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Rylstone Kandos Show success

Perfect show weather and a fabulous pavilion display resulted in good crowds at this year's Rylstone Kandos Show. Around 2,500 people attended, with gate takings around the same as last year, however last year's show was held over two days so the figures are more than comparable. Although some pavilion sections were down, including flowers due to the consistent spring rain and seasonally cool weather, the quality was excellent in many sections drawing plenty of favourable comments from viewers. Taking out this year's C J Saville Memorial Cup for the second time in a row, Peter and Vinnie Hall revealed their love of gardening and their expertise too. The Cup is awarded to the local exhibitor gaining the most points for exhibits in the hall. Peter and Vinnie claim this is their 'swan song' – the last for them of many decades exhibiting, and if this is the case, they have certainly gone out with a bang. Wool was another high quality section with the Croake family winning plenty of prizes. Jamie Croake was awarded the Grand Champion Merino Fleece of the Show while the Giles Partnership got Champion and Reserve Champion Ribbons. The Most Successful Exhibitor in Wool was Coomber. Kandos High School was the Most Successful Exhibitor in Fruit and Val Desch was awarded the Gwen Ward Memorial Cup and Ribbon for being the Most Successful Exhibitor in Handiwork. A marvellous piece of work by Margaret Cauchi drew plenty of attention and the judge's eye as

well. She took out the Champion Cake Decorating Exhibit and was also presented with a Special Award in Memory of Kay Tindale.

Across the showground there was plenty of activity with community organisations taking advantage to fundraise and exhibit their group interests. Livestock numbers were down, but the quality was good. Caged bird numbers (situated under the pavilion) were drastically low this year and the show society is aiming to try and give it a boost for next year's show. The horse events in the ring were a delight to watch as always and the woodchop attracted big crowds again this year. This year's show was opened by State Member for Bathurst, Paul Toole. He praised the committee and members for putting on a wonderful show.

"This is one of the most picturesque showgrounds around and it's a great credit to the local community for this terrific event."

During his address Mr Toole announced a government grant of \$467,000 for lighting around the perimeter of the oval.

"This will enable night sports and other events to take place."

During the late afternoon as crowds gradually made their way to the hill, huge numbers of people were still enjoying rides and other activities at sideshow alley. It was the biggest crowd seen there for some time. Last year's live band were back again playing their fabulous repertoire of covers for those on the hill. Hopefully they'll keep coming back to Rylstone. The fireworks started with a bang and a ball of fire and then morphed into a really spectacular display of colours and patterns across the sky. It was one of the best yet to end another top show.



A top result for Rebecca Redding who took out the Grand Champion Bird of the Show with her Australorp Male – Bantam Soft Feather



Paul Toole with Show President Cameron Clarke. Paul opened this year's show.



Rylstone & Kandos Rescue Squad's stall featured their new Side-by-Side 4WD all-terrain vehicle which will enable the squad to access remote and difficult terrain in the event of an emergency

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.

Gordon's canyon shots

Gordon Smith's art exhibition 'Scapes and Wildlife of the Capertee Canyon' which opened at Gallery 47 in early March displayed a panorama of the Capertee Valley in all its splendour. Gordon has lived in the area for more than a decade exploring the magnificent Capertee Canyon and with camera in hand he has captured some of its awesome moments. Gordon was inspired by his eldest son who is a digital artist, and he decided to learn this artistic medium. The results are impressive.



One work in particular evokes thoughts of the French impressionists. Digital manipulation is a fascinating art form and Gordon has achieved some visual treats for everyone to enjoy.

Gordon Smith's digitally manipulated photos of the Capertee Valley and surrounds were a pleasure to view.

Rotary's ANZAC breakfasts

The Rotary Club of Rylstone Kandos will fund the purchase of food for both ANZAC Dawn Service breakfasts this year. Both the Kandos RSL sub-Branch and the Rylstone organizing committee have accepted Rotary's offer. A spokesperson said they are delighted to form this partnership on this special solemn occasion.

"On behalf of all parties, you are invited to breakfast after the ANZAC Dawn Service Ceremony at either the Rylstone Memorial Hall or the Kandos Returned Services Community Club."

