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Welcome to the June issue of Community Capers, volume 325. Our July issue will be distributed on July 1. The deadline for this issue is Friday, June 19. 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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ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day has been commemorated across our region with an increase in numbers of those attending marches and services. Dawn Services were well attended locally with a large turnout in Rylstone at the 6am service and another large gathering at the 6.30am service in Kandos. Breakfast was provided in both towns following these early morning services thanks to the support of the Rotary Club of Rylstone and Kandos. It was an opportunity for people to gather together afterwards over a shared meal and catch-up with visiting family members and friends. Local Community Radio Station KRR 98.7 FM broadcast the Kandos Dawn Service again this year and this was much appreciated by those who couldn't attend in person. The march from the rotunda to the Community Hall along Angus Avenue in Kandos for the 11am Commemoration Service was another ANZAC Day highlight. It provided an opportunity for community members to show their support by lining the street and applauding former service personnel, family members, scouts, fire brigade members and school students as they passed by.



Proudly leading the way. Flag bearers headed up a large assembly of former service personnel and family members followed by many local groups and organisations.

During the Commemoration Service, school students were again involved and Kandos RSL Sub Branch President John Taylor said it was very pleasing to see the strong support from students again.

"We are all very grateful that students have become so strongly involved and supportive of this day. It means a lot to us all." he said.



Tahnje and Tomi kept the marchers in step. They are from Medlow Bath/Kandos and this is the third year they have led the march. Everyone really appreciated having them out front keeping the beat again.



Rylstone Kandos Rescue Squad members were on hand in their vehicles at both the front and rear of the march. They have provided regular support for many years.

Skate park mural



A splash of colour. The mural at Kandos Skate Park taking shape through the creative hands of young participants during Youth Week. Call in to see the colourful results of the mural workshop.

As part of Youth Week, young people from Kandos and Mudgee came together at Kandos Skate Park for a creative mural workshop that has left a lasting mark. Guided by local artist Jessica Ann Leffley, participants worked collaboratively to paint a vibrant mural inspired by local wildlife and Country. Featuring sleepy koalas, goannas and hollow-bearing trees, the artwork brings colour, character and a strong sense of place to the park. The day was relaxed and energetic, with music, lunch and plenty of creativity flowing under clear autumn skies. More than just a painting activity, the workshop created an opportunity for young people to connect, express themselves and contribute something meaningful to their community. Delivered by Mid-Western Regional Council in partnership with Watershed Landcare, the project highlights the power of collaboration in creating vibrant, youth-led spaces.

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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.

Ferntree Gully winner

Around 30 or more people battled it out for the perpetual Ted Daniels Trophy at the Ferntree Gully Bush Croquet Tournament on Sunday, May 3. The annual fundraiser is held by the Ferntree Gully Trust to raise funds for important infrastructure such as roadworks, signage and general maintenance. Participants enjoyed fabulous weather at the northern end of the Ferntree Gully Reserve under the canopy of white box trees and alongside the amazing escarpment that overlooks the Bylong Valley. It was a perfect autumn day with plenty of sunshine and a warm breeze. Defending his title from last year, Eric Williams got home again by one shot in a tight finish. In presenting the trophy, trust member Mal Stokes congratulated Eric who will now have his name engraved consecutively. Mal thanked everyone who came along to support the reserve and also the sponsors who supported the land management team



Eric Williams holding the perpetual trophy that will have his name engraved on it, and trust member Mal Stokes with a smaller trophy that Eric will keep. The land management team desperately needs more members. If you can help and would like to be a member of the trust, please call Mal or Marilyn Stokes on 0490 428 427.



The seven finalists ready to battle it out for the Ted Daniels Trophy.

Men's Shed Markets

Members of the Kandos Rylstone Men's Shed organised a special market day on ANZAC Day. It was located around the shed's precincts and included a variety of market stalls for people to browse and buy. In the shed itself there were all kinds of interesting items for sale, some made by members and others such as a self-propelled lawn mower and a battery powered wheel chair that had been donated, repaired, renovated and ready to go. The Men's Shed fundraiser included a sausage sizzle that was very much enjoyed by visitors.



Serving up a treat. Men's Shed members manning the barbecue at their ANZAC Day markets.



