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NAIDOC raising of the flag

There was a good turnout for the ceremonial raising of the Aboriginal Flag at the Kandos Museum on Thursday, July 9 during NAIDOC Week. This year's theme 'Fifty Years Deadly' marked a milestone and is a tribute to the resilience and pride of the people who built this movement. The morning included a smoking ceremony and a couple of songs in language before the flag was raised. A cuppa and light refreshments were enjoyed afterwards by everyone. Another highlight this year was the attendance of Lifeline who provided information on their services. A representative of 13 Yarn was also there to explain what is available. This is the first national support line for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in crisis. They offer a confidential one-on-one over the phone yarning opportunity and support with a Lifeline trained Crisis Supporter. You can call for a yarn on 13 92 76.



A proud moment for the gathering as the Aboriginal Flag is raised.



Ready for a chat and a yarn, Lifeline's Coreene Horenko and Belinda Pritchell from 13 Yarn.

Kandos prepares to welcome Cementa26

Kandos will once again become a meeting place for artists, locals and visitors when the Cementa26 Contemporary Arts Festival returns from Thursday, September 17 to Sunday 20. Across four days, contemporary art, performance, sound, workshops and unexpected encounters will appear throughout Kandos, transforming familiar streets, buildings and community spaces into places for conversation and discovery. Cementa26 is curated by Sebastian Henry-Jones and will bring together more than 30 artists and projects from across the country alongside work developed through relationships with Kandos, the surrounding region, Wiradjuri Country and local communities. Sebastian said the festival has been shaped by a desire to pay close attention to the culture, stories and creativity already present in the area.

"I wish for Cementa26 to be revealing of what's already there, whether it's local forms of culture, creativity, histories or stories, Wiradjuri culture and Country. In this way, art isn't the focus of attention but something that helps us see the value of what's in front of us."

Festival works will be presented across Kandos rather than within a single gallery, allowing audiences

to experience art while moving through the town. Cementa Creative Director and co-founder Alex Wisser said the festival's relationship with Kandos is what gives Cementa its identity.

"Cementa isn't a festival that simply arrives in Kandos every two years. It has grown here through ongoing relationships between artists, residents, local organisations, businesses and the wider community. The festival is shaped by this town, its history, its people and its character. It creates an opportunity for Kandos to welcome visitors, celebrate local creativity and see familiar places from a different perspective." Audiences can expect a kayak orchestra performed within the surrounding landscape, large-scale experimental puppetry, artist-led publishing projects, live performance and works exploring the rituals, competitions and creative traditions of regional towns. Wiradjuri Yinaa, Jo Clancy and Renee Ford will present Dyagula Waybarra, while Wiradjuri-led cultural practice will remain an important part of the festival through the continued development of the Wiradjuri Mural. Many projects have been developed over an extended period through visits, residencies, conversations and collaborations in Kandos and the surrounding region.



Flags flying in the breeze and a wonderful gathering at 'Disturbed' by the Kandos School of Cultural Adaptation at Cementa24. (Photo by Gemma Swain)

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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 0402 976 925.

Leo's art

Leo Cremonese captured the imagination of art lovers who attended his exhibition opening at Gallery 47 Rylstone on July 4. His series of works in the exhibition 'Divine Beauty – Atmosphere and Colour in the Mid West' displayed Leo's fascination with colour and his perception and insight into the affect that colour combinations have on the intellect and emotions. His technique of building up layers of colours results in a depth that draws the viewer in to his art. His series of paintings featuring Windamere Dam are a celebration of colour and light as well as an exploration of the changes of mood through dawn, mid-morning, mid-afternoon and dusk. His cloud scapes were a delight with 'Clouds over Baldy' creating plenty of interest, while 'Granite Country Outside Mudgee' was another painting that took the eye.



Leo Cremonese with his atmospheric Windamere series

MP visits radio

Local MP Paul Toole called in to Kandos Rylstone Community Radio, KRR 98.7 FM recently to have a look at the new kitchen. The station received a Community Building Partnership Grant of \$29,700 to make some upgrades including a new kitchen and bathroom facilities for the volunteers who are in the station every day. Paul said he was impressed by the results and also by the dedication of the members.

