



Welcome to the March issue of *Community Capers*, volume 245. Our April issue will be distributed on Thursday, March 28. The deadline for this issue is Tuesday, March 12. News items, events, dates for the calendar etc. are inserted free. Email them to the editor, Brent Barlow at [brenbar@winsoft.net.au](mailto:brenbar@winsoft.net.au) or phone Brent on 6379 1020. For details and prices on advertising, sponsorship etc., contact Brian Neaves on 6379 4092.

## Cementa receives a boost

Cementa, the biennial four-day Australian contemporary arts festival in Kandos which brings together artists from urban and regional areas, has been boosted by the investment of \$125,000 from the NSW Government. Member for Bathurst Paul Toole and Minister for the Arts Don Harwin announced the grant recently and said the funding will help the Cementa festival in Kandos improve its offering, contribute to local employment and just as importantly, increase the number of opportunities for audiences to access and enjoy arts and culture locally. The festival will be held from November 21 to 24 this year and will bring together more than 60 artists from urban and regional destinations who exhibit video, installation, sound, performance,

2D and 3D artworks at venues across Kandos and its surrounds. Paul Toole said he was delighted that Cementa will share in this support to help deliver another exciting 2019 program of activity.

"This support from the NSW Government is crucial and I know that getting behind Cementa will be greatly received not only by the local Kandos community, but also by visitors to the area," Mr Toole said.

Venues will include shopfronts, vacant lots, the scout hall, local museum, community centre, golf course, people's yards, rural properties and public parks. The works address the identity, history and current social, environmental and economic context of the town and its region.



Bathurst MP Paul Toole with Cementa co-ordinator Alex Wisser, delivering the good news of State Government support for the event to the tune of \$125,000.

## KRR celebrates

Kandos Rylstone Community Radio KRR 98.7 FM opened its doors to the community on Saturday, February 2 in celebration of 25 years since the station began in January 1994. The open day and free barbecue was well attended by members of the community who called in throughout the morning. Many of them took the opportunity to inspect the station and chat with KRR members. One very kind Kandos resident dropped in a couple of dozen hot scones to show her appreciation of the local station. She received a couple of sausage sandwiches in return.

It was a delightful surprise for those lucky enough to sample the delicious scones, and a typical example of the sort of community support the station has received over the years. President Brent Barlow said it was very gratifying for members to have a good turnout during the morning and to receive such great support from the local community.

"Thanks for coming everyone. I hope we inspired a few of you to think about becoming members. KRR's door is always open for new members, young and old. Experience is not necessary as free training is provided. Why not join our team of volunteers and put your show on the air waves. Check out our website at [krrfm.org.au](http://krrfm.org.au) for information and a membership form or call into the studio at 50 Angus Ave Kandos to pick one up. You can phone us on 6379 4360."



Long time member and presenter, Faith Cauchi in the main studio of KRR 98.7 FM during the celebration.



KRR President Brent Barlow (centre) and Vice-President Brian Neaves (right) looked after the barbecue during the morning. Dave Yates (left) who now lives in Miriam Vale, QLD was a former member of the station and was pleased that his visit to see family in Kandos coincided with KRR's celebration



Community members joined KRR members for a barbecue to help celebrate 25 years since the station began

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## Kandos Public School

Kandos Public School elected their school captains at the end of last year. They are Willow Connellan and Cody Weekes with vice captains, Zachary Sack and Alex Grimshaw. Congratulations to them and good luck for 2019. House captains are: Coomber - Shonna Bell and Rebrenna Siskovic, Lloyd - Bailey Kuchta and Ella McKinnon and Dabee - Dakota Smith and Amy Sams.

On December 12 last year, a special Farewell Dinner with families and staff members was held for Year 6 students at the Kandos Returned Services Community Club, then on Wednesday December 19 graduating students were farewelled from Kandos Public School with best wishes for their future education at Kandos High School. Year 6 student, Kirilee Besant was recognised for her academic achievements at Presentation Day and received the award of DUX student of Kandos Public School for 2018. Congratulations Kirilee.



Kandos Public School Captains Willow Connellan and Cody Weekes and Vice Captains, Zachary Sack and Alex Grimshaw.

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## Hot action

The 20th Kandos Street Machine and Hot Rod Show had plenty of hot action in more ways than one over the Australia Day weekend. Temperatures soared during a heat wave that engulfed the district adding a bit of spice to the action, but also contributing to smaller crowds than usual and gate takings a bit down. Entrants were up though and competitors were keen as mustard with some excellent vehicles on display. All those who braved the heat were rewarded with a fabulous line up and some great action. President Jack Pennell said it was really good to see 219 entries this year, and some top vehicles amongst them.