Diana Rutter displaying a splash of colour at her market stall. The selection and quality of her handmade items is truly astonishing. Diana, from Keiana Lodge Alpacas - Running Stream, runs 250 Alpacas and besides working her large property with husband Keith, felts, spins, knits and creates an assortment of items for sale in the evenings. Her collection is a treasure trove of creativity.



Sisters Judy and Delma have been regular market goers in Kandos for many years. They create wonderful items by crocheting lovely patterns onto face or hand washers, small towels that can be hung in the kitchen, colourful place mats and many other articles.

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Updated fire prone land

Mid-Western Regional Council advises that the updated Bush Fire Prone Land Map for the Mid-Western Region is now in effect, following certification by the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) Commissioner. Under NSW legislation, all councils are required to map bush fire prone land in accordance with the NSW Rural Fire Service Guide for Bush Fire Prone Land Mapping. A key change in the revised mapping is the introduction of Vegetation Category 3, a classification that identifies unmanaged grasslands and pastures as bush fire prone land. The updated map, certified on 13 April 2026, will now be applied to the assessment of all relevant Development Applications, Complying Development Certificates and Planning Proposals including those lodged but not yet determined. This ensures appropriate bush fire protection measures are considered across the region. Residents and developers are encouraged to review the updated mapping via the RFS website or contact Council for further information.

Rescue Squad

The Rylstone Kandos Rescue Squad have given nearly 50 years of service to the local community, surrounding district and NSW. They are currently looking for local people who are interested in joining the squad so they can remain a viable and effective organisation. If you are interested in training with the squad, there are a number of options including Motor Vehicle Accidents, Inland Waterways/Swift Water, General Land Search and Rescue for Missing Persons, Training and Administration and Vertical/Working at Heights. Training is on Wednesday evenings from 7pm and meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at their Squad Headquarters, 29 Cox Street Rylstone

Care and Transport

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Charity Shop celebrates

Community Charity Shop volunteers are celebrating the final payment of their loan. This milestone has been a long time coming and has taken hard work and tenacity by volunteers at the shop along with strong support by community members across the region. They now own the building, or as Colleen Yates from the shop said, "The community now owns the building."

In an interview on local community radio station KRR 98.7 FM, Colleen paid tribute to Mid-Western Regional Council who gave them a large donation to enable them take out the loan. She also acknowledged the fantastic support from everyone who donated their refundable cans. Since they started collecting them for their building fund they have cashed in \$60,454 to the end of April.

"I know this sounds incredible. It's hard to believe we raised this amount from donated cans. I'd like to thank all those who took the time and made the effort to drop their cans off to us. It's been fantastic." Colleen said they will still collect cans to cover their costs such as power, rates and other expenses

Since the shop started in 2013 they have donated over one million dollars to the community. Another incredible outcome and worth celebrating along with their loan repayment. And that's exactly what they will be doing. They invite you to "Come and party with us at the shop on Sunday, May 31 from 10am to 2pm. Let's celebrate our 13th birthday, our building paid in full and over a million dollars donated back to the community.



There'll be a BBQ, free drinks and cakes and live music."

Volunteers Gail, Val and Colleen invite everyone to come and celebrate on May 31.

Farmer's Market

A new Farmer's Market has begun in Rylstone. It replaces the Third Sunday Markets at the Globe Hotel beer garden and offers shoppers a range of locally and regionally grown produce. The first one got underway on Sunday, April 19 and attracted a large crowd who were curious about what was on offer. There were a variety of stalls including a supplier from Botobolar near Mudgee selling fresh goat meat, including home-made sausages, a fresh fruit and vegetable stall courtesy of Mario from Martelli Orchards Orange, with a range of produce grown at their farm, and fresh eggs from Eaglestone Farm, Rylstone with pasture raised free-range eggs. Along with olive oil, honey, preserves and a range of deserts and sweets it was a good start and organisers are hoping the markets will get bigger and better every month. If you'd like to hold a stall, send an email to markets@theglobehotel.com.au



Kate Taylor with her free-range eggs. She encourages potential stall holders to 'get on board'.

Church concerns

A public meeting was held on Sunday May 17 to discuss recent changes to the front of the town's historic Church of St Malachy in Louee Street, Rylstone. The erection of a disabilities ramp had resulted in a number of residents expressing their concern at the changes. The meeting was called by the Vicar General Father Paul Devitt to address the parish's concern and those of the general public regarding the 150 year old heritage church.