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 followed by the Commemoration Service in the Kandos hall at 11am. Both services in Kandos will include essays written by school students in the essay competition sponsored by the Kandos RSL Sub-Branch. The March to the Community Hall in Kandos will take place at 10.45am with marchers needing to assemble at the Rotunda at 10.30am. Community members representing deceased service men or women are welcome to march wearing medals on their right-hand side.

Museum's roof project

In yet another initiative, Kandos Museum is taking a bold new step to return the building's roof to how it was when it was first built as a church. Museum President Buzz Sanderson said the original roof of the museum was flat and made of concrete.

"In fact it is one of the earliest cast in-situ concrete roofs in Australia and almost certainly the first in an Australian church."

Buzz said the roof had a corrugated metal and timber truss placed over the original roof to address a water penetration issue some years back.

"Floyd's original roof is very significant in the history of reinforced concrete and of Floyd S. Richards, the commissioning engineer of the Kandos plant who went on to have a global influence in the cement industry."

The project aims to remove the over-roof and waterproof the original concrete roof. This will require some reworking of modern day services of air conditioning and solar panels and then the removal of the corrugated roof and timber trusses to expose the original roof, which will then be remedied with the addition of a water proof membrane. The project is partially funded through the Building Community Partnership with a grant of \$40,615.

"We are very grateful to the BCP programme and the assistance offered to this project through the office of our local member, Paul Toole." Buzz said. "It's going to be great to see the original roof line of the museum restored. It's such an important element of the Kandos story."



The Kandos Museum as it first appeared as the local Methodist Church with its flat roof. A new project will see the flat roof restored to its original glory.

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.

Lue School gets a Wiggle on

Lue students had a treat in store for them last month when none other than the original Wiggle, Greg Page dropped in to say hello. Greg was at school representing Heart of the Nation as an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) was installed at the school. The AED was provided through the Heart of Cudgegong project promoted by Business Mudgee, organised by Mel Trethowan and funded by Bowdens Silver. The life saving device is now available for the local community and/or passing travellers to use in the event of an emergency.



Lue students Tilly Statham and Zara-Ann Keech with the original Wiggle, Greg Page.

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Cementa celebrates

Cementa celebrated its 10th anniversary on March 11 with an afternoon program at WAYOUT which included a screening of the 2015 documentary 'Welcome to Kandos' by Justin Hewitson and Fran Tinley, and an evening program featuring past and future Cementa artists.

The birthday party was enhanced by the announcement that Cementa has successfully raised over \$360,000 from the NSW Government through both the Creative Capital Fund and Community Development Fund 2022 Grants Program. This exciting development means Cementa can upgrade the building they purchased last year in Kandos's main street making it more "welcoming and comfortable to our community, more accessible to visitors, and more conducive to the art making we do within it."

Cementa Central, located on the main street of Kandos, currently hosts the regional ARI (artist-run initiative), WAYOUT - Cementa's residency program, which hosts 40 artists every two years, Cementa's offices, and an increasing number of workshops including The Uncooperative after-school youth program launched in March.

Cementa's goal is to put a new roof on, install solar panels to power the planned installation of climate control, install gallery lighting and create a new workshop and meeting

space. It's a major upgrade that will contribute to the social and creative future of Kandos and surrounding districts. The artist-run organisation is one of only a handful of arts organisations in NSW to own its own premises. Creative Director Alex Wisser said that following the inaugural festival, Cementa 13 it's been a rollercoaster of a decade. "We are proud of having established Cementa as one of the most significant regional art events in the country. But if there is one thing we are most proud of, it is in making ourselves a part of the community of Kandos and the Mid-Western Region."



Cementa's next festival is planned for September 2024, with over 40 artists participating in residencies in Kandos over the next 18 months.

Fashionable Cementa identity, Sister Glitter Nullius celebrates WAYOUT's future upgrade.

