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Bull A Rama draws a big crowd

Rylstone showground was alive with Bull A Rama action on Saturday, April 15 with a big crowd converging on the picturesque ground from across the region.

The hill above the bull riding arena makes for a great atmosphere and around 2,000 people took advantage of the great location and perfect bull riding weather.

Organisers said they were pleased with the event which is run in conjunction with the Rylstone Kandos Show Association. Numbers were down slightly on last year, but school holidays accounted for that with many locals away for the weekend. Making up for this were the numbers of visitors from across the region, many driving some distance to attend the show. Local associations and volunteer groups took advantage of the occasion to do some fundraising with food stalls set up to cater for a hungry crowd during the event. It was an opportunity for them and helps with their financial essentials during the year. An example of just how important this event is for

the local economy was demonstrated prior to the first bull ride when a cheque for \$10,000 was presented to the Rylstone Hospital Auxiliary.

The combat between the bulls and the riders was given the thumbs up by the crowd. There were certainly some spectacular rides and organisers said they thought the quality of both the bulls and the riders was excellent. Winner of this year's event was Eddie Webster on 84.5 points.



Local nurse Eliza Miskle accepted a cheque for \$10,000 on behalf of the Rylstone Hospital Auxiliary.



Bull riders and crew lined up for the National Anthem, showing the big numbers involved in putting together an event like this.



Winner of this year's Bull A Rama, Eddie Webster who gained 84.5 points overall.



Kyle Hall from Tamworth, who recently won at Oberon thrilled the crowd with his first ride of the afternoon.

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Lively Easter Markets

This year's Easter Markets in Rylstone attracted plenty of locals and visitors to the region looking for some local products and enjoying the Easter vibe. Market goers loved the ladies with the fluffy rabbit ears at their stall who got into the Easter Bunny swing of Easter by handing out Easter eggs. The markets had the atmosphere of a harvest market with a number of stalls displaying freshly preserved fruit products, jams, pickles and other goodies, most



Bess at her stall, holding a jar of everyone's favourite – lemon marmalade.



Wendy from Honey Haven's 'All Things Honey' displaying a bottle of Liqueur Mead made from fermented honey and fortified with a specially selected spirit

of them sourced locally from late summer crops. Bess from Wild Gourmet Portland is a regular in Rylstone each month with her wild variety of preserves including lemon marmalade, blood plum jam and zucchini relish. She sources her ingredients from local growers and her own garden, and while she managed her stall, her husband Karl served coffee, tea and hot chocolate from the kitchen. Stall owners Liz and Garry from Kandos also have a huge selection of preserves. The variety they produce is outstanding with plenty of choices on offer. Their lemon butter is a favourite and customers have plenty of choices from chutneys, jams, pickles and more. Liz and Garry are fortunate to have lots of friends and neighbours who drop off fruit and vegetables for them to process. Garry says it's a good partnership with Liz doing the cooking while he peels the onions and dose the wash-up. "We work well together," he said. They are committed marketeers doing Rylstone, the Kandos Church Markets, the 3rd Sunday Markets at the Globe Hotel and Capertee Markets each month. Outside the Memorial Hall, Wendy manages 'All Things Honey', the sweetest stall at the markets. The products come from Honey Haven located at Mudgee and they have recently added a selection of the age-old drink, honey mead to their range - from moderate beer strength sparkling and spiced mead

to a delightfully sweet liqueur mead at 18.5 percent alcohol. The products made from honey have to be seen to be believed. As well as a number of pure honey varieties, you can also obtain jars of honey flavoured with cinnamon, ginger, vanilla, and would you believe – banana. There is also a honey based moisturiser which is particularly good for sensitive skin. Wendy is a regular at the Rylstone Markets and the Rylstone Globe 3rd Sunday Markets each month.



Liz and Garry keep the cooking pot bubbling to churn out an incredible selection of preserves for their regular market days.

Leanne can BRAG

Kandos artist Leanne Wicks currently has a BRAG Foyer Space Exhibition at the Bathurst Regional Art Gallery. Titled 'Birds Like Us' and blending her lifelong passion of birding, ornithology and knitting, the exhibition features knitted portraits of artists associated with the artistic programs of BRAG and the Cementa Art Festival. Each portrait merges the personality and practice of artists with Australian birds to create a unique and whimsical knitted installation. The installation will be on show until June 11. Call in for a look at this clever exhibition.



Check out Leanne's exhibition at the Bathurst Regional Art Gallery. It's all about our feathered friends that Leanne seems to have an affinity for.

