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Welcome to the August issue of Community Capers, volume 261. Our September issue will be distributed on Thursday, August 27. The deadline for this issue is Tuesday, August 11. 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 6379 1020. For details and prices on advertising, sponsorship etc., contact Brian Neaves on 6379 4092.

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Fermenta will celebrate the age-old art of fermenting

First there was Cementa that arose from the dust of the former cement works. And now Fermenta has come bubbling up from the depths of life itself. The phenomenon of fermentation will be celebrated in a new event confirmed for Rylstone and Kandos in 2021 following the announcement of state and federal government grant funding. The inaugural Fermenta Festival will celebrate the art of fermentation by local producers from sauerkraut to kombucha, small batch beers and fine wines, to chocolate and cheese on March 13 and 14 next year. The event is a partnership between Council, Mudgee Region Tourism and Cementa Festival. Cementa Creative Director, Alex Wisser pointed out that fermentation underpins our relationship to food, to land and to life.

"It happens in our bodies, in our food and in the soil that makes all life possible. It is also an intimate part of what makes life worth living. It's the basis of the good things in life; the food and drink that we share socially, bringing pleasure and joy. Fermentation, if you think about it, is the foundation of how we celebrate life, so why wouldn't we want to celebrate the process that brings us so much joy."

The event will take festival-goers through the fermentation process with workshops, tasting experiences and day-time activities in Kandos and Rylstone, capped off with a special evening event showcasing the region's best fermented food and drink. The joint organising committee has successfully secured \$30,000 through the Australian Government's Regional Tourism Bushfire Recovery Fund and an additional \$10,000 through Create NSW 19/20 COVID-19 Quick Response Initiative for the event. Mid-Western Region Council Mayor, Des Kennedy said the event will bring much needed social and economic benefits to the region. "Fermenta will be the perfect kick-start for the Rylstone and Kandos communities as we work

to attract that crucial tourism dollar back into our region. These communities, their businesses and residents have been hit by a trifecta of drought, bushfire and COVID-19, and this event will not only provide a social experience and something to look forward to but an economic boost with visitors planning a weekend stay around the event. I'd like to thank the Australian and NSW Government for their combined \$40,000 in funding for this exciting new event," he said.

Mudgee Region Tourism CEO Cara George said the event is a perfect fit for the Mudgee Region.

"We are truly excited to be part of the new Fermenta Festival that aims to attract locals and visitors from all over Australia to ignite their senses in beautiful Rylstone and Kandos," she said.

The Fermenta Festival will be held on March 13 and 14 next year in accordance with government COVID-19 safe event practices. As planning commences, Council will provide event updates including tickets and venues via Facebook and a dedicated website to be launched soon.

StreetFeast cancelled

Bowdens Silver Rylstone Streetfeast has become another victim of the COVID-19 crises, with the annual event cancelled for 2020. The StreetFeast committee made this difficult decision following extensive discussion amid concerns regarding the coronavirus outbreak (including a possible second wave), travel concerns and other circumstances which make it hard to plan and hold the event this year. StreetFeast President Peter Hatfield said it was a very difficult decision to make.

"We understand the gravity of the situation for all, including the small businesses of Rylstone, our numerous volunteer organisations and our sponsor partners that rely so heavily on the increased business that the event attracts.

The committee will now focus on bringing the unique StreetFeast event back to Rylstone on Saturday, November 6, 2021.

"We hope you understand and seek your continued support of StreetFeast in 2021. We cannot conduct this important local event or give back to the community without the generous support of businesses, volunteers, sponsor partners and supporters," Mr Hatfield said. The new email address for 2021 which will now be Rylstone StreetFeast's main form of communication is stallholders@rylstonestreetfeast.com.au



Cementa Creative Director Alex Wisser, Mudgee Region Tourism CEO Cara George and Mid-Western Region Council Mayor Des Kennedy holding some delightfully fermented products in Rylstone's main street.

Capers info

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Film nears completion

The filmmaking team behind writer/director Kurt Wimmer's yet-to-be-titled reimagining of Stephen King's 1977 short story, Children of the Corn, announced recently that principal photography has been successfully completed. The film made history as the first feature film in the world to safely shoot during the Covid-19 pandemic by implementing stringent health and safety protocols. The team spent a week in Rylstone using many of the iconic buildings in scenes during the filming and local residents as extras. A number of acclaimed actors have roles in the feature film including: Elena Kampouris, Kate Moyer, Callan Mulvey, Bruce Spence and Lucas Foster. Producer Lucas Foster said they were thrilled to be able to announce the completion of principal photography.