Quilts of Valour

Pam and Chris Bellhouse presented quilts and certificates on behalf of Quilts of Valour Australia to Margaret Jose of Kandos, Eleanor Clunes of Windeyer and Kathy Reardon of Mudgee in appreciation of their husbands' service, sacrifice and valour for Australia. Quilts of Valour Australia present these to veterans and serving personnel of the Australian defence forces, to allies and immediate family members of veterans and defence personnel who have passed. Pam and Chris said it was a privilege to be at the Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers and Peacemaker Association rooms at the Railway Station in Mudgee to be awarding quilts and certificates to three special ladies in appreciation of their husbands' service, sacrifice and valour for Australia. Representatives from several service organizations were present

including RSL Sub Branch Mudgee and the Vietnam Veterans Association. The presentation was followed by morning tea.



Eleanor Clunes, Kathy Reardon and Margaret Jose with their quilts and certificates from Quilts of Valour Australia.

Terry's book has arrived

Terry Yates' third book of poetry was launched at the Kandos Museum on Saturday, March 11. The anthology of poems called 'To Arrive' was warmly greeted by the large crowd who were delighted by Terry's recitation of some of the poems.

This book follows 'Tell the Black Water' published in 2005 and 'The peacemakers Lamp' in 2020. It's a quirky collection of poetry and visuals, beautifully put together by local desktop publisher Jenny More and is an entry into a nostalgic side of Terry's life. The poems are beautiful, thought provoking and full of provocative images. In addressing the gathering, Deputy Mayor of Mid-Western Regional Council Sam Paine, who is co-owner of the book shop 'Book Nest Mudgee' which has a strong focus on poetry, confirmed his same thoughts about the book and congratulated Terry on his wonderful new publication.



Sam Paine, who gave an inspiring review of Terry Yates new book of poetry, Terry Yates the author and Rob McAulay, long-time friend of Terry's who MC'd the launch

Rev Up Rylstone

Rylstone's first innovative late-night shopping day was held on Friday, March 31. The Rev Up Rylstone event is being held on the last Friday of every month and participating businesses will stay open until 9pm to provide locals and tourists with something special to experience, see and do. They suggest you have dinner and drinks at one of Rylstone many establishments before or after shopping. Come and see what it's like to shop in the late afternoon/evening and help support our community of business owners. The next late night shopping date is Friday, April 28.

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Bush Croquet fundraiser

The Ferntree Gully Environmental Reserve Annual Bush Croquet Tournament is on Sunday, May 7. 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. 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 at 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. There'll also be prizes for the most spectacular shot of the day. It's a fun day, 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 Mal on 0490 428 427 or Sue Pridmore on 0427 890 437. FTGR's email address is ferntreegullyrylstone@gmail.com. Please, no dogs as it's an environmental reserve.

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30 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.	Clandulla RFS meets 7.30 pm 1st Tuesday of each month at the Clandulla Fire Shed. Training on the following Sunday at 9am	Venturers meet at 5pm Wednesdays at the Kandos Scout Hall.	Scrabble on 1st, 3rd and 5th Thurs. 10am at Rylstone Club.	Rylstone CWA meets at 10am 1st Friday. *Cudgong Valley History Group, 11am to 3pm at Henbury Sport & Rec. Club 1st Friday.	1 The Kandos Museum is open Wednesdays to Sundays, 10am to 4pm
2 One Life Family Church services, 10am 1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Sundays at the cnr. of Noyes and Dunn Streets, Kandos	3 Pilates classes, 6pm Mondays at St James Hall Rylstone..	4 Rylstone Rural Fire Brigade meets 1st Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm - training on 3rd Tuesdays..	5 R/K VRA Rescue Squad meeting at 7pm. *RKB&T meeting at 6pm.	6 Walking group meets at Rylstone Showground Thursdays at 9am.	7 Good Friday	8 Rylstone Markets Rylstone CWA Rooms open for food
9 Uniting Church services at Ryl. 9.30am every Sunday. *Glen Alice Church Service at 9.30am.	10 Watercolour Group meets 4pm at Kandos CWA rooms. All welcome.	11 Rotary meets Tuesdays at the Rescue Squad VRA shed, Rylstone 6.30 for 7pm.	12 Kandos RSL Sub Branch meeting.	13 Kandos CP&SA, 2pm on the 2nd Thurs of each month at the Kandos RSC Club.	14 Ryl. Hosp. Aux. Meetings 2 nd Friday of each month at 10am.	15 Kandos Markets Bull a Rama
16 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.	17	18 Dance to be fit, 4.45pm Tuesdays at St James Hall. Rylstone. The Wollemi Singers meet at 6pm Tues at Kandos CWA rooms.	19 The Craft Group meets at 10am each Wed. at the VRA shed, Rylstone. Pop in Playgroup 10am to 12pm Wednesdays.	20 Ladies Tennis, 9am Thursdays at Henbury.	21 Storytime for kids, 10am to 11am Fridays at Kandos Library..	22 The Uncooperative Dates for April are: 11 th 18 th and 25 th 3.30pm at WAYOUT Art Space
23 Rylstone-Kandos Street Machine Club meeting at 2pm on last Sunday of each month.	24	25 ANZAC Day Walking group Tuesdays and Thursdays. Meet at Rylstone Showground Thursdays at 9am.	26 KRR 98.7 FM Radio meeting 5.30pm at 50 Angus Ave Kandos. Kandos CWA meeting, 5pm on last Wed. of month.	27 Rylstone CP&SA 11am at Ryl. Club on the 4 th Thursday of month.	28 KRR Broadcasting on 98.7FM Rev Up Rylstone late night shopping	29 Mudgee Classic Bicycle Ride. Over two days - Saturday and Sunday

