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Gardens Fair was a blooming success

The CWA Kandos Gardens Fair 2024 on March 23 and 24 was a great success. Held in perfect autumn weather, between five and six hundred garden enthusiasts turned out to view the 10 town and country gardens that opened their gates to the public. Visitors were overwhelmingly delighted and praised the work of the garden owners. Many commented on the diverse selection of places on display, from working rural properties to colourful flower gardens, rare cactuses and succulents, meticulous town gardens and even a Convent and a sculpture park.

Kandos and district was the place to be on this perfect garden weekend, with visitors from as far as Port Macquarie, Coffs Harbour, Hunter Valley, Newcastle, Wollongong, Canberra, and Sydney. Local visitors also supported the event in large numbers, including many from Mudgee and Gulgong.

The event raised over \$8,000 for local charities from gate ticket sales alone. Kandos CWA, Nanna's Community Eats and the Kandos Pool All Ability Group are among a number of community groups who will benefit from the proceeds. Kandos CWA,

who organised the event, issued a big thank you to the enthusiastic, hard-working gardeners who opened their gates and put in so much effort preparing their gardens. They also thanked the generous sponsors and the many volunteers. "Without their support the event could not have gone ahead."

Raffle prize winners drawn by Jo Martin are: First prize - Dyanna Thommeny, second prize - Dave Brown, and third prize - Margaret King. After the success of this year's offering, Kandos CWA is eager to maintain the gardens fair as a regular biennial event on the local calendar. For more information please contact kandosgardens@gmail.com.

Under the shady trees of Coomber's Guest House, Joan Schultz and Mary-Jane Vrisakis from the Kandos Pool All Ability Action Group were raising money for a Pool Chairlift which will provide easy access to the local pool. For a five dollar donation, visitors got to choose a gift from the table which included lots of Joan's home-made produce. What a bargain. Joan says they are hoping Council will come to the party. "Young, old, everyone deserves to be able to use our pool," she said.



St Dominic's Convent was built in 1930 in grand Spanish Mission style as a purpose built convent for the Good Samaritan nuns who taught at the rear of the property. The banks of

flowering salvias and sages along with heritage roses, practical edible gardens and fruit and olive trees made this a special place to visit. Owner Margo Palk says this Medlar fruit tree created lots of comment from visitors during the weekend. The Medlar (Mespilus Germanica) is a member of the rose family. The fruit of the tree has been cultivated since Roman times and was introduced into Britain by them. They may be eaten raw and in a range of cooked dishes.



Steve and Meaghan Anderson's home in Dangar Street, Kandos is a testament to what can be done in just three years. It is truly a delight for garden lovers. To top it off, during the weekend the local Wollemi Singers sang some fabulous songs amidst this wonderful setting. Steve doubles up his gardening skills with those of choir director.



Colleen and Andrew's succulents and cacti garden turned heads at the Kandos Fairways Motel. Some were quite rare and created plenty of interest. Irish country singer Liam Whelan entertained visitors during the afternoon before heading off to the Kandos Hotel for an evening performance.



Sweeping lawns dotted with well-established trees such as this magnificent desert ash, drew large crowds to Coomber Homestead.

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Kandos Senior's Award

Over 50 seniors were welcomed to the Rylstone Club on Tuesday, March 12 for the Seniors Festival Luncheon by President of the Rylstone CP&SA Jenny Conlon. She thanked Cr Katie Dicker and Percy Thompson and his wife Diane for their support and made a special mention of the work the Association's Secretary Carol Hayward does each year for the Festival. Visitors enjoyed a great meal along with great company and gained some very interesting and important information from Chris Reeves from Rylstone District Care and Transport. The services they deliver are quite impressive and Chris provided many pamphlets with information to take home on their huge range of services.

