



## Community Capers

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Welcome to the August issue of Community Capers, volume 305. Our September issue will be distributed on Thursday, August 29. The deadline for this issue is Monday, August 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 0427 791 020. For details and prices on advertising, sponsorship etc., contact Brian Neaves on 0402 976 925.

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### Cementa24 will be unforgettable

The Cementa Festival returns to Kandos for another vibrant edition of contemporary art and culture from Thursday, September 19 through to Sunday, September 22. Celebrated as one of Australia's most beloved regional art meccas, Cementa promises an exciting and unforgettable experience under the curatorial leadership of Dr Daniel Mudie Cunningham and First Nations curator Jo Albany. Launched in 2013, Cementa became one of the only artist-run organisations to own its own building in 2022, and celebrated its 10th birthday in 2023. A ten year retrospective exhibition opens at Mudgee Arts Precinct on Friday, August 2.

Cementa24 will host over 50 artists for four days and nights of immersive art in Kandos on Wiradjuri Country. Audiences will experience a diverse array of artworks, including video, performance, installation, sound art, photography, painting, and sculpture in unique venues such as backyards, shop fronts, empty paddocks, and school halls. An opening night extravaganza will well and truly set the scene. Featuring a series of dynamic performances by regional and urban artists curated by Performance Space, it will culminate in a high-energy performance by the psycho-blues-a-billy band White Knuckle Fever. Other interesting art events include a 'Coming Out' Debutante Ball led by artist Georgia Banks which promises an inclusive and celebratory experience, and 'Colour Fields' Aura Photography with Kate Mitchell where you can have your portrait created through the enchanting process of aura photography. There are lots more. It's shaping up to be an unforgettable festival. Cementa Festival is supported by the NSW Government through Create NSW, and the Australian Government through Creative Australia, its principal arts investment and advisory body.



Join our working class sheila, Jude Bowler and a host of hilariously entertaining performers for a riotous showcase of live work and music by artists hailing from Sydney and the regions at Cementa's Performance Night on Friday, September 20 from 7pm to 9pm at the Kandos RSC Club.

### Native plants featured at open day

Visitors to the Wirimbili Indigenous Plants Community Garden Open Day enjoyed a number of interesting activities including information on local native plants and how to grow them. Maddison O'Brien from Watershed Landcare showed people how to take cuttings and also gave out cuttings to take home. Saltbush cuttings were definitely a favourite after visitors tried the delicious tempura saltbush being served at the barbecue area.

During the afternoon, school students from Kandos Public School visited the centre. The girls enjoyed weaving activities with Renee Ford while the boys had a great time and made plenty of noise with clapping sticks provided by Peter Swain. Live music with John Stuart and Rachel Hannan topped off an enjoyable and productive day.



Kandos Public School Captains Shaylee, Dylan, Liam and Lillian holding Landcare Services brochures that were available on the day.



Maddison O'Brien from Watershed Landcare showing visitors how to take cuttings for propagation.

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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 0402 976 925.

## Quilts of Valour

Quilts of Valour were awarded in June to Val Wade and Larry O'Connor by Chris and Pam Bellhouse, representatives of Quilts of Valour Australia (QOVA). They awarded a beautiful quilt made by Talbingo Craft Group and quilted by Kay Kowalczyk to Valentine Frank Wade aged 102. Val, served in the British Army in 1943-47 as a Sergeant in The Queen's Own Royal Kent Regiment (Infantry) and in the 2nd Worcestershire Regiment. Val came to Australia in 1962 and lived for many years at Kandos. He is a current member of the Kandos RSL Sub Branch and now resides in Gulgong where he is closer to his daughter and family. The presentation of the quilt took place at his home with family and friends from both Gulgong and Kandos attending. Val expressed his thanks, firstly for being awarded a quilt and then for everyone who travelled to be there with him. Family and Friends provided a wonderful array of refreshments.



Larry O'Connor (front row 3rd from left) with family and friends during the presentation of his Quilt for Valour.