"There were some really nice vehicles there this year, even amongst the burnout competitors. It was a credit to the owners and although gate takings were down, we still had a good show and certainly made enough to stage next year's event. Full marks to the crowd too who were very well behaved and had a good time."



The burnouts were popular as always and entrants displayed some very nice vehicles this year.

## CWA talks

Rylstone CWA have a talk every month, either social history, the animals they may be studying, (this year it's the koala), plants, weeds, or their country of study (New Guinea this year). As part of their meeting in February, Carolyn Norris brought in a picnic 'box' from about the 1920's or 30's. The picnic set is complete with two of everything, including small china canisters and a portable kettle and burner to heat the water. The utensils are all English with bone handles, and the plates, cups and saucers are English China. Members spent some time admiring her picnic set and wondering what it would have been like in that era out in the country picnicking. A lot different today, and probably not quite as refined.

Whether you're new to town or have been here for some time, please don't hesitate to call in on the first Friday of the month. The meeting starts at 10am in the CWA rooms at 20 Cudgegong Street Rylstone, near the showground. Come along, meet some new people or reacquaint yourselves with people you haven't seen for some time. Visitors are always welcome. They don't only make scones and cook. There's a lot more to the CWA.

## Rylstone Public School

The end of 2018 was a busy time for Rylstone Public School and one of the highlights was their Presentation and Performance Night.

Lots of awards were presented and Year 6 students were presented with their graduation certificates. School captains and prefects were also sworn in.

They are: School Captains - Hilary Guilfoyle and Jarvis McCouat, and Prefects - Teegan Reynolds and Charlie Mackenzie. Congratulations and best wishes for 2019.

As always, the children's performance was a fabulous and entertaining spectacle. Costumes and dance were so colourful and brought the house down. Well done, students, staff, parents and helpers for such a great effort.



Rylstone Public School Captains Hilary Guilfoyle and Jarvis McCouat and Prefects Teegan Reynolds and Charlie Mackenzie



Jumping for joy during their colourful school performance.

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## Sculptures in Huon Pine

Sydney sculptor Keith Chidzey's art exhibition 'Wing It' which opened at Gallery 47 Rylstone on February 2 was all about birds – birds of prey in fact. Those lucky enough to see this exhibition, which remained open until February 25, viewed a special selection of fine work in that beautiful timber, Huon Pine. In the words of Keith, "As part of my ongoing exploration of the beauty and wonder of nature, this body of work touches an area which has been in the corner of my mind for many years – the love of birds of prey."

Keith Chidzey has an enviable reputation. Many will remember him from his work during the Wood Sculpture Symposium at Rylstone. He has a curriculum vitae longer than the wingspan of the largest bird of prey, including 3rd place at the XI Florence Biennale, Italy, Outback Art Prize, Broken Hill Regional Art Gallery, Broken Hill, and was the winner of Art & Australia Prize, COFA Annual 07 Awards, Sydney.

His birds, sitting and looking or taking flight from the walls of the Rylstone gallery, were created from Huon Pine. This tree only grows in the wilds of South West Tasmania. It's not actually a pine and is the only member of its family. Huon Pine is a unique tree which grows extremely slowly, averaging just 1 millimetre in girth per year. It grows to be thousands of years old – some starting life BC. It turned



out to be the best boat building timber in the world and was exploited heavily in the early days. The supply of Huon Pine is now very tightly restricted and it will remain one of the premium rare timbers in the world today. Keith's use of this timber gives everyone a chance to see how beautifully it can be worked and what a joy it brings to the viewer.

Left: Fellow sculptor Rhonda Castle and husband Stephen visited Rylstone to view Keith Chidzey's fabulous exhibition.



Keith Chidzey with one of his fine Huon Pine pieces at Gallery 47 during the opening of his exhibition 'Wing It'.

## Discovery Days

Year 12 Kandos High School students travelled to Wollongong on Monday and Tuesday, February 4 and 5 to participate in Wollongong University's Discovery Days program. The students stayed at UOW Kooloobong Village and got to experience university life first hand.

They participated in various activities aimed at helping broaden their future career opportunities and had a great time while learning.

A big thanks to Craig Parsons for volunteering to drive the students. It was much appreciated.



Kandos High School students discovering beautiful Wollongong during their Discovery Days program at the local university.

