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Welcome to the March issue of Community Capers, volume 278. Our April issue will be distributed on Thursday, March 31. The deadline for this issue is Tuesday, March 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 6379 1020. For details and prices on advertising, sponsorship etc., contact Brian Neaves on 6379 4092.

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Australia Day Awards

Australia Day award winners were announced at the Mid-Western Region Australia Day ceremony at Anzac Park, Gulgong on January 26.

The awards were presented by Mayor Des Kennedy and Australia Day Ambassador Peter Herbert.



A proud moment for those taking part in the citizenship ceremony on Australia Day.

The 2022 Citizen of the year is Simon Bennett. Simon has been a dedicated, selfless and tireless member of the Mudgee community for the past 30 years. His work with St Vincent de Paul, Lions, Rotary, Mudgee Disability Support Service, Mudgee Golf Club, Small Farm Field Days, Sculptures in the Garden and St Mary's Parish Mudgee has meant he has been able to contribute greatly to the lives of many in our community. As well as providing care and support to these organisations Simon has maintained a partner role at Lawrence Bennett Portelli while dealing with his own battle with cancer. He has proven to be a noble and integral part of the Mudgee community over his many years of altruistic service, going above and beyond for those who live in our region.

Other awards are: Young Citizen of the Year – Jessica Nipperess, Community Event of the Year – Cementa; Spirit of '21, Glen Johnston Memorial Award, Music and Arts – Elizabeth Halbisch, Sports Award – Halli O'Brien and Volunteer Services Award – Tracy Lucas.

During the morning, this year's Australia Day Ambassador, Peter Herbert gave a very interesting address. Peter is a highly accomplished screenwriter and producer of some of Australia's most beloved television programs including writing and producing for Crawford Productions with television classics such as Cop Shop, The Sullivans, The Flying Doctors, and Acropolis Now. He wrote iconic Australian characters including Con the Fruiterer for The Comedy Company and Effie in Acropolis Now. In 1991, Peter produced the inaugural Comedy Festival Charity Gala, which is now in its 27th year and is currently Head of Screen Business and Producing at the Australian Film Television and Radio School where he teaches in the Master of Arts programs.



Citizen of the Year Simon Bennett with Mayor Des Kennedy and Australia Day Ambassador Peter Herbert.

Commemorating 200 years

Rylstone and District Historical Society (RDHS) have settled on a date for an important commemoration in Rylstone. Research by members of the RDHS indicates that Colonial Settlement within the area of the former Rylstone Shire, began in early 1822. To commemorate this important milestone in our history and the events of the past 200 years that have helped shape the Rylstone District as we know it today, RDHS will be holding a 'sitdown COVID safe' dinner on Saturday, April 2 in the Rylstone Memorial Hall starting at 6.30pm. To learn more about the dinner and to purchase tickets (\$70/hd) please email rylstonehistory@westnet.com.

au with your name and contact phone number or call into the Cottage Museum at 28 Loue St, Rylstone on any Sunday between 10.30am and 2.30pm. For those unable to attend the dinner, a display of the Society's historic photos, newspaper clippings and old maps, will be available for viewing at the Memorial Hall on the Saturday morning between 10am and 12 noon.

One of the iconic heritage buildings of Rylstone, the Bridge View Inn, built in 1871 and owned and maintained by the local historical society.



Charity Shop celebrates

After many months of negotiations and endless fundraising, Community Charity Shop volunteers are celebrating the purchase of their building in Angus Avenue, Kandos. An excited long-time volunteer from the shop, Colleen Yates made the announcement on local community radio station, KRR 98.7FM during an interview on Brent Barlow's Morning Magazine program. The announcement caps off a mammoth effort by the group and their supporters who have worked tirelessly to achieve their dream of raising enough money for a deposit on their building. Colleen thanked the community and all their supporters for a

fabulous effort in helping to make their dream come true.

"This is such a milestone for us and I can't tell you how happy we are. Thank you so much to all our supporters who helped us achieve this. To all those who donated cans and bottles to our building fund, who gave donations and supported us in so many ways, we can't thank you enough."

