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Welcome to the June issue of Community Capers, volume 281. Our July issue will be distributed on Thursday, June 30. The deadline for this issue is Tuesday, June 14. 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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A feast of history

Over 100 people attended the Commemoration of 200 years of colonial settlement within the former Rylstone Shire on Saturday, April 23. Organised and delivered in great style by the Rylstone District Historical Society at the Rylstone Memorial Hall, visitors on arriving were fascinated by a display of photos, maps and other interesting documents as they entered the hall. The display made interesting browsing before pre-dinner drinks and a catch-up amongst guests. Another captivating innovation was a slide show of historical photos screening continuously above the stage for all to view. President of the Historical Society Peter Monaghan welcomed everyone and gave an interesting introduction to the evening's proceedings. He thanked a number of people for coming including Federal Member for Calare, Minister for Defence Personnel and Minister for Veterans' Affairs Andrew Gee, and State Member for Bathurst and Deputy Premier Paul Toole. Another important guest, historian John Broadley gave a fascinating address on the early historical properties of the Rylstone district, including Dabee, Rawdon, Fernside, Monivae and Carwell. During the evening, Virginia Hollister outlined the

society's current written history project. The book is well on the way and is the first since Jeanette McCarthy and Pat Spithill put together the society's book 'Celebrating Fifty Years 1963 – 2013'.

In his address, Andrew Gee described his own love of history and the importance it plays in communities. He congratulated the Rylstone District Historical Society for the part they have played in this important role. Paul Toole's address was pre-empted by a gentle reminder of funding requests from the society and he readily committed money for two projects on the night - the burial of a Time Capsule in the grounds of the Community Hall and the provision of a unisex disabled toilet and small storeroom for Rylstone's Cottage Museum. It was a night of catch-ups, reminiscences, the sharing of food and drink, the meeting of new faces, and most of all a feast of history.



Historian John Broadley gave an interesting address on historical properties in the Rylstone district.



A fascinating display of photos, maps and interesting documents greeted visitors as they arrived at the hall.



Federal Member for Calare Andrew Gee with President of Rylstone District Historical Society Peter Monaghan. Peter thanked the organising committee with a special thank you to Clare Hamilton, Claudia Hamilton, Tracey Evans, Helen Fuller and Naked Lady Wines for the catering.

Charity Shop's big effort

At the end of February this year the Community Charity Shop in Kandos had registered an amazing total of donations given to groups across the region. It may even be higher now. At this tally, the local group had presented \$560,848 – an amazing figure of over half a million dollars since they began in 2013. This shop is a real success story. People donate unwanted items, these are sold to customers and the money raised is then distributed to various worthwhile groups, organisations and individuals. Local schools have been beneficiaries of many thousands of dollars over the years helping them to buy equipment and support students. In return, the community has also supported the charity shop's building fund by dropping in cans and bottles worth 10 cents. From August 2017 to March 2022 the shop had cashed in \$25,985. That's a lot of drinks and it has helped the group purchase their building. The volunteers at the shop have issued a big thank you to all those who donate goods for them to sell, "Without you, this shop would not be here." From the community, "Thank you volunteers for your continued hard work and wonderful contribution to our community."

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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 6379 4092.



Clandulla's new vehicle is a great asset to their fire-fighting capabilities and will enable quick attention to fires in difficult terrain.

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Fire fighters recognised

Clandulla Rural Fire Service volunteers were recognised for their dedication, tenacity and selfless action during the 2019-20 bushfires that threatened properties and homes across the region with a medal presentation on May 3 at the Clandulla Fire Shed.

Fourteen members received National Registry Medals and all Clandulla members were thanked for their perseverance and commitment. During the presentation, Danny Busch Group Officer Cudgegong District RFS said this event was the worst fire season in living history, "And Clandulla was right at the fire front from day one," he said.

Inspector Troy Gersback said they couldn't thank the local firefighters enough.

"Through your hard work our community is still here. A big thank you to families and employers as well who supported our firefighting community at this time," he said.

