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Welcome to the February issue of Community Capers, volume 321. Our March issue will be distributed on February 26. The deadline for this issue is Friday, February 13. 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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Free entry for school kids at Show

School-aged children will receive free entry to this year's Rylstone Kandos Show when accompanied by their parents or carers. Wristbands will be distributed to schools ahead of the Show encouraging them to come along. This is a first for the local show and demonstrates the importance the show society places on the upcoming generation. President Ben Suttor said the opportunity has been made possible thanks to several of their generous sponsors.

"These sponsors understand the value of encouraging young people to not only enjoy the Show but potentially become involved in its future."

In welcoming everyone to the 87th Rylstone Kandos Show, Ben said the society's vision reaches well beyond simply hosting a Show.

"It's about nurturing the connections that bind our community, celebrating our shared passions in agriculture, and shining a spotlight on the exceptional talent and strong community spirit that make our region truly unique. No matter your background, beliefs, or where you call home, the Rylstone-Kandos Show is an inclusive celebration for everyone—a true

reflection of the rich diversity, warmth, and unity of our local area."

Ben said the success of our Show is driven by the tireless passion and commitment of the committee, stewards, and countless volunteers.

"Their generosity of time, effort, and enthusiasm has been truly inspiring. I wholeheartedly join the many Presidents before me in expressing pride that we host our Show on one of the finest showgrounds in the Central West. My sincere thanks to Mid-Western Regional Council staff for their dedication in maintaining our showgrounds' beauty, ensuring a welcoming and safe environment for all."

Ben thanks the sponsors whose support makes this event possible and wishes exhibitors and visitors a very enjoyable show day

Rylstone Kandos Show President Ben Suttor wishes everyone a successful and enjoyable Show.



Kids loved the dinosaurs at last year's Show. This year they'll receive free entry.

Million dollar charity

The Community Charity Shop in Kandos has amazed residents across the region following an announcement just before Christmas that it had raised and donated over a million dollars to groups and organisations since it opened in 2013. The charity shop has exceeded all expectations according to volunteer Colleen Yates who has been part of the team since it first opened.

"When we added up the figures we were stunned. It's quite mind-boggling when you think about it. We owe a huge thanks to all those who donate items to us so that we can sell them back to shoppers. They get a bargain and we are then able to donate the money back to the community."

Those who have benefitted include local schools, sporting groups, cancer groups, search and rescue, children's art, hospital auxiliary and many others – over 100 recipients in all. A spin-off has been a surge in tourist traffic with some visitors coming from

hundreds of kilometres away just to browse through the shop. They reckon it's the best second-hand variety shop they've ever visited. Local community members are proud of the reputation the unique shop



has gained over the years and have expressed their appreciation to the dedicated volunteers who work there.

Community Charity Shop volunteers Laurie and Colleen taking time out to announce the shop's million dollar milestone on Community Radio KRR 98.7 FM.

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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.

Scouts mark a century

The 1st Kandos Scouts celebrated 100 years on November 30. The group was registered on December 8, 1925 and began with a church service at St Laurence' Church. A good crowd turned out for the celebration which included a display of memorabilia in the hall from across the century and a 'Scouts Own' service under



The two oldest past members present on the day, Lester Besant and Bob Tomlinson with the current youngest member Alex Murphy cutting the celebration cake.

the trees led by Anglican minister Tim St Quintin. A celebration cake made by Joy Murray was cut by the two oldest past members present and the current youngest member. The team issued a very big thanks to all who attended the day from across the state and also to the many people who lent items for displays. Kandos Scouts would also like to thank the community for supporting scouts in the area since it began.

Rabbit control

Residents are advised that a wild rabbit control program will take place across the region during February and March with the planned release of calicivirus (a virus lethal to rabbits). Local pet owners are strongly encouraged to speak with their veterinarian to ensure their rabbits are fully vaccinated and protected prior to the release period. Residents seeking more information about protecting pet rabbits can visit the Australian Veterinary Association website at ava.com.au or contact their local vet.