Celebrations are currently being planned for St Malachy's 150th Sesquicentenary on December 5-6 this year. Sydney author Francis Harvey, now living in Rylstone, is writing a book about the Church of St Malachy, hopefully to coincide with the celebrations. He had been planning to produce a photo of the beautiful church on the front cover of his book.

"In my opinion they have destroyed the heritage nature of the church. This is a church with 150 years of history, and one of the really beautiful buildings in Rylstone. It's disappointing," he said.

The additions were done with the permission of the heritage branch of Mid-western Regional Council.



Practical solution or desecration? The recent edition of a disabilities ramp at St Malachy Church in Rylstone has caused some concern in the community.

Rotary helps establish a Playgroup

The Rotary Club of Rylstone Kandos through a Rotary Club Grant was able to purchase resources to the value of \$5000 to assist Kandos Public School establish a Playgroup which is run and staffed by the school. It operates on Mondays from 9.30am to 10.30am during school terms. The playgroup is open to everyone who has a preschool child in our district. The parent/carer must stay with their child for the session. This initiative is a valuable additional resource for our community families.



A warm supportive atmosphere for these two parents and their young ones at Playgroup.

Precinct's exhibitions

Mudgee Arts Precinct is currently hosting two significant exhibitions bringing together the work of one of Australia's most important early modern painters and one of its most recognisable contemporary artists. The exhibitions by Clarice Beckett: Paintings from the National Collection and Up the Golden Highway by Chris O'Doherty (Reg Mombassa) offer visitors a unique opportunity to experience two distinct perspectives on the Australian landscape. Clarice Beckett's exhibition presents an intimate and rarely seen group of works by one of the most original artists of early twentieth century Australia. Known for her sensitivity to colour, light and atmosphere, she captured the quiet beauty of everyday life in coastal south-east Naarm/Melbourne. In contrast, Reg Mombassa's bold and unmistakable work explores landscapes around Mudgee and Cassilis. Known for his work with the iconic Mambo label and as a musician with Mental As Anything and Dog Trumpet, Mombassa blends cartoon-like imagery, suburban Australian themes and surreal humour. Both exhibitions are on display at Mudgee Arts Precinct until July 19. The Precinct is open seven days a week from 9am to 5pm. Entry is free.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
The Cottage Museum, Rylstone is open every Sunday from 10am to 3pm.	1 Ilford-Running Stream CWA meets 10am, 1st Monday of each month at the Ilford Hall.I.	2 Rylstone Rural Fire Brigade meets 1st Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm - training on 3rd Tuesdays	3 R/K VRA Rescue Squad meeting 7pm.	4 Scrabble on 1st, 3rd and 5th Thurs. 10am at Rylstone Club. *RRCA Comm. Open Space 1st Thurs. Cox Creek Rd.	5 Rylstone CWA meets at 10am 1st Friday. *Cudgegong Valley History Group, 11am to 3pm at Henbury Sport & Rec. Club 1st Fri.	6 The Kandos Museum is open Wednesdays to Sundays, 10am to 4pm.
7 Uniting Church services at Rylstone 9.30am every Sunday. *Running Stream Christian Fellowship 10.30am at old Schoolhouse Sundays	8 Scouts and Cubs meet at 4.30pm on Mondays at Kandos Scout Hall.	9 Clandulla RFS 7.30 pm 1st Tues. of the month at Clan. Fire Shed. Training on the following Sunday at 9am.	10 Kandos RSL Sub Branch meeting.	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.	13 Rylstone Markets Movie 'Thelma' Rylstone Hall 5.30pm snack bar, 6pm movie
14 Anglican Church services at St Laurence, Kandos, 10am on 2nd and 4th Sun. and St James Ryl, 10am on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sun. *Make and Mend 2pm at Kandos CWA Rooms.	15	16 Rotary meets Tues at the Rescue Squad Shed, Ryl. 6.30 for 7pm.	17 The Craft Group, 10am each Wed. at the Rescue Squad shed, Rylstone.	18 Rylstone Ramblers Heart Foundation walking group at Rylstone Showground Thursdays 8.30am.	19 Youth Alive St James Rylstone, 6.30pm Fridays during school term.	20 The next Kandos Markets are in September Echoes of Winter Concert
21 One Life Family Church services, 10am 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays at the cnr. of Noyes and Dunn St, Kandos. *Farmers Markets at the Globe 10am. *Alive@5 at St James Ryl 3rd Sun. *Boot Sale Mudgee Railway Station 8am.	22	23 The Wollemi Singers, 6pm Tuesdays during school term at St Dominic's Hall Kandos. *Walking group Tuesdays and Thursdays	24 Kandos CWA meeting, 6pm on last Wed. of month.	25 Ladies Tennis, 9am Thursdays at Henbury Sport & Rec. Club Kandos. Last Thursday Writing Club 10.30am at the Cements Café, WAYOUT Art Space.	26 Storytime for kids, 10am to 11am Fridays at Kandos Library.	27 Kandos Crop and Swap, 10am at White Crescent Park. The Common Loop Social Run Club 8am at entrance to Ryl. Showground.
28 Rylstone-Kandos Street Machine Club meeting on last Sunday of month at 11am. *Glen Alice Church Service at 9.30am	29	30 Dance to be fit, 4.45pm Tues. at St James Hall. Rylstone.				KRR Broadcasting on 98.7FM