Prior to the presentation, members and visitors took time to admire the new vehicle that they recently received. The category 9 village fire-fighting unit is an ideal addition to their two larger fire-fighting trucks and with its 600 litre water tank and efficient pump system will enable a small crew to reach spot fires quickly in difficult terrain.



Troy Gersback and Danny Busch from Cudgegong District RFS with Clandulla medal recipients.

Bull A Rama

Bull A Rama drew a good crowd and some excellent competitors to the Rylstone Showground on the Easter weekend. The annual event is organised by a sub-committee of the Rylstone Kandos Show Society and takes a lot of work each year to plan and set up. Committee member and one of the organisers, Nick Groz said it was a good day with some great bulls, talented riders a top live band Crawfish Stew from Newcastle and some wild mullets from young and old.

"I'm sure the riders enjoyed their visit to Rylstone. There was over \$16,000 prize money and one of

the riders walked away with just under \$5,000 for his effort. We're also tallying up how much we can give our local Hospital auxiliary and other groups. We'd like to thank everyone for another successful Bull A Rama. To the crowd, the sponsors, the stall holders, the cowboys, the stock contractors and the hard working committee who keep this show rolling each and every year, a big thank you. We can't wait to bring you our 4th annual Bull A Rama in 2023.



Spectators had a great view of all the bull riding action from the hill at the Rylstone Showground.

ANZAC Day

Support for ANZAC Day was strong across the Kandos Rylstone area this year with around 200 people gathering for each of the Dawn Services in Rylstone and Kandos. The interruption due to COVID last year was a strong motivation for people to come together again on this iconic Australian day to remember the sacrifices that armed service personnel and their families made over the years. It was a great relief for onlookers to be able to line the main street of Kandos as the march proceeded from the rotunda to the Community Hall and they clapped as the procession passed, showing their appreciation. The commemoration service was held at 11am in the hall. Kandos Sub-Branch President John Taylor gave the prologue and Pastor Matthew Brooks-Lloyd was the guest speaker. A number of school students also recited some very moving essays they had written for the occasion.



Family members representing their loved ones, scouts and school students joined returned service personnel and sub-branch members for the ANZAC Day march to the Kandos Community Hall.

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Train rolls in

Rylstone and Kandos residents had an opportunity to see another train roll into both stations over the ANZAC Day long weekend. The visit of the 4486 diesel was part of Scott McGregor's Railway Adventures where passengers from Sydney embarked at Rylstone station before being bussed to Mudgee for a weekend escape. The train then headed back to Kandos to await the arrival of passengers for the return trip to Sydney. On ANZAC Day, which was on Monday this year, some of the passengers took the opportunity to attend the Dawn Service and later, the 11am service, while others visited the Kandos Museum. During its visit, the Kandos Railway Station platform was a well-trod path as visitors and locals enjoyed the occasion.

Everyone loves a train. People with cameras were looking for the best shots from every angle at the Kandos station on ANZAC Day.



Way Out Café

Returning to Kandos after two and a half years away, Leanne Wicks has taken on the Way Out Art Space Café in Angus Avenue with the aim of 'supporting local' and being as environmentally responsible as much as possible.

"I'm happy to serve take-away coffee and hot drinks if people bring their own keep-cups but I don't want to add to the waste problem by providing throw-away paper cups. I'd love my customers to sit down by the warm fire and relax while they enjoy their coffee or tea."

Leanne has good coffee sourced from a micro roaster, The Black Crow from Bathurst and a selection of teas including herbals such as peppermint and camomile produced by the local Kandos Quarter Acre. She makes home-made soups in the café, provides a good cup of chai or hot chocolate and a range of protein balls, muffins and cake slices.

Leanne invites people to call in and browse the gift store too. The café is open Thursdays to Sundays from 10am to 3pm. It's an opportunity to check out the latest art works around the gallery. There's a new exhibition every six weeks.



New proprietor, Leanne Wicks invites everyone to call in to the Way Out Café in Kandos for a coffee, tea or a warming cup of home made soup.

