



## Community Capers

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Welcome to the December issue of Community Capers, volume 320. As usual there is no edition in January. Our February issue will be distributed on January 29. The deadline for this issue is Friday, 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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### StreetFeast success

Rylstone StreetFeast welcomed hundreds of visitors to its annual party in the main street on Saturday, November 1. It was a top day for visitors and locals alike who enjoyed great food, a variety of market stalls and entertainment. Local wine makers were kept busy throughout the day with tastings and sales, while Rylstone Olive Press was another popular stall. Shoppers also discovered a huge variety of items at other stalls including arts and crafts, clothing and homemade preserves and sauces. There was even a stall selling pasture-raised free range eggs lovingly raised by a young local couple.

StreetFeast President, Peter Hatfield thanked the sponsors for supporting the event and all the volunteers who put so much time and effort into making it a successful day. He also thanked

everyone who purchased tickets for the long lunch. With over 300 people sitting down at the tables, the atmosphere was fantastic and the food served over four waves by Mudgee Made was given the 'thumbs up' by diners. It was a delicious feast from start to finish. Towards the end of the day, substantial cheques were presented to many groups and organisations for their help in setting up marquees and tables, security barriers and for serving food. These included local fire brigades and schools. The Duck Splash was another great fundraiser with all money raised going to the Rylstone Hospital Auxilliary. A big thank you to the Rylstone StreetFeast Committee for their huge effort in organising another terrific event. Local businesses and accommodation providers benefitted across the district.



A relaxed party atmosphere under the marquees for these tables of diners.



*Emma Brown, Penny Jones and Jess Indge from Sydney are frequent visitors and had a great time. They stayed at the Globe Hotel.*



*The Scots All Saints College Pipes and Drums were very popular with the crowd. Their two wonderful young dancers received resounding applause from the audience.*

*Federal MP Andrew Gee and Rylstone StreetFeast President Peter Hatfield found time to have a chat over lunch. Andrew is a strong supporter of Streetfeast and has attended the event many times.*



### Nominate for an award

Council is calling on the community to help celebrate local heroes by nominating for the 2026 Australia Day Awards. Categories are: Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year, the Glen Johnston Memorial Award for Arts and Music, Sports Award, and Volunteer Services Award. The 2026 Australia Day Awards will be presented during the official Australia Day ceremony at Rylstone Showground on Monday, January 26, 2026. A complimentary barbecue breakfast will commence at 8am, with the official ceremony and award presentations beginning at 9am. You can nominate on Council's website at [midwestern.nsw.gov.au](http://midwestern.nsw.gov.au) until Monday, December 1.

### Christmas Carols

The community is invited to join a free Christmas Concert and Carols Evening featuring Handel's Hallelujah Chorus sing by all three choirs. Performing on the evening will be the Wollemi Singers, Cudgegong Choir, Cantobella, Rylstone Primary School Choir and Mudgee Concert Band. It's on Saturday, December 6 at 6pm at the Rylstone Memorial Hall. Rotary are providing free food and drinks. Come along and celebrate the festive season.

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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.

## Plays were a hit

Rylstone Public School's annual plays were a big hit again this year with parents and the community. This year they were held earlier, with a move from term 4 to term 3 giving students more time to rehearse their performances without the usual end-of-year rush. Comments from the audience included:

"The play was amazing and the costumes were incredible."

The RPS Annual Awards Presentation will be held at the Rylstone Memorial Hall on December 12 at 11am. Parents and family members are invited back to the school for lunch at 1pm BYO picnic, followed by a year 6 versus parents T-ball game



Costumes, dance and total enjoyment were a feature of performances at this year's school plays.

## Care and Transport

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Gulgong artist Chris Tomlinson's 'Simply Red' was much admired by viewers.

## Run a course with U3A

Mudgee District University of the Third Age (U3A) is keen to hear from people who may be interested in running courses in the Kandos Rylstone area. U3A is a volunteer organisation and their presenters are people who are prepared to share their knowledge and skills with others. A course can be as short as one hour on a topic of choice, it could run over a few weeks or it could run for a full year. It would be up to the presenter. A copy of the current program can be found on their website at <https://www.mudgeedistrictu3a.org.au/> and this will give you an idea of the type of courses that have been offered this year. U3A are currently putting together the program for next year and are always looking for new ideas, courses and presenters. As well as information, the website has contact details.

## Art for glass

The Feast for the Eyes art exhibition at St James' Church Hall, Rylstone attracted plenty of viewers over three days. The opening night on Friday, October 31 was well attended with many saying they were impressed by the variety and quality of the art on display. Jenny Conlon thanked everyone for coming and all those who helped. Gary Wagstaffe explained to viewers that there were two reasons for the exhibition. "The main reason is to display the amazing work and creativity of the artists, but also to raise money to restore a special window. I thank the artists who have contributed to this. It's a special window and deserves restoration."

