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Fabulous rail opening

Hundreds of people from across the region attended the official opening of the Kandos Rylstone Heritage Railway on Saturday, September 29. It was a massive event with stalls, live music and lots of excitement as the crowd waited for the largest operating steam engine in the southern hemisphere, the Garratt 6029 to steam into Kandos. The excitement was palpable and when it arrived the huge locomotive, weighing 255 tonnes, was met with cheering and clapping by spectators. During the official opening, Paul Toole MP paid tribute to the local people who signed the petition which helped sway the state government into providing over a million dollars for the work needed to re-open



A welcome delay for motorists as the flashing lights and bells at the Kandos crossing allows the steam train to continue its journey to Rylstone.

the line. He also emphasised the benefits the heritage line would have for tourism and the local economy. President of the Kandos Museum, Buzz Sanderson who was the driving force behind the project thanked Lithgow State Mine Railway and Transport Heritage NSW for their support. He said he was also indebted to Phil Davis and David Sommerville, owners of 6029 for bringing the crowd pulling 6029 to this section of the Gwabegar line for the first time. During the day, the train made two trips to Rylstone and back giving passengers a once in a lifetime experience.



The excitement was huge as the Garratt 6029 pulled into Kandos Railway Station.

Bridging the river

The Rylstone community will finally get their long awaited pedestrian bridge following the announcement of \$432,108 in funding to breathe new life into the Rylstone community through round two of the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund. The money will fund the construction of an 88m x 2.5m steel pedestrian bridge across the Cudgegong River on the Bylong Valley Way at Rylstone and will feature fibre reinforced plastic decking and cycleway balustrade hand rail. Member for Bathurst Paul Toole MP said that currently, pedestrians wanting to cross the river to access Rylstone from the West have to walk on the road bridge which is difficult and heavily used by cars, trucks and buses.

"The construction of a new pedestrian bridge will provide a safe pedestrian/bike path between East and West Rylstone, linking walking tracks to the town centre and creating a safe walking and bike riding path for residents. It also means tourists will have a safe walking path to explore the region and town when visiting.



MP Paul Toole with Mid-Western Regional Council's Cr Peter Shelley, General Manager Brad Cam, Mayor Cr Des Kennedy and local residents who are overjoyed to hear the funding decision.



Scissors at the ready as Buzz Sanderson, Paul Toole, Cr Peter Shelley, Rob Mason (Chairman Transport Heritage NSW) and Cr Russell Holden cut the ribbon to declare the heritage line open.

Top Flavours

A record crowd of more than 11,000 people turned out for the seventh annual Flavours of Mudgee street festival on Saturday. Tasting packages sold out in record time as thousands sampled the region's best wine and food from more than 70 stalls along Church and Markets Streets. Council's General Manager Brad Cam said Flavours of Mudgee continues to exceed attendance and economic value to the region.

"This is our largest crowd yet and I am proud to report that data captured on the evening demonstrates more than 50% of event attendees were visitors to the region. By our estimates that's a \$2 million injection into the local economy."

Held on the fourth Saturday of September each year, Flavours of Mudgee 2019 will be held on Saturday, September 29.

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Bus ready to roll

Kandos High School are now the proud owners of a 33 seat Mitsubishi Rosa bus. In 2015 a small group of local women joined together to create the Cudgegong Country Ball Committee which was dedicated to running a charity ball on an annual basis to raise money to purchase a bus for the local schools. Recently, the committee worked hard to locate and purchase a suitable bus for the schools to use from the funds raised along with additional school funds allocated by Kandos High School. The bus arrived at the school just in time to be used for the 7/8 touch trip to Orange. In the past, staff have had to travel to Mudgee to pick up and drop off hire buses or rely on parents for transport on excursions. The bus will make excursions easier to organise and more economical for students. KHS would like to put together a list of volunteer drivers. These drivers may be asked to drive the bus for staff that do not have a bus license (LR or above). If you are interested in joining the list of volunteer drivers please contact KHS office or ask for Kerry Reynolds. For anyone interested in hiring the bus, the management will be run through KHS front office.



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Words and books

Kandos Public School's Book Week Parade on Wednesday, August 22 was a fabulous day with lots of parents and visitors attending. Students and staff embraced the occasion and arrived to school in an array of wonderful, spectacular and original book themed costumes. Thanks to participants, P&C, helpers and spectators the annual school event was a great success.

In September the school hosted the Regional Final of the Premier's Spelling Bee at the Kandos Community Hall on Monday with 42 students competing in the Junior and Senior sections. Emily Gallaher, Phoebe Warton, Amy Sams and Kirilee Besant were the representatives from Kandos Public School and did an amazing job spelling some very tricky words. Students were outstanding in their behaviour, attitude, sportsmanship and of course in spelling. Well done to competitors from public schools from Coerwull, Eglinton, Kandos, Lithgow, Lue, Meadow Flat, Mudgee, Perthville, Wallerawang, Wellington, Zig Zag and Molong Central School.

Junior winners: Champion - Mikaela from Molong Central and Runner-Up - Tilly from Mudgee Public.

