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Bull ride extravaganza



A big crowd at the Rylstone Showground for the Bucking Bulls Australia National Finals.

Rylstone was host to another spectacular bull riding event on Saturday, April 11 when the local showground was turned into a mini arena for the Bucking Bulls Australia National Finals. Hosted by the Fernside Pastoral Company with a swag of other sponsors and supporters, spectators were treated to some fabulous bull ride action with 15 bulls in every category competing and the top 15 bull riders in Australia challenging each other for the prize money. Around 2200 people came through the gates to enjoy a great afternoon and evening of entertainment. The winner was young Cootamundra rider Brayden Oddy. Brayden has been enjoying some spectacular success over recent years. In 2024 he was crowned Champion Junior Bull Rider at Blayney in the Bucking Bulls Australia National Finals. He also took out the

prestigious Garry Tyson Memorial Open Steer Ride award at the Kangaroo Valley Show Rodeo. His success at Rylstone reinforces his reputation as one of the top bull riders in Australia. For his win, Brayden received a \$2,000 cash bonus from Fernside plus around 60 percent from the pot of \$8,000 prize money for riders, earning him a total of around \$6,000. Rylstone Kandos Show Society member and local organiser of the event Nick Groz thanked the spectators, sponsors and volunteers for their support. He said the bull ride brought a lot of visitors to the region.

"Thank you everyone for your support. We had so many talented people here helping to make it a great event. It's been terrific entertainment and it's good for the local economy too."



A winning ride for Cootamundra rider Brayden Oddy, with the Protection Athlete nearby and ready for action. (Photo Scott Butigieg).



Out of the chute and rearing to go. The countdown begins for Brayden. (Photo Scott Butigieg)



Brayden Oddy has now confirmed his place as a champion after his spectacular win at Rylstone.

Out of this World

The Southern Sky Astrophotography Show has landed at Kandos Museum until May 31. It's a showcase of the 2024 winning photographs from the annual photography competition named after the world-renowned astrophotography specialist David Malin. Organised by the Powerhouse, Sydney in association with the Central West Astronomical Society, it's a must see for all budding photographers and for those who want to see some truly amazing photos.

Rylstone Swap Meet

The Annual Rylstone Swap Meet is on Sunday, May 17 at the Rylstone Showground. Run by the Cudjergoo Valley Pioneer Vehicle Club, the event always attracts plenty of sellers and buyers from across the region. Set up day is Saturday 16th with gates open at 10am for setting up and camping for sellers. Cost of entry for sellers is \$20 per site with free camping for the driver and an additional \$5 per adult after that. Cost for lookers on Sunday is \$5 per person, children under 16 are free. There is plenty of parking in the grounds around the oval. Gates open for sellers and lookers at 6am Sunday. For more information or enquiries, phone Alan Jackson on 0427 794 488. All welcome to sell or browse.



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Horsing around at the Shed



A work of dedication and creativity by Men's Shed members has transformed this old carnival horse into a valuable historical asset.



The old horse before its transformation. A stunning restoration.

One of the Men's Shed's latest projects is the restoration of a wooden carnival horse. The unique creation came originally from the Philippines but was donated to the Men's Shed by a resident of Rylstone. It was in a fairly dilapidated condition, but members of the shed saw its potential and got to work cleaning it up and painting it. The result is stunning. The horse has a new white tail in keeping with its palomino mane and a beautiful saddle sitting on a saddle blanket. The horse has been named Star, following a dream the club's president Fred Hoy had. Straight from the horse's mouth? This is not the first wooden horse members

have restored. They are worth a bit of money too and that helps the club to pay costs such as insurances etc. and keep them in a viable position for the future.

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 58 Mudgee St, Rylstone.

Café looking good

Kandos's WAYOUT Art Space welcomes Linda Doyle as the manager of the Cementa Café. Linda has plenty of enthusiasm for her new role and the café is taking shape as a great spot for a coffee and a bite to eat. Located in the gallery, the ambience is obvious and provides a wonderful atmosphere amidst an ever-changing vista of artworks. Taking pride of place is Fish River's new blend of coffee - 'Reverb'. It's a delicate but flavourful blend. The café can do you a few styles from lattes, cappuccino, flat whites and even your own formula. Also available is a variety of teas, hot chocolate and chai latte. Breakfast is available all day and includes toasties with a variety to mix and match including poached eggs and smashed avocado. A range of cakes and sweets from local makers is available for those with a sweet tooth. There are also plans for lots of other goodies and Linda says she is keen on supporting as many local providers as possible.