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Fern tree bush croquet

A reminder that the Ferntree Gully Environmental Reserve Annual Bush Croquet Tournament is on Sunday, May 7. The event is their annual fundraiser to help with the upkeep of the roads, walking tracks, picnic area, signage, and general maintenance of the infrastructure of boardwalk and lookouts. Come along for a fun family day out. Absolutely no experience is necessary to participate. You might have to negotiate your ball through a hollow log, over a wombat hole, into a stump or through bushes, but other than that it's easy. The first heat starts at 9.30 am, with the final after lunch to decide the winner of a great hamper along with the sought-after Ted Daniel's Trophy. There'll also be prizes for the most spectacular shot of the day. It's a fun day, balls and mallets are provided. The entrance fee to play is \$10 per adult, children under 12 are free and there'll be a raffle for a ute-load of yellow box firewood drawn at the end of the day. Bring a picnic and a chair. Barbecue facilities are available. The venue is the northern part of Ferntree Gully Reserve, about 20 kms north of Rylstone along the Bylong Valley Way at the top of



Editor of Community Capers Brent Barlow lines up a shot at a previous Fern Tree Gully Bush Croquet fundraiser. His message – "Come and have a go".

Growee Gulph (NOT at the picnic area). The road will be sign-posted for the day. For further enquiries, contact Mal on 0490 428 427 or Sue Pridmore on 0427 890 437. FTGR's email address is ferntreegullyrylstone@gmail.com.

Region's visitor influx

Recent events in Mudgee added to the region's economy with data showing a big influx of visitors. This has a spinoff effect for many of the outlying towns and villages with daytrips and overnight visits. Thousands of people made their way into Mudgee CBD for Council's Mudgee Glow to see spectacular projections and light displays on some of the town's historic buildings including the Post Office. Feedback on the free event has been overwhelmingly positive particularly from families.

The numbers were added to by 9024 people heading out to Glen Willow to see the Manly Sea Eagles draw 32-all against the Newcastle Knights under sunny skies. Ticketing data showed half the crowd were visitors to the region, which returned an estimated \$1.75 million into the local economy. Mudgee Race Club added to the events, hosting a successful race meet as well.

George's country music

George Reid is one of Kandos Rylstone Community Radio's country music presenters. He has two popular programs on KRR 98.7 FM, one on Friday evening from 6pm to 12 midnight and the other on Saturdays from 3pm to 6pm. George is country through and through, continuing his father's interest in country music before him. It's the kind of music he loves and his shows are a great country mix of mostly Australian songs. George, who grew up in Balranald in the Riverina before moving to St Marys near Sydney made another move to Kandos with his family around 20 years or more ago. His wife Robyn is also a country music fan and plays country music on KRR too. Together they have organised live country music shows at the Ilford hall for some years.

As well as country music, George is also a dedicated antique machinery enthusiast and loves to play around with old motors. "The older the better – they're easier to work on," says George. He's a member of the Cudjiegong Valley Antique Machinery Club and you'll often see him at local shows demonstrating amazing old engines that have been brought back to life. And now, here's some gos hot off the press. George is planning a big surprise for his Friday night listeners. Remember the old radio serial 'Dad and Dave'? Sometime in the near future you may here that voice saying 'Aww Mable...' Dad and Dave is coming back!



George Reid plays country music Fridays and Saturdays on KRR 98.7 FM.

A family concern at Cherry's

It's been just over a year since new owners took over the Ilford Valley Cherry Farm. It's a family business with Rodney and wife Michelle, Jason and wife Sharee and brother Graham, who is also the Chef, sharing the workload. They are very excited about their new venture and have been busy during the past 12 months doing a lot of maintenance on the buildings and cherry orchard. Originally from the Hawkesbury-Nepean-Blue Mountains area, they have been visiting the area for around 10 years or so, and when the opportunity came up to purchase the property and business they decided to go for it. "It was a family change of lifestyle and it's a family concern," Jason said. He's hoping their enthusiasm will rub off on visitors and that they will enjoy their visit enough keep coming back. It's a unique local business that offers visitors a licenced bar and grill and a function centre which is able to host music events, and which can also be used for weddings and other functions. Cherry's also has a campground in a fabulous bushland setting and a farmhouse and two cabins for those wanting more comfortable accommodation. Cherry's Bar and Grill is open Thursdays from 5pm until late through to Sunday with a full menu. You can phone them for bookings on 0498 277 747 or through Facebook and online at info@cherrys.net.au.



The family management team at Cherry's (L-R) Rodney, Michelle, Graham, Sharee and Jason.

