

Welcome to the March issue of Community Capers, volume 289. Our April issue will be distributed on Thursday, March 30. The deadline for this issue is Tuesday, March 21. 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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Australia Day in Rylstone

Mid-Western Regional Council's Australia Day Celebrations and Local Australia Day Awards were held in Rylstone this year. A large crowd gathered under the shady trees at the Rylstone Showground, a delightful setting for the event. They enjoyed a free BBQ breakfast from 8am onwards before the Awards Ceremony started at around 9am. This year's Ambassador Catriona Rowntree dubbed 'Australia's Most Travelled Woman' and long-time host of Channel Nine's Getaway program gave a fascinating address on her travels around the world. Her message to young people was 'be persistent in whatever you do and go for it'.

There were 25 nominees across the six categories this year. Congratulations to all of these individuals and groups who do so much for our region. This year's Citizen of the Year is Craig Basset who is a presenter on 2MG and Real FM and has been a passionate advocate for the district. His reporting on local news and the things that affect the region and his integrity and ongoing work ethic is appreciated. Young Citizen of the Year is Kirilee Besant, a student at Kandos High School and a passionate and committed volunteer within the community. Kirilee is the youngest ever presenter at local Community Radio Station KRR 98.7 FM and is a member of the local drama group Twin Town Players, the 1st Kandos Scouts and MWRC Youth Committee.

Community Event of the Year was awarded to Rylstone StreetFeast, one of the longest running Street Feast events featuring the very popular Long Table Lunch. The StreetFeast Committee's objective is to promote the Rylstone-Kandos Region and the surrounding Mid-Western Regional Council area. Rylstone StreetFeast is completely run by volunteers.

The Glen Johnston Memorial Award – Arts & Music was a joint award presented to Cheryl Murray and Theresa Therese who have both worked tirelessly for many years on Kandos High School Musicals

and School Showcases. Cheryl makes all the costumes and choreographs the dances while Theresa writes the scripts, arranges the music and runs sound and lighting. They are both selfless contributors to this invaluable program that helps students develop new skills and gain confidence.

The Sports Award was presented to Jessica Reynolds, a student at Kandos High School who has regularly represented her school and Western Region CHS in squash and touch football. She was selected to represent NSW at the Trans-Tasman Squash Tournament and they won the NSW Title. Amongst other sporting achievements, Jessica regularly referees touch football for Mudjee Touch and is currently coaching a junior team.

Winners of the Volunteer Services Award are Martin and Priscilla Weyermann who have been volunteers for the Wildlife Carers Network and WIRES for over 20 years.

They have given their time, finances and health to rescuing, rehabilitating and creating awareness of the importance of Australia's native wildlife. They travel hundreds of Kilometres at any hour to ensure no animal is left suffering on the side of the road. Congratulations to all the Awards winners.



Jessica Reynolds –
winner of the Sports Award.



Theresa Therese and Cheryl Murray, joint winners of the
Glen Johnston Memorial Award – Arts and Music (with
Mayor Des Kennedy and Ambassador Catriona Rowntree).



Kirilee Besant –
Young Citizen of the Year.



Craig Basset –
Citizen of the Year



Community Event of the Year – Rylstone StreetFeast,
presented to Committee members Peter Hatfield,
James Johnson, Robyn Oaks and Roger Heap.

Capers info

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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.

Senior's Festival

An important part of the Seniors Festival is to acknowledge the great work that seniors in our community contribute through the Senior Citizen of the Year Award. In Kandos, the Senior's Luncheon and Awards Ceremony was held at the Kandos Returned Services and Community Club. This year's

Mid-Western Senior Citizen of the Year for Kandos is Laurence Cole. Laurence has a long history of volunteering in the Kandos community. In 1987 he joined the Rylstone Kandos Apex Club and was

awarded Serviceman of the Year three times and Clubman of the Year twice. He has previously been involved with the Junior League Club for around 10 years, both as a coach and committee member and has packed and delivered Christmas hampers with the Anglican Church where he was a warden for eight years. Laurence continues to work for his community as a member of the committee with NewCo to get a grant to build a community garden at the Cultural Centre.

The Rylstone Senior's Luncheon and Awards Ceremony was held at the Rylstone Club. It was a great turnout with over 60 people attending. This year's Senior



The Rylstone-Kandos & District Volunteer Search & Rescue Organisation represented by two long-serving members, Felicity Cresswell and Lorna Anderson.