"We also welcome groups who can use the café as a meeting venue free of charge. We already have our local writer's group meeting here."

The Cementa Café is open from 10am to 2pm on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays



Linda Doyle invites you to call in to the revamped Cementa Café at the WAYOUT Art Space in Angus Avenue, Kandos.

Alisa's LUNAR-IS

Gallery 47 Rylstone held its monthly art exhibition opening a few days earlier last month on Thursday, April 2 because of the Easter long weekend. It was an opening worth taking the time to see. Alisa Burlington's colourful creations are always a delight to view, and there is always a surprise or two as well. This one titled Lunar-Is was aptly named with its ethereal quality shining through. Alisa's art is characterised by a reflective and introspective quality capturing fleeting thoughts, sensory impressions and emotional responses to the world around her. The exhibition gave everyone the space to 'slow down' and just enjoy a quite walk through a mysterious and magical atmosphere.



A moon in her heart and flowers in her soul. Alisa Burlington with one of her delightful paintings at her exhibition opening Lunar-Is.

Bike ride Mudgee

The Mudgee Classic is on Saturday and Sunday, May 2 and 3, a milestone year which celebrates 10 years of The Classics Gran Fondo series. It offers bike riders the ultimate autumn cycling escape. Cyclists can expect a spectacular weekend of gravel adventure, smooth road terrain, outstanding regional hospitality and a festival atmosphere. Volunteers are the backbone of the Mudgee Classic. There's always a team of dedicated locals helping bring the event to life and this year Mudgee Bushwalking & Bike Riding Club (MBW&BRC) with around 70 members, are doing their best to make the weekend special.

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Trees poisoned

Riverside walkers were stunned to discover that several native trees on the riverbank in the Rylstone Showground have been poisoned. Three of the trees were self-sown and came up naturally as part of natural regeneration of the riverbank vegetation since recent floods. The poisonings occurred close to a community revegetation project where a number of community planted shrubs have been vandalized during the past twelve months. It is distressing for volunteers to see this destruction after their efforts in revegetating a section of riverbank that was cleared of all its native vegetation around 150 years ago. Replacing this lost vegetation has been important for improving habitat for platypus, native fish and birdlife on the river. The riverbank with its recently installed walking path is now a valuable tourist asset for Rylstone and the trees and shrubs planted by volunteers in the last twenty years have added to its appeal.



An unfortunate discovery for nature lovers who know how important trees and shrubs are for river health and bird populations. This poisoned tree hadn't been planted. It grew from a seed that may have drifted in by wind or been washed in by flood waters.

Archibald - a winner

Mudgee Arts Precinct is drawing large numbers of local residents and visitors to view the Archibald Prize 2025. This Art Gallery of New South Wales touring exhibition is Australia's most recognisable portrait prize and the Precinct has been hosting the prize from March 20. It will close on May 3. First awarded in 1921, the Archibald Prize was established following a bequest from former Art Gallery trustee and founder of The Bulletin magazine J F Archibald (1856–1919), whose aim was to foster portraiture, support artists and perpetuate the memory of great Australians. The artworks are all painted from life, with artists meeting their subjects for at least one sitting. Adding to the fabulous exhibition, the Young Archie Competition is also being hosted alongside the Archibald Prize for the first time celebrating the talented young artists of the Mid-Western Region. Mudgee Arts Precinct is open seven days a week from 9am to 5pm.



A rather topical subject painted well ahead of recent controversy. Jackie O, who at the time was co-host of the radio program 'Kyle and Jackie O Show' was painted by Kelly Maree Archibald finalist 2025

From the Mud to the Stars

Audiences across Australia and even around the world are connecting to the delightful duo of Terry Yates and Peter Hay Sunday afternoons from 3pm to 6pm on KRR 98.7FM. The local community radio station has hit on a winner with this pair who have teamed up for what used to be Terry's popular solo slot 'From the Mud to the Stars'. Terry's battle with Parkinson's placed him in the difficult position of having to give away his much-loved show about a year ago. Not wanting to see a great show disappear, his friend Peter said, "How about you choose the songs and I do the announcing." It's a combination that works.