An important part of the Seniors Festival is to



Local musicians Maree Maiden and Peter Hay entertaining seniors at the Kandos luncheon.

acknowledge the great work that seniors in our community contribute through the Senior Citizen of the Year Award. Before announcing the award winner, Katie Dicker acknowledged the work of the committee in bringing this year's program together. Sponsors of the Seniors Festival include Mid-Western Regional Council, the NSW Government, Moolarben Coal and Club Mudgee. This year's winner of the Mid-Western Senior Citizen of the Year for Rylstone is Warren Kidd. Warren is well-known and respected across the district. He moved to Rylstone with his family in the late 1970's and joined many organisations as a volunteer. These include the Rylstone Bush Fire Brigade, as it was called then, and the Rylstone Kandos Show Society, serving for over 40 years, of which he has received Life Membership. Warren is an active member of the Rylstone and District Historical Society, attending the museum to do his shifts every Sunday. Warren was applauded as a well-deserved recipient of the award.



Senior Citizen Award winner, Ellen Riley with Kandos CP&SA President Delma Smith and Seniors Festival Committee member Cr Katie Dicker.

Immersing the artist

Alisa Burlington's art exhibition opening of her latest work "Immerse" on Saturday, April 6 at Gallery 47 Rylstone was a hit with the large gathering who came to see her colourful and thoughtful paintings. Alisa explores both her quiet reflections and her more pivotal moments that she has to navigate personally as a woman, mother, daughter, sister and partner in her work. There is a depth of meaning and exposure for those who look deeper into her creativity. She says that often it is the 'sweet musings' that bring her clarity during the challenging moments. "I hope my creations help inspire others to immerse themselves into discovering the sweet musings that surround them, and to expand on the gift that those moments bring." Her exhibition will be on display at the gallery until April 30.



Alisa Burlington with her striking work 'The Spirit Within II' Mixed Media on Canvas.

Care and Transport

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Vinnies celebrates 95 years

The Kandos St Vincent de Paul Society celebrated 95 years of service to the local community on Tuesday, April 9 with a morning tea and free sausage sandwich for passers-by. The society assists people experiencing poverty, inequality and those who need a bit of support. The Kandos group of volunteers have been giving exactly this sort of volunteer service for nearly a century and their work is highly appreciated across the district. The local society was founded in 1929 and was as aggregated in 1934. Its first presidents were J J Sparks and W F Sparks and secretaries were C Roberts, W F Sparks and P Frappell. The society itself has a long history. St Vincent de Paul died in Paris on September 27, 1660 and was canonised by Pope Clement X11 on June 16, 1737. He is the patron saint of charities and volunteers. The Kandos society is planning a light meal and mass to celebrate in August this year.



Celebrating 95 years in Kandos with a free sausage sandwich and a cuppa, St Vincent de Paul Society President Carol Morrissey and member Louise McPherson with community engagement coordinator Gabrielle McDonnell.

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Shop is more than gluten free

The Old Chemist Shop Gallery and Gluten Free Café in Kandos has become a popular community hub since it opened its doors. The shop has a wonderful atmosphere or "vibe" which may have something to do with proprietor Kylie's intention of making it a safe space for the community. It actually came into being as part of a healing process. Following a major health issue involving a stress related heart attack, Kylie developed a mental health issue. As part of her therapy, she began creating art through her time of healing at home. Kylie's husband Darwin (who is the actual business owner of the shop) supported Kylie by suggesting she open a gallery. She didn't want the focus to be on her however and thought that something for the community would be better. This is how the retail and café came about.

Paul does the rounds

Member for Bathurst Paul Toole called into local Community Radio Station KRR 98.7 FM recently to catch up with committee members and announcers. Paul was on a whirlwind visit that took in many local groups and organisations including schools and the Kandos Museum where he discussed the museum's Master Plan, which includes 700 square meters of new building consisting of exhibition spaces, restaurant, auditorium, workshops and discovery areas. While he was at KRR he took the opportunity to inspect the premises which includes broadcasting and production studios, meeting room, transmitter room and kitchen area. He congratulated members on their facility.



Paul Toole MP in KRR's broadcasting studio with announcer Faith Cauchi and President Brent Barlow.

"I wanted a safe space for the community. A space which caters for a minority food group, bringing visitors from afar, and supporting and stocking other local small business products that employ local people. I wanted to create a place where people are able to connect, sit and chat and build friendships without being rushed out the door."