Kandos Senior Citizen of the Year, Laurence Cole, Councillor Katie Dicker & President of the Kandos CP&SA Delma Smith.

Citizen of the Year for Rylstone is the Rylstone-Kandos & District Volunteer Search & Rescue Organisation. It was formed in December 1975 with Keith Grimshaw as President. Two other original squad members, Craig Martin and Bruce Fleming continue to be part of the team today and Keith acts as a Patron.

The Organisation became affiliated with the NSW Volunteer Rescue Association in May 1976 and continues to operate today after 47 years. The Organisation has

received generous support from the community and through the dedication of its members has become one of the best equipped Rescue Squads in NSW. The roles of the squad include extracting people from vehicle accidents, search and rescue in the bush, inland waterways and cliff rescues. Members also assist other emergency services, such as during the bushfires. They travel throughout the State, with six members assisting at the Thredbo disaster in 1997. Members also recently went to the Eugowra floods. As part of their fundraising, squad members assist at local events such as Street Machine and Rylstone Club's Charity Day. They also provide first aid at the school's cross country run. Congratulations to both award winners for the Rylstone Kandos area.

Radio Connections

Kandos Rylstone Community Radio 98.7 FM encourages program presenters of all ages. Two of their youngest radio stars are Finn and Gab, year 12 students at Kandos High School. Their program '2 plus 1 radio (and guests)' is on Wednesday evenings from 6pm to 9pm and it's a great listen. They play a wide genre of music from (in their own words) 'rap, hip hop and jazz to a bit of everything'. They bring in different people each week and share stories and information. It's that connection with people that they really enjoy. Their favourite artists at the moment are Frank Ocean and Tyler the Creator. Tune in on 98.7 FM or stream it live on your phone or computer. It's on KRR's website at Krrfm.org.au. You can also download the Community Radio Plus app for access to community radio anywhere in Australia (it's coloured pink).



Finn and Gab's program '2 plus 1 radio (and guests)' is on Wednesday evenings from 6pm to 9pm.

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 46 Mudgee St, Rylstone.

All aglow

Mudgee CBD will light up with illuminated displays, food and entertainment for an all new event in the CBD late this month. Mudgee Glow is a free family event held across Robertson Park and Market Street on Friday, March 31 from 6pm to 9pm. Viewers will see spectacular projections as they light up at a number of key buildings, including Mudgee Town Hall. The tree-lined Market Street will be decorated with a dusting of fairy lights and roving entertainment and food trucks will be installed in Robertson Park. Mayor Des Kennedy said this will be an exciting event for the entire family.

The unique event, the first of its kind in the region, caters for parents and teens, right down to younger children. Parking for the event is available in Council's Short Street car park. The projections and tree lights will be installed for two weeks until Friday, April 14. This event is being delivered through the support of the NSW Government's Reconnecting Regional NSW - Community Events Program. More information can be found on Council's website and Facebook page.

Aqua fitness

Join the Aqua Fitness sessions at the Kandos Pool each week on Tuesdays at 10am, Wednesdays at 4.30pm and some Fridays at 10am. The Aqua Fitness sessions are a Health Department initiative organised by Health One Rylstone with local volunteer instructors. Aqua Fitness is all about Fun, Fitness and Friendship. Classes are free and the only cost is the pool entry of \$5 for adults and \$3 concession (participants need to be over 18 to join in). The Kandos Pool is a great place to bring your family. Please support our swimming pool, it's a wonderful community asset.

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Exhibition Bush Fires

It has been three years since residents in the Olinda and Rylstone region were devastated by the 2019-2020 Black Summer bushfires. To help with their recovery journey, the Olinda-Rylstone Community (Coxs Creek, Coxs Creek Trail, Coxs Crown, Kelgoola, Olinda, Nullo Mountain, Reedy Creek and Rylstone), have been developing a community story book on their experience of the bushfires.

As part of the ARROW project (Aiding Recovery and Resilience in Olinda Rylstone), over 100 people packed the opening of Our Story: Olinda-Rylstone community story of the 2019-2020 Black Summer bushfires, which was launched by Minister Andrew Gee, at Number 47 Gallery in Rylstone on February 4. The exhibition showcased a selection of some of the over 2000 images shared by community members before, during and after the bushfires. Our Story led viewers through the dry of the land following years of drought, the smoke haze that enveloped everything, the weeks of property preparation and putting in fire breaks, the fire, the aftermath, and the renewing of hope and lifting of spirit as the landscape continues to recover three years on.

