



Welcome to the December issue of Community Capers, volume 287. As usual, there will be no issue in January. Our February issue will be distributed on Thursday, February 2. The deadline for this issue is Tuesday, January 24. 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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Rylstone StreetFeast puts on a top day



This happy group from Mudgee said they were having a fabulous day.



This year's Rylstone StreetFeast was a top day. The weather was perfect and the vibe was really special with plenty of comments declaring the great atmosphere. This year's major sponsor Bowdens Silver were on hand along with Platinum sponsors Mid-West Regional Council, Moolarben Coal and Rylstone Olive Press. There were plenty of other sponsors too and StreetFeast Committee's president, Peter Hatfield thanked them all and stressed that the event would not happen without their support. Bowdens Silver have already committed to the major sponsorship again for next year which gives the committee confidence in planning ahead.

One of the highlights of this year's event was the Welcome to Country by the 2022 winner of the Archibald Prize Blak Douglas for his portrait of Aboriginal artist Karla Dickens. Blak Douglas was later interviewed on stage by MC Brent Barlow about his career and his subsequent Archibald win. It was a fascinating insight into the man who is not only a prolific and successful artist with a number of other awards under his belt, but also one of the country's most accomplished didgeridoo players accompanying performers such as Albert David, Christine Anu, Jane Rutter and Jessica Mauboy. He also curated the 2021 Sydney New Year's Eve Fireworks Ceremony. During the interview Blak

Douglas acknowledged that he had recently bought a property in Rylstone.

Entertainment was another highlight of StreetFeast with the Rylstone Public School Choir starting the ball rolling at 10.30am. Their singing was inspirational and it really set the scene for the day. Kandos High School student, 16 year old Tilda Poole followed with her sweet voice and easy guitar style. Other entertainers included Dave Vladis, Bec White and Tim Quaife. It really was a feast of music.

One of the final highlights of the day was the traditional auction by auctioneer extraordinaire Steve Rose. The bidding war was entertainment in itself and raised a significant amount of money. Peter Hatfield thanked the businesses and individuals who generously donated items for auction. Any excess money raised on the day is donated to worthy local groups and causes benefitting the community. Peter also thanked this year's committee, the Clandulla Bushfire Brigade, Kandos High School students and parents, Kandos Street Machine, Rylstone Kandos Rotary, local Scouts and many other volunteers who helped out on the day. Finally, a big thank you to Rachael McCarthy and her crew from Mudgee Catering for a superb menu and everyone from far and wide who supported StreetFeast by buying tickets for this year's event.



Tony McClure Managing Director of Bowdens Silver, Andrew Gee Federal Member for Calare, Peter Hatfield President of the Rylstone StreetFeast Committee and Councillor Peter Shelley.



Blak Douglas winner of this year's Archibald Prize with local artists Reg Buckland and Alex Wisser.

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Inspirational artwork

Artist Georgie Pollard has created an extraordinary artwork inspired by the two-year-long Capertee Valley Hydrology project. This project was initiated by Kerrie Cook, president of Capertee Valley Landcare. The drought and extremely hot weather in 2018/2019 was the catalyst for exploring possibilities of drought-proofing the landscape and Kerrie said it was in those dry times that the Capertee Valley Hydrology project emerged.

"At that time there seemed to be no end in sight to the drought. Flooding was far from our imaginations and rainfall was something we dreamt about. Ironically now our dreams are full of sunshine and dry times." Georgie said her role in the project was to make a map, and the map would be an artefact that would sum up the project. The process of learning about how to take care of the land differently would be represented in an image in relationship to the landscape.

"When we are connected to land and each other we are better equipped to adapt to the significant disruptions to life that will come with climate change. Water is the element of the landscape that could connect and heal a community, at the same time as

healing the land. This map of the Capertee valley is a collage, made from cut up seed catalogues and painted in watercolours."



Georgie Pollard and Imogen Semmler with Georgie's impressive artwork/map inspired by the Capertee Valley Hydrology project.