This has turned out to be a successful strategy. Since it began the shop has gathered quite a clientele of regulars and visitors from as far away as the Central Coast, Penrith, Bathurst, Orange and the Blue Mountains. Kylie can't make enough carrot cake and delicious sausage rolls to satisfy demand. She does make a rather nice soup though and can whip up lots of other treats too. The words gluten free might put some people off, but Kylie says she has tried her food on family members who have been a bit apprehensive about gluten free and they are all pleasantly surprised. "I wanted to provide something different. I'm celiac myself (an immune reaction to eating gluten, a protein found in wheat, barley and rye) and this food is good for anyone. It's nice to be able to choose anything at all without worry. A big thank you to my husband who had faith in my abilities to create a special place which has soothed my soul. Also a huge thank you to my mum who is 75 years old this year, crochets items and helps out in the café."

Kylie's shop is a treasure trove of art, craft, books, preserves, jams, chutneys and lots more. It's open Thursdays and Fridays from 8am to 2pm and Saturdays from 9am to 1pm.



Kylie's shop in Kandos provides delicious gluten free food along with a treasure trove of other products.

Bull A Rama

This year's Bull A Rama held at the Rylstone Showground on Saturday, April 13 was a highly successful event with around 2,500 people catching all the action along with some great musical entertainment.



Will Watson from Swan Hill showing his winning style on Fifty GStar Bucking Bulls.

There were plenty of breathtaking moments with 55 bulls bucking on the day. Victory went to Swan Hill bull rider Will Watson. Will created Australian bull riding history as assistant coach of Australia's national team which finished runner-up on American soil at the 2020 Professional Bull Riders Global Cup. The top bulls were Death Row Derby – Champion Bull, Hectic Cheese – Classic Champion Bull and Sinister and Hillbilly Whiskey – Maturity Champion Bull. Organiser of this year's Rylstone event, Nick Groz thanked everyone for their support. He says he's hoping to create an annual event that will bring big crowds to the district and big names in bulls and riders.



Swan Hill's Will Watson on stage to receive his victory prize of \$3,550.

Black summer stories

The four book series of the 'OuR Story of the Black Summer Bushfires' is an impressive collection of photos and stories that tell how the 2019-2020 Black Summer Bushfires affected OuR region. Heike Schütze and Linda Doyle from the Olinda-Rylstone community were delighted to be able to present MP Andrew Gee with a copy of the books during the Rylstone Kandos Show on February 24. The four books begin with Volume 1: The Fires Arrive and continue with The Aftermath, Regeneration and Our Stories in Volume 4. Over 2100 images were received from community members for the books which showcase a selection from each contributor. The books are not only a work of art, but will become an important historical work for future generations. Heike Schütze said that sharing OuR Story of the Black Summer Bushfires has been an important step for many in their recovery journey. She praised Andrew Gee for his help.

"Minister Gee has been and continues to be an important advocate for OuR community, and we are extremely grateful to him and his team for his support. We were very pleased to be able to personally present these books to him."



Heike Schütze and Linda Doyle from the Olinda-Rylstone community presenting Andrew Gee with a copy of the four book series of the 'OuR Story of the Black Summer Bushfires'.



An update on the construction of a Multi-purpose Community and Relief Centre on Cox's Creek Road, which is well underway. The building is a direct result of the 2019-2020 Black Summer Bushfires and subsequent funding.