Colleen said they still have a long road ahead of them to pay off the loan, but with continued support it will be achieved. The previous rental alone that they had to pay each week will go straight into the loan repayments which will be a big help. In recent months, the group have continued to give large donations to worthy recipients through their separate charity shop income. The charity shop has become well-known across NSW and beyond for its huge assortment of items. It regularly attracts tourists to the district looking for a bargain.



A happy moment for KRR presenter Brent Barlow and charity shop volunteer Colleen Yates following the announcement of the purchase of the shop's building live on air.

Care and Transport

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Reading opens doors

Thursday, February 3 was World Read Aloud Day. Students at Lue Public School love reading and the school has a dedicated hour of reading, when students read independently, read to someone else and is read to by someone else every day. Students who struggle with reading have additional support to build their skills too. The students know the importance of good reading and comprehension skills and that reading for pleasure is a lifelong habit that opens doors.



Fiona Webb and Tyler Charters building up their skills by reading to one another.



Levi Statham and Brantley Carkeek during their dedicated hour of reading at Lue School.

Capers info

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Community Capers is a publication where community groups and other organisations can 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 him on 6379 1020. If meeting times or dates etc. change, please contact Brent as soon as possible with corrections. Advertising space is limited but we do require advertising support to fund our newsletter. Usually it's on a "first in, best dressed" basis. If you wish to advertise or sponsor a page, please contact Brian Neaves on 6379 4092.

Fencers in the making

At the end of last year, Agriculture students from Year 8 through to Year 12 contributed in various ways to a fencing project at the Ag Plot. With financial support from Nanna's Haberdashery, materials and equipment were purchased to replace the existing boundary fence on the Howard Park side of the Ag Plot. Students worked as a team, under the guidance of Will Derwent and Logan Perry in all types of weather and removed wooden posts, dug holes for new steel replacements and ran and strained wires. The project developed many qualities in students including team work, problem solving and patience.



A job well done by Kandos High School Agriculture students who tackled all aspects of replacing an old fence with a new one.

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Charity Shop donations

Local schools were thrilled to receive donations from the Community Charity Shop late last year. Caron McDonald, Principal of Lue School expressed the gratitude felt by all those who received them.

"I was absolutely astounded to be presented with a donation cheque for \$6000. This year in particular, has been a difficult one for our small P&C to fundraise with all the restrictions that have been placed upon us. We rely on our P&C contributions to help support our major excursion each year, which reduces the burden of cost for families. This means that we now have some additional money to go towards our Canberra excursion next year which benefits so many students at school."

"The Charity Shop gives the same donation to all the local schools in our community and to a number of other voluntary organisations as well. The staff at the shop are the most dedicated volunteers and I thank them from the bottom of my heart. I feel so very privileged to live in an area where community spirit is valued so highly."



A big thank you from Caron McDonald to Val Carberry and Colleen Yates and all the other volunteers at the Community Charity Shop.

The Longest Hummm

Cementa22's Melbourne-based artist Tina Stefanou is returning to Kandos to continue her performance work The Longest Hum. This will be the largest live humming event in the world. She is offering free singing and humming lessons from her studio at

the Way Out art space in Kandos in exchange for your participation in the work to be premiered at Cementa22, May 19-22. If you are interested in working with your voice, from singing songs to building vocal confidence Tina will help. She will be conducting free sessions from April 26 until the May 4. Get in contact with her directly to book a time and/or to register your interest in participating in The Longest Hum. Email: ms.tinastefanou@gmail.com, Phone: 0433 998 907, Website: www.tinastefanou.com.

Kandos Keepsakery

Artists Susannah Langley and Warren Armstrong visited Kandos during January to prepare their virtual reality Art Work for Cementa 22. The Kandos Keepsakery embeds 3D scans of historical and domestic objects and the stories of those objects in a hand drawn digital space to create a virtual reality museum. The Artists conducted sessions at the Kandos Museum, the Cottage Museum and homes around the twin towns to scan the keepsakes of local people or special objects chosen from local museum collections and audio record their stories. Look out for their finished Art work in the Cementa Festival from May 19 to 22 at Kandos Museum. Visitors to this artwork will don a headset that will allow them to walk through it, and "pick up" and "hold" the 3D scans and hear audio recordings of each object's story.