This exhibition was an important part of the recovery process for residents and a great show of the true community connectedness.



Andrew Gee launching the community story in photos of the 2019-2020 Black Summer bushfires. Wiradjuri man Peter Swain invited visitors to dab their thumbs in paint onto the large storyline painting shown at the bottom of photo.

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New Kinders

It's been an exciting week for the newest members of Kandos Public School - Kindy 2023.

They were welcomed to the school amidst all the excitement of a new school year for all students.

Principal Todd Morley Welcomed students to the commencement of Term 1 and the new school year.

"A special warm welcome goes out to all of our new enrolments, including our Kindergarten students and their families."

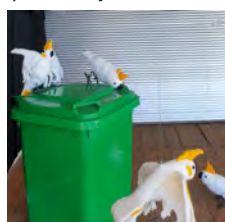
Some good news on NAPLAN results was shared too after it was announced that Kandos Public School recorded the biggest improvement for a primary school in the state's central west with the average Year 5 NAPLAN results increasing by 11.66 per cent over the past five years of NAPLAN.



Introducing KPS Kindergarten 2023.

Window birds

Local textile artist and bird watcher Leanne Wicks exhibition in the Kandos Projects windows at 18 Angus Avenue turned a few heads during February. The knitted Sulphur-Crested Cockatoos, the results of the Yarn the Mountain community yarning project held last year at WAYOUT ArtSpace, were so lifelike that passers-by tried to shoo them off the garbage bin.



Leanne invites everyone to a closing celebration on Saturday, March 4 from 5 to 7 pm at Kandos Projects.

Does this photo ring a bell? You can almost hear them screeching in the window of Kandos Projects, Angus Avenue Kandos.

Shadowlands

The exhibition 'Shadowlands' curated by Laura Baker and Lulu Wulf at Cementa's Way Out Art Space in Kandos is a fascinating exploration of shadows by eight artists. It highlights the remark of Willa Cather's that 'you can't paint sunlight, you can only paint what it does with shadows on a wall'. These shadows along with the qualities of light were explored by the artists through painting, paper, photography and textile installation. As Lulu Wulf said in her essay, 'I'm interested in shadows because they're so easily unnoticed'. Laura Baker's fascinating paper drawings give us some insight into this by the shadows they cast. Call into Way Out for a reminder that shadows are all around us until March 19.



Curators of Shadowlands Laura Baker and Lulu Wulf finding some sunlight and shadow at Way Out Art Space

Red Hats celebrate

Red hats were everywhere in the first couple of months of 2023 when the Mudgee Region Red Hatters hit the towns celebrating everything from Friday 13th, the Chinese New Year, Australia Day and the Seniors Festival. The Red Hatters Society is an excuse for fun, celebration and enjoyment of life and the local group agrees wholeheartedly. Amongst their adventurous antics, during February they took a day trip to Rylstone. Pam Bellhouse, otherwise known as Queen Paloma, Empress of ladybirds and Dragons, said Rylstone is always a delight.

"We lunched at The Globe Hotel, visited John's antiques and collectables where he kindly opened his Old Wares Shed for us. All in all it was a great day".

Watch out for those red hats.



Red Hats having a ball at the Musical High Tea during the Senior's Festival.

Street Machine success

This year's Street Machine and Hot Rod Show drew big crowds to Kandos who enjoyed hot weather and hot action. The sweltering sun didn't deter participants and viewers who gathered at Simpkins Park in their hundreds for a weekend of burnouts, go-to whoa grass events and show n shine. The event was a welcome money spinner for the Kandos Public School P&C who ran a very successful food and drink stall there over the weekend. The volunteers were run off their feet but said it was great to be involved with such a successful stall.

