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Welcome to the April issue of Community Capers, volume 301. Our May issue will be distributed on Wednesday, May 1. The deadline for this issue is Monday, April 22. News items, events, dates for the calendar etc. are inserted free. Email them to the editor, Brent Barlow at brenbar@winsoft.net.au or phone Brent on 0427 791 020. For details and prices on advertising, sponsorship etc., contact Brian Neaves on 0402 976 925.

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Good crowd at Show

Around 2,500 people attended this year's Rylstone Kandos Show. Organisers were happy with the attendance considering the clash with the NRL Dragons-Tigers trial game in Mudgee on the same day. Many turned up later in the day to catch the ring events and fireworks, but there was a steady trickle through the gate from early morning. Some sections were down in the pavilion, however quality was up and it was a credit to those who participated this year with some really special entries on display. Other sections including the cattle were up. Around 80 head of quality cattle were shown this year. Kandos High School was well represented too in the Led section. A very pleasing outcome from the school's ongoing program. Congratulations to Peter and Vinny Hall who 'took out the hall' again this year. They were awarded the MacTaggart Cup for the Most Successful Exhibitor in Garden Produce and then received the C J Saville Memorial Cup, Ribbon and Prize for gaining the most points for exhibits in the hall.

This year's show was opened by Andrew Gee MP, Federal Member for Calare. The Rylstone Kandos Show is one of his favourite shows and he congratulated the show society and their committee for putting on another great event. He emphasised the importance that agriculture plays not only in our economy but culturally as well. State Member for Bathurst, Paul Toole was also on hand to meet with people and answer any questions they had. Both Andrew and Paul were interviewed by announcers during local community radio KRR's live broadcast from the show. It was a great opportunity for them to get their message across to listeners. This was KRR's first live broadcast from the show for many years and they are hoping to be back again next year.

This year's entertainment included Troppo Bob's Magic Show, which drew a large crowd of young and old during his performances, and some mind boggling races between souped up ride-on lawn mowers and horses. The first race started well for the lawn mowers but from then on the horses were just too good in the turns around the flags and came home first. Cheers for the equine model. As usual, fireworks topped off another successful and enjoyable show.



Andrew Gee Federal MP with R K Show President Rachel Mann, giving the thumbs up for a great show.



Community Radio KRR's announcers kept listeners entertained during the local station's live broadcast from the show. Pictured, Leanne and Kirilee Besant and Trevor Hopkins with son Orion.



Never say 'never again'. Peter and Vinny Hall had planned on last year's top pavilion result for them being their last, but support from neighbours and friends prompted them for another go, resulting in another win taking out the MacTaggart Cup for the Most Successful Exhibitor in Garden Produce along with the C J Saville Memorial Cup, Ribbon and Prize for gaining the most points for exhibits in the hall.



Troppo Bob's Magic Show amazed and mystified viewers.

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Rylstone Seniors Luncheon

Over 50 seniors were welcomed to the Rylstone Club on Tuesday, March 12 for the Seniors Festival Luncheon by President of the Rylstone CP&SA Jenny Conlon. She thanked Cr Katie Dicker and Percy Thompson and his wife Diane for their support and made a special mention of the work the Association's Secretary Carol Hayward does each year for the Festival. Visitors enjoyed a great meal along with great company and gained some very interesting and important information from Chris Reeves from Rylstone District Care and Transport. The services they deliver are quite impressive and Chris provided many pamphlets with information to take home on their huge range of services.

An important part of the Seniors Festival is to acknowledge the great work that seniors in our community contribute through the Senior Citizen of the Year Award. Before announcing the award winner, Katie Dicker acknowledged the work of the committee in bringing this year's program together. Sponsors of

A deserving Senior Citizen Award winner, Warren Kidd with Rylstone CP&SA President Jenny Conlon and Seniors Festival Committee member Cr Katie Dicker.



the Seniors Festival include Mid-Western Regional Council, the NSW Government, Moolarben Coal and Club Mudgee.

