



## Community Capers

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Welcome to the March issue of Community Capers, volume 300. Our April issue will be distributed on Thursday, March 28. The deadline for this issue is Tuesday, March 19. 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 0427 791 020. For details and prices on advertising, sponsorship etc., contact Brian Neaves on 0402 976 925.

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Mid-Western Regional Council's Australia Day celebrations and awards ceremony was held in Robertson Park, Mudgee this year. There was a good turnout of community members, nominees and their families who enjoyed a delightful morning starting with a barbecue breakfast at 8am. They also enjoyed an interesting address by renowned legal scholar Ron McCallum AO, a Monash University graduate and a trailblazer in academia, Professor McCallum's career highlights include becoming the first blind person appointed to a full professorship in Australia or New Zealand. Mayor Des Kennedy said he was pleased to welcome Professor Ron McCallum to the Region. "Professor McCallum stands as a representation of resilience and advocacy, reminding us all of the enduring power of dedication and passion".

Thirty four citizens and organisations nominated for the various categories this year. The winner of this year's Citizen of the Year Award is Donna Collins. Donna runs the 'We Care Community Shop' in Mudgee and is dedicated to supporting the disadvantaged in the community. Young Citizen of the Year is Ninoska Birchall who was previously awarded the Mudgee Show Young Woman in 2023, and was a recipient of the RASF rural scholarship in 2022. Ninoska was also a state finalist in the 2019 RAS Boer Goat Young Judges competition.

This year's Community Event of the Year is the Henry Lawson Festival Gulgong. The Henry Lawson Festival is a community-driven event that attracts thousands of people. The event is



*Citizen of the Year Donna Collins with the Australia Day Ambassador Professor Ron McCallum, Member for Dubbo, Dugald Saunders MP and Mayor Des Kennedy. (Photo by Col Boyd).*

a cultural touchstone celebrating Gulgong's rich history.

The Glen Johnston Memorial Award, Music and Arts was awarded posthumously to the late Toni Behrens. She was a local artist and business owner (TheMudFactory and The Art House). Through her businesses Toni held after-school workshops introducing a generation of Mudgee children to the joy of art. Toni was a much loved figure in the local arts community. Toni passed away from cancer in late 2023.

Winner of the Sports Award Katarna Robinson. Katarna has achieved international and club level success in the sport of flat track motorbike racing. In 2023 Katarna competed in the USA and was awarded at the Grand National Championship for the Open Women's Class and was undefeated in the seven-day event.

The Volunteer Services Award was presented to Robyn Jones. Robyn is a tireless volunteer who dedicates her time to the Gulgong Hospital Auxiliary. Robyn also raises money for the 100 club at every event in Gulgong, and is a volunteer at the Gulgong Gold Experience.

### Seniors Festival

The Seniors Festival runs from March 11 to 24 this year with plenty of events and activities lined up. Senior Citizen of the Year Awards will be presented at Senior's Lunches across the region. The Rylstone Seniors Lunch is on Tuesday, March 12 at the Rylstone Club. Book with Carol Hayward at 6379 1096. The Morning Tea and Concert is at Club Mudgee on Friday, March 15 and the Mudgee Seniors Lunch is on Wednesday, March 20. The Seniors Lunch in Kandos is at the Returned Services Community Club on Friday, March 22. Book with Delma Smith on 0427 207 089. The Gulgong Seniors Lunch is on Sunday, 24 at the Gulgong Bowling Club. Seniors are in the running for cash prizes in the Seniors Festival Competition this year in Art, Craft, Photography, Poetry and Prose. Entries close at 4pm on Friday, March 1 and must be delivered to the Carmel Croan Community Services Centre, 88 Market Street, Mudgee or posted to Seniors Week Competition, PO Box 156, Mudgee NSW 2850. Entry forms are available at Nanna's Haberdashery, Kandos.

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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](mailto:brenbar@winsoft.net.au) or phone on 6379 1020 - mobile 0427 791 020. For advertising or sponsorship, please contact Brian Neaves on 0402 976 925.

## Music and market greenery



Bushrock keeping everyone entertained at the markets.

