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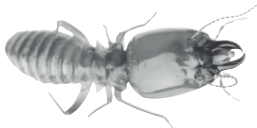
Welcome to the December issue of Community Capers, volume 298. As usual, there is no Capers in January. Our February issue will be distributed on Thursday, February 1. The deadline for this issue is Tuesday, January 23. News items, events, dates for the calendar etc. are inserted free. Email them to 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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Rylstone StreetFeast

Rylstone StreetFeast 2024 got off to a flying start with absolutely perfect weather greeting early morning volunteers as they set up tables, chairs and gazebos for 400 or more diners. The stunning weather got better and better as people started to arrive at 10am to enjoy young singer-guitarist Tilda Poole's great talent. At around 10.30am the crowd began to swell for the exceptional young singers of the Rylstone Public School Choir. From then on it was continuous entertainment, a great selection of market stalls, great food and a great atmosphere all day, not to mention the ever present Duck Splash. President of StreetFeast, Peter Hatfield thanked sponsors for their



Piping in the food, a magic moment at StreetFeast.

fabulous support which makes this annual event possible. He also acknowledged his wonderfully supportive committee, the many volunteers and the enthusiastic diners who come from far and wide to join locals for this celebration of good food, good wine, local olive oil and the glorious season of spring in Rylstone. Towards the end of the day, volunteer groups were called out to receive

cheques in appreciation of their help. Rachel McCarthy and her crew from Mudgee Catering Co. were also called to come forward and take a bow for their fabulous lunch menu. Right on cue, as the event came to a close, a clap of thunder ushered in a few rain drops prompting a fast exit by diners which cleared the tables in minutes. Heavier rain prompted a rush by volunteers and bystanders to dismantle gazebos and stack and load tables and chairs. There were plenty of wet clothes by the finish, but the job was done quickly. This year's major sponsors are Rylstone Olive Press, Miskles Earthmoving and Elephant Mountain Wines. Silver sponsors are Mid-Western Regional Council, Rylstone Aerodrome and Bowdens Silver. Other sponsors are De Beaurepaire Wines, Rylstone Foodworks, Rylstone Timber & Hardware, Coopers Meats Rylstone, Il Vicolo Trattoria, Rylstone Records, We've Got it Made, Lollipop Shop, Cut Throat Barber, Sisters Bazaar, The Globe Hotel and Jim Jamison.

Lest We Forget

A small crowd of around 30 people gathered at the Memorial in Kandos for Remembrance Day on Saturday, November 11. President of the Kandos RSL Sub-Branch John Taylor welcomed everyone and gave an address, and following a prayer by Kerry Morrissey, wreaths were laid. Leanne Besant raised the flag and the Last Post and Reveille were played and the Ode said. It was a moving occasion as always. Local school children also got involved again this year with some wonderful art works on the theme of Remembrance Day, which are currently on display in the Kandos Projects windows in Angus Avenue.



Wreaths were laid in memory of family and friends at the Remembrance Day Service in Kandos. L-R Ken Bevitt, Lynette Edwards, Carol Morrissey, Louise McPherson, Kerry Morrissey, Lyn Taylor, John Taylor and Leanne Besant.



August and Arlo joined in the fun of StreetFeast by having their faces painted



Brigitte, Nathan, Imogene, Liv and Luke from the Northern Beaches, Sydney had the best time. They loved the food and the atmosphere. Brigitte and Nathan (on left) were married in Rylstone six years ago. Liv said they can't wait for next year's event.

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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.

KRR will celebrate 30 years

This January, Kandos Rylstone Community Radio Inc. (KRR 98.7FM) will celebrate 30 years since it began. Our local radio station has come a long way since those early days before it had a permanent home. After members purchased their building in Kandos's main street, they embarked on a program of upgrading and refurbishing the building and installing new studios and equipment. In recent days the station has undergone a facelift with a bright exterior colour scheme. You can't miss it. New signs will eventually be installed along with awnings over the two front windows. KRR members are planning an open day towards the end of January and invite everyone to come along for a look inside and a sausage sizzle. Like many volunteer organisations, new members are always wanted. KRR is hoping that you might think about joining and becoming an announcer with your own show. Keep an eye out and your ears open for more information on KRR's open day in the New Year.