This year's winner of the Mid-Western Senior Citizen of the Year for Rylstone is Warren Kidd. Warren is well-known and respected across the district. He moved to Rylstone with his family in the late 1970's and joined many organisations as a volunteer. These include the Rylstone Bush Fire Brigade, as it was called then, and the Rylstone Kandos Show Society, serving for over 40 years, of which he has received Life Membership. Warren is an active member of the Rylstone and District Historical Society, attending the museum to do his shifts every Sunday. Warren was applauded as a well-deserved recipient of the award.

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Birds of a feather

Simply 'Birds' is the name of Ester Kasepuu's latest exhibition at Gallery Forty Seven in Rylstone, but the exhibition opening on Saturday March 2 displayed a range of paintings that were anything but simple. The detail, colours and lifelike images created an impression that some of the birds were about to hop out of the frame and fly into the room. Ester, who has been a member of Wires and rescued many in the past has obviously had a close look at our feathery friends. She loves their diverse colours and the incredible variety of calls. In her younger years, Ester studied graphic design and amongst other things is a former illustrator of children's books. She has lived in Kandos for the past seven years and loves the view of the mountains and the surrounding bush that brings lots of birds into her home surrounds.



In other words, she doesn't need to go far to be inspired. This is a delightful exhibition emphasised by the number of paintings that were sold at the opening. If you love birds or just like an exotic splash of colour, call in for a look. It's open until March 31.



Ester Kasepuu with her delightful painting of a Mallee Ringneck.

Bull A Rama

The Annual Bull A Rama returns to the Rylstone Showground on Saturday, April 13. Hold onto your seats for plenty of Bull Riding action and watch those cowboys ride. It'll be a thriller afternoon with live music a feature of this year's show. Gates open from 1pm and Bull Riding action gets underway from 3pm, then from 6.30pm top entertainment with Denvah, top 12 Australian Idol, Brock Rodziewicz and Jack Garland. Grab your early bird tickets at @123tix for a \$5 plus discount, otherwise tickets at the gate are \$30 for adults, \$20 kids and pensioners and \$60 family. There'll be food and drink stalls as well as trade stalls (no BYO alcohol please). As usual, this not-for-profit event gives out with donations to local groups such as fire brigades, hospital, scouts and other groups. Come along for a top day and support your local awe-inspiring event, Bull A Rama 2024.



Don't miss spectacular bull riding action at the Rylstone Showground on April 13.

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Leanne's art walk

Local textile artist Leanne Wicks has recently exhibited at a group show at Articulate Artspace in Sydney with the Australian Walking Artists. Walking is an essential part of Leanne's art practice as she is a keen birder. So far she has seen 105 species in the Mid-Western Regional Council area. Leanne has embroidered tracks of where she has walked at the Drayton's Valley Reserve, a significant place for the Dabee/Wiradjuri Custodians. Since closing the WAYOUT Artspace cafe, Leanne has started volunteering at the North East Wiradjuri Cultural Centre at 28 Angus Avenue, Kandos.

"Many local people are not aware that inside there's a Dabee/Wiradjuri cultural exhibition and a gift shop featuring local Aboriginal artists. It's open 10am until 2pm on Fridays. Wirimbili Cultural Experience provides walks around significant places, talks about bush tucker and displays of artefacts and tools. Tours can be booked at the Cultural Centre."



Art work
Wagirra (walk) 2023,
by Leanne Wicks

Classic cycling

Thousands of cyclists will pedal their way through the district's picturesque landscapes during the 2024 Mudgee Classic on the weekend of May 4 and 5. After a successful inaugural year in 2023, the Dirty Mudgee Gravel Ride will return on Saturday, May 4 with the specially chosen gravel course showcasing Mudgee's spectacular rural scenery, the region's impressive vineyards and iconic Australian country landscape. On Sunday, May 5 the road cycling event will start with riders departing from Church St, Mudgee and completing one of four courses ranging from 35km to 170km and extending from Mudgee to Cooyal, Ulan, Gulgong and back through the finish Line at Glen Willow Sports Complex in Mudgee. The hub of the weekend will be at the Event Village at the Glen Willow Sports Complex which will be open from 10am - 4pm on Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 May. All are welcome to come down and experience the atmosphere of a cycling Gran Fondo. There will be live music, a bar, food trucks, exhibitor stalls and children's activities. The Mudgee Classic offers a refreshing approach to event fundraising with individual riders and teams raising money for



Happy groups of cyclists like this will be riding through the local countryside in May.

whichever charity they wish to support. Since the inaugural Bowral Classic event in 2016, the Classics events have raised over \$500,000 for charities across Australia.