Terry has been collecting music for around 50 years and his collection is extensive. He also has an amazing knowledge of the musicians in his collection which he is able to impart to audiences. Peter also has a truly incredible knowledge of bands and musicians, though he admits that Terry chooses a lot he hadn't heard before. Both of them were members of local band 'Bushrock' until Terry's illness caught up with him. Peter is still part of the 'Bushrock' team.

Their Sunday afternoon program features a different theme on an artist, a topic, a style or a genre each week. If you have a favourite artist you'll hear songs or covers of their music you didn't know existed, and the way the two of them bounce off one another with plenty of humorous repartee all adds up to a rather entertaining three hours.



Peter Hay and Terry Yates in the studio of Kandos Rylstone Community Radio KRR 98.7 FM during their popular Sunday afternoon show 'From the Mud to the Stars'.

Domestic Dreams at WAYOUT

The art exhibition 'Domestic Dreams' opened at WAYOUT Art Space on March 8 and ran until April 26. It brought together artists who investigated how domestic environments operate, and while domestic spaces are often associated with routine and stability, they are equally places where dreams, both literal and metaphorical take root. Over 20 artists created a domestic dreamscape from everyday familiarity such as Shani Nottingham's impressive collection of ceramics – all collected from thrift shops, second-hand shops, tip shops and hard rubbish or Leanne Wicks' basket of wool and knitting needles with an invitation to 'please knit'. And then there's the confronting and thought-provoking creation 'Home Invader' by Tom Buckland – a human sized insect stretched out and watching telly while munching on a packet of chips.



A domestic dream or a nightmare? Tom Buckland's 'Home Invader' asked some serious questions, but was good for a laugh too.



An enticing basket of goodies from Leanne Wicks who offered everyone a chance to 'Knit to

Resist'. "Yes! Please knit. You can do it. Yes! Please purl. Go on, give it a whirl."



Shani Nottingham's 'Purge, 26' – a delightful vision of found-objects in white.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
31 The Cottage Museum, Rylstone is open every Sunday from 10am to 3pm.	Ilford-Running Stream CWA meets 10am, 1st Monday of each month at the Ilford Hall.I.	Rylstone Rural Fire Brigade meets 1st Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm - training on 3 rd Tuesdays	The Craft Group, 10am each Wed. at the Rescue Squad shed, Rylstone.	Scrabble on 1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Thurs. 10am at Rylstone Club. *RRCA Comm. Open Space 1 st Thurs. Cox Creek Rd.	1 Rylstone CWA meets at 10am 1 st Friday. *Cudgegong Valley History Group, 11am to 3pm at Henbury Sport & Rec. Club 1 st Fri.	2 The Kandos Museum is open Wednesdays to Sundays, 10am to 4pm.
3 Uniting Church services at Rylstone 9.30am every Sunday. *Running Stream Christian Fellowship 10.30am at old Schoolhouse Sundays	4 Scouts and Cubs meet at 4.30pm on Mondays at Kandos Scout Hall.	5 Clandulla RFS 7.30 pm 1 st Tues. of the month at Clan. Fire Shed. Training on the following Sunday at 9am.	6 R/K VRA Rescue Squad meeting 7pm.	7 Rylstone Ramblers Heart Foundation walking group at Rylstone Showground Thursdays 8.30am.	8 Ryl. Hosp. Aux. Meetings 2 nd Friday of each month at 10am. *Youth Alive St James Ryl. 6.30pm Fridays during school term.	9 Rylstone Markets
10 Anglican Church services at St Laurence, Kandos, 10am on 2 nd and 4th Sun. and St James Ryl, 10am on the 1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Sun. *Make and Mend 2pm at Kandos CWA Rooms.	11	12 Rotary meets Tues at the Rescue Squad Shed, Ryl. 6.30 for 7pm.	13 Kandos RSL Sub Branch meeting.	14 Kandos CP&SA, 2pm on the 2nd Thurs of each month at the Kandos RSC Club.	15	16 Kandos Community Markets
17 One Life Family Church services, 10am 1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Sundays at the cnr. of Noyes and Dunn St, Kandos. *Farmers Markets at the Globe 10am. *Alive@5 at St James Ryl 3 rd Sun. *Boot Sale Mudgee Railway Station 8am.	18	19 The Wollemi Singers, 6pm Tuesdays during school term at St Dominic's Hall Kandos. *Walking group	20	21 Ladies Tennis, 9am Thursdays at Henbury Sport & Rec. Club Kandos.	22 Storytime for kids, 10am to 11am Fridays at Kandos Library.	23
24 Rylstone-Kandos Street Machine Club meeting on last Sunday of month at 11am. *Glen Alice Church Service at 9.30am	25	26 Dance to be fit, 4.45pm Tues. at St James Hall. Rylstone.	27 Kandos CWA meeting, 6pm on last Wed. of month. *KRR Radio meeting 5.30pm at 50 Angus Ave.	28	29 KRR Broadcasting on 98.7FM	30 Kandos Crop and Swap, 10am at White Crescent Park. *The Common Loop Social Run Club 8am at entrance to Ryl. Showground.