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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, Ryl. 6.30 for 7pm.	1 R/K VRA Rescue Squad meeting at 7pm. *RKB&T meeting at 6pm.	2. Rylstone StreetFeast AGM, 6pm at the Rylstone Club's Boardroom. All welcome.	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
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 3rd Tuesdays..	8 Kandos RSL Sub Branch meeting.	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
12 Uniting Church holds services at Rylstone at 9.30am every Sunday.	13 Watercolour Group meets 4pm at Kandos CWA rooms. All welcome.	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 Scrabble on 1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Thurs. 10am at Rylstone Club.	17	18 Kandos Markets
19 Anglican Church services at St Laurence, Kandos at 10am on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays and at St James Rylstone at 10am on the 4th and 5th Sundays. *3rd Sunday Markets at the Globe 10am – 2pm.	20	21 The Wollemi Singers meet at 6pm Tuesdays at Kandos CWA Rooms.	22 The Craft Group meets at 10am each Wed. at the VRA shed, Rylstone. Pop in Playgroup 10am to 12pm Wednesdays.	23 Rylstone CP&SA 11am at Ryl. Club on the 4 th Thursday of month. Ladies Tennis, 9am Thursdays at Henbury.	24 Storytime for kids, 10am to 11am Fridays at Kandos Library..	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 98.7 FM Radio meeting 5.30pm at 50 Angus Ave Kandos. Kandos CWA meeting, 5pm on last Wed. of month.	30 Walking group meets at Rylstone Showground Thursdays at 9am.	31	KRR Broadcasting on 98.7FM

April 15...Bull A Rama, April 29-30...Mudgee Classic Bicycle Ride,

Rylstone Markets

The next Rylstone Markets are on Saturday, March 11 in the grounds of 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.

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Mudgee Classic

The Mudgee Classic Gran Fondo cycling event will debut a 'Dirty Mudgee' gravel cycling event for the first time. Riders from Sydney, greater New South Wales, and around Australia will be making their way to the Mid-West for the April 29-30 event. With gravel cycling booming in popularity, and the Mudgee region offering endless kilometres of sensational mixed-surface cycling, the 2023 Mudgee Classic becomes a weekend-long event with the 'Dirty Mudgee' held on Saturday, April 29. With the new 55km gravel fondo plus the 175km Maxi, 125km Challenge, 65km Rouleurs and 35km Social Classic along with the region's wineries, boutique brewers, cafes, restaurants, hotels and tourism hot spots, the Classics are sure to impress.

Book launch

Kandos Museum presents an afternoon with Terry Yates to celebrate the publication of his most recent book of poetry. It will be held at the Museum in Buchanan St Kandos on Saturday, March 11 at 1pm and Terry will be signing copies of his books for sale on the day. There is free entry to the museum for this event. All welcome, please RSVP to secretary@kandosmuseum.org.au or phone 6379 4600. Afternoon tea will be available.

Painters in the Paddock

From The Paddock farm market and cafe in the Capertee Valley are hosting a free Plein Air Painting Day at 10am on Saturday, April 1. Bring your kits and easels to spend the morning painting the magnificent escarpments of the Wollemi National Park. When you're ready for a break, the lovely ladies at the cafe will be ready to serve you coffee, cool drinks, snacks and light meals from their new menu. From The Paddock is located at 4590 Glen Alice Road, Glen Alice. For further information check out and follow From The Paddock's Facebook page or @fromthepaddock_caperteevalley on Instagram.

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Kandos Community Markets

The Kandos Community Markets will be held on Saturday, March 18 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.

Bull a Rama

Get ready for all the spills and thrills of Bull a Rama on Saturday, April 15 at the Rylstone Showground. It's going to be a good one with angry bulls and determined riders. Gates open from 2pm with bull riding action from 4.30pm. It'll be entertainment galore with Lane Pitman, the voice finalist and the Charlie Fitter Band straight after the bull rides. There'll be plenty of fun for all ages with the mechanical bull and jumping castle. Enjoy a great day out with food and drink stalls along with trade stalls. Entry for adults - \$25, kids and senior citizens - \$15, family pass - \$60 and kids under five - free. Please, no BYO alcohol.

Olinda's 120th

The Olinda Community Association Inc. invites you to attend a 'once in a lifetime event' - the 120th anniversary of the Narrango Hall, inspection of "Toolo" and BBQ trailers, old fashioned children's games and a sumptuous afternoon tea. There will also be a presentation of trees planted in the grounds to celebrate the platinum jubilee of her majesty Queen Elizabeth II. It's on at 3pm Saturday, March 18. Please RSVP by March 11 by email at olindacommunityassoc@gmail.com or by phone to Linda on 0409 742 647.

StreetFeast AGM

Rylstone StreetFeast's AGM will be held on Thursday, March 2 at 6pm at the Rylstone Club Boardroom. Everyone is invited. If you would like to join StreetFeast's wonderful committee and be part of a major event for the Rylstone Kandos region, please come along. You will be made most welcome.