"KRR FM is run by community for the community. All announcers are volunteers and keep the announcements and music live-to-air and streaming 24 hours a day. As well as tuning in on your radio, the station can be listened to anywhere in the world," Paul said.

You can connect with KRR on your phone, laptop or other device by live streaming on KRR's website at www.krrfm.org.au, through the Community Radio Plus app or via iHeartRadio.



MP Paul Toole checking out KRR's new kitchen and having a cuppa with President Brent Barlow and Vice-president Brian Neaves.

Capturing the green and gold

Photographer Michael Bradfield exhibited a colourful springtime selection of photos in conjunction with the launch of Rylstone Botanicals at Gallery 47 Rylstone in June. The shots were taken at Sarah and John MacMaster's property and feature the beautiful colours of wattles against a backdrop of the unique pagodas and mountains on Cocks Creek. Michael is the founder of The Roller Co-Working, a co-working space that has hosted various creatives and freelancers, including photographers, since 2009. In recent years, Michael has worked with Australian artists Elisabeth Cummings, Amanda Penrose Hart and Jasper Knight, among others, to showcase their work.



Michael Bradfield had a flash of insight while photographing wattles. "I suddenly realised the significance of the 'green and gold' of Australia's historic national sporting colours," he said.

Book launch

Paul Riccard's book Poetry Picnics was launched at Aprésmountain Rylstone on Sunday, June 26. It's a delightful book of 54 poems expressing Paul's journeys through life and his observations and experiences. Written in plain everyday language it conveys Paul's inner feelings and journeys as he wanders across places in Australia and indeed the world that have touched something inside him in different ways. The subject matter of his poems includes such diverse titles as 'Back Deck Ponderings', 'My Paris', 'The Medicine of Laughter' and 'Anthony Bourdain'. But the list goes on, covering places, moments in time and philosophical reflections. Paul thanks his readers on the back page of his book for 'venturing on my poetic roller coaster ride, I hope you enjoyed the



journey," and yes, it's a journey that's worth exploring. Paul's book, 'Poetry Picnics with Paul' is available for purchase at Aprésmountain in Louee Street.

Paul Riccard with his first book of poetry, launched last month.

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 58 Mudgee St, Rylstone.

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Winter Concert

A large audience attended the Echoes of Winter Concert at the Kandos Hall on Saturday, June 20. It was a wonderful afternoon of chorale singing by the Wollemi Singers and The Cudgegong Choir, with a very impressive performance by the Mudgee Flutes as well. Directed by Stephen Anderson with accompanist Julie Owens, the Wollemi singers began the afternoon with three songs including a wonderful rendition of Eric Bogle's Shelter. The Cudgegong Choir Directed by Mary Mitchell with accompanist Gavin Tipping began their session with a

lovely song For the Beauty of the Earth by Rutter and finished their session with an interesting version of Hernando's Hideaway. The Mudgee Flutes comprising Jayne Blake, Tash Coughlan, Anthony Featherby and Rosamund gave an inspiring performance that thrilled the audience. Completing a wonderful afternoon of voices and music, the Wollemi Singers combined with the Cudgegong Choir and the Mudgee Flutes for three delightful pieces. Afternoon tea followed an inspiring couple of hours at the hall.



The combined Wollemi Singers and the Cudgegong Choir completed a wonderful afternoon of music at the Kandos Hall.



The Mudgee Flutes gave an inspiring performance.