Sam's medal

Sam Benjamin, School Captain of Ilford Public School has been awarded the Medal of Excellence after entering a NAIDOC Week writing competition for students (K-12). The aim of the initiative, run by Koori Kids, was to provide greater understanding on the importance of friendship and cultural diversity. A panel of judges decided the winners, with Sam chosen as one of 25 winners across the whole of NSW for his poem 'Respect Culture'. His medal arrived with a congratulatory letter from Dylan Williams, Executive Director of NAIDOC Week 2022 School Initiatives. School Principal Gemma Suttor



Samuel Benjamin from Yr 6 Ilford Public School with his Medal of Excellence for his poem 'Respect Culture'.

presented the medal to Sam at the school's weekly assembly. She said they are all proud of Sam and his achievement.

"He is a fine leader and a mature and respectful boy."

Sam's photo will be included in the Prime Minister's NAIDOC Week Final Report.

Arts Precinct's award

Mudgee Arts Precinct's building design has been recognised by the Australian Institute of Architecture. The design by BKA Architecture received the Institute's 2022 NSW Country Division Award for Public Architecture. Jury Chair, Noel Thomson said "The Mudgee Regional Arts Precinct blends the refurbishment

of the former Cudgegong Shire building with a new gallery environment containing flexible exhibition spaces, tourism offices and ancillary facilities. The design captures a contemporary expression of the arts and architecture respecting and enhancing an existing heritage environment." Mayor of Mid-Western Regional Council, Des Kennedy said this was another accolade for a community asset that is both functional and striking in design. "I congratulate BKA Architecture and recognise everyone involved including Hutchinson Builders and Create NSW."

Remembrance Day

The Remembrance Day service held at the Memorial Wall next to the Kandos Community Hall was well supported again this year.

An extra dimension was added with local schools becoming involved. Sponsored by the Kandos Returned Services League Sub-Branch, Kandos High, Kandos Public and Rylstone Public Schools all created some wonderful art work with the theme of 'remembrance'. The art work was done by students from infants classes through to year 10 and is currently on display in the windows of the Kandos Projects premises 18 Angus Avenue Kandos. It's really worth a look.



Local students' colourful artworks in the windows of the Kandos Projects premises 18 Angus Avenue Kandos. You can view Community Capers photos in colour at KRR's website krrfm.org.au

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Volunteers appreciated

Volunteers play a vital role in Rylstone StreetFeast's annual event. This year, volunteers of all ages stepped up again to set up shelters, tables and chairs, deliver food and clean up afterwards. It was especially gratifying to see lots of school children taking part and helping out on the day. Rylstone Public School's choir was also really appreciated again this year, showing that kids are a big part of our local community.



The Rylstone Public School Choir's singing was excellent and much appreciated by the large audience that gathered to hear them.

Festival of Folk

Richard Holz is another new presenter on local Community Radio KRR 98.7 FM playing a great range of contemporary folk. He shares Saturday mornings with David Innes, presenting his program every alternate Saturday with a wide range of music from classic folk to less common or rarer songs. Richard moved to Rylstone from the Blue Mountains a year ago as the support crew for his wife Sue's new business in town 'Sister Bazaar', an eco-friendly shop that sources Fair Trade and ethical products from Asia and Africa and supports local artisans. Richard works part time at the local council and is enjoying the district's 'slower pace of life'.



Richard Holz at the studio of KRR 98.7 FM playing a great range of contemporary folk.

He loves music and plays a bit of guitar himself. He says he's gradually getting to know everyone and is always up for a chat. You can tune into his show every second Saturday from 9am to 12 midday.



Peter Hatfield, president of Rylstone StreetFeast thanking the large group of volunteers for their fabulous support again this year.

Lady Bushranger event

A great roll up of locals and visitors from further afield paid a visit to the Kandos Museum on Saturday, October 29 to remember Jessie Hickman - Lady Bushranger. An insightful conversation about the life and times of Jessie between photo artists Julie Williams and Sally McInerney drew on updated historical sources to bring Jessie back to life. Poetry by Wirrinya the Bushranger Poet was put to music by Maree Maiden and performed with Rob Lord. Listen up for when Maree introduces these songs into the KRR 98.7 FM play list. The afternoon was rounded out with strong tea and delicious cream scones.