This stained glass window was donated by the Clarke family in memory of daughter Mary who was killed in the Second World War. It's a very sad story. Sister Mary Dorothea Clarke was one of 65 nurses who escaped from Singapore by boat. Unfortunately it was sunk by Japanese aircraft and though Mary survived the initial sinking, she was lost at sea shortly after. Mary's family were devastated by her loss and donated this window to her memory. It's now 78 years old and is the only window dedicated to a serving nurse in Australia.



Exhibition organiser Jenny Conlon and Gary Wagstaffe who gave an interesting address on the history behind the stained glass window.



Joan Schultz grew up in nature among the gum trees and it was the birds that captured her imagination. Her Birds of the Bush series shows her great love of these colourful creatures.

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## Tractors shout out

The recent fundraiser for 'Little Wings' by the Central West Charity Tractor Trek Group was a tremendous success. The group recently issued a shout out and a huge thank you to the community

for their generous support and warm well-wishes. Thanks to the efforts of the group and the strong community support, it was a memorable event.



The Tractor Trek group were welcomed across the Rylstone Kandos district wherever they went. This photo shows the huge numbers of tractors and participants involved during a lunch break at Olinda Hall.

## Cricket is back

After many years cricket has made a comeback to Rylstone with the re-formation of the Rylstone Cricket Association. A crowd of around 80 people turned out to watch the Rylstone team play their first home match at Sammy's Flat in the Mudgee Senior Cricket Competition on Saturday, October 25. The Sammy's Flat venue in the Rylstone Showground proved a winner with shady trees on the hill to park a chair or rug for a picnic and close viewing of the

action. Paul Flynn from the Globe Hotel said it was really exciting to see this area used. "Part of the motivation was to use these facilities, so it was great to see such support and enthusiasm from people enjoying the venue." The Rylstone team have received fabulous support locally with lots of donations and major sponsorship from the Globe Hotel and the Rylstone Club along with a number of other sponsors as well.



Max Suttor hitting a six during his innings at the Sammy's Flat oval at Rylstone Showground.

## WAYOUT celebrates

WAYOUT Artspace celebrated the renovations of its building in Angus Avenue, Kandos along with the introduction of the new Cementa Board at a community barbecue and get-together on Saturday, November 15. The building, which has seen a number of purposes over the decades from picture theatre to boxing ring and motorbike museum has been transformed through fundraising, grants and volunteer energy into a very special art gallery and meeting place. Improvements include a new roof and guttering, deep cycle air conditioning and special lighting, paving the way for WAYOUT to increase its purpose in the town and district. During the afternoon, Wiradjuri elder Peter Swayne spoke about the magic of the place and this was endorsed by one of the local 'Nanna's' Ellen Riley. Ellen was thanked for her work in the community and she spoke about the interacting circles of positive community energy across the community and how delighted she was to be part of it. MC June Golland who was the previous Cementa chair introduced the new chair, Lisa Corsi along with the new board before a delicious barbecue feast was enjoyed by all.º

Ellen Riley from 'Nanna's Haberdashery' and the Nanna's team gave an inspirational address to the gathering



Part of the Cementa team (Left to right), Yasmin Hannouf (General Manager), Tom Isaacs (Board), Lisa Corsi (Chair), Janine Modaro (Treasurer), Alex Wisser (Creative Director), June Golland (Board), Joanne Albany (Board) and Sebastian Henry Jones (Guest Curator Cementa 26).

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## Christmas Lights

The Christmas Lights Competition is on again with seven categories. Check out the entry form for details, available from Facebook, Community Charity Shop, CRT Rylstone, Rylstone Club, Reliance Bank and Rylstone Newsagency. One entry per household. Entries close on December 16 and judging is on Thursday, December 18 (from dark 'till late). Return your entry forms to the Community Charity Shop in Kandos or Newsagencies in Rylstone or Kandos.

## ADA remembers

This year's Remembrance Day at ADA Cottage was a special occasion. Residents, their families and friends, volunteers and special guests from the local community gathered to pay sincere tribute to the men and women of the Australian armed forces, both past and present. As part of the service, residents laid wreaths in honour of those who served, adding a deeply personal touch to the commemoration.



Carol Hayward, Valerie Mulholland and Maureen Brodie at ADA's Remembrance Day Service.