StreetFeast tickets

One of the longest running regional street feasts featuring a long table lunch in NSW, Rylstone StreetFeast will celebrate its twenty third year on Saturday, November 7. Numbers of up to 400 will enjoy an outdoor feast under the trees in Rylstone's unique streetscape, while others choose to wander and enjoy the market stalls, music and great atmosphere. The event attracts locals from across the Mudgee Region and visitors from Sydney, interstate and beyond. Local hotels, the club, cafes and stalls offer meals and food throughout the day and there'll be plenty of craft, art, produce and local wine and beer to purchase, taste and enjoy. Rylstone Streetfeast kicks off from 10am along Louee Street. The only tickets that have to be purchased are for the 'Long Lunch'. Tickets are available now on the StreetFeast website at www.rylstonestreetfeast.com.au

Product launch

A huge crowd attended the launch of Rylstone Botanicals at Gallery 47 Rylstone in June. This new venture by Sarah and John MacMaster is a first for the area and has created a lot of interest. They make all their aromatic products from plants grown at their property, just outside Rylstone where they also distil and manufacture a large range of home and body products. Sarah says these native-infused products are good for you and the environment.

"We produce premium hand washes, rich moisturisers, aromatic room sprays, unique bathroom deodorisers, and all the daily essentials you need in your home in an environmentally sustainable way." Rylstone Botanicals is also offering an interesting incentive to local accommodation providers.

"If you own or operate accommodation in the Rylstone Kandos area, ask us about our unique partner incentive plans that allow you to generate an ongoing income through guest purchases simply by featuring our boutique range in your accommodation." You can contact them at contact@rylstonebotanicals.com.au



Sarah and John MacMaster with their unique copper pot still used in creating their native-infused products.

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St Malachy's Church, Rylstone, NSW
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Sesquicentenary
5th - 6th December 2026
34 Louee Street, Rylstone, NSW

It's a dog's life

The theatre production Dogologues played in Rylstone in June. Written and directed by Sam Paine from Mudgee Performing Arts Society, the production was part of a tour to regional venues in Broken Hill, Blackheath, Mudgee and Hartley thanks to funding from Arts on Tour and the NSW Government through Create NSW. Born out of a love for dogs and a knack for inventive storytelling, Mudgee artist Sam Paine created a show that playfully explored dog-human relationships – from the perspective of the dog. There were plenty of laughs from the audience at Rylstone Memorial Hall as Sam played a series of dogs alongside fellow actor Josie McConnell. The two performers took audiences into the minds and lives of seven very different dogs. From a farm dog who ends up in show business, to an anxious dog saving a burning house, a rough-edged dog who stumbles upon love, and a cantankerous old-timer just trying to live his best old life, and, well – you get the picture. It was a howl of a night.



Sam's portrayal of a lap dog who yearned to be a wolf was brilliantly funny and very energetic.



Josie McConnell who delved into the personalities of some very different types of dogs said it was a wonderful experience.

Andrew GEE MP

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
30 The Cottage Museum, Rylstone is open every Sunday from 10am to 3pm.	31	Rylstone Rural Fire Brigade meets 1st Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm - training on 3 rd Tuesdays		Ladies Tennis, 9am Thursdays at Henbury Sport & Rec. Club Kandos.	Youth Alive St James Rylstone, 6.30pm Fridays during school term.	1 The Kandos Museum is open Wednesdays to Sundays, 10am to 4pm.
2 Uniting Church services at Rylstone 9.30am every Sunday. *Running Stream Christian Fellowship 10.30am at old Schoolhouse Sundays	3 Ilford-Running Stream CWA meets 10am, 1st Monday of each month at the Ilford Hall.I.	4 Clandulla RFS 7.30 pm 1 st Tues. of the month at Clan. Fire Shed. Training on the following Sunday at 9am.	5 R/K VRA Rescue Squad meeting 7pm	6 Scrabble on 1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Thurs. 10am at Rylstone Club. *RRCA Comm. Open Space 1 st Thurs. Cox Creek Rd.	7 Rylstone CWA meets at 10am 1 st Friday. *Cudgegong Valley History Group, 11am to 3pm at Henbury Sport & Rec. Club 1 st Fri.	8 Rylstone Markets Film Society's Movie
9 Anglican Church services at St Laurence, Kandos, 10am on 2 nd and 4th Sun. and St James Ryl, 10am on the 1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Sun. *Make and Mend 2pm at Kandos CWA Rooms.	10 Scouts and Cubs meet at 4.30pm on Mondays at Kandos Scout Hall.	11 Rotary meets Tues at the Rescue Squad Shed, Ryl. 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 The next Kandos Markets are in September
16 One Life Family Church services, 10am 1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Sundays at the cnr. of Noyes and Dunn St, Kandos. *Farmers Markets at the Globe 10am. *Alive@5 at St James Ryl 3 rd Sun. *Boot Sale Mudgee Railway Station 8am.	17	18 The Wollemi Singers, 6pm Tuesdays during school term at St Dominic's Hall Kandos. *Walking group Tuesdays and Thursdays	19 The Craft Group, 10am each Wed. at the Rescue Squad shed, Rylstone.	20 Rylstone Ramblers Heart Foundation walking group at Rylstone Showground Thursdays 9am.	21 Storytime for kids, 10am to 11am Fridays at Kandos Library.	22 Kandos Crop and Swap, 10am at White Crescent Park. The Common Loop Social Run Club 8am at entrance to Ryl. Showground.
23 Rylstone-Kandos Street Machine Club meeting on last Sunday of month at 11am. *Glen Alice Church Service at 9.30am	24	25 Dance to be fit, 4.45pm Tues. at St James Hall. Rylstone.	26 Kandos CWA meet- ing, 6pm on last Wed. of month. KRR AGM	27 Last Thursday Writing Club 10.30am at the Cementa Café, WAYOUT Art Space.	28	29 KRR Broadcasting on 98.7FM