## Australia Day Awards

The 2019 Australia Day Award winners were officially recognised at the region's Australia Day Celebrations at Anzac Park Gulgong. Australia Day Ambassador and Paralympic Gold Medallist David Hall was welcomed to the region by hundreds of residents who joined in the celebrations. Australia Day Awards were presented in seven categories to residents who have made a significant contribution to our community. Glenn Box was named Citizen of the Year for his contribution to local fundraising including Can Cruise and the 200 Bales initiatives. The following Australia Day Awards were presented to residents who have made a significant contribution to our community: Citizen of the Year - Glenn Box, Young Citizen of the Year - Tayla Young, Community Event of the Year - Cudgong Cruisers - Can Cruise, Glen Johnstone Memorial Award (Music & Arts) - Katherine Wilson, Sports Award - Lincoln Huia, Volunteer Services Award - Kevin and Jan Robson, Wall of Reflections - Cameron Cox and Les Cook. The day was also a celebration for seven Mid-Western Region residents who officially received their Australian Citizenship.



2018 Citizen of the Year Carolyn Peek with 2019 Citizen of the Year Glenn Box, Ambassador David Hall, Member for Dubbo Troy Grant and Mayor Des Kennedy at the Gulgong ceremony.

## Enviro AGM

The Rylstone District Environment Society held its AGM on Sunday, February 3. There was a good turnout and elections for the coming year were held. Officer Bearers and committee members are as follows:

President - Buzz Sanderson, Vice President - Diana Rawlinson, Secretary - Carolyn Barlow, Treasurer - Cathy Bray. Committee members: Jenny More and Emma Jacklin. Public Officer and Revegetation Officer - Carolyn Barlow. Past office bearers were thanked for their efforts. Special thanks go to John Medcalf who is stepping down after a number of years as Treasurer.

## Keep our sign please

A recent letter to the editor concerning a road sign on the northern end of the Rylstone Bridge over the Cudgong River has raised an intriguing idea and also a concern. The sign is that marvellous homage to our four legged equine friend, and it says: "HORSES HAVE RIGHT OF WAY ON BRIDGE". The correspondent writes:

"That sign has been there for at least a couple of decades. And I reckon it has become a powerful cultural icon that depicts Rylstone as a civilised, friendly community – one that takes no notice of the road rage fad. In view that in the near future a pedestrian bridge will be built, I believe the best thing would be to have the sign restored and installed again where it has been for such a long time."

There's no doubt that the sign has faded a bit over the years. It includes a particularly good depiction of a horse and rider and it is unique. I'm sure there aren't many like it in Australia. In asking around, the editor discovered that one family actually bought a home and moved to the area because they thought that any town that had a sign like that must be alright. So there's one for the powers that be. Please keep our sign. It's a beauty.

A plea to keep our unique sign. It says a lot about our town and a way of life that was a bit slower and maybe a bit gentler. It somehow makes people feel good when they see it.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
<b>31</b> The Cottage Museum, Rylstone is open every Sunday from 10am to 3pm.	Pilates classes, 6pm Mondays at St James Hall Rylstone.	Rotary meets every Tuesday at the Rylstone Club, 6.30 for 7pm. *Dance to be fit, 5.45pm every Tues. at St James Hall Rylstone	Pop in Playgroup 10am to 12noon each Wednesday	Yoga with Laura every Thursday at 6.15pm, \$15pp at Stone Strength Gym.	<b>1</b> Rylstone CWA meet at 10am *Cudgegong Valley History Group, 11am to 3pm at Henbury Sport & Rec.	<b>2</b> The Kandos Museum is open Wednesdays to Sundays, 10am to 4pm.
<b>3</b> One Life Family Church services, 10am every 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday at the corner of Noyes and Dunn Streets, Kandos.	<b>4</b> Scouts and Cubs meet at 4.30pm on Mondays at Kandos Scout Hall.	<b>5</b> Rylstone Rural Fire Brigade meets first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm - training nights on 3rd Tuesdays.	<b>6</b> R/K VRA Rescue Squad meeting at 7.30pm. *RKB&T meeting at 6pm.	<b>7</b> Scrabble on 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday of each month, 10am to 1pm at the Rylstone Club.	<b>8</b> Ryl Hosp Aux Meetings 2nd Friday of each month at 10am.	<b>9</b> Rylstone Markets
<b>10</b> Kandos Christian Fellowship 10.30am on 2nd and 4th Sunday at Scout Hall, Kandos.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> The Kandos Art Group, Tuesdays at the CWA rooms in Kandos from 11am - 2pm.	<b>13</b> Kandos RSL Sub Branch meeting.	<b>14</b> Kandos CPSA meet at 2pm on the second Thursday of each month, at the Kandos RSC Club.	<b>15</b> Storytime for kids, 10am to 11am Fridays at Kandos Library.	<b>16</b> Kandos Markets
<b>17</b> 3rd Sunday of the month markets at the Globe Hotel.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Venturers on Tuesdays at 5pm.	<b>20</b> The Craft Group meets at 10am each Wednesday at the VRA shed, Rylstone.	<b>21</b> Ladies Tennis, 9am Thursdays at Henbury Sport & Rec. Club. Rylstone	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> KR Singers, 2.30pm to 4.30pm Saturdays at One Life Church Kandos.
<b>24</b> Uniting Church holds services at Rylstone at 9.30am every Sunday. *Rylstone-Kandos Street Machine Club meeting at 2pm on last Sunday of each month.	<b>25</b> <b>KRR</b> <b>Broadcasting</b> on <b>98.7FM</b>	<b>26</b> Twin Town Players meet at 6pm on 4th Tues. of each month at VRA Shed Rylstone.	<b>27</b> KRR Radio meet 5.30pm on last Wed. of month at KRR studios 50 Angus Ave. Kandos. *Kandos CWA meet 5pm on last Wed. of each month.	<b>28</b> CPSA meet at 11am at the Globe Hotel, Ryl- stone on 4th Thursday of each month.	<b>29</b> Join the Ukulele Group, 4.15pm for a 4.30pm start on Fridays at the Kandos CWA Rooms.	<b>30</b> Rylstone Club's Charity Day