May 2 & 3...Mudgee Classic Bike Ride, May 3...Ferntree Gully Bush Croquet, May 17...Rylstone Swap Meet, August 1...NRL Penrith Panthers Vs Canberra Raiders, Glen Willow - Mudgee, August 29-30 Rylstone Classic Mini's, September 17 - 20... Cementa Festival, November 7...Rylstone StreetFeast.

Kandos Community Markets

The next Kandos Community Markets are on Saturday, May 18 in the grounds of St Laurence Church, Kandos from 9am to 1pm. These are the last markets before the winter break. For stalls Pauline on 6379 4533 or Rose on 6379 4179.

The Common Loop

You're invited to join a local social run club for a monthly run to keep fit, meet locals or just enjoy a loop in good company. There are two run options - the Common Loop, which is a relaxed chatty 5km social run for those who want to keep pace with others and enjoy the rhythm of the run, and the Learn to Run, a 3km build up for those new to running or wanting to ease back in. Meet at 8am on the last Saturday of each month at 12 Cudgegong Street, Rylstone Showground. Stay updated and check their socials for weather and meeting locations @thecommonloop.

Bush Croquet

A reminder that the Ferntree Gully Bush Croquet Tournament Annual Fundraiser is on Sunday, May 3. It starts at 10am just this side of Growee Gulph Bylong Valley Way (not Ferntree Gully's main entrance) and will be well sign posted. Cost is \$12 donation to play, kids under 15 years free. It's a fun all-ages activity. Bring a picnic lunch (BBQ plate available), drinks, hat, chair and a sense of fun. Mallets/balls supplied or bring your own. Cash only please.

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Farmers Market

The Farmers Market is held every third Sunday of each month from 10am in the grounds of the Globe Hotel, Rylstone. Call in for a great mix of stalls. It's a community event and stall holders are welcome. Contact: 'markets@theglobehotel.com.au'.

Rylstone Markets

The next Rylstone Markets are on Saturday, May 9 at the Memorial Hall in Louee Street from 9am until 1pm. If you'd like to join the association, phone Julie on 0458 129 704 or email julzhorn2@gmail.com.

Come and sing

Calling all soapbox sopranos and bathroom baritones. Your local community choir, Wollemi Singers invites you to join them in harmony. Come along, it's a very friendly, fun and social group. There are no auditions, you don't need experience and it's free. Wollemi Singers meet at St Dominic's Hall, Dangar Street Kandos every Tuesday evening from 6pm to 7.30pm during school terms. For more information, contact Virginia Handmer on 0460 432 964.

Residential Land

Council is inviting landowners to help inform the growth of the region, with Expressions of Interest (EOI) to identify potential future residential land. It will focus on identifying additional land that may be suitable for future housing, complementing Council's recently adopted Mid-Western Region Housing Strategy. The EOI will include an online survey for landowners, supported by detailed information available on Council's website. Participation in the EOI does not result in any changes to zoning or approval for development. The EOI is open now on Council's website at midwestern.nsw.gov.au and closes May 22.

Open Mic

Come along to Open Mic at the Kandos Returned Services Community Club on Saturday, May 16 from 5pm. Bring your voice and a musical instrument or just enjoy the entertainment. The club's Mother's Day raffle is on May 2 starting at 7.30pm with tickets on sale at the bar and over \$3,000 worth of prizes to be won. Weekly raffles are also held every Friday night at 7.30pm.

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