May 7...Ferntree Gully Bush Croquet, May 15...Watercolour Group, 4pm at Kandos CWA, May 26...Rylstone late night shopping, May 28...Glen Alice Church Service.

Rylstone Markets

The next Rylstone Markets are on Saturday, April 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 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.

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Mudgee Classic

The Mudgee Classic Gran Fondo cycling event will debut a 'Dirty Mudgee' gravel cycling event for the first time. Riders from Sydney, greater New South Wales, and around Australia will be making their way to Mudgee and surrounds for the April 29-30 event. With gravel cycling booming in popularity, and the Mudgee region offering endless kilometres of sensational mixed-surface cycling, the 2023 Mudgee Classic becomes a weekend-long event with the new 55km gravel fondo, the 175km Maxi, the 125km Challenge, 65km Rouleurs and 35km Social Classic.

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

From the Hills of Kandos

Matt Williamson and band will launch their new album 'Berry Park', an album of songs from the hills, the heart and the land at the Kandos Museum on Saturday, April 22. The album features Matt's new song 'Hills of Kandos' revealing his deep roots for the town. Doors open at 6.30pm and the show gets underway at 7pm. There'll be nibbles and a bar. Tickets are \$20 and you can get them online at kandosmuseum.org.au or facebook/KandosMuseum. Numbers are limited and bookings are essential.

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Kandos Community Markets

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

Bull a Rama

Get ready for all the spills and thrills of Bull a Rama on Saturday, April 15 at the Rylstone Showground. It'll be a great show with angry bulls and determined riders. Gates open from 2pm with bull riding action from 4.30pm. It'll be entertainment galore with Lane Pitman, the voice finalist and the Charlie Fitter Band straight after the bull rides. There'll be plenty of fun for all ages with the mechanical bull and jumping castle. Enjoy a great day out with food and drink stalls along with trade stalls. Entry for adults - \$25, kids and senior citizens - \$15, family pass - \$60 and kids under five - free. Please, no BYO alcohol.

Glen Alice Church

The Glen Alice Church will have an Easter Sunday Service at 9.30am on April 9 with a team of 20 coming from the Salvation Army on the central coast to share live music, an Easter message and an egg hunt for the kids. This will be followed by Morning Tea. All welcome.

WAYOUT Exhibition

Margaret Roberts is inviting you to participate in an artwork in WAYOUT ArtSpace Kandos in May, by lending an object you live with and can do without for six weeks. The objects will stand in for the location you bring them from, and come together as a concentrated shape to demonstrate a communal regard for place. If you are interested in participating pop into the WAYOUT ArtSpace 71 Angus Avenue, Kandos Thursdays to Sundays between 10am and 3pm, follow the facebook page 'Wayout blp' or email wayoutblp@gmail.com.