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The Cottage Museum, Rylstone is open every Sunday from 10am to 3pm.	1 Scouts and Cubs meet at 4.30pm on Mondays at Kandos Scout Hall.	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 at 7pm. *RKB&T meeting at 6pm.	4 Scrabble on 1st, 3rd and 5th Thurs. 10am at Rylstone Club.	5 Rylstone CWA meets at 10am 1st Friday. *Cudgong Valley History Group, 11am to 3pm at Henbury Sport & Rec. Club 1st Friday.	6 The Kandos Museum is open Wednesdays to Sundays, 10am to 4pm
7 One Life Family Church services, 10am 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays at the cnr. of Noyes and Dunn Streets, Kandos *Fern Tree Gully Bush Croquet.	8 Pilates classes, 6pm Mondays at St James Hall Rylstone..	9 Clandulla RFS meets 7.30 pm 1st Tuesday of each month at the Clandulla 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 Rylstone CWA Rooms open for food
14 Uniting Church services at Ryl. 9.30am every Sunday.	15 Watercolour Group meets 4pm at Kandos CWA rooms. All welcome.	16 Rotary meets Tuesdays at the Rescue Squad VRA shed, Rylstone 6.30 for 7pm.	17 Venturers meet at 5pm Wednesdays at the Kandos Scout Hall.	18 Walking group meets at Rylstone Showground Thursdays.	19 Storytime for kids, 10am to 11am Fridays at Kandos Library.	20 Kandos Markets
21 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.	22	23 Dance to be fit, 4.45pm Tuesdays at St James Hall. Rylstone. *The Wollerni Singers meet at 6pm Tues at Kandos CWA rooms.	24 The Craft Group meets at 10am each Wed. at the VRA shed, Rylstone. Pop in Playgroup 10am to 12pm Wednesdays.	25 Rylstone CP&SA 11am at Ryl. Club on the 4th Thursday of month.	26 Rev Up Rylstone late night shopping	27 The Uncooperative For school students is on Tuesday afternoons at WAYOUT Art Space
28 Rylstone-Kandos Street Machine Club meeting at 2pm on last Sunday of each month. *Glen Alice Church Service at 9.30am.	29	30 Walking group Tuesdays & Thursdays at 8am in summer, 8.30 spring and autumn and 9am in winter.	31 KRR 98.7 FM Radio meeting 5.30pm at 50 Angus Ave Kandos. Kandos CWA meeting, 5pm on last Wed. of month.	Ladies Tennis, 9am Thursdays at Henbury.	KRR Broadcasting on 98.7FM	

June 12...King's Birthday Holiday

Rylstone Markets

The next Rylstone Markets are on Saturday, May 13 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. or you can email them at rylstonemarkets@gmail.com.

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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. Come along, enjoy a morning walk in Rylstone and then pick up a bargain

Looking for Jenny

Colleen is looking for her school friend from many years ago. She's wondering if anyone can help with information. "My school friend's name is Jennifer Maida Pitcher who was born in May 1948. She attended the Conservatorium of Music High School in Sydney from 1960 to 1964 and was a pianist. Her father was a Methodist minister and Jenny was an only child. They lived in Francis Street, East Sydney, where Mrs and Rev. Pitcher were in charge of a hostel for young men, run by the Methodist Church. That is the last address that I have for them. Jenny talked about

Swap Meet

The Annual Rylstone Swap Meet is on Sunday, May 21 at the Rylstone Showground. The event always attracts plenty of sellers and buyers from across the region. Set up day is Saturday 20th with gates open at 1pm for setting up and camping for sellers. Traders include sellers of motor parts, antiques and bric a brac. Cost of entry for sellers is \$15 per site with free camping for the driver and an additional \$3 per adult after that. Cost for lookers is \$3 per person, children under 16 are free. There is plenty of parking in the grounds around the oval. Gates open for sellers and lookers from 5.30am Sunday. For more information or enquiries, phone Peter Wilson on 0429 441 220 or Mellissa Wilson on 0488 968 124. All welcome to sell or browse.

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Kandos Community Markets

Kandos Community Markets will be held on Saturday, May 20 in the grounds of St Laurence Church, Kandos from 9am to 1pm. This will be the last markets before the winter break for June, July and August. 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.

Connect with KRR

New members are always welcome at Kandos Rylstone Community Radio (KRR 98.7FM). Call the station on 6379 4360 for more information or check out our website at krfrm.org.au. If you're interested in becoming a presenter and doing an on air show, it's easier than you think. Training is available and it won't take you long to learn how to use the panel and other equipment. If you have a particular type of music you'd like to play on-air or ideas for a show, get in touch with any member or committee member, or call into the station and pick up a membership form. They're available in the foyer. Social membership is also welcome at KRR. Age is no limit and experience is not necessary. It's a great way to meet a group of friendly people.

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