Andrew GEE MP
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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.	Rylstone Rural Fire Brigade meets 1st Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm - training on 3 rd Tuesdays.	1 RKB&T meeting at 6pm. R/K VRA Rescue Squad meeting at 7pm.	2 Ladies Tennis, 9am Thursdays at Henbury. Kandos Writing Group 12.30-2pm Thursdays at the old chemist shop, Kandos	3 Rylstone CWA meets at 10am 1 st Friday. *Cudgong Valley History Group, 11am to 3pm at Henbury Sport & Rec. Club 1 st Friday.	4 The Kandos Museum is open Wednesdays to Sundays, 10am to 4pm. *Regent Honeyeater Planting *Mudgee Classic
5 Uniting Church services at Rylstone 9.30am every Sunday.	6 Pilates classes, 6pm Mondays at St James Hall Rylstone..	7 Clandulla RFS meets 7.30 pm 1 st Tuesday of each month at the Clandulla Fire Shed. Training on the following Sunday at 9am	8 Kandos RSL Sub Branch meeting. *Venturers meet at 5pm Wednesdays at the Kandos Scout Hall.	9 Kandos CP&SA, 2pm on the 2nd Thurs of each month at the Kandos RSC Club.	10 Ryl. Hosp. Aux. Meetings 2 nd Friday of each month at 10am. *Youth Alive St James Ryl. 6.30pm second Friday during school term.	11 Rylstone Markets Movie Night at Rylstone Hall
12 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.	13	14 Rotary meets Tues at the Rescue Squad Shed, Ryl. 6.30 for 7pm. *TTPlayers meet 6pm on 2 nd Tues. at the Ryl. Club.	15 Ilford-Running Stream CWA Meeting at Running Stream Hall 10am.	16 *Scrabble on 1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Thursday, 10am at Rylstone Club. NSW Govt. Mobile Service Centre in Kandos.	17 Storytime for kids, 10am to 11am Fridays at Kandos Library.	18 Kandos Markets Rylstone Annual Swap Meet tomorrow Sunday 19th
19 One Life Family Church services, 10am 1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Sundays at the cnr. of Noyes and Dunn Str, Kandos. *3 rd Sunday Markets at the Globe 10am. *Alive@5 at St James Ryl 3 rd Sundays	20	21 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.	22 The Craft Group meets at 10am each Wed. at the VRA shed, Rylstone.	23 Rylstone CP&SA 11am at the Rylstone Club on the 4 th Thursday of the month	24 Gulgong & District Campdraft over Three Days – Friday, Saturday and Sunday	25 -
26 Rylstone-Kandos Street Machine Club meeting on last Sunday of month. *Glen Alice Church Service at 9.30am.	27	28 Walking group Tuesdays & Thursdays	29 KRR 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 8am in summer, 8.30 spring and autumn and 9am in winter.	31	KRR Broadcasting on 98.7FM

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Kandos Community Markets

The next Kandos Community Market will be held on Saturday, May 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.

Pick up Capers

Community Capers is available at both newsagents in Rylstone and Kandos (Metro Bridge Service Station), Kandos IGA, Kandos Post Office, Community Charity Shop Kandos, Rylstone Hardware, Rylstone Café and at the Council office in Rylstone. It's also available in colour on KRR's website at Krrfm.org.au. Thanks for your support everyone.

Bush Croquet fundraiser

A reminder that the Ferntree Gully Environmental Reserve Annual Bush Croquet Tournament is on Sunday, May 5. Come along for a fun family day. 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 Perpetual Trophy. Balls and mallets are provided and there's raffle for a ute-load of good firewood. 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 Growee Gulph (NOT at the picnic area). The road will be sign-posted for the day. Please, no dogs as it's an environmental reserve.

Big Morning Tea

A Big Morning Tea will be held by the Rylstone CP&SA on Monday, May 13 at the Rylstone Club from 10.30am onwards. Cost is \$10 in aid of the Cancer Council. All welcome. For enquiries, please contact Carol on 6379 1096 or Robin on 0474 981 983.

Rylstone Markets

The next Rylstone Markets are on Saturday, May 11 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.

Entrepreneurs Summit

The 2024 Central West Entrepreneurs Summit, hosted by the Mid-Western Regional Council, will be held at the Mudgee Arts Precinct on Thursday, May 9 from 8.30am to 4.30pm. Local business owners and budding entrepreneurs are urged to secure their tickets for this tailored event aimed at empowering their ventures. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from a range of esteemed speakers. Myff Clarke, the 2024 Dubbo Electorate Woman of the Year will be the MC, facilitating the proceedings. Tickets for both the morning and afternoon sessions are now available for \$75 each. Alternatively, you can opt for a combined ticket covering both sessions for \$120. Each session includes lunch and ample networking opportunities. For additional details, please visit the Council's website. Tickets can be purchased via 123tix.com.au.

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

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