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Relief Centre underway

Construction of a Multipurpose Community and Relief Centre has begun on Cox's Creek Road, approximately 12 kms from Rylstone on land donated by local resident and well known artist Ludwig Mlcek. The first sod was turned on Saturday, February 24 by Federal MP Andrew Gee and Cox's Creek resident Bryan Ludwick They were joined by local community members and Miskles Earthmoving staff for this historic moment. The construction is a direct result of the 2019-2020 Black Summer Bushfires when residents in the greater Rylstone communities of Coxs Creek, Coxs Crown, Kelgoola, Nullo Mountain, Olinda, Reedy Creek and Upper Growee lost homes, outbuildings, fencing, vehicles, farm machinery, stockfeed, crops, timber and pasture land. Through the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery grant, local resident Heike Schutze obtained \$1,402,385 which is going towards building this center, upgrades of Rylstone tennis courts, materials to build community street libraries, and some community celebrations. The grant is a collaboration between Olinda-Rylstone communities, Rylstone Tennis Club Inc., Ludwig Mlcek, Olinda Nullo Mountain Rural Bush Fire Brigade and North East Wiradjuri Co. Heike Schutze said the centre will

provide residents with a permanent community and cultural 'home' to showcase its artistic, artisanal, cultural and historical strengths, as well as to support the broader region's resilience and economic growth.

"It will provide an additional much needed function centre for the broader area. All trades work are being completed by local tradesmen, and all my work associated with executing the grant is in kind (volunteered)," Heike said.

In praising the construction, Andrew Gee said that in a crisis or disaster, communities across the Greater Rylstone and Olinda areas will be able to take refuge in this state-of-the-art multipurpose community and relief centre.

"The project received a \$1,402,385 grant through the previous Federal Government's Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants program and this building will play a vital role in offering local residents a centre for relief operations during bushfire events, while also operating year-round as a Multipurpose Community Hub. One thing we know about Australia is that bushfires will come again. It is our duty to use the experience gained from that devastating time to help prepare for future disasters."



Construction of the Multipurpose Community and Relief Centre began on Saturday, February 24 when Federal MP Andrew Gee and Cox's Creek resident Bryan Ludwick turned the first sod. They were joined by local community members and Miskles Earthmoving staff for this historic moment.

Cold case hit and run

Cementa24 artist Miriam Williamson has a close connection to Kandos. Williamson Park is named after her father and her installation in the park during Cementa will be near the site of where her father was critically injured in a hit and run in 1952. At the time he was active as a unionist in the cement works and planning to run in the next federal election. Miriam is reaching out to the community in the hope that some more light may be shed on the incident.

"He was admittedly an agitator against the conservative forces in town. The incident of the hit and run was never solved and allegedly the police did not put much effort in to investigating. I am approaching this work as a cold case with some artistic licence involved.

"I am reaching out to the community via our local radio station KRR and Community Capers asking if anyone recalls their parents talking about it or rumours at the time. I appreciate that many of that time have now passed on but would be interested in any 'mythology' around the event."

Another component of her work is publishing an issue of 'The Kandos Voice'.

"This will be a mock-up of the propaganda pamphlet my father was accused of using Council equipment to publish, to further his career."



Miriam Williamson has a long connection to Kandos and the Cementa Festival. If you have any information you can pass on about the above incident please email her at miriam.williamson700@gmail.com or phone on 0409 032 211.

Growth Room for blokes

Rylstone Growth Room is a joint project between Lifeline Central West and Mid-Western Regional Council that offers free and confidential space for blokes supporting other blokes. Led by trained members of your local community with shared and lived experience. This is a chance to have a cuppa, a yarn, blow off some steam and check in with the other fellas. A growth room is your chance to work towards better mental health and an improved quality of life. It's on the 3rd Monday of each month from 6pm to 8pm at the small hall next to the Rylstone Memorial Hall. To register go to: www.lifelinecentralwest.org.au/growthrooms or phone 1300 798 258 for more information.