August 29-30 Rylstone Classic Mini's, September 17 – 20... Cementa Festival, November 7...Rylstone StreetFeast,
December 5-6...St Malachy Sesquicentenary Celebrations.

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. 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 Sue Garlinge on 0428 588 563.

Kandos Club

The Kandos Returned Services Community Club presents a movie night on Saturday, August 8 at 5pm. on Saturday, August 15 it's Open Mic. Bring your voice and a musical instrument or just enjoy the entertainment from 5pm. The Father's Day raffle is on August 29 at 7.30 pm and call in for Bingo every Thursday at 6.30pm and every Sunday at 4.30pm. The club also has raffles on Saturday nights at 7pm.

Rylstone Farmers Market

The Rylstone Farmers Market is held every third Sunday of each month in the grounds of the Globe Hotel. It's a community based event and stall holders are welcome by contacting markets@theglobehotel.com.au. Come along on August 16 for an enjoyable morning that features fresh seasonal produce, local growers, handmade goods, and delicious local treats. It's a great chance to support regional producers, meet the makers, and enjoy a relaxed country-style market atmosphere.

Rylstone Markets

The next Rylstone Markets are on Saturday, August 8 at the Memorial Hall in Loue Street from 9am until 1pm. Come along and browse the extensive range of quality products the region has to offer. If you'd like to join the association, phone Julie on 0458 129 704 or email julzhorn2@gmail.com.

Wollemi Singers

Your local community choir, Wollemi Singers invites you to join them. Come along, it's a friendly, fun and social group. There are no auditions, you don't need experience and it's free. Wollemi Singers meet at St Dominic's Hall, Dangar Street Kandos every Tuesday evening from 6pm to 7.30pm during school terms. For more information, contact Virginia Handmer on 0460 432 964.

History seekers

If you need help researching your family history, the Cudgegong Valley History Group meets on the first Friday of each month at Henbury Sport and Recreation Club, Kandos from 11am to 3pm. Wireless internet is available, so bring your laptop or tablet to begin your family tree. Researchers are on hand to assist with your research. Henbury has disabled access and disabled toilets and there is no charge for attendees. Come along for an interesting four hours of family and history research. All welcome. Lunch is available if you wish. For more information, phone Fiona on 0478 669 706.

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Nanna's Community Eats

Nanna's Haberdashery in Kandos presents Community Eats each week. For a freshly cooked meal each Tuesday, place your order at Nanna's by Friday. Each meal costs only \$5 but orders and payment must be received at Nanna's by Friday. Meals can be collected on Tuesday from the CWA rooms, Jacques Street, Kandos. This meal service is available to everyone in the Kandos and Rylstone communities and is brought to you by a number of groups and organisations across the district.

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