Brutus Plate

The Annual Brutus Plate bush croquet match snared a rare hot sunny day amidst a rainy month when around 30 people met at Andrew and Cathy Bray's property near Rylstone on Saturday, November 12 to battle it out through the hoops. As winner of last year's event, Andrew was obliged to invite fellow mallet wielders to his place and the hospitality from Andrew and Cathy and the delightful setting was much appreciated. As usual, Sam Hamilton along with a few deputies laid out the heats, semis and final courses, making sure that there was plenty of frustration available for competitors. The surprisingly hot day took its toll and fortunately there was enough liquid refreshment to keep the players hydrated. Finalists Bill, Wendy, Roly, Brent, Gay and Craig started off at a cracking pace but at the home turn Bill Brown – a previous winner took the lead ahead of Craig and Brent who watched from the second last hoop as Bill put his ball through for the winning shot. Brent was awarded the Terry McCarthy trophy for the 'best shot of the day'. Next year's event will be held in November at Bill Brown's property at Breakfast Creek.



Last year's winner Andrew Bray presenting Bill Brown with the Brutus Plate trophy for his tenacious win.



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Fiona MacDonald, secretary of the Kandos Museum with Julie Williams (photo series Smother) and Sally McInerney writer and photographer, who from childhood heard stories of local bushrangers in the Cowra district.

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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.	Rotary meets every Tuesday at the Rescue Squad VRA shed, Ryl. 6.30 for 7pm.	Venturers meet at 5pm Wednesdays at the Kandos Scout Hall.	1 Scrabble on 1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Thurs. 10am at Rylstone Club.	2 Rylstone CWA meets at 10am. *Cudgong Valley History Group, 11am to 3pm at Henbury Sport & Rec. Club	3 The Kandos Museum is open Wednesdays to Sundays, 10am to 4pm
4 One Life Family Church services, 10am 1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Sundays at the cnr. of Noyes and Dunn Streets, Kandos	5 Pilates classes, 6pm Mondays at St James Hall Rylstone..	6 Rylstone Rural Fire Brigade meets 1st Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm - training on 3rd Tuesdays..	7 R/K VRA Rescue Squad meeting at 7pm. *RKB&T meeting at 6pm.	8 Kandos CP&SA meets 2pm on the second Thursday of each month at the Kandos RSC Club.	9 Ryl. Hosp. Aux. Meetings 2 nd Friday of each month at 10am.	10 Rylstone Markets Rylstone CWA Rooms open for food
11 Uniting Church holds services at Rylstone at 9.30am every Sunday.	12	13 Dance to be Fit 4.45pm Tuesdays at St James Hall Rylstone.	14 Kandos RSL Sub Branch meeting.	15 Ladies Tennis, 9am Thursdays at Henbury.	16	17 Kandos Markets
18 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.	19	20 The Wollemi Singers meet at 6pm Tuesdays at Kandos CWA Rooms. *For kids, at St James Hall, Tuesdays from 10am to 11.30am.	21 The Craft Group meets at 10am each Wed. at the VRA shed, Rylstone. *Pop in Playgroup 10am to 12 Wednesdays.	22 Rylstone CP&SA 11am at Ryl. Club on the 4 th Thursday of month.	23 Storytime for kids, 10am to 11am Fridays at Kandos Library..	24
25 Merry Christmas Everyone	26	27 Walking group Tuesdays and Thursdays. Meet at Rylstone Showground Thursdays at 9am.	28 KRR's next Radio meeting 5.30pm on January 25 at 50 Angus Ave Kandos. *Kandos CWA, 5pm on last Wed. of month.	29 Walking group meet at Rylstone Showground Thursdays at 9am.	30	31 KRR Broadcasting on 98.7FM

December 1, 2, 3 and 4...TTP's Murder at Aunt Agatha's, December 6...Bridge View Inn's 150th, January 26...Australia Day Awards Ceremony at Rylstone Showground.

Rylstone Markets

The next Rylstone Markets are on Saturday, December 10 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.

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

Kandos Community Markets

The Kandos Community Markets will be held on Saturday, December 17 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

Australia Day

The regions' 2023 Australia Day Awards ceremony will be held at the Rylstone Showground on Thursday, January 26. Come along and enjoy the beautiful area and support our wonderful volunteers.

B V I's 150th birthday

Rylstone's Bridge View Inn is celebrating its 150th birthday and everyone is invited to attend an Open Day on Tuesday, December 6 to inspect the building and have a slice of birthday cake. A new book about Bridge View Inn history and new signs in the hallway will be officially launched at the birthday party along with a Time Capsule to be opened in 2072. Everyone is invited to attend and inspect the building from 12.30pm to 1.45pm. The formal launch will begin at 2 pm followed by refreshments. All welcome.

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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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