"We'd like to thank our cast and crew for their unrivalled professionalism, working together to bring this movie to life. We'd also like to thank Screen NSW, Safe Work NSW and all those vendors and suppliers who worked with us as valuable partners during the shoot to ensure the health and safety of our cast and crew was protected," he said.



A grim warning to the adult corn destroyers from some of the children in the film.

The film describes the events leading up to, and including the infamous massacre of the adults of a small town in Nebraska by their children. Eden (Moyer), possessed by the spirit of the town's dying cornfield, or perhaps, simply hallucinating due to the mycotoxins released by its rotting leaves, decides to punish the town's adults who, with their irresponsible decision-making, have destroyed the corn and the children's future. The feature film's international sales will be handled by Timeless Films' Ralph Kamp.

Court for School

A new multi-purpose court is set to enhance the sporting options for Rylstone Public School students as well as the local community following a grant of \$106,440 through the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF) to upgrade the existing tennis court located on school grounds. Bathurst MP Paul Toole announced the upgrade, noting the tennis court is run down and has a rough sand base which is difficult and expensive to maintain.

"The proposed multi-purpose court will consist of a modern synthetic surface that has minimal upkeep, can be used for a number of sporting activities and improves the aesthetic qualities of the high profile corner site."

Mr Toole met with school Principal Jodee Burcher recently for a guided tour of the site. Also present was P and C president Sandra Stroud who has been a driving force in securing the funding application. Mr Toole said the project is more than just an addition to the sporting facilities at the school.

"This is a multi-purpose court that is intended for everyone in the community to be able to use. Because it is located on a corner block on what used to be the main street through Rylstone, it means it is centrally located for local community members to access it away from the entry to the school. I know the community is excited to receive this funding as the local tennis court has for many generations been a popular meeting and social point for residents," he said.



Bathurst MP Paul Toole with Rylstone Public School P and C president Sandra Stroud, principal Jodee Burcher and students Finlay, Acacia, Catlin, Patrick and Lachlan following his announcement of a grant to replace the school's old tennis court with a new, synthetic multi-purpose court.

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Flavours of Mudgee postponed

After careful consideration and consultation with its key stakeholders, Council has made the decision to cancel Flavours of Mudgee on Saturday, September 26 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and is working towards hosting the event later in the year. A tentative new date has been set for Flavours of Mudgee 2020 on Saturday, November 21. This date is subject to State and Federal Government health orders and permissible crowd numbers for major events. General Manager Brad Cam said while it is disappointing to cancel the September date, Council remains hopeful of proceeding with its flagship event later this year.

"Flavours of Mudgee is traditionally held on the last weekend of September, however given the current restrictions in place it was impossible to deliver it in September. We've made this decision as early as possible in consideration of those travelling to Mudgee for the event, as well as our stallholders, suppliers and our community. Although we've made the decision to reschedule, the November date remains tentative and we're in the hands of the State and Federal Governments as to what will be permitted for major events. The restrictions in place will determine whether the event can proceed. The health and safety of our community is our priority and will shape any decisions we make in relation to the event," Mr Cam said.

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 46 Mudgee Street, Rylstone. Office hours are Mondays to Thursdays - 8.30am to 4pm and Fridays - 9am to 1pm.

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Sam hands over the reins

After three years in the job, Rylstone Kandos Show Society President Sam Hamilton is handing the reins over to someone else. In a challenging year for the society Sam presided over one of the most successful shows in recent years. In his words, "We were lucky to squeeze the show in between bush fires and Covid-19 restrictions and what a successful event it was." In his Presidents Report for 2020 he outlined some of the highlights.

"While a couple of sections had to be cancelled due to drought, most had very respectable entries with some sections including the horse, dogs and poultry reporting excellent turnouts. The pavilion was, as usual, a great spectacle and this year the bar recorded its best result ever result. The return of the rodeo this year was a great success for competitors and spectators alike, and looks likely to become a permanent fixture."

Sam said a lot of emphasis was placed on entertainment in 2020 and this was well received by show goers, enabling a considerable increase in attendance this year in very difficult circumstances. "I believe everyone involved in the 2020 show - the sponsors, committee, stewards and judges, operations crew, volunteers and competitors can feel very proud of their efforts and achievements in staging this event. The Show Society is a long-standing and important part of our community and I wish the incoming committee every success," he said.



Sam Hamilton wishes the incoming committee of the Rylstone Kandos Show Society every success.