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The Cottage Museum, Rylstone is open every Sunday from 10am to 3pm.	<b>1</b> Ilford-Running Stream CWA meets 10am, 1st Monday of each month at the Ilford Hall.	<b>2</b> Rylstone Rural Fire Brigade meets 1st Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm - training on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays	<b>3</b> R/K VRA Rescue Squad meeting 7pm.	<b>4</b> Scrabble on 1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Thurs. 10am at Rylstone Club. *RRCA Comm. Open Space 1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs. Cox Creek Rd.	<b>5</b> Rylstone CWA meets at 10am 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday. *Cudgegong Valley History Group, 11am to 3pm at Henbury Sport & Rec. Club 1 <sup>st</sup> Frid.	<b>6</b> The Kandos Museum is open Wednesdays to Sundays, 10am to 4pm. <b>Cricket at Sammy's Flat</b>
<b>7</b> Anglican Church services at St Laurence, Kandos, 10am on 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4th Sundays and St James Ryl, 10am on the 1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays.	<b>8</b> Scouts and Cubs meet at 4.30pm on Mondays at Kandos Scout Hall.	<b>9</b> Clandulla RFS 7.30 pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Tues. of the month at Clan. Fire Shed. Training on the following Sunday at 9am.	<b>10</b> Kandos RSL Sub Branch meeting.	<b>11</b> Kandos CP&SA, 2pm on the 2nd Thurs of each month at the Kandos RSC Club.	<b>12</b> Ryl. Hosp. Aux. Meetings 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at 10am. *Youth Alive St James Ryl. 6.30pm Fridays during school term.	<b>13</b> <b>Rylstone Markets</b> Movie Night at Rylstone Memorial Hall
<b>14</b> Uniting Church services at Rylstone 9.30am every Sunday. *Running Stream Christian F/ship 10.30am at old Schoolhouse R/Stream, Sundays *Make and Mend 2pm at Kandos CWA Rooms.	<b>15</b> Pilates classes, 6pm Mondays at St James Hall Rylstone.	<b>16</b> Rotary meets Tues at the Rescue Squad Shed, Ryl. 6.30 for 7pm.	<b>17</b> The Craft Group, 10am each Wed. at the Rescue Squad shed, Rylstone.	<b>18</b> Walking group meets at Rylstone Showground Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8am in summer, 8.30 spring and autumn and 9am in winter.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> No Kandos Community Markets in December
<b>21</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. Boot Sale Mudgee Railway Station 8am.	<b>22</b> Aqua Fit is Back. Tuesdays and Fridays 10am to 11am Wednesdays 4pm to 5pm. <sup>o</sup>	<b>23</b> The Wollemi Singers, 6pm Tuesdays during school term at St Dominic's Hall Kandos. *Walking group Tuesdays & Thursdays.	<b>24</b> Writing Group 10.30am every Wednesday at Kandos Library.	<b>25</b> CHRISTMAS GREETINGS EVERYONE	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Kandos Crop and Swap, 10am every fourth Saturday at White Crescent Park (Rotunda Park)  The Common Loop Social Run Club
<b>28</b> Rylstone-Kandos Street Machine Club meeting on last Sunday of month at 11am. *Glen Alice Church Service at 9.30am	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> ance to be fit, 4.45pm Tues. at St James Hall. Rylstone.	<b>31</b> Kandos CWA meeting, 6pm on last Wed. of month.	Ladies Tennis, 9am Thursdays at Henbury Sport & Rec. Club Kandos.	Storytime for kids, 10am to 11am Fridays at Kandos Library.	<b>KRR Broadcasting on 98.7FM</b>

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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.

### Icons of Pop Art

Art works by some of the greatest international Pop Art creators are now on display at Mudgee Arts Precinct. Warhol and Lichtenstein is the first of four major exhibitions to be hosted at the gallery. These works are on long-term loan from the National Gallery of Australia. Entry is free.

### Kandos Club

Lawn bowls at the club every Monday from 5pm with a BBQ from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. The club opens at 3pm. Friday night raffles at 7.30pm. The Christmas party raffle is on December 13 at 7.30pm. Open mic on Saturday, December 20 starting at 5pm. Enjoy New Year's Eve with local band Bushrock.

### Christmas Services

Anglican Church Christmas Services are: Sunday, December 21 - Alive@5 Carols service, 5pm at St James Rylstone. Wednesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Service, 5pm St Laurence, Kandos sausage sizzle to follow. Thursday, December 25 - Christmas Day Service, 9am at St James Rylstone.

### Wirimbili Garden

The Wirimbili Indigenous Plants Native Garden welcomes you every Wednesday from 9.30am to 11.30am at Newco, 28 Angus Avenue, Kandos to learn about native plants, their connection to Aboriginal culture and help grow the garden. All community members are welcome to join in.

### Rylstone Markets

The next Rylstone Markets are on Saturday, December 13 at the Memorial Hall in Louee Street from 9am until 1pm. If you'd like to join the association, phone Julie on 0458 129 704 or email julzhorn2@gmail.com.



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