Bridget Baskerville recording her keepsake story with Susannah Langley and Warren Armstrong at the Kandos Museum.

Fossil find

When New South Wales farmer Nigel McGrath hit heavy rock while ploughing a field near Gulgong, little did he realise he was sowing the seeds of a discovery some 15 million years in the making. His uncovering of a fossilised leaf, embedded in the rock, opened the door to an extraordinary site that's accelerating our understanding of prehistoric life in Australia. Scientists have now been secretly excavating the site for three years, discovering thousands of specimens. Australian Museum and University of NSW palaeontologist Matthew McCurry said the fossils are of exceptional quality. "Many of the fossils that we are finding are new to science and include trapdoor spiders, giant cicadas, wasps and a variety of fish. Until now, it has been difficult to tell what these ancient ecosystems were like, but the level of preservation at this new fossil site means that even small, fragile organisms such as insects are well-preserved."

The quality of the fossils at McGraths Flat means that even after all this time, the stomach contents of fish have been preserved, allowing the researchers to determine what was on the menu 15 million years ago.



Palaeontologist Dr Matthew McCurry says the fossils near Gulgong provide unique insights. The fossils are so well preserved that scientists are able to determine what the fish ate 15 million years ago.

School's court upgrade

The new multi-purpose court has been completed at Rylstone Public School and it looks great. Funding for the court upgrade was first announced by Deputy Premier Paul Toole in 2020 through the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund. Mr Toole said the project is more than just an addition to the sporting facilities at the school.

"This is a multi-purpose court that is intended for everyone in the community to be able to use. Because it is located on a corner block on what used to be the main street through Rylstone, it means it is centrally located for local community members to access it away from the entry to the school. I know the community is excited to receive this funding as the local tennis court has for many generations been a popular meeting and social point for residents," he said.

The multi-purpose court consists of a modern synthetic surface that has minimal upkeep and can be used for a number of sporting activities.



Rylstone Public School students trying out the new multi-purpose court.



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Calendar of Events (Some events may still be in lockdown) March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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.	1 Rural Fire Brigade meets 1st Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm - training on 3 rd Tuesdays.	2 R/K VRA Rescue Squad meeting at 7pm. *RKB&T meeting at 6pm.	3 Scrabble on 1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Thurs. 10am at Rylstone Club. *Ladies Tennis, 9am Thurs. at Henbury	4 Rylstone CWA meets at 10am. *Cudgong Valley History Group, 11am to 3pm at Henbury Sport & Rec. Club	5 The Kandos Museum is open Wednesdays to Sundays, 10am to 4pm
6 One Life Family Church services, 10am 1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Sundays at the cnr. of Noyes and Dunn Streets, Kandos. *AGM Kandos Comm. Club.	7 Pilates classes, 6pm Mondays at St James Hall Rylstone.	8 Rotary meets every Tuesday at the Rescue Squad VRA shed, Rylstone 6.30 for 7pm. Rylstone	9 Kandos RSL Sub Branch meeting. *Pop in Playgroup 10am to 12noon Wednesdays..	10 Kandos CP&SA meets 2pm on the second Thursday of each month at the Kandos RSC Club.	11 Ryl. Hosp. Aux. Meetings 2 nd Friday of each month at 10am.	12 Rylstone Markets Rylstone CWA Rooms open for food
13 Uniting Church holds services at Rylstone at 9.30am every Sunday.	14	15 Dance to be fit, 4.45pm every Tuesday at St James Hall Rylstone.	16 Venturers meet at 5pm Wednesdays at the Kandos Scout Hall.	17 Walking group. Meet at Ryl. Showground Thursdays at 9am.	18 Storytime for kids, 10am to 11am Fridays at Kandos Library.	19 Kandos Markets
20 Anglican Church services at St Laurence, Kandos at 9am and at St James Rylstone at 10.30am.	21	22 The Wollemi Singers meet at 6pm Tuesdays at Kandos CWA Rooms. *For kids, at St James Hall, Tuesday from 10am to 11.30am. Phone 0408 329 942.	23 KRR Radio meets 5.30pm on last Wed. of month at 50 Angus Ave Kandos. *Kandos CWA, 5pm on last Wed. of month	24 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.	25	26
27 Rylstone-Kandos Street Machine Club meeting at 2pm on last Sunday of each month.	28	29 Walking group Tuesdays and Thursdays. Meet at Rylstone Showground Thursdays at 9am.	30 The Craft Group meets at 10am each Wed. at the VRA shed, Rylstone.	31 The Ukulele Group meet at 4.30pm Thursdays at Kandos CWA Rooms.	KRR Broadcasting on 98.7FM	KR Singers, 2.30pm to 4.30pm Saturdays at One Life Church Kandos.