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7 Uniting Church services at Rylstone 9.30am every Sunday.	8 Pilates classes, 6pm Mondays at St James Hall Rylstone..	9 Clandulla RFS meets 7.30 pm 1 st Tuesday of each month at the Clandulla Fire Shed. Training on the following Sunday at 9am	10 Kandos RSL Sub Branch meeting. *Venturers meet at 5pm Wednesdays at the Kandos Scout Hall.	11 R/K VRA Rescue Squad meeting at 7pm. * Ladies Tennis, 9am Thursdays at Henbury.	12 Ryl. Hosp. Aux. Meetings 2 nd Friday of each month at 10am. *Youth Alive St James Ryl. 6.30pm second Fri during school term.	13 Rylstone Markets Movie Night at Rylstone Hall Rylstone Bull A Rama
14 Anglican Church services at St Laurence, Kandos, 10am on 2nd and 4th Sundays and St James Ryl, 10am on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays.	15	16 Rotary meets Tues at the Rescue Squad Shed, Ryl. 6.30 for 7pm. *TTPlayers meet 6pm on 2 nd Tues. at the Ryl. Club.	17 Ilford-Running Stream CWA Meeting at Running Stream Hall 10am.	18 Kandos Writing Group 12.30-2pm Thursdays at the old chemist shop, Kandos. *Scrabble on 1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Thursday, 10am at Rylstone Club.	19 Storytime for kids, 10am to 11am Fridays at Kandos Library.	20 Kandos Markets
21 One Life Family Church services, 10am 1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Sundays at the cnr. of Noyes and Dunn Str, Kandos. *3 rd Sunday Markets at the Globe 10am. *Alive@5 at St James Ryl 3 rd Sundays	22	23 Dance to be fit, 4.45pm Tues. at St James Hall. Rylstone. *The Wollemi Singers meet at 6pm Tues at St Dominic's Hall Kandos.	24 The Craft Group meets at 10am each Wed. at the VRA shed, Rylstone. *CWA meeting, 5pm on last Wed. of month.	25 Rylstone CP&SA 11am at the Rylstone Club on the 4 th Thursday of the month ANZAC Day	26	27
28 Rylstone-Kandos Street Machine Club meeting on last Sunday of month. *Glen Alice Church Service at 9.30am.	29	30 Walking group Tuesdays & Thursdays		Walking group meets at Rylstone Showground Thursdays at 8am in summer, 8.30 spring and autumn and 9am in winter.		KRR Broadcasting on 98.7FM

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Kandos Community Markets

The next Kandos Community Market will be held on Saturday, April 20 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.

Pick up Capers

Community Capers is available at both newsagents in Rylstone and Kandos (Metro Bridge Service Station), Kandos IGA, Kandos Post Office, Community Charity Shop Kandos, Rylstone Hardware, Rylstone Café and at the Council office in Rylstone. It's also available in colour on KRR's website at Krrfm.org.au. Thanks for your support everyone.

Bush Croquet fundraiser

The Ferntree Gully Environmental Reserve Annual Bush Croquet Tournament is on Sunday, May 5. 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. 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 Perpetual Trophy. The trophy remains with the committee but you'll have your name on it for perpetuity. It's a fun day, balls and mallets are provided. Take a ticket on the day or around town in the raffle for a ute-load of good firewood. 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.

Rylstone Markets

The next Rylstone Markets are on Saturday, April 13 at 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, call their secretary Bev on 0410 577 667 or their president Diana on 0428 663 161. or email at rylstonemarkets@gmail.com.

ANZAC Day

The ANZAC Day Dawn Service in Rylstone will be held at 6am at the War Memorial next to the Memorial Hall and will be followed by a light breakfast, organised again this year by Kerry and Carol Morrissey. In Kandos the Dawn Service is at 6.30am at the Memorial next to the Community Hall and will also be followed by breakfast, with catering by Kandos High School. The Rotary Club of Rylstone Kandos is funding the purchase of food for both ANZAC Dawn Service breakfasts again this year. The Commemoration Service will be held in the Kandos hall at 11am. This will be preceded by the march to the hall from the Rotunda at 11.45am. Marchers will need 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. Both services in Kandos will include essays written by school students in the essay competition sponsored by the Kandos RSL Sub-Branch.

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

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