Local band *Bushrock* were the featured artists at the Rylstone Markets in February. They kept browsers and stall holders entertained during the morning with their music and created a pleasant atmosphere in the hall. Outside, the atmosphere was decidedly enhanced by Karen Price's plant stall. Karen has a green thumb and has been growing flowers, shrubs and exotic plants for years. Every now and then, while she and husband Shane aren't travelling around Australia, they bring a huge selection of plants to the markets for sale. "I love growing them and love sharing

them around. It gives people the opportunity to get hold of plants they may be looking for." Because of her passion for growing things, Karen always has more than she needs. It creates a great opportunity for visitors to the markets. Keep your eye out for those rare plants in her collection that you'll have trouble finding anywhere else.



Karen Price with a selection of healthy and vibrant plants at the Rylstone markets.



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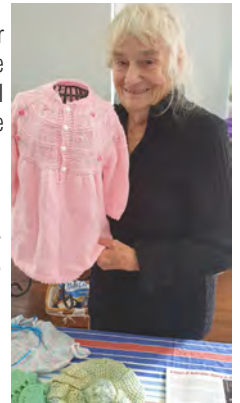
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## A display of warm colours

It's hard to imagine a more comprehensive selection of hand spun and knitted garments than those adorning Alice Dryburgh's table of beautiful items on display at the Rylstone Markets. Alice breeds Alpacas at her property Sayantsi Alpacas at Running Stream, then spins and creates each item herself. She also dyes the wool, in either a microwave or slow cooker, using natural dyes to produce glorious colours from lively to pastel shades. She was recently celebrated in Tokyo for her elaborate hand spun and hand knitted Victorian pattern christening gown worn by Max Fisher at a ceremony to bless, purify and accept the baby as a new member of the community. Japanese babies would once have been dressed in traditional kimono for such an occasion, however the modern tradition is for European style christening robes. A comment at the time describes Alice's garment as a masterpiece. "The lightness, softness and warmth of the gown are incomparable. The garment demonstrates all the wonderful qualities of the Australian alpaca and Alice's craftsmanship is extraordinary."

Alice has been running her property for 24 years and she says it keeps her occupied. "I like to keep busy. It keeps me fit and my mind active."



Alice Dryburgh from Sayantsi Alpacas. She has a stall at the Rylstone Markets each month where she sells her beautiful hand-spun and knitted garments. Check out the vibrant hand-dyed colours.

## New exhibition at precinct

A new exhibition opened at Mudgee Arts Precinct on February 2 and will continue until April 28. The exhibition features a new body of work by acclaimed artist Julian Meagher, a Sydney based artist who has exhibited extensively across Australia, Asia and America. He has also been a finalist in the Archibald and Wynne Prizes. The exhibition 'Triple Rainbow' is based on landscapes painted around the Mid-Western Region and investigates links between nature and human emotions. The Arts Precinct is open seven days a week and entry to view the exhibition is free.

## Rescue Squad

The Rylstone Kandos Rescue Squad have given over 48 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 Thursday evenings from 7pm and meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at their Squad Headquarters, 29 Cox Street Rylstone.

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## KRR celebrates 30

Kandos Rylstone Community Radio celebrated 30 years since it started on February 17 with an open day at the radio station in Kandos. During these last three decades, KRR 98.7 FM has continued to grow and become an integral part of the community. During the early years local fund-raising enabled



President Brent Barlow and Vice-President Brian Neaves with KRR members posing for a happy snap in front of the birthday cake.

improvements to equipment and with sponsorship support and the offer of vendor finance, members purchased their own building at 50 Angus Avenue, Kandos. This was followed by the successful application for a grant for \$20,000 under the Federal Government's Federation Community Projects program which enabled the construction of a modern studio – much of it constructed by community volunteers. It was officially opened by the late Peter Andren MP, Federal Member for Calare on September 29, 2001. This was preceded a week earlier by full time broadcasting 24 hours a day - a tremendous milestone for station members and the local community.

During the recent open day, a steady stream of visitors took the opportunity to inspect KRR's broadcasting studios and enjoy a sausage sandwich and birthday cake. Five people also took advantage of the offer of free membership for a year which was extremely well received. In welcoming the new members, President Brent Barlow said he and other members were very excited and hoped we would all be hearing some new voices and enjoying some new programs in the future.

"It's really great to welcome these new members on board and we look forward to them doing some training and presenting some new programs. I'd like to thank all our members for their continued support over the years. We've achieved a lot for our community in these last 30 years through these volunteer's commitment and dedication. We also couldn't have done it without the continued support of our community and our sponsors and supporters who have helped us with funding during that time."



