a service for all to see in the bright sunshine outside the church under shade shelters lent by the Street Feast Committee. There was live music and some joyous hymns. Gratitude and love were the order of the day for old friends, new friends, memories and a delicious luncheon. Mountain Bakery made a celebration cake and the cutting of the cake was done by Rev Canon Carla Archer, a former rector in 1997 along with Paul Wilson who was baptized in St Laurence Church, and Olive Laing (nee Potter) who sang in the church choir and whose father played the organ in St Laurence. Rose and Glen Evans put together many display boards of history, events, church development and the people who were involved in every step of the way. The Potter girls left a photo album dating back to 1935.



Archdeacon Rev Jono Williams, The Right Rev. Bishop Mark Calder, Rev Carla Archer and Rev Matthew Brooks-Lloyd.

## Business Chamber workshops

The Rylstone Kandos Business Chamber has organised two social media workshops for local businesses. The first has already been held prior to Caper's publication in March, the second is a 'Get Google Ready Workshop' on April 13 from 6pm to 7.30pm at a venue to be advised. Cost is free to members and \$10 for non-members. An RSVP is required by email to rkcsec@gmail.com.



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## Centenary and luncheon



Guest speaker and dynamic personality Jane Caro urges everyone to support equality.

Years 10 and 12 from Kandos High School. She urged us to 'break the bias' because we are safer and better in an equal society. Other speakers included Indigenous elders, an agronomist, health worker and CWA state office bearer. A monster raffle with twenty prizes donated by



A packed Kandos hall and interesting speakers ensured a successful luncheon at the CWA celebration.

Kandos, Ilford/Running Stream and Rylstone CWA groups organised and hosted a fabulous luncheon at Kandos Community Hall on Tuesday, March 8 to celebrate International Women's Day and the CWA Centenary. Jane Caro, well-known social commentator, spoke to a full hall, including

local businesses was hugely popular, as well as a lucky door prize. Federal Member for Calare Andrew Gee donated a birthday cake for the centenary celebration. CWA members' thanks go to their principal sponsors, Mid-Western Regional Council and Graymont Charbon, and the many local donors, as well as the combined committee that worked so hard to make this an exceptional event.

## Playground boost

Lue Public School has new playground equipment which will provide fun and engaging outdoor play for all students as well as supporting students with disabilities and occupational therapy requirements. School principal, Caron McDonald said the school received enough money to buy and install the new equipment as part of a COVID-19 program by the NSW Government providing they could raise \$45,000 - 30 per cent of the overall cost themselves. The state government then contributed the remaining \$105,000.

"The installation of new play equipment at Lue Public School is the result of a nearly two-year-long journey for our small school. We were able to raise the amount thanks to groups and businesses, the Kandos Charity Shop, constant donations from our small, but very dedicated, P&C and also residents who share their empty cans and bottles every week for our school. \$1,800 was raised last year just by recycling bottles and cans which we take to the local return and earn station in Rylstone."



A happy day for Lue School kids following the installation of their new playground equipment.

## Local artist at regional

Kandos artist Fleur MacDonald's exhibition 'Based on a True Story' opened to much acclaim at the Bathurst Regional Art Gallery on February 11. The series of unique mixed media explores and pays homage to the traditional craft of doily making. Fleur was inspired by the story of the late Lucy Williams, a Kandos resident, famous for her needle craft skills. Lucy practiced the delicate craft of doily making from the age of seven to her 100th year and her story of quiet sustained mastery of her craft encouraged Fleur to create her own interpretations. Sarah Gurich, Director Bathurst Regional Art Gallery said it was possibly the best exhibition they have had in their Gallery Foyer Space.

Making a doily is a deceptively complex skill requiring sophisticated mathematical calculations, pattern interpretation and manual dexterity to achieve the complex pattern of the finished decorative item. Fleur was intrigued by the lack of care or interest in doilies as an art form. She has reimagined this customary practice by painting renditions of vintage doilies on found domestic wooden serving bowls, platters and trays. The regional exhibition runs until April 3.