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Quilts of Valour



Quilts of Valour proudly received by Ken Bevitt, Glen Evans, John Taylor, Rose Evans for Paul Edwards and Lyn Taylor for Allan Herbert.

Quilts of Valour Australia recently awarded quilts to five local Vietnam Veterans in appreciation of their service, sacrifice and valour for Australia. The presentation took place at the Vietnam Memorial in Angus Avenue, Kandos to Corporal Allan Herbert 216617, Corporal Kenneth Bevitt 2792342, Sapper Glen Evans 2791704, Lance Corporal Paul Edwards 2792591 and Sapper John Taylor 2793356. Due to health concerns and an admission to hospital Paul

Kaos with Karen

KRR's Karen Riley has a long history with our local community radio station. She started in 1996 doing a Saturday morning program when the local station was still an aspirant broadcaster, waiting for its full time licence. In those days before KRR had purchased its premises members were broadcasting from a number of places including upstairs at the former IGA store and now the premises of Brett Nutting's AdHoc Furniture store at 79 Angus Avenue. They also broadcast for a while at the rear of John and Faith Cauchi's home in Kandos. Following the purchase of their premises at 50 Angus Avenue, Kandos and the subsequent winning of the Federation Community Projects Grant in 2000, KRR has built state of the art broadcasting and production studios and Karen has moved to Tuesday mornings with her popular program 'Kaos with Karen'. In those 27 years or so, Karen has done a term as treasurer and a longer term as secretary. She is also a member of the Programming Committee. Her Tuesday morning program airs from 9am to 12 midday and combines a great mix of 70's music through to current pop and contemporary, with a little bit of country thrown in. Karen says she would encourage anyone who is thinking of doing a program to come and have a go. "If you want to get involved in something voluntary for our community, this could definitely be for you. I recommend it. It's great for boosting your confidence."

Karen's final message – "Merry Christmas from KRR everyone."



Karen Riley presents her program of music 'Kaos with Karen' Tuesday mornings from 9am to 12 midday.

and Allan were unable to attend. Mrs Lyn Taylor accepted Allan's quilt on his behalf and Mrs Rose Evans accepted Paul's quilt. President of Kandos RSL Sub Branch, John Taylor expressed the group's appreciation for not only receiving the beautiful quilts but also for the generosity of the quilters who made them and donated them to be given to Veterans. His quilt was made by Warragul Quilters Victoria, Allan's quilt was made by S Twomey of QLD, Ken's quilt was made by Mornington Peninsula Patchworkers Victoria, Glen's quilt was pieced and quilted by Helen Heinman of Victoria and Paul's quilt was made by Jennie Hopkins Bay Quilters Victoria. Family and friends from Rylstone, Kandos and Mudgee attended the presentation which concluded with the Ode by John and all present. It was followed by a minutes silence in remembrance. Refreshments and a light lunch were provided by the sub branch at the Kandos Returned Services Community Club.

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Koala sightings

A steady stream of sightings in the Lue area indicates that there are critically important Koala habitats in the Central West. Local resident Mick Boller says there have been at least 20 verified recent sightings



Perched on a post and as cute as a Koala near Mudgee.

around the Lue area, many supported by photographs, video recordings and GPS Coordinates.

"Some of the locations where Koalas have been seen include Long Gully at Pyangle, two instances on Powells Road, a further two on Bara Road, one in Cox Street Lue, two near Havilah, two sightings at Breakfast Creek, another at Ferntree Gully and three at The Badger Ground."

Mr Boller said that a Koala was seen inside the AREC site on Friday, September 20 and another was photographed perched on a fence post at Botobolar a few weeks ago. A Farmstay near Rylstone also recently reported on their Facebook page that a number of Koalas were seen.