March 17...Young Entrepreneurs Summit, April 2...Manly Sea Eagles play Canberra Raiders at Mudgee, April 25...Anzac Day Services, May 19-22... Cementa Festival, November 5...Rylstone StreetFeast.

Rylstone Markets

The next Rylstone Markets are on Saturday, March 12 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.



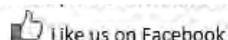
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Kandos Community Markets

The next Kandos Community Markets are on Saturday, March 19 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'll be all the usual interesting stalls. For stall bookings, phone Pauline on 6379 4533 or Rose on 6379 4179.

Calling Solo Players

Colleen O'Sullivan is asking – "Are there any Solo players out there in Kandos, Rylstone and surrounds? I'd like to start a Solo school to play once or twice a month. Contact me, Colleen O'Sullivan, if you are interested on 0428 518 380 or email colosullivan@optusnet.com.au

Mudgee Classic

Registrations are now open for 2022 Mudgee Classic Cycling Gran Fondo on Sunday, May 1. Over 2,000 cyclists are expected in Mudgee and surrounding towns to participate in one of four road cycling events - the 180km Maxi Classic, 130km Challenge Classic, 70km Rouleurs Classic, or the 40km Social Classic. The Classics event series has collectively generated over \$400,000 for various charity groups since the inaugural Bowral Classic in 2016. In 2022 Mudgee Classic riders will have the opportunity to support a charity of their choice via The Classics' unique 'Choose your Charity' initiative. Register online via www.mudgeeclassic.com.au.

WW2 Exhibition

The Bathurst Remembers World War 2 Exhibition has changed its date again. It will now be held from Friday, August 12 to Monday, August 15. The four day event will be held in four pavilions at the Bathurst Showground, Sydney Road and will be open each day from 9am to 5pm. For further details contact Curator - Alan McRae on 6331 5404 or email amcrae@lisp.com.au.

Bush Dance

Saturday, June 11 of the long weekend is the time to dust your boots off and kick up your heels for a Bush Dance at the Kandos Community Centre when Kandos Stage puts on a great night of live music, bush dancing, a bonfire, BBQ and a bar. The famous Swamp Dawkins Band will get everyone up and dancing, and to go with the music there'll be some great food with an all-you-can-eat big-rib BBQ helped along with our region's famous wines or a beer. Tickets are available now from Eventbrite. They're \$75, or concession \$50 and family \$200. The event is kids friendly and children always have a great time at bush dance events. The all-you-can-eat Big Rib, prime tender BBQ beef ribs, slow cooked to perfection with the best home-made BBQ sauce is included in the price. Bar service is sold separately. Tickets are only available online at www.eventbrite.com.au. Get them as soon as you can to avoid disappointment.

Name a road

Council is seeking submissions for the naming of a road reserve running north off Dabee Street in the town of Rylstone. Submissions should be in writing, giving reasons and addressed to the General Manager, Mid-Western Regional Council, PO Box 156 MUDGEE NSW 2850. Submissions will be accepted until Friday, March 18. Should you have any queries or wish to discuss this matter please contact Council's Revenue and Property Department on 63782850 or 1300 765002.

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