Chris and Pam presented Vietnam Veteran Larry O'Connor, originally from Sydney/Cabramatta/Mt Pritchard, and who now resides in Kandos, with a beautiful quilt pieced by Wendy Harvey and quilted by Sarah Streifereder. In 1966-67, Lawrence Matthew O'Connor, 17910 5 RAR, served in Vietnam as a Lance Corporal. The presentation took place in The Blue Room at Kandos Returned Services Community Club and was attended by family, friends, local Vietnam Veterans, members of Mudgee Region Red Hatters and members of the Kandos RSL Sub Branch. During the presentation, a reading of Ian Coates Poem "My Mate - Lest We Forget" was given. Glen Evans, a Vietnam Vet concluded both Val and Larry's presentation with the Ode and a minute's silence.



Val Wade aged 102 with family members and the beautiful quilt awarded to him by Quilts of Valour Australia.

## Care and Transport

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## 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](http://www.lifelinecentralwest.org.au/growthrooms) or phone 1300 798 258 for more information.

## Rylstone's 'Day on the Street'

One of the longest running regional street feasts featuring a long table lunch in NSW - Rylstone StreetFeast will celebrate 21 years on Saturday, November 2 when up to 400 diners will enjoy an outdoor feast of the senses, with others enjoying the market stalls and entertainment. StreetFeast's Peter Hatfield says it's no wonder the event continues to attract locals from the Mudgee Region and visitors from Sydney, interstate and beyond.

"This event's longevity can be attributed to strong community support and the unique streetscape of Rylstone. With the involvement of professionals, residents and schools from across the Mid-Western Region and further afield, it brings the larger community together to celebrate how lucky we are to live or visit here."

Peter said the long table lunch is just one element of Rylstone StreetFeast, with ticket holders enjoying a number of courses showcasing seasonal local produce. "We have had a great response from local businesses supporting the event in the past and we know businesses will get behind this event again. Local businesses benefit, with the hotels, club, and cafes offering meals throughout the day, stalls selling food, craft, art, produce and local wine and beer, and plenty of activities to keep everyone mesmerised. This year Rylstone StreetFeast is teaming up with the Twin Town Players. Keep an eye out for more tantalising information on this."

Rylstone StreetFeast runs from 10am on Saturday, November 2 along the length of Louee Street. The only tickets that need to be purchased are for the 'Long Lunch'. Ticket information will be on StreetFeast's website [www.rylstonestreetfeast.com.au](http://www.rylstonestreetfeast.com.au) and on their Facebook page.



A magic moment. Piping in the food at last year's StreetFeast.

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## Trees for the river



Local volunteers with UTS students after planting 200 trees riverside at Rylstone

Around 200 trees were planted at the Rylstone Common and along the Cudgegong River near the Rylstone Golf Course on Sunday, July 7 by Rylstone District Environment Society (RDHS) with support from Mid-Western Regional Council and help from 20 students from the University of Technology Sydney (UTS). The student team are part of The Big Lift, a student-run volunteering organisation at UTS whose primary aim is to inspire and provide an opportunity for people to develop a sense of civic duty and leadership and to connect city and international students with other parts of Australia. Their annual winter trip is run each July during the school holidays when students head off on a road trip to help out in regional communities.

Forty students were bussed from Sydney to Ilford where they were met by members of the Kandos Museum who provided a meal before they bunked down in the Ilford Hall for the night. In the morning they were transported to the Kandos Railway Station for an Aussie breakfast, again provided by Kandos Museum. Twenty of the students then helped out with gardening at the station and at the museum and 20 went to the planting area in Rylstone where they were shown around and given a few hints on planting. They certainly got stuck into it and within an hour or so the 200 trees were planted. From there it was lunch for the entire group at the Rylstone CWA rooms which included a variety of hot soups and breadrolls followed by yummy scones, slices, tea and coffee provided by members of the RDHS. It was a wonderful experience for the students and for the local volunteers who met them. Their friendliness and warmth, coupled with their curiosity and questions about

the local community and its people, left a lasting impression. After lunch and a quick tour of the Kandos Museum, the students

headed off for Binnaway, the next leg of their nine day trip which will also take them to Coolah, Coraki, Nambucca Heads, Ulmarra and Surfers Paradise.