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<b>3</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>4</b> Pilates classes, 6pm Mondays at St James Hall Rylstone.	<b>5</b> Rylstone Rural Fire Brigade meets 1st Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm - training on 3rd Tuesdays.	<b>6</b> R/K VRA Rescue Squad meeting at 7pm. *RKB&T meeting at 6pm.	<b>7</b> Walking group. Meet at Ryl. Showground Thursdays at 9am.	<b>8</b> Ryl. Hosp. Aux. Meetings 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at 10am.	<b>9</b> <b>Rylstone Markets</b> Rylstone CWA Rooms open for food
<b>10</b> Uniting Church holds services at Rylstone at 9.30am every Sunday.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Dance to be fit, 4.45pm every Tuesday at St James Hall Rylstone. *For kids, at St James Hall, Tuesday from 10am to 11.30am. Phone 0408 329 942.	<b>13</b> Kandos RSL Sub Branch meeting. *Pop in Playgroup 10am to 12noon Wednesdays	<b>14</b> Kandos CP&SA meets 2pm on the second Thursday of each month at the Kandos RSC Club.	<b>15</b> Storytime for kids, 10am to 11am Fridays at Kandos Library.	<b>16</b> <b>Kandos Markets</b>
<b>17</b> Anglican Church services at St Laurence, Kandos at 9am and at St James Rylstone at 10.30am.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> The Wollemi Singers meet at 6pm Tuesdays at Kandos CWA Rooms.	<b>20</b> KRR Radio meets 5.30pm on last Wed. of month at 50 Angus Ave Kandos. *Kandos CWA, 5pm on last Wed. of month	<b>21</b> Rylstone CP&SA 11am at Ryl. Club on the 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of month. * Twin Town Players 6pm on 4th Thursday of month at VRA Shed, Rylstone.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>RDHS Commemorative Dinner</b>
<b>24</b> Rylstone-Kandos Street Machine Club meeting at 2pm on last Sunday of each month.	<b>25</b> <b>ANZAC Day</b>	<b>26</b> Walking group Tuesdays and Thursdays. Meet at Rylstone Showground Thursdays at 9am.	<b>27</b> KRR Radio meets 5.30pm on last Wed. of month at 50 Angus Ave Kandos. *Kandos CWA, 5pm on last Wed. of month.	<b>28</b> Rylstone CP&SA 11am at Ryl. Club on the 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of month. * Twin Town Players 6pm on 4th Thursday of month at VRA Shed, Rylstone.	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>KRR Broadcasting on 98.7FM</b>

**May 19-22... Cementa Festival, August 12-15...WW2 Exhibition at Bathurst, November 5...Rylstone StreetFeast.**

**Rylstone Markets**

The next Rylstone Markets are on Saturday, April 9 in the grounds of the Memorial Hall in Louee Street from 9am until 1pm. Full COVID vaccination is required. Come and browse the extensive range of products the region has to offer. The association is always looking for more stallholders so if you would like to 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

**Bush Dance**

Dust off your boots and kick up your heels for a Bush Dance at the Kandos Community Centre on Saturday, June 11 of the long weekend. Kandos Stage is putting on a great night of live music, bush dancing, a bonfire, BBQ and a bar. The famous Swamp Dawkins Band will get everyone up and dancing, and there'll be some great food with an all-you-can-eat prime tender BBQ beef ribs, slow cooked to perfection included in the price and helped along with our region's famous wines or a beer. from Eventbrite. \$75, or concession \$50 and family \$200. Children always have a great time at bush dance events. Bar service is sold separately. Tickets are only available online at [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au).

**Kandos Community Markets**

The next Kandos Community Markets are on Saturday, April 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'll be all the usual interesting stalls. For stall bookings, phone Pauline on 6379 4533 or Rose on 6379 4179.

**ANZAC Day**

ANZAC Day is on Saturday, April 25. The Dawn Service in Rylstone will be held at 6am at the Memorial outside the Memorial Hall. In Kandos the Dawn Service is at 6.30am at the Memorial next to the Community Hall. The Commemoration Service will be held in the Kandos hall at 11am. The March in Kandos will take place at 10.45am with marchers to assemble at the Rotunda at 10.30am for the march to the Community Hall. Community members representing deceased service men or women are welcome to march wearing their medals on their right-hand side.

**Mudgee Classic**

Registrations are now open for 2022 Mudgee Classic Cycling Gran Fondo on Sunday, May 1. Over 2,000 cyclists are expected in Mudgee and surrounding towns to participate in one of four road cycling events - the 180km Maxi Classic, 130km Challenge Classic, 70km Rouleurs Classic, or the 40km Social Classic. Register online via [www.mudgeeclassic.com.au](http://www.mudgeeclassic.com.au).

**The Longest Hum**

Melbourne-based artist Tina Stefanou's performance work The Longest Hum will feature at Cementa22 at 10am on Saturday, May 21 when participants will line up on Angus Avenue in Kandos and all hum together for 10 to 15 minutes. It may even be broadcast live on KRR. This will be the largest live humming event in the world. Tina will be in Kandos from April 25 to promote the event and provide free humming lessons in exchange for people's participation.

**Commemorating 200 years**

Colonial Settlement within the area of the former Rylstone Shire, began in early 1822. To commemorate this important milestone of 200 years, Rylstone District Historical Society are holding a dinner on Saturday, April 23 in the Rylstone Memorial Hall starting at 6.30pm. To learn more about the dinner and to purchase tickets (\$70/hd) please email [rylstonehistory@westnet.com.au](mailto:rylstonehistory@westnet.com.au) with your name and contact phone number or call into the Cottage Museum at 28 Louee St, Rylstone on any Sunday between 10.30am and 2.30pm. For those unable to attend the dinner, a display of the Society's historic photos, newspaper clippings and old maps, will be available for viewing at the Memorial Hall on the Saturday morning between 10am and 12 noon.

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