Vale Terence

Terence Ryan was born on Boxing Day 1932 and died on December 2025 at the age of 92. For the last 15 years Terence has presented three popular radio programs each week on Kandos Rylstone Community Radio (KRR 98.7 FM) – the Monday night classical program, Wednesday morning breakfast program and Thursday mid-morning program. Prior to joining KRR, Terence was a presenter at Coffs Harbour Community Radio 2AIR. He loved radio and was very good at it. He had a wonderful radio voice and great presentation. Terence's association with KRR began during an around-Australia trip following the illness and death of his wife. When he saw that there was a local community radio station he decided to stay for a while. It was fortunate for our station and our listeners. The 'for a while' turned into 15 or more years. He presented his shows right up until a few months before his death, an amazing achievement. His knowledge of music was impressive and his range of expertise covered all genres. As well as listeners in our local area, Terence had a very loyal following from listeners around Australia who tuned in via live-streaming. He is very much missed by members of KRR and listeners across the region.



Terence Ryan, at home in the place where he loved to be – the studio of Kandos Rylstone Community Radio KRR 98.7 FM.

Bush and Bloom

The first art exhibition for the year at Gallery 47 Rylstone opened on January 3 and it was a flower lover's delight. At just 19 years of age Zac Heapy, horticulturist and artist, astonished viewers with his stunning oil paintings of nature and roses in particular. The realism and beautiful detail of his paintings in his exhibition 'Bush and Bloom' was truly impressive for someone of his age. Alongside painting, Zac cultivates many of the plants he paints. This enables him to develop his work from soil to canvas. His exhibition will remain open until February 2.



Zac Heapy with some of his impressive paintings of roses.

Sofala Show

One of the best little country shows around, the Sofala Show is all about community and family enjoyment. It's on Sunday, February 22 and begins with the opening of the pavilion at 8am. From 10am onwards there'll be free activities for kids and there's a full line-up for adults too. At 10.30am it's the Farmers Challenge and at 11.30am the Official Opening and the announcement of the Show Ambassadors. Enjoy a laugh and a bit of fun with the Dog Lookalike Competition at 1pm, followed by the Dog High Jump at 2pm and score yourself some home-grown fruit and vegies at the Produce Auction at 3.30pm. The Show closes at 4pm. Come along and watch the horse and sheep dog events, grab a coffee or cold drink and listen to Kinetik bash out some great tunes.

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A Shining Night

A twilight concert of Carols and Readings at St Dominic's Catholic Church Kandos, presented by Dr Bernadette Harvey and friends on Christmas Eve, was a shining success. The congregation was treated to a program of wonderful music, from the beautifully played opening cello solo by Bernadette's husband



The illuminated Star of Bethlehem in the nave of the St Dominic's Catholic Church Kandos.

Peter Rejto of Gounod's Ave Maria to the rendition of the a Capella Byzantine chant O Luz Jubilosa, by the McKillop Singers. The ensemble was joined by local flautist Jacqui Waddell and presented a joyous mix of playful, largely unheard carols such as Torches and The Carol of the Bells, while the congregation joined in the more familiar carols. A giant illuminated Star of Bethlehem, made by David of Little Rusty, hung in the nave of the church, adding to the joy and solemnity of the occasion.

Christmas Lights

The Christmas Lights Competition brightened up the streets and homes across the Rylstone Kandos district in December. Run by the Community Charity Shop, the response for this year's competition was excellent with plenty of entries and some great displays. This year's first-place getters were: Most Outstanding Large Display – Louis Carurna, Most Outstanding Small Display – Ruth Wood, Best Santa – Kat Farrugia, Best Display of Inflatables – Kim and Gary Turner, Unique Creation – Angela Krusvarst, Shop/Business Display – Café on Louee, First Time to Enter – Madi Lynch. Congratulations to all the place getters and a big thank you to the judges on the night and everyone who took the time to create some great displays.

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Concert triumph

The annual Christmas Concert and Carols Evening held at the Rylstone Memorial Hall on December 6 was a great success with the hall packed for a memorable evening. A range of performers included the Wollemi Singers, Cudgegong Choir, Cantobella, Rylstone Primary School Choir and

Mudgee Concert Band. Rotary provided free food and drinks which helped to make it a real celebration. One of the highlights was Handel's Hallelujah Chorus sing by all three choirs. Virginia Handmer from Council said she has been stopped by many people since the concert to say how much they enjoyed it.