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### Rylstone Markets

Rylstone Markets are on Saturday, March 9 in the grounds of the Memorial Hall in Louee Street from 9am until 1pm. Come and browse the extensive range of quality products on offer. The association is always looking for more stallholders so if you would like to come along, 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.

### Pilates classes

Pilates classes are on again at St James Anglican Church Hall, Rylstone on Mondays from 6pm to 7pm. It's Suitable for all ages. Arrive 10 minutes early and bring a Yoga Mat. For further information, contact Alison Barnes at glendavishotel@gmail.com or by phone on 6379 7372.

### Cudgegong Valley History Group

The Cudgegong Valley History Group meets on the first Friday of each month at Henbury Sport and Recreation Club from 11am to 3pm. At each meeting there are two spare laptops with Ancestry.com for people to use. Researchers are on hand to assist with worldwide research and photo book creation using Macs, PCs and Linux systems. There is no charge for attendees. All welcome. Further enquiries to Fiona at 0478 669 706.

### Kandos Museum

Are you interested in local history, tourism and meeting new people? Kandos Museum is looking for volunteers to welcome people to the museum and assist with daily operation and development. Join the team at Kandos Museum and you will develop new skills and knowledge. Give something back to the community, contribute to the visitor experience and help preserve and promote Kandos and District Heritage. Contact Secteratry@kandosmuseum.org.au or call Museum 63794600 or just pay a visit

### Kandos Community Markets

The Kandos Community Markets are on Saturday, March 16 in the grounds of St Laurence Church, Kandos from 9am to 1pm. Come along for some great bargains and interesting gifts, enjoy a cuppa and have a bite to eat. There will be all the usual stalls including fruit and vegies, books, plants, handmade soy wax candles, Devonshire teas, and a barbecue. For stall bookings, phone Joy on 6379 6097.

### Dance classes

Come along for Contemporary Dance Classes and Creative Movement with Susan Barling at St James Anglican Church Hall, Rylstone on Tuesdays at 5.45pm. Dance your way to fitness - not too serious, come and have some fun. For enquires, please call 0425 274 937.

### Cemetery Policy

Mid-Western Regional Council is encouraging residents to please be mindful of the amount of items placed on gravesites at the region's cemeteries following a number of complaints. Council is reminding residents it has a Cemetery Policy that set standards and guidelines for use and services provided by Council operated cemeteries. Under the policy, grave ornaments must be limited to two (2) per grave site and cannot exceed 30cm in height or be permanently fixed, no monuments or displays are to be erected in the Lawn Cemetery and any flowers, artificial flowers, wreaths left in the Lawn Cemetery may be removed if they begin to fade or look untidy. A complete copy of this policy is available on Council's website under the Council tab then by following the links to Council Documents and Council Policies or simply by the following link: <https://bit.ly/2RK7M0t>. Council's Cemetery Policy will be reviewed this year when there will be an opportunity for residents to provide feedback and input.

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