The trees planted on the day were Eucalyptus varieties including Ribbon Gums, Red Gums and Yellow Box. Research has shown that tree and shrub planting near rivers improves the health of the river, increases aquatic life such as platypus, crayfish and shrimps, and provides food for fish in the form of insects and grubs etc. The trees will also provide food and habitat for native birds - a benefit for bird watchers, a popular pastime for visitors as well as locals.

## Rescue Squad

The Rylstone Kandos Rescue Squad have given over 49 years of service to the local community, surrounding district and NSW. They are currently looking for local people who are interested in joining the squad so they can remain a viable and effective organisation. If you are interested in training with the squad, there are a number of options including Motor Vehicle Accidents, Inland Waterways/Swift Water, General Land Search and Rescue for Missing Persons, Training and Administration and Vertical/Working at Heights. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at their Squad Headquarters, 29 Cox Street Rylstone.

## Red Hatters day out

The third Thursday of each month for The Merry Mamzelles - Mudgee Region Red Hatters is usually designated as a Birthday Lunch or Morning Tea get together. Their dress code is purple on their shoulders and a Red Hat, but during their birthday month they reverse those colours and wear red with a purple hat. In June the group headed to Rylstone and on the way stopped to visit a lovely old Church on the Lue road. Pam Bellhouse said it was a startling sight.

"Out in the bush, no other building in sight, two cars, one on the road, the other in the church driveway and three Red Hat Ladies dressed in red and purple with lots of bling. It made our day when a gentleman driving towards Mudgee stopped to see if we needed help. Thank you."

From there it was on to the Community Charity Shop in Kandos, a real treasure trove and much enjoyed by everyone, then on to Rylstone where they lunched at the Globe Hotel for a delightful visit and a fabulous meal. Pam said they had cake and candles, fun, lots of laughter and celebrated with Jenny and Ellie.

"Then some of us found the Lolly Shop, which led to wandering into other shops. It was a wonderful day out.



The Merry Mamzelles - Mudgee Region Red Hatters out for a day on the town and lunch at the Globe Hotel Rylstone followed by a shopping spree.

## NAIDOC at Museum

Around 40 people attended the NAIDOC Week flag raising ceremony at the Kandos Museum on Friday, July 12 supported by North Eastern Wiradjuri and Mid-Western Regional Council. In welcoming local Wiradjuri members, museum secretary Fiona McDonald said it was a great honour to host the occasion again. This year's theme 'Keep the Fire Burning! Black, Loud and Proud' echoes the enduring flame of First Nations cultures, shining brightly through adversity and celebrating the richness of First Nations heritage. Kelsey conducted a heart-felt Welcome to Country and also took part in the flag raising ceremony with Emma. In an unusual twist this year, Emma invited everyone to call out the Aboriginal words for Black, Loud and Proud, part of this year's theme. Some found the pronunciations a bit difficult but generally the crowd came through with flying colours. She also sang two songs - a poem written by Kevin Gilbert and put to music by Emma and a song by Kerrie Gilbert. A clap-stick piece gifted to her by Jo Albany closed a simple but moving ceremony. Afterwards, tea, coffee, sandwiches and fruit were served concluding a very enjoyable morning.



Garry Stimson with children Skye and Eevee enjoying a welcome ray of sunshine during the morning ebrations



Emma Syme providing some entertainment in keeping with NAIDOC Week



Kelsey and Emma raising the Aboriginal flag.