The Women's Choir Cantobella performed beautifully on the night

Rylstone Markets

The last Rylstone Markets for the year were held on December 13 at the Rylstone Memorial Hall. There was a Christmas feeling in the air with plenty of gifts available for those last minute Christmas shoppers. Santa was there too, adding a festive touch to the occasion.



Stall holders Dott Pike and Gary and Liz Gardiner received a visit from Santa at the Rylstone Markets. He assured them that if they were very good they might get something special for Christmas.

Storm havoc

A freak storm caused havoc in Rylstone's main street on November 26 tearing off the roof of the shop 'Sisters Bazaar' and dumping timber and sheets of iron on the street. Witnesses nearby described it as a mini tornado that sounded like a jet plane as it approached. "We could hear this roar and wondered what on earth it was. Suddenly there was an enormous bang and tonnes of roofing iron and timber came flying through the air and landed on the street. It was a miracle that no one was killed."

They added that it was also amazing that no vehicles were damaged. This part of the street often has vehicles parked where the roof landed. It appears that the storm cell was very narrow but very intense with incredibly strong winds behind it. As well as the damage to the building it carved a narrow path across the surrounding countryside uprooting trees and breaking off huge branches.



"A miracle that no one was killed". Sheets of roofing iron, guttering and timber in Rylstone's main street after a bizarre storm hit 'Sisters Bazaar'.

Olinda Christmas

The Olinda Community Hall Committee held their Christmas party on December 13 at the historic Olinda Hall situated East of Rylstone and Kandos, mid-way to Gangaddy/Dunns Swamp. There was a good crowd at the hall including lots of families with young kids. One of the highlights of the evening was the arrival of Santa in an Olinda fire truck which gave the kids a real kick. It was perfect timing with light rain beginning to fall as he stepped out of the truck. The rain continued all evening, delivering some relief for those worried about fires burning in the Glen Alice area. It all added to a great party atmosphere with everyone enjoying a delicious barbecue feast and plenty of good cheer. Later, lots of raffle prizes were drawn, many of which had been donated by local businesses.



Santa arriving at the Olinda Hall in the Olinda fire truck for the annual Christmas party.

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1 The Cottage Museum, Rylstone is open every Sunday from 10am to 3pm.	2 Ilford-Running Stream CWA meets 10am, 1st Monday of each month at the Ilford Hall.	3 Rylstone Rural Fire Brigade meets 1st Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm - training on 3 rd Tuesdays	4 R/K VRA Rescue Squad meeting 7pm.	5 Scrabble on 1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Thurs. 10am at Rylstone Club. *RRCA Comm. Open Space 1 st Thurs. Cox Creek Rd.	6 Rylstone CWA meets at 10am 1 st Friday. *Cudgegong Valley History Group, 11am to 3pm at Henbury Sport & Rec. Club 1 st Friday.	7 The Kandos Museum is open Wednesdays to Sundays, 10am to 4pm.
8 Anglican Church services at St Laurence, Kandos, 10am on 2 nd and 4 th Sun. and St James Ryl, 10am on the 1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Sun. *Make and Mend 2pm at Kandos CWA Rooms.	9 Scouts and Cubs meet at 4.30pm on Mondays at Kandos Scout Hall.	10 Clandulla RFS 7.30 pm 1 st Tues. of the month at Clan. Fire Shed. Training on the following Sunday at 9am.	11 Kandos RSL Sub Branch meeting.	12 Kandos CP&SA, 2pm on the 2 nd Thurs of each month at the Kandos RSC Club.	13 Ryl. Hosp. Aux. Meetings 2 nd Friday of each month at 10am. *Youth Alive St James Ryl. 6.30pm Fridays during school term.	14 Rylstone Markets Movie Night at Rylstone Memorial Hall
15 Uniting Church services at Rylstone 9.30am every Sunday. *Running Stream Christian F/ship 10.30am at old Schoolhouse Sundays *Boot Sale Mudgee Railway Station 8am	16 Pilates classes, 6pm Mondays at St James Hall Rylstone.	17 Rotary meets Tues at the Rescue Squad Shed, Ryl. 6.30 for 7pm.	18 The Craft Group, 10am each Wed. at the Rescue Squad shed, Rylstone.	19 Walking group meets at Rylstone Showground Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8am in summer, 8.30 spring and autumn and 9am in winter.	20	21 Kandos Community Markets (Sofala Show on tomorrow, 22 nd)
22 One Life Family Church services, 10am 1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Sundays at the cnr. of Noyes and Dunn St, Kandos. *3 rd Sunday Markets at the Globe 10am. *Alive@5 at St James Ryl 3 rd Sun. *Street Machine Club meeting.	23 Aqua Fit is Back. Tuesdays and Fridays 10am to 11am Wednesdays 4pm to 5pm. ^o	24 The Wollemi Singers, 6pm Tuesdays during school term at St Dominic's Hall Kandos. *Walking group Tuesdays & Thursdays.	25 Kandos CWA meeting, 6pm on last Wed. of month. *KRR Community Radio meeting, 5.30pm.	26 Ladies Tennis, 9am Thursdays at Henbury Sport & Rec. Club Kandos.	27 Rylstone Kandos Show Pavilion open for viewing from 6pm to 8.30pm.	28 Kandos Crop and Swap, 10am at White Crescent Park. Rylstone Kandos Show The Common Loop Social Run Club
Rylstone-Kandos Street Machine Club meeting on last Sunday of month at 11am. *Glen Alice Church Service at 9.30am		Dance to be fit, 4.45pm Tues. at St James Hall. Rylstone.	Writing Group 10.30am Wednesdays at Kandos Library.		Storytime for kids, 10am to 11am Fridays at Kandos Library.	KRR Broadcasting on 98.7FM