Landscape art

Reg Buckland has chronicled the landscape for many years, particularly the Coxs Creek area where he lives. His latest exhibition which he opened on Saturday, May 7 at Gallery Forty Seven, Rylstone "Time on the Tablelands – a Retrospective of Landscapes 1988-2022" captures many of the unfolding scenes of drought, fires and floods and presents a window into the landscape through Reg's eyes. Although some of his paintings relive the stark reality of natural disasters and stir up some disturbing memories, the overall impression is one of hope and optimism. The painting "Don't Give Up" which shows the regrowth of burnt trees is an example of nature winning through regardless. The colours and scenes make this another outstanding contribution to local art. Reg's work is highly prized for its originality, quirkiness, depth of feeling and those wonderful colours.



Reg Buckland with his painting of hope and regeneration for the forest titled "Don't Give Up"

Around the schools

Kandos Public School has a busy few weeks lined up and are well and truly into the swing of Term 2. Two of the items already under their belt include ANZAC Day and the cross country at Henbury Sport and Recreation Club on April 29. Principal Todd Morley thanked School captains, vice-captains and essay competition winners for being great ambassadors for their school. Twenty nice students and three staff members represented Kandos Public School at the ANZAC Day ceremonies.

Rylstone Public School students and staff also attended the ANZAC Day March and Service. School Principal Jodie Burcher thanked those families who attended. School captains read beautifully at the Rylstone Dawn Service. The school's P&C Annual General Meeting was held earlier in the year. Some

positions were left unfilled, however a number of parents put up their hands to join the general committee. Special thanks was given to Sandra Stroud, the outgoing president, for her commitment over the last few years.

Kandos High School farewelled their school councillor of five years, Emma Campbell recently. She has taken a position at the University of Queensland and will be much missed. Miss Campbell supported students across the school community and was involved in many community activities including the Twin Town Players and Cementa. In sport, well done to students who have attended trials for selection in Western Region Representative Teams. Congratulations to Jess Reynolds and Halli O'Brien for their selection in the Open Girls Squash Team and Teegan Reynolds who made the Under 15s Girls Squash Team. After travelling to Blayney and then to Peak Hill for the second trial, Ryan Mackander has also successfully made the Under 15s Rugby League Team.

Lue Public School students in years 3 to 6 travelled to Crookwell for an agricultural camping experience on May 11. Despite constant rain, they had a fabulous time joining in sheep shearing, listening to Aboriginal stories and contributing to an artwork with Aboriginal elders from Goulburn AECG. They also learnt about lunar planting and joined in a walk discussing the importance of native pastures to future farming. Students and staff camped in yurts and experienced a real campfire dinner with freshly baked damper.



Lue students checking out the fleeces during their agricultural camping experience.