New animal guidelines

The NSW Government has introduced annual permits for non-desexed cats and restricted and dangerous dogs. Owners of cats not desexed by four months of age are now required to pay an \$80 annual permit in addition to their one-off lifetime pet registration fee. Exemptions are in place for cats that are registered by July 1 2020, those kept for breeding purposes by members of recognised breeding bodies, and cats which cannot be desexed for medical reasons. Improving desexing rates is intended to ease the burden on pounds and shelters, reduce euthanasia rates, and protect the environment and native wildlife by reducing the number of stray and roaming cats. Owners of dogs of a restricted breed or formally declared to be dangerous are now required to pay a \$195 annual permit in addition to their one-off lifetime pet registration fee. This will serve as a further disincentive to owning high-risk dogs and encourage owners to better manage the behaviour of their animal. This legislation has been introduced by the NSW Government and will be enforced by local councils. Pet owners have an obligation to apply for the permits, otherwise face an on-the-spot \$400 fine for non-desexed cats and \$700 for restricted and dangerous dog breeds. Pet owners can pay for annual permits at any Council Customer Service Centre. For more information, contact Council on 6378 2850.

BVI apartment on Airbnb

Like many organisations across the country, Rylstone District Historical Society has had to comply with government lockdown rules over the past few months. The long awaited Dabee excursion was cancelled along with the General Meeting planned for late March. The management committee however, continued to make decisions either by phone consultation or, when allowed, by meeting together. The Cottage Museum was closed to the public but following its reopening had quite a few visitors over the June Long Weekend. Planned activities this spring include repairing and completing the insulation of the Cottage Museum roof, and a display revamp inside. Dan Hatton has scanned almost all of the RDHS collection of photographs. A flat screen TV has been purchased and the goal is to have a themed rolling display of RDHS photographs for visitors and members to enjoy. Prior to the COVID 19 crisis the BVI Apartment was listed on Airbnb and is getting a lot of use and attention. The Apartment is now one bedroom (with a Queen and a King Single bed) with associated kitchenette, bathroom and sitting room with open fireplace. Margot Palk has rented the upstairs room immediately above her shop for more display and sales space. Margot's shop will also host the Rylstone Visitor Information Centre. The Society's AGM has been deferred, with a proposed date in early December.



A nice place to stay. The BVI Apartment is now on Airbnb and is getting lots of attention from visitors

Scout Hall upgrade

The Kandos Scout Hall is set for an upgrade following a NSW Government grant of \$18,579. The announcement has been well received by the local scouting organisation who are looking forward to seeing a new ceiling installed. Scouting has been an important part of the local community for generations. It commenced in the district in 1925 and continues to be a rewarding partnership between the organisation, the town and its citizens. The ageing scout hall on the corner of Dabee Road and Campbell Streets in Kandos was been identified as needing restoration work and thanks to lobbying by Bathurst MP Paul Toole, a NSW Government grant of \$18,579 will go towards much-needed upgrades. "I am pleased to announce a Community Building Partnership (CBP) grant will allow the old ceiling to be replaced in the Kandos Scout Hall. This will add to the longevity of this special building which holds a fond place in the hearts of many local residents who have fond memories of activities there," Mr Toole said.

Electoral shortcomings

In a letter sent to fire affected residents recently, it was pointed out why there has been lack of support for them from the Upper Hunter electorate. This has resulted in a call for electoral change. The letter states as follows: "The north side of Coxs Creek Rd and Nullo Mountain Rd are part of the Upper Hunter electorate, as are Reedy Creek and Bylong. If you look at the electoral map, Upper Hunter don't even acknowledge we are part of the electorate. Therefore it is not surprising we have never seen anyone from there before, during and after the fires. David Bowman has made a submission to have us included in the Bathurst electorate. Comments to support this submission are accepted until this Wednesday 15th July."

As the deadline for submissions has now passed, residents can only await the results and view the submission by going to <https://elections.nsw.gov.au/redistribution> and then by scrolling down to NSW200622/5.