KRR treasurer Pat Spithill and long-time presenters Regina Dinten and Robyn Reid were given the honour of cutting the 30 year's celebration cake (beautifully made by Clare's Creative Cakes).

## An Autumn Gardens Fair

The popular biennial Kandos Gardens Fair will be held this autumn on the weekend of March 23 and 24, and with gardens looking a treat after summer rain they should be a joy to visit. Hosted and supported by the Kandos Branch of the Country Women's Association, their sixth Kandos Gardens Fair will not disappoint enthusiastic gardeners. The theme is "Tapestries of Colour" and organisers have a diverse range of ten wonderful gardens representing the Kandos Rylstone area that will be open for visitors. They range from iconic pastoral properties to town gardens and even a Convent, all at different locations and different styles. As well as delightful gardens, there'll be lots of extras too including a wide variety of market stalls, entertainment and exhibitions. There'll be a lot to take in so the recommendation is for visitors to schedule the full weekend to make the most of this exciting event.

Tickets can be purchased online through 123Tix and will also be available at the gate for \$25 for all gardens across the two days or \$5 for a single garden. Hampers will also be available for purchase so you can enjoy a leisurely lunch in a garden. These grazing boxes are available for pre-purchase online for \$45. A beautiful box of fresh produce will feed two people. The CWA Kandos Gardens Fair is organised by keen local gardeners. Organisers like to think that this is a "Gardener's Garden Fair" as all the gardens are planted and maintained by the owners.



Kaye Moore's country garden at 'Redbank' at Tara Loop Road, Ilford was popular with visitors in the past. Set high on a hill above the Ilford countryside, it has spectacular views to Coomber Mountain and beyond. The garden surrounding the house is an ornate cottage garden with whimsical elements and an amazing number of fruit trees. It will be well worth visiting again.

## Loss and grief support

The National Association for Loss and Grief (NALAG) is a support agency which has been available to our local people from the Mudgee Branch for the last 10 years. The Central Office is based in Dubbo NSW, which takes applications for support and triages how to best provide a client's support access. This can be face-to-face, by phone, a telemedicine model, or group session.

Over the last 10 years, the Rylstone-Kandos communities have accessed most support from the Mudgee office, with several support workers also located in our local area. Referrals have come directly from clients/families, or service providers such as doctors, primary health care, aged care, churches or other support groups. NALAG Mudgee is interested in starting a branch in our local area with provision of training (both initial and on-going) for any interested individuals or groups who believe that they have compassion, interest and skill to be able

to support those who need support for their loss or grief during difficult times in life. Support workers have access to on-going education and supervision to ensure quality of assistance available to clients.

Please check out the NALAG website to find out more about this amazing service operating across NSW at [www.nalag.org.au](http://www.nalag.org.au). You can leave your name and details with the office staff or access membership and referral forms by phone at (02) 6882 9222, email at [info@nalag.org.au](mailto:info@nalag.org.au) or head office at 7 Welchman Street, Dubbo - PO Box 379, Dubbo NSW 2830. There is more to come about this exciting proposal in the next few months on radio and fliers regarding training and possible branch establishment. To be a member of the branch, you do not necessarily have to be a direct service provider, but you need to join NALAG at an annual fee of \$65. NALAG values good organisers and interested locals as well as support workers.

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## Hot Rod Show a cracker

The Kandos Street Machine and Hot Rod Show pulled off another top event at Simpkins Park on the weekend of January 27 and 28. The show attracted big crowds again this year and most of them were more than happy with a big program including Show n Shine, Go to Whoa, Burnouts and Grass events. Food stalls earned some much appreciated funds and with free face painting and free dodgem cars, kids and their parents were happy. A spectacular Fireworks display topped off a big day on Saturday. Organisers thanked volunteers and sponsors for their support. "Thank you to all those that came from near and far. Thank you to our amazing volunteers for giving up their time to make this event happen. Thank you to our local RFS, VRA and Hospital Auxiliary for helping us all weekend. Thank you to our judges and commentator, and finally congratulations to all our winners, with Dan Mussared in his VK taking out our Best Overall Entrant."



Burnouts were a big favourite again at the Kandos Street Machine and Hot Rod Show. (Photo by Ben Wares Photography).

