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Welcome to the July issue of Community Capers, volume 304. Our August issue will be distributed on Thursday, August 1. The deadline for this issue is Monday, July 15. 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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Governor General visits Kandos

The Kandos Museum welcomed the Governor General, His Excellency, the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC and Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley on Tuesday, June 18. This is not the first

time that the Hurleys have visited Kandos and the museum.

Many will recall a previous vice-regal visit for the centenary celebrations of Kandos in October 2014 when His Excellency was the Governor of NSW. In fact, his "first vice-regal brass plate" was the re-opening of the Kandos Museum during the couple's visit. He has served as the 27th Governor General of Australia since 2019 and will conclude his appointment on July 1, 2024. He and his wife's visit to the Kandos Museum has a certain



The Governor General David Hurley addressing the large crowd at the Kandos Museum, many of them volunteers from organisations across the district.

The young eagles fly

School students from Rylstone and Glen Alice took to the air from Rylstone Airpark on Saturday, June 8 - International Young Eagles day. The EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) had two light sport aircraft involved in the flights and the young students took turns taking to the sky for around 15 minutes each. It was a wonderful experience for them and something they'll never forget. Rylstone RFS were there on the day doing activities with students between flights and local businesses helped out and ran the barbecue too. Regards Joe Newham hello there

symmetry to it as it is their last official brass plate unveiling before retirement.

During his address to the large gathering, many of them representing local volunteer groups and organisations, his Excellency paid tribute to these volunteers who he said were the life blood of country towns. He said that though his appointment was punctuated by many unsettling events such as Covid, bushfires and floods, after visiting many places during these times he came away with a feeling of great optimism for the future.

"People across regional Australia gave me a great feeling of confidence for the country's future. Thank you everyone for your dedication, for your volunteer work and your strong support for your community." Following the Governor General's address, his wife Linda unveiled a plaque in recognition of their first and last official visits to Kandos and the launch of the Kandos Museum Masterplan. The couple were then able to mingle with the large crowd who were delighted to have the opportunity to meet them in person.



Young student Celeste Bonney seat-belted and ready to fly with her pilot Joe Newham.



Up Up and away as Celeste and pilot Joe lift off for a great flight in their light sport aircraft at Rylstone Airpark.



Mrs Linda Hurley unveils the plaque, attended by her husband Governor General David Hurley and Kandos Museum President Buzz Sanderson.

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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 Neves on 0402 976 925.

Dixon's Long Point is back

The campaign for a new crossing at Dixons Long Point is back on track, with the Australian Government revealing funding to reopen the project in the 2024-25 Budget. The Government has committed \$10 million for the planning for a bridge over the Macquarie River at Dixons Long Point, including road approaches. Independent Member for Calare, Andrew Gee, said his determination to see the crossing constructed is as strong as ever.

"Since the days of the gold rush, communities across the Central West have called for a river crossing at Dixons Long Point. It's welcome news that the Australian Government is reopening the

project with \$10 million in the 2024-25 Budget for planning".

The proposed river crossing will slash the distance between Orange and Mudgee, and link the Central West with the Newcastle region.

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.

Pam's music mix

One of community radio's latest presenters, Pam McNally is having fun doing her Sunday afternoon program from 12 midday to 3pm on KRR 98.7 FM. During the week, Pam is a health worker at Health One in Rylstone as an Admin Officer and Aboriginal Health Worker. Sunday is her day to sit back and relax while she plays her favourite mix of 80's, 90's and contemporary music for listeners (and herself). She says she had her arm twisted by another member of KRR (thanks Robyn), but really enjoys it. "It's so much fun. I'd definitely recommend it to others."

If you're interested in radio, call into the station at 50 Angus Avenue, Kandos and pick up a membership form. Training is available and it won't take you long to learn how to use the panel and other equipment. Age is no limit and experience is not necessary. It's a great way to meet a group of friendly people and be involved in a worthwhile community activity. Call the station on 6379 4360 for more information or check out the website at krfm.org.au where you can also listen live through KRR's live streaming service.



Listen in to Pam McNally's great mix of music Sundays from 12 midday to 3pm on KRR 98.7 FM or live stream on your phone or other device at krfm.org.au.

Fleur's fine art work

The meticulous work of artist Fleur MacDonald has amazed viewers for many years. Her recent exhibition 'Landscape and Memory' in the windows of Kandos Projects blended together a survey of new paintings, Lino Block print designs on linen and furniture, and selected older work to celebrate 39 years of exhibiting from 1985 to now. Her work reflects the surrounding area in and around Kandos where she lives and works. "I feel fortunate to live close to the bush as there's always a chance to see a kangaroo or two, or a mob. If they spot you every one of them will stop in their tracks and watch you."

Her representations of the handcrafted dolly (or doily), painted on recycled wooden hand-made bowls, are so real you believe you could lift them off for a closer look. The lines are so fine and the patterns so incredibly complex that one is blown away by the patience and



perseverance needed to create such work.

"This facet of my art represents how fragile this craft was and helps reinstate the humble handicraft as a worthy expression of a woman's life lived well."