"Long term residents of Lue have often told yarns that there were many Koalas in the Pyangle area some decades ago but many in those populations were severely impacted by disease, resulting in considerable losses. This also occurred in the Cox Creek area towards Nullo Mountain. Mid-Western Regional Council has taken a proactive stance on Koalas, erecting warning signs on some local roads in response to reported Koala activity. Hopefully, this will go some way to protecting members of this endangered species in the MWRC area. Also, the MWRC website has made available a proforma for reporting observations of this Threatened Species," Mr Boller said.

When a Koala sighting occurs, photographic evidence and GPS coordinates are reported to wildlife researcher Dr. Kellie Leigh at Sydney University. One of Dr. Leighs responsibilities is to record all known Koala sightings in NSW, taking particular note of the types of vegetation in the recorded areas.

Bike Pump on track

Following feedback from the community a new Bike Pump Track will be constructed at the Glen Willow Regional Sporting Complex at Mudgee. The preferred design has an area for younger children at the front of the park, and has areas for intermediate and expert riders further behind. The Bike Pump Track will be a hub for BMX enthusiasts and for riders at all levels. The track will be conveniently located across the road from the Jennie Blackman Dog Park. The Bike Pump project is anticipated to commence this year and will be completed by the second half of 2024.

Rotary at StreetFeast

Along with many other groups and organisations, the Rotary Club of Rylstone Kandos had a memorable presence at this year's Rylstone StreetFeast. They had on display an Iron Lung which was used in the treatment of polio, a disease which is only present in two countries in the world now after a project started by Rotary over 40 years ago. To see the Iron Lung for the first time was certainly thought provoking. The device saved many lives and often enabled a reasonably normal and active lifestyle, but the thought of someone living in this small apparatus for many months was confronting. Past District Governor David Roach congratulated the StreetFeast Committee for their effort and hours of hard work to make the StreetFeast Long Lunch Event 2023 a success.

"It was great to see the partnerships which were on display showing how the community across the Rylstone Kandos area and beyond can come together to make such a successful event."



Young Rotaractors from Maitland and Narrabri joined Rylstone Kandos members to lend a hand at StreetFeast. The Iron Lung attracted plenty of interest.

Men's Shed

The Kandos Rylstone Men's Shed held their Annual garage sale at their shed on Saturday, November 11. The fundraiser covers some of the costs associated with running their organisation and is a great help to them. Some of the items for sale were hand-crafted by members and other pieces had been repaired or restored and painted by the men. It was a successful day for the team with many visitors calling in for a look and a sausage sizzle.



A happy bunch at the Men's Shed with some of their items for sale.

Reach for the stars

It'll be a summer to remember at the Kandos Museum. From December 18 the museum will host an exhibition of astrophotography called the Southern Sky 2023 David Malin Awards. This exhibition displays the top entries from the 2023 David Malin Awards competition. Held annually by the Central West Astronomical Society, the competition is open to Australian astronomers and photographers. The 2023 awards are sponsored by CSIRO Space and Astronomy, Sky-Watcher Australia and supported by SUNSTUDIOS, with the touring exhibition supported by Powerhouse. The exhibition will be on show in the Museum's Container 2 until February 8, 2024.

Another engrossing exhibition that will run right through the summer has a local as well as a national connection. This interesting exhibition is about Jack Munday and the Green Bans. Pulled together by Neale Towart and Bill Pirie from material held in the vast Sydney Trades Hall labour history collection, this outstanding display lays out the invention of that distinctly Australian phenomena - the green ban. Pushing around concrete in his day job was not Jack's only connection to Kandos, he has family here too. Sharp eyes will also notice a local identity who was a strong advocate for social change throughout her life and who started out as a young woman with the BLF. The exhibition is on until March.

The iconic image of Jack Munday who through his tenacity and effort helped save many heritage buildings.