August 1...NRL Penrith Panthers Vs Canberra Raiders, Glen Willow - Mudgee, August 29-30 Rylstone Classic Mini's, September 17 – 20... Cementa Festival, November 7...Rylstone StreetFeast, December 5-6... St Malachy Sesquicentenary Celebrations.

NRL tickets

Tickets for the Round 22 NRL Telstra Premiership clash between the Penrith Panthers and Canberra Raiders in Mudgee are now on sale at 123tix.com.au. The two NRL heavyweights will go head-to-head on Saturday, August 1 kicking off at 5.30pm at the newly named Club Mudgee Stadium within the Glen Willow Regional Sporting Complex. More details, including match day info and transport is available on Mid-Western Regional Council's website.

Echoes of Winter Concert

Following the success of their "Colours of Autumn" and Christmas Concerts in 2025, the Wollemi Singers are pleased to present their "Echoes of Winter" Concert on Saturday, June 20 at 2.30pm, in the Kandos Community Hall. Guests include the Cudgegong Choir and The Mudgee Flutes. Afternoon tea is provided. Come and support your local choir and enjoy some beautiful harmonies to warm the heart. Entry is free, however donations to the Community Charity Shop will be gladly accepted. For more information, phone Virginia Handmer on 0460 432 964.

Rylstone Farmers Market

The Rylstone Farmers Market is held every third Sunday of each month in the grounds of the Globe Hotel. It's a community based event and stall holders are welcome by contacting markets@theglobehotel.com.au. Come along on June 21 for an enjoyable morning that features fresh seasonal produce, local growers, handmade goods, and delicious local treats. It's a great chance to support regional producers, meet the makers, and enjoy a relaxed country-style market atmosphere.

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Rylstone Markets

The next Rylstone Markets are on Saturday, June 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. If you'd like to join the association, phone Julie on 0458 129 704 or email julzhorn2@gmail.com

Winter Solstice Dinner

The Rylstone Region Community Association's annual Winter Solstice dinner will be held at the RRCA Community Centre, 1164b Cocks Creek Road on Saturday, June 20. It's a Greek Feast with a delicious menu selection and it'll be a great opportunity to meet or catch up with locals. Tickets are \$50 which includes a glass of wine or bubbly on arrival and raffle entry. There'll be a limited wine bar or soft drinks available, or BYO. The hall is now heated for a comfortable and enjoyable evening. It gets underway at 6pm, RSVP by June 15. Contact rrca.enquiries@gmail.com or check out their Facebook site.

Sculptures in the Garden

Sculptures in the Garden is back and this year Rosby Wines and Gallery present the sculptural and two-dimensional practices of Ian Dodd and Rachel Carroll, offering a thoughtful dialogue between abstraction, material, and the lived experience of landscape. Working primarily in stone and wood, Ian Dodd creates tactile, abstract forms that resist fixed interpretation. Rachel Carroll's expressive paintings are deeply informed by place and environmental awareness. The exhibition is at the cellar door and gallery 122 Strikes Lane, Eurunderee and will be open from 10am to 4pm Thursday to Monday until the end of June.

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Open Mic

Open Mic is on at the Kandos Returned Services Community Club on Saturday, June 20 from 5pm. Bring your voice and a musical instrument or just enjoy the entertainment. The club presents Sideshow Annie – a super fun band on Saturday, July 4 at 7pm and admission is free. Bingo every Thursday at 6.30pm and every Sunday at 4.30pm.

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