Fleur McDonald with her striking doily, meticulously painted on a hand-made recycled wooden bowl. Gluten Free Café in Kandos.

Successful Big Morning Tea

The Rylstone Combined Pensioners and Superannuants group raised \$1713.05 at their recent Big Morning Tea fundraiser for the Cancer Council. They would like to thank the Rylstone Club and Margaret Maker and Kathy Sinnett for their help. Also, a big thank you to the Community Charity Shop for their kind donation and everyone who supported this day.

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Book launch

The Kandos Museum's auditorium was packed on Sunday, June 9 for local historian Colleen O'Sullivan's book launch of 'An Inventive Life' - The Story of a Creative and the Woman Who Enabled Him. This is Colleen's fifth book following on from three books on Kandos and a biography of her Kandos grandfather on her mother's side. This book traces her father's family, beginning with her grandparents Bill and Minnie Brown who settled in Lue, but the core of the book is Colleen's father Bruce Edwin Brown, who had his roots in Rylstone, and his wife Jean.

The launch featured an interview with community radio presenter Brent Barlow who had read the book in the two weeks leading up to the launch and was impressed. It enabled a lively and interesting conversation. Colleen is a great off-the-cuff speaker and furnished some interesting insights into her father's life. Following the conversation, Helen Fuller launched Colleen's book. She delivered a truly outstanding and very observant synopsis of the story. She praised the biography as remarkable. And indeed it is. This book is a detailed account of not only personal triumphs and tragedies, it provides wonderful insights into how people lived before mobile phones. It's also a love story between two people who faced the upheavals



Brent Barlow, author Colleen O'Sullivan, Helen Fuller and MP Paul Toole who, as well as drawing the lucky door prize praised Colleen for her wonderful work during his short address to the audience.

of married life and the raising of children with all its joys and anguish. This book has it all. It is available for purchase at the Kandos Museum. Colleen will also give a history talk at Mudgee Library on Monday, July 1 at 10am on village life at Lue in the 1920's, 30's and 40's based on 'An Inventive Life'. Bookings are essential and a gold coin appreciated. Morning tea will be provided.

New Residents' Night

The Rylstone Kandos Business Chamber is inviting all new residents who have arrived in our district over the past 18 months to come along to meet and greet at a New Residents' Night at the Rylstone Club on Thursday, July 4 at 6pm. This a casual evening and an opportunity to meet others in our community. Drinks and finger food will be served along with light entertainment. Please RSVP to rkccsec@gmail.com by Friday, June 28.

Praise for First Nations art

The powerful exhibition of First Nations artists Guwayu: for all time at Mudgee Arts Precinct is receiving a lot of praise. Curated by Mudgee based Wiradjuri woman, Aleshia Lonsdale, it contains the works of some of Australia's most renowned First Nations artists including Tony Albert, Nicole Chaffey, Jo Clancy, Lorraine Connelly-Northey, Karla Dickens, Blak Douglas, Fiona Foley, Maddison Gibbs, Juanita MacLaughlan, Aleshia Lonsdale, Danie Mellor, Vincent Namatjira, Joel Sherwood Spring, Jason Wing and Judy Watson. The exhibition examines dispossession, Indigenous activism, organisation, and resistance, marking hugely significant events for Aboriginal people. It's a thought provoking exhibition and a definite must-see on the local arts calendar. Guwayu: for all time will remain open until July 28. Mudgee Arts Precinct is open seven days a week from 9am to 5pm. Entry is free.



Desert Songs (self-portrait) by Vincent Namatjira OAM, one of Australia's most important contemporary artists.



Assimilated Warriors by Karla Dickens, who brings a black humour to her subjects such as race, gender and injustice.

Birds abound

Jessica Leffley's art exhibition opening of 'As the Currawong Flies' attracted a large gathering of people to Number 47 Gallery in Rylstone on Saturday, June 1. Her paintings of birds flew across the walls of the gallery in all shapes, sizes and colours creating a wonderful spectacle. Jessica is a Lithgow based Wiradjuri woman but has quite a connection to the Rylstone Kandos region through Birds Hut, which is set amongst the pagodas of the Wollemi National Park on the way to Ganguddy (Dunns Swamp). Her work is a celebration of life and light where she captures the unique character of fauna and flora.



Jessica Leffley with her wonderful painting 'Don't fly too close to the sun, son'.

Players get ready

The Twin Town Players are gearing up for some exciting entertainment in coming months. Their Home Grown - One Act Play night with a Halloween theme will feature plays written and directed by talented locals. These spooky plays are shaping up to be a lot of fun on Thursday, October 31, Friday, November 1 and Saturday, November 2. This year, the TTP will be heavily involved with Rylstone StreetFest, featuring a Halloween Maze and possibly some spooky street performances. Now is the time to reach out and get involved. If you'd like to be a part of it all, their next monthly meeting is on Tuesday, July 9 at 6pm at The Rylstone Club.