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Calendar of Events

December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
31 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.	Rylstone Rural Fire Brigade meets 1st Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm - training on 3 rd Tuesdays.	Venturers meet at 5pm Wednesdays at the Kandos Scout Hall. *Aquafitness at Kandos Pool Tuesdays 10am to 11am, Wednesdays 4.30 to 5.30pm	Walking group meets at Rylstone Showground Thursdays at 8am in summer, 8.30 spring and autumn and 9am in winter.	1 Rylstone CWA meets at 10am 1 st Friday. *Cudgegong Valley History Group, 11am to 3pm at Henbury Sport & Rec. Club 1 st Friday.	2 The Kandos Museum is open Wednesdays to Sundays, 10am to 4pm TTP's Christmas Variety
3 Uniting Church services at Rylstone 9.30am every Sunday.	4 Pilates classes, 6pm Mondays at St James Hall Rylstone..	5 Clandulla RFS meets 7.30 pm 1 st Tuesday of each month at the Clandulla Fire Shed. Training on the following Sunday at 9am	6 RKB&T meeting at 6pm.	7 R/K VRA Rescue Squad meeting at 7pm. ..	8 Ryl. Hosp. Aux. Meetings 2 nd Friday of each month at 10am. *Youth Alive St James Ryl. 6.30pm every second Friday during school term.	9 Rylstone Markets Rylstone CWA Rooms open for food Christmas Carols
10 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.	11	12 Rotary meets Tues at the Rescue Squad Shed, Ryl. 6.30 for 7pm. *TTPlayers meet 6pm on 2 nd Tues. at the Ryl. Club.	13 Pop in Playgroup 10am to 12pm Wednesdays. Kandos RSL Sub Branch meeting.	14 Kandos CP&SA, 2pm on the 2nd Thurs of each month at the Kandos RSC Club.	15 Storytime for kids, 10am to 11am Fridays at Kandos Library.	16 Kandos Markets
17 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	18	19 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.	20 The Craft Group meets at 10am each Wed. at the VRA shed, Rylstone. *Next Ilford-Running Stream CWA Meeting 3 rd Wednesday in January.	21 Ladies Tennis, 9am Thursdays at Henbury.	22	23 Kandos Rylstone Community Expo BioBlitz & Clean Up Day at Draytons Valley Reserve, Rylstone.
24 Rylstone-Kandos Street Machine Club meeting on last Sunday of month. *Glen Alice Church Service at 9.30am.	25 Christmas Day	26 Walking group Tuesdays & Thursdays at	27 Kandos CWA meeting, 5pm on last Wed. of month.	28 *Rylstone CP&SA 11am at the Rylstone Club on the 4th Thursday of the month.	29 Rev Up Rylstone Late Night Shopping	30 KRR Broadcasting on 98.7FM

January 17...CWA Branch Ilford-Running Stream Meeting, 10am at Ilford Hall, January 26...Australia Day Celebrations in Mudgee, January 27 & 28...Kandos Street Machine & Hot Rod Show, February 24...Rylstone Kandos Show, March 23 & 24, 2024 Gardens Fair.

Kandos Community Markets

The next Kandos Community Market will be held on Saturday, November 18 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.

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Rylstone Markets

The next Rylstone Markets are on Saturday, November 11 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.

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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Classics Duo at museum

Kandos Stage presents 'Story Telling Without Words' when Rosemarie Barnes (clarinet) and David Shaw (piano) play classics by Cimarosa Spohr, Mendelssohn and Saint-Saens. It's at Kandos Museum on Sunday December 3 at 3pm. Refreshments available. Information and booking at www.kandosmuseum.org.au

Christmas Carols

The community is invited to come along to the free Christmas Carols and Concert evening at the Rylstone Memorial Hall on Saturday, December 9 at 6pm. The evening will feature the Wollemi Singers, The Llewellyn Choir and the Mudgee Concert Band. Rylstone CWA will have refreshments for sale or you can bring your own picnic.

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