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<b>4</b> Uniting Church services Rylstone 9.30am every Sun. *Running Stream Christian Fellowship 10.30am at old Schoolhouse R/Stream, Sundays	<b>5</b> Pilates classes, 6pm Mondays at St James Hall Rylstone..	<b>6</b> Clandulla RFS meet 7.30 pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Tue of each month at the Clandulla Fire Shed. Training on the following Sunday at 9am	<b>7</b> R/K VRA Rescue Squad meet at 7pm. *The Craft Group meets at 10am each Wed. at the VRA shed, Rylstone..	<b>8</b> Kandos Combined Pensioners & Superannuants Assoc. 2pm on the 2nd Thurs of each month at the Kandos RSC Club.	<b>9</b> Ryl. Hosp. Aux. Meetings 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at 10am. *Youth Alive St James Ryl.6.30pm second Friday during school term.	<b>10</b> Rylstone Markets Movie Night at Rylstone Hall
<b>11</b> 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.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Rotary meets Tues at the Rescue Squad Shed, Ryl. 6.30 for 7pm. *TTPlayers meet 6pm on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. at the Ryl. Club.	<b>14</b> Kandos RSL Sub Branch meeting. *Writing Group 10.30am every Wednesday at Kandos Library	<b>15</b> Scrabble on 1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Thursday, 10am at Rylstone Club.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> The next Kandos Markets will be held in September
<b>18</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 Str, Kandos. *3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Markets at the Globe 10am. *Alive@5 at St James Ryl 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> The Wollemi Singers, 6pm every Tuesday during school term at St Dominic's Hall Kandos..	<b>21</b> Ilford-Running Stream CWA Meeting at Running Stream Hall 10am.	<b>22</b> Rylstone CP&SA 11am at the Rylstone Club on the 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month.	<b>23</b> Storytime for kids, 10am to 11am Fridays at Kandos Library.	<b>24</b> Kandos Crop and Swap, 9am every fourth Saturday at Way Out Art Space
<b>25</b> Rylstone-Kandos Street Machine Club meeting on last Sunday of month. *Glen Alice Church Service at 9.30am.	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Walking group Tuesdays & Thursdays. *Dance to be fit, 4.45pm Tues. at St James Hall. Rylstone.	<b>28</b> KRR Community Radio AGM 5.30pm at 50 Angus Ave, Kandos. *Kandos CWA meeting, 5pm on last Wed. of month.	<b>29</b> Walking group meets at Rylstone Showground Thursdays at 8am in summer, 8.30 spring and autumn and 9am in winter.	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> KRR Broadcasting on 98.7FM

September 19 – 22... Cementa 2024, November 2...Rylstone StreetFeast, November 30...Ilford Public School P&C Christmas Fair and Markets 9am to 1pm at the Ilford School.



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### 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

### Rylstone Markets

The next Rylstone Markets are on Saturday, August 10 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 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.

### Cementa Forum

Prior to this year's festival on September 19-22, the Cementa team will be holding a community forum at WAYOUT Artspace, 71 Angus Ave, Kandos at 12pm on Saturday, August 3 to present on what will be happening at this year's festival and take on board any concerns and feedback from interested members of our community. The Cementa team will be lead curator, Dr Daniel Mudie Cunningham, First Nations curator, Jo Albany, creative director, Alex Wisser and Cementa general manager, Yasmin Hannouf. Bring your questions and any suggestions for creating a great festival weekend. RSVP Yasmin Hannouf yhannouf@cementa.com.au

### A child's gift

Samaritan's Purse invites you to be a part of Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Mission this season by making a gift to a child. The gifts are shoeboxes filled with practical things like: Something to LOVE - a soft toy such as a Teddy, something to WEAR - clothes, something to PLAY with - small toys, skipping rope etc., something of HYGIENE - washer, cake of soap, toothbrush (no toothpaste, creams, liquids, powder or lollies), something for EDUCATION - small exercise book, coloured and lead pencils, rubber, sharpener, "SPECIAL EXTRA" - hair ties, ribbons or harmonica, marbles etc. (Remove all packaging except for game instructions). The gifts from Australia are taken to underprivileged children of our Asian-Pacific neighbours and some Aboriginal and Torres Straight Island peoples. The Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Mission" concludes on October 31. You can fill either a pre-printed shoebox at \$1 each or your own A4 size shoebox covered with Christmas wrap. Filled shoeboxes can be collected and any further questions answered by contacting Mrs Sue Garlinge on 0428 588 563.

### Stitching Project

Garra-rra Scribbly Gum Stitching Project will be held on the first Fridays in August, September and October from 12pm to 2pm and 6pm to 8pm at the North East Wiradjuri Cultural Centre 28 Angus Avenue, Kandos. Come along and help decorate the main pillars in the centre. It'll be a lot of fun.

### KRR AGM

Kandos Rylstone Community Radio Inc will hold its Annual General Meeting followed by its Ordinary General Meeting at 5.30pm on Wednesday, August 28 at their studios 50 Angus Avenue, Kandos. All welcome to attend.