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The Cottage Museum, Rylstone is open every Sunday from 10am to 3pm.	1 Scouts and Cubs meet at 4.30pm on Mondays at Kandos Scout Hall.	2 Rylstone Rural Fire Brigade meets 1st Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm - training on 3rd Tuesdays.	3 R/K VRA Rescue Squad meets at 7pm. *The Craft Group meets at 10am each Wed. at the VRA shed, Rylstone.	4 Ladies Tennis, 9am Thursdays at Henbury. Kandos	5 Rylstone CWA meets at 10am 1st Friday. *Cudgegong Valley History Group, 11am to 3pm at Henbury Sport & Rec. Club 1st Friday.	6 The Kandos Museum is open Wednesdays to Sundays, 10am to 4pm.
7 Uniting Church services Rylstone 9.30am every Sun. *Running Stream Christian Fellowship 10.30am at old Schoolhouse R/Stream, Sundays	8 Pilates classes, 6pm Mondays at St James Hall Rylstone..	9 Clandulla RFS meets 7.30 pm 1st Tuesday of each month at the Clandulla Fire Shed. Training on the following Sunday at 9am	10 Kandos RSL Sub Branch meeting. *Writing Group 10.30am every Wednesday at Kandos Library.	11 Kandos CP&SA, 2pm on the 2nd Thurs of each month at the Kandos RSC Club.	12 Ryl. Hosp. Aux. Meetings 2nd Friday of each month at 10am. *Youth Alive St James Ryl.6.30pm second Friday during school term.	13 Rylstone Markets Movie Night at Rylstone Hall
14 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.	15	16 Rotary meets Tues at the Rescue Squad Shed, Ryl. 6.30 for 7pm. *TTPlayers meet 6pm on 2nd Tues. at the Ryl. Club.	17 Ilford-Running Stream CWA Meeting at Ilford Hall 10am	18 Scrabble on 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday, 10am at Rylstone Club.	19	20 The next Kandos Markets will be held in September
21 One Life Family Church services, 10am 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays at the cnr. of Noyes and Dunn Str, Kandos. *3rd Sunday Markets at the Globe 10am. *Alive@5 at St James Ryl 3rd Sundays	22	23 The Wollemi Singers, 6pm every Tuesday at St Dominic's Hall Kandos..	24 Venturers meet at 5pm Wednesdays at the Kandos Scout Hall.	25 Rylstone CP&SA 11am at the Rylstone Club on the 4th Thursday of the month.	26 Storytime for kids, 10am to 11am Fridays at Kandos Library.	27 Kandos Crop and Swap, 9am every fourth Saturday at Way Out Art Space
28 Rylstone-Kandos Street Machine Club meeting on last Sunday of month. *Glen Alice Church Service at 9.30am.	29	30 Walking group Tuesdays & Thursdays. *Dance to be fit, 4.45pm Tues. at St James Hall. Rylstone.	31 Kandos CWA meeting, 5pm on last Wed. of month.	Walking group meets at Rylstone Showground Thursdays at 8am in summer, 8.30 spring and autumn and 9am in winter.		KRR Broadcasting on 98.7FM

Early August (date TBA)...Cemta Community Forum, September 19 – 22... Cemta 2024, November 2...Rylstone StreetFeast, November 30...Ilford Public School P&C Christmas Fair and Markets 9am to 1pm at the Ilford School. NB: Abbreviation CP&SA (Combined Pensioners & Superannuants Association).



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Third Sunday Markets

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Rylstone Markets

The next Rylstone Markets are on Saturday, July 13 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.

Show's AGM

The Rylstone Kandos Show's Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 9 at the Rylstone CWA Rooms at 6pm. All Welcome. If you would like to join the committee please attend. To receive a nomination form, contact Rachel Mann on 0429 794 281 or email admin@rkss.com.au.

History talk by Colleen

Colleen O'Sullivan will give a history talk at Mudgee Library on Monday, July 1 at 10am on village life at Lue in the 1920's, 30's and 40's based on 'An Inventive Life'. Bookings are essential and a gold coin appreciated. Morning tea will be provided.

Flavours returns

Council's flagship event, Flavours of Mudgee, returns for its eleventh year on Saturday, September 28 from 4pm to 8pm and they invite local wine and food producers to showcase their offerings. Stallholders are encouraged to submit an expression of interest to secure their position. At last year's event, 64 stallholders shared their local food and beverage with over 10,000 visitors and locals. Stallholder expressions of interest are now open online at www.flavoursofmudgee.com.au and close on Sunday, 30 June. For further details contact Council's Events Team on 6378 2850.

Cemta24

Cemta returns to Kandos from September 19 to 22 for its sixth festival, curated by Dr Daniel Mudie Cunningham and First Nations curator Jo Albany. Cemta24 welcomes our community, supporters, friends, relatives and hangers-on to join more than 60 artists from across Australia for four days and four nights of contemporary art and culture spread across Kandos on Wiradjuri Country. There are many ways you can be involved in the festival. Cemta is looking for volunteers, please email volunteers@cemta.com.au. You can also contribute an artwork to the Cemta Salon on Thursday, September 19, and you can contribute a work to 'Playback Kandos Museum' by Cemta24 artist Josie Cavallaro. Accommodation across Kandos and Rylstone is already booking out so if you have a cottage, room or other accommodation that you'd like to rent out in September, please contact partnerships@cemta.com.au.

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