February 22 Sofala Show..., February 28...Rylstone Kandos Show, August 1...

NRL Penrith Panthers Vs Canberra Raiders, Glen Willow - Mudgee, August 29-30 Rylstone Classic, May 2 & 3...

Mudgee Classic Bike Ride, September 17 – 20... Cementa Festival, November 7...Rylstone StreetFeast.

Kandos Community Markets

The next Kandos Community Markets are on Saturday, February 21 in the grounds of St Laurence Church, Kandos from 9am to 1pm. For stall bookings, phone Pauline on 6379 4533 or Rose on 6379 4179.

StreetFeast AGM

Rylstone StreetFeast's Annual General Meeting will be held at 5.30pm on Thursday, February 19 at the Rylstone Club. Please come along to support this important meeting. All welcome.

Mudgee Classic

Saturday and Sunday, May 2 and 3, a milestone year which will celebrate 10 years of The Classics Gran Fondo series. Cyclists can expect a weekend of gravel adventure and smooth road terrain.

Movie night

This month's movie is 'The Notebook', a beautiful classic love story for Valentine's Day, February 14. Screening at the Rylstone Memorial Hall, the Film Society's AGM will be held at 4pm, followed by a short meeting to select next year's movies. Light meals are available from 5.15 pm and the Movie starts at 6pm.

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Third Sunday Markets

The Sunday Morning Community Markets are held every third Sunday of each month from 9am to 1pm in the grounds of the Globe Hotel, Rylstone. It's a community based event and stall holders are welcome.

Rylstone Markets

The next Rylstone Markets are on Saturday, February 14 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.

Astrophotography at museum

Southern Sky Astrophotography opens at the Kandos Museum on March 11. It's a showcase of a selection of the 2024 winning photographs from the annual photography competition named after the world-renowned astrophotography specialist David Malin. This exhibition is organised by the Powerhouse, Sydney in association with the Central West Astronomical Society. Come along for an interesting view. It closes on May 31.

WAYOUT exhibition

The exhibition The Beauty and The Terror opened at WAYOUT Artspace on Saturday, January 17. It brings together nine regional artists who reveal the spiritual and cathartic qualities hidden inside hardcore, noisy, smelly, abandoned-yet-proudly-defiant regional culture. The exhibition runs Friday to Sunday, 10am-2pm, until Sunday, March 1. WAYOUT will also host an Artist and Curator talk on Sunday, March 1 at 1pm. Everyone is welcome to join in.

Kandos Club Markets

The Kandos Returned Services Community Club Markets are on Saturday, February 28 from 9am till 1pm. They're on every 4th Saturday and stall holders are welcome by contacting the club. This month's Open Mic is on Saturday, February 21 starting at 5pm.

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