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<b>3</b> Uniting Church services at Rylstone 9.30am every Sunday.	<b>4</b> Pilates classes, 6pm Mondays at St James Hall Rylstone..	<b>5</b> Clandulla RFS meets 7.30 pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Clandulla Fire Shed. Training on the following Sunday at 9am	<b>6</b> RKB&T meeting at 6pm.	<b>7</b> R/K VRA Rescue Squad meeting at 7pm. * Ladies Tennis, 9am Thursdays at Henbury.	<b>8</b> Ryl. Hosp. Aux. Meetings 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at 10am. *Youth Alive St James Ryl. 6.30pm second Fri during school term.	<b>9</b> Rylstone Markets Rylstone CWA Rooms open for food <b>Movie</b> Oppenheimer
<b>10</b> Anglican Church services at St Laurence, Kandos, 10am on 2nd and 4th Sundays and St James Ryl, 10am on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Rotary meets Tues at the Rescue Squad Shed, Ryl. 6.30 for 7pm. *TTPlayers meet 6pm on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. at the Ryl. Club.	<b>13</b> Kandos RSL Sub Branch meeting.	<b>14</b> Kandos CP&SA, 2pm on the 2nd Thurs 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> One Life Family Church services, 10am 1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays at the cnr. of Noyes and Dunn Str, Kandos. *3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Markets at the Globe 10am. *Alive@5 at St James Ryl 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Dance to be fit, 4.45pm Tues. at St James Hall. Rylstone. *The Wollemi Singers meet at 6pm Tues at St Dominic's Hall Kandos.	<b>20</b> The Craft Group meets at 10am each Wed. at the VRA shed, Rylstone.	<b>21</b> Walking group meets at Rylstone Showground Thursdays at 8am in summer, 8.30 spring and autumn and 9am in winter	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> CWA Kandos Gardens Fair - over two days
<b>24</b> Rylstone-Kandos Street Machine Club meeting on last Sunday of month. *Glen Alice Church Service at 9.30am. *Kan. Garden Fair	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Walking group Tuesdays & Thursdays at	<b>27</b> CWA meeting, 5pm on last Wed. of month. CWA meeting, 5pm on last Wed. of month.	<b>28</b> Rylstone CP&SA 11am at the Rylstone Club on the 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month.	<b>29</b> Rev Up Rylstone Late Night Shopping	<b>30</b> KRR Broadcasting on 98.7FM

April 13...Rylstone Bull a Rama, May 4 & 5...Regent Honeyeater planting weekend Capertee Valley, May 4 & 5...Mudgee Classic Cycling event, September 19 – 22... Cementa 2024



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## Rylstone Markets

The next Rylstone Markets are on Saturday, March 9 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. 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](mailto:rylstonemarkets@gmail.com).

## Bull A Rama

Hold onto your seats for plenty of Bull Riding action at Rylstone Bull A Rama on Saturday, April 13. Watch those cowboys stick or fall and cheer them on. It's all happening at the Rylstone Showground. Gates open from 2pm and Bull Riding action gets underway from 4.30pm. Lane Pitman, the Voice finalist and the Charlie Fittler Band will provide plenty of great entertainment straight after the Bull Riding. There'll be a mechanical bull to test all ages if you're game and a jumping castle for kids. There'll be food and drink stalls as well as trade stalls (no BYO alcohol please). The joint will be jumping. Adults \$25, kids and pensioners \$15, family pass \$60 and kids under five free.

## Film night

The Kandos Rylstone Film Society presents a movie at the Rylstone Memorial Hall every 2nd Saturday of the month after the markets at 5.30 for 6pm. Membership for 2024 - 2025 is due in March. Cost is: Family - \$30, Single - \$15. This will give you admission to 12 movies. The next movie on Saturday, March 9 is 'Oppenheimer'.

## Kandos Community Markets

The next Kandos Community Market will be held 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'll be all the usual interesting stalls. For stall bookings, phone Pauline on 6379 4533 or Rose on 6379 4179.

## Wollemi Singers

The 'Wollemi Singers' meet on Tuesday evenings at St Dominic's Church Hall in Dangar Street, Kandos from 6pm to 7.30pm during school terms. There's no cost and no auditions, just fun for all ages. Bring your voice, snacks and a drink. For more information, phone Virginia Handmer from Community Services on 6378 2850.

## Third Sunday Markets

The Rylstone Sunday Morning Community Markets are held every third Sunday of each month in the grounds of the Globe Hotel from 9am to 1pm. It's a community based event and organisers welcome stall holders. Enjoy a morning walk in Rylstone and pick up a bargain.

## Pick up Capers

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