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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, Rylstone 6.30 for 7pm.	1 R/K VRA Rescue Squad meeting at 7pm. *RKB&T meeting at 6pm.	2 Scrabble on 1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Thurs. 10am at Rylstone Club. *Ladies Tennis, 9am Thurs. at Henbury	3 Rylstone CWA meets at 10am. *Cudgegong Valley History Group, 11am to 3pm at Henbury Sport & Rec. Club	4 The Kandos Museum is open Wednesdays to Sundays, 10am to 4pm Trash and Treasure Fair
5 One Life Family Church services, 10am 1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Sundays at the cnr. of Noyes and Dunn Streets, Kandos.	6 Pilates classes, 6pm Mondays at St James Hall Rylstone..	7 Rylstone Rural Fire Brigade meets 1st Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm - training on 3 rd Tuesdays.	8 Kandos RSL Sub Branch meeting. *Pop in Playgroup 10am to 12noon Wednesdays.	9 Kandos CP&SA meets 2pm on the second Thursday of each month at the Kandos RSC Club.	10 Ryl. Hosp. Aux. Meetings 2 nd Friday of each month at 10am.	11 Rylstone Markets Rylstone CWA Rooms open for food Bush Dance in Kandos
12 Uniting Church holds services at Rylstone at 9.30am every Sunday.	13	14 Dance to be Fit 4.45pm Tuesdays at St James Hall Rylstone.	15 Venturers meet at 5pm Wednesdays at the Kandos Scout Hall.	16 The Ukulele Group meet at 4.30pm Thursdays at Kandos CWA Rooms.	17 Storytime for kids, 10am to 11am Fridays at Kandos Library.	18 The next Kandos Markets are in September
19 Anglican Church services at St Laurence, Kandos at 9am and at St James Rylstone at 10.30am.	20	21 The Wollemi Singers meet at 6pm Tuesdays at Kandos CWA Rooms. *For kids, at St James Hall, Tuesdays from 10am to 11.30am.	22 The Craft Group meets at 10am each Wed. at the VRA shed, Rylstone.	23 Rylstone CP&SA 11am at Ryl. Club on the 4 th Thursday of month. * Twin Town Players 6pm on 4th Thursday of month at VRA Shed, Rylstone.	24	25
26 Rylstone-Kandos Street Machine Club meeting at 2pm on last Sunday of each month.	27	28 Walking group Tuesdays and Thursdays. Meet at Rylstone Showground Thursdays at 9am.	29 KRR Radio meets 5.30pm on last Wed. of month at 50 Angus Ave Kandos. *Kandos CWA, 5pm on last Wed. of month	30 Walking group meet at Rylstone Showground Thursdays at 9am.		KRR Broadcasting on 98.7FM

August 12-15...WW2 Exhibition at Bathurst, November 5...Rylstone StreetFeast.

Rylstone Markets

The next Rylstone Markets are on Saturday, May 14 in the grounds of the Memorial Hall in Louee Street from 9am until 1pm. Full COVID vaccination is required. 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.

Bush Dance

A reminder to get your tickets for the Bush Dance at the Kandos Community Centre on Saturday, June 11 of the long weekend. It'll be a great night of live music, bush dancing, a bonfire, BBQ and a bar. Tickets are only available online and you need to get them soon at www.eventbrite.com.au. They're \$75, or concession \$50 and family \$200. The event is kids friendly.

Trash and Treasure Fair

Rylstone & District Historical Society invites you to attend a Trash and Treasure Fair on Saturday, June 4 starting at 9am in the grounds of the Cottage Museum and Bridge View Inn. Come and grab a treasure and enjoy morning tea or a sausage sizzle. To book a stall site or for further information, email rylstonehistory@westnet.com.au and provide your name and phone number, or leave details by phone on 6379 1840, or call into the museum any Sunday between 10.30am and 2.30pm. The cost is \$30 for a 3m x 3m site plus \$5 for those without insurance.

Working with Wattle

The North East Wiradjuri Co presents a Cultural event, 'Working with Wattle' on Saturday and Sunday, June 18 and 19. The workshop is available to residents and landowners through the ARROW project. Join North East Wiradjuri Co Aunty Di Pirotta and Renee Gay Ford in this two-day immersive workshop, where you will be shown traditional skills and practices working with wattle. You will identify and collect suitable materials from Country, and practice techniques to work it. The workshops will be held from 10am to 4pm each day at Kelgoola with details on venue provide on registration. For registrations, contact Heike Schütze on 0413 349 178 or email at hschutz1@gmail.com. Please RSVP by Saturday, June 10.

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Riverside grants

One-off grants of between \$5000 and \$20,000 are available to landholders along the Cudgegong River and its upper tributaries to undertake rehabilitation activities on private property. Landholders and community groups are eligible for projects including revegetation, waterway clean up, weed and pest control, exclusion fencing, and installation of erosion control structures. Council's Environmental Coordinator, Cassie Liney said landholders who are willing to provide in-kind assistance (site preparation, slashing and/or ripping, fence installation, planting and watering) and a commitment to ongoing maintenance will be highly regarded. Applications open on 2 May via Council's website (midwestern.nsw.gov.au) and close 5 June. Properties must be located within the Mid-Western Regional Council Local Government Area. This program has been funded by the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment Murray-Darling Healthy Rivers Program.

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