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Some Calendar of Events listings may still be in lockdown - August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
30 The Cottage Museum, Rylstone is open every Sunday from 10am to 3pm.	31 Scouts and Cubs meet at 4.30pm on Mondays at Kandos Scout Hall.	Rylstone Rural Fire Brigade meets 1st Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm - training nights on 3 rd Tuesdays.	Pop in Playgroup 10am to 12noon every Wednesday.	Walking group every Thursday at 8.30am.	Kandos Art Group, Fridays at the Kandos CWA Rooms from 11am to 2pm.	1 The Kandos Museum is open Wednesdays to Sundays, 10am to 4pm
2 One Life Family Church services, 10am every 1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Sunday at the corner of Noyes and Dunn Streets, Kandos.	3 Pilates classes, 6pm Mondays at St James Hall Rylstone.	4 Rotary meets every Tuesday at the Rylstone Club, 6.30 for 7pm.	5 R/K VRA Rescue Squad meeting at 7pm. *RKB&T meeting at 6pm.	6 Scrabble on 1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Thursday of month, 10am at Rylstone Club..	7 Rylstone CWA meets at 10am. *Cudgong Valley History Group, 11am to 3pm at Henbury Sport & Rec.	8 Rylstone Markets
9 Uniting Church holds services at Rylstone at 9.30am every Sunday.	10 Yoga with Jodi, 6pm Mondays, \$12pp at Stone Strength Gym.	11 Walking group every Tuesday at 8.30am.	12 The Craft Group meets at 10am each Wed. at the VRA shed, Rylstone. *Kandos RSL Sub Branch meeting.	13 Kandos CPSA meets 2pm on the second Thursday of each month at the Kandos RSC Club.	14 Ryl. Hosp. Aux. Meetings 2 nd Friday of each month at 10am.	15
16 3 rd Sunday of the month Community Markets at the Globe Hotel.	17	18	19 Venturers meet at 5pm Wednesdays at the Kandos Scout Hall.	20 Ladies Tennis, 9am Thurs. at Henbury Sport & Rec. Club.	21 Storytime for kids, 10am to 11am Fridays at Kandos Library	22 KR Singers, 2.30pm to 4.30pm Saturdays at One Life Church Kandos.
23 Rylstone-Kandos Street Machine Club meeting at 2pm on last Sunday of each month.	24 Dance to be fit, 4.45pm every Tuesday at St James Hall Rylstone.	25 Twin Town Players meet at 6pm on 4 th Tues. of each month at VRA Shed.	26 KRR Radio AGM 5.30pm on last Wed. of month at 50 Angus Ave. Kandos. * Kandos CWA, 5pm on last Wed. of each month.	27 Ryl. CPSA meet at 11am at the Globe Hotel on the 4 th Thursday of each month.	28 Join the Ukulele Group, 4.15pm for a 4.30pm start on Fridays at the Kandos CWA Rooms.	29 KRR Broadcasting on 98.7FM

September 26...Flavours of Mudgee. (proposed date)

Markets re-open

Some great news for market goers with the re-opening of the Rylstone Markets. Strict guidelines are being followed and everyone coming into the hall needs to write down their name and phone number. Visitors from out of the area we will need to write down their postcodes. The markets are held 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 next markets are on Saturday, August 8.

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.

Charity shop

The Community Charity Shop in Kandos is open again after being closed during the Covid 19 pandemic. The popular shop opened its doors on Monday, June 1 for limited trading and have been amazed by the number of visitors calling in. This includes many tourists who are taking the opportunity to travel again after the COVID-19 lockdown. Hours are: Mondays to Fridays - 9am to 3pm and Saturdays 9am to 1pm.

Working bee

Spring is in the air and the Kandos Museum is holding a working bee at the Kandos Railway Station on Saturday, August 8 to prepare the gardens and grounds of the station for the onset of spring. Buzz Sanderson, President of Kandos Museum said they'd really appreciate everyone's support.

"The garden has gotten away and it's time to weed, trim and mulch. The working bee is planned to take four hours starting at 10am and finishing in the early afternoon, with the main activities being weeding, mulching, pruning and morning tea. So if you would like to spend a few hours helping out at the Kandos Station please contact the museum on 6379 4600 or email info@kandosmuseum.org.au. We'd really appreciate your support. Thanks everyone," Buzz

St Vincent de Paul

St Vincent de Paul in Kandos has reopened and is now welcoming visitors to their store. Social distancing is in place and hand sanitizer is available when you arrive. Volunteers look forward to seeing you again.

Shoebox mission

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Mission seeks to show unconditional love to children in desperate situations due to war or natural disasters. They are seeking the donation of one of your empty shoeboxes, covered with Christmas paper (or you can purchase a pre-printed shoebox for 50c each) and filled with items. Filled shoeboxes need to be collected by September 27 before the school holidays at the end of third term. For a suggestion list, pre-printed boxes or information brochures and collection options, please contact Sue Garlinge on 6358 8563.

Radio's AGM

Kandos Rylstone Community Radio (KRR 98.7FM) is holding its Annual General Meeting at 5.30pm on Wednesday, August 26 at the station's meeting room, 50 Angus Avenue, Kandos. Elections of office bearers and committee positions will be held and the annual report presented. All welcome to attend.

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