Senior winners: Champion - Angus from Perthville Public and Runner-Up - Jaazba from Lithgow Public.



101 Dalmatians - Georgia Norbat was easily spotted in the book week parade.



Where's Wally - Zachary Sack wasn't hard to find in the book week parade.



Spelling Bee competitors with the announcer and scorer Mrs Armitage and Mrs Fuller.

CWA Spring Soiree

Kandos CWA invites you to a Spring Soiree 'Let's Cook' to celebrate the opening of their new commercial kitchen. Join them from 5pm on Friday, November 9 at the Kandos CWA Rooms, 7 Jaques Street Kandos. Entry is \$10 and refreshments will be served. Enjoy an exhibition of handcrafted artisan cutlery by Cheree Edwards, entertainment, a raffle, prizes and fun to be had by all. Dress code: Wear your smartest apron - you might win a prize. Please contact them if you are a former member of Kandos CWA so they can send you a special invitation. For more information, email kandoscwa@gmail.com or phone Colleen on 6379 6902 or 0428 518 380 and find them on Facebook at cwakandos.

Meals on Wheels

Rylstone Kandos District Meals on Wheels (RKMOW) supplies frozen meals to anyone who is frail, aged or a younger person with a disability and their Carers. You can contact RKMOW on 6379 1519 or call into the office at HealthOne Ilford Road, Rylstone. Office hours are Monday to Thursday - 9am to 4pm and Friday - 9am to 1pm.

Vandalism at the Gully

Volunteer caretakers of the Ferntree Gully Reserve were dismayed to find the 2.8 km Peppermint Walk ripped up by two trail bike riders during a routine inspection in August. The riders crushed and scattered rocks, causing serious erosion. This beautiful area is an important tourist drawcard for the district and the destruction is very disappointing for volunteers who look after the area. The matter has been reported to the Rylstone police and anyone with information is asked to please notify them on 6379 1000.

Memorial Dog Show

The Rylstone Kandos & District Dog Club held a special show in October called the 'Pat Brenneke Memorial All Breeds Championship Show' in memory of former committee member and wife of current president Doug Brenneke. Pat passed away in May and the show was a very special memorial to this lady. Cocker Spaniels were Pat's favourite breeds and here to open the memorial show was dog breeder and judge John Canniles who Pat got her first dog from in 1970. Over 200 people gathered at Rylstone Showground for the weekend and glorious weather and a fabulous array of breeds contributed to a terrific weekend. In a nice gesture, the club donated \$600 with help from Doug of \$100 to 200 Bales who have been supplying hay and other necessary items to farmers in the Mid-Western Council region.



Two magnificent silver cups donated by Doug Brenneke for Best in Show and Runner-Up Best in Show



Doug Brenneke (on right) with judge and long-time friend John Canniles who opened the memorial show.

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'Get Ready Day' at markets



Fence sitters Lucas, Ryan and Mason Thorn enjoying a drink and a fire hat at the Sunday Rylstone Markets.

A big crowd gathered at the Globe Hotel at the third Sunday of the month markets recently to view the fire truck and talk to local fire crews during their 'Get Ready Day'. It was a great opportunity for people to meet the faces behind the great work they do across the district and beyond and also to take on the important message of being prepared this fire season.



NSW Fire and Rescue from Kandos and NSW Rural Fire Service from Rylstone combined for 'Get Ready Day' at the Sunday Markets.

Creative chickens

Senior citizen Betty Carter who is a resident in the aged care section of Rylstone Hospital is a whiz with needle and thread. She also operates a mean Elna sewing machine and her creations have everyone talking. She specialises in triangular shaped chickens that are filled with rice and have added cloves for fragrance (they keep ants away too). Betty also makes small pussy cats, sun glasses cases and pot holders. They make great gifts and she also sells them to raise money to buy cushions for the aged



care facility and for their Christmas party which she is looking forward to. This busy lady has been in the aged care facility for just over a year and says it's a wonderful facility. At the age of 97 she is no spring chicken but she sure creates a good one.

Betty Carter with her wonderful creations at the aged care section of Rylstone Hospital.

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Sunday: 10am - 2pm only
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The Club is now taking bookings for Christmas functions, come and talk to our friendly team & see what we can provide.

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New fence for Waratah Park

Waratah Park at Kandos has received \$50,000 in funding to carry out much-needed improvements through round two of the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund. The money will fund the replacement of the front boundary fence at the sporting facility as well as the installation of a new double gate entrance. Paul Toole MP said the work will improve the aesthetics and approach to the ground as well as making it secure and safe.

"Waratah Park is the primary sporting facility for the Kandos/Rylstone community. The current chain-wire fence surrounding the grounds is rusting and does not provide sufficient enclosure for sporting activities. By installing a new fence and double gate, the park will provide a higher standard of facility and be able to attract more participants through a variety of sports.



Paul Toole MP with MWRC Councillors, GM Brad Cam and community members who are looking forward to the Waratah's Park upgrade.

Ilford School's 150th

Ilford Public School celebrated 150 years of public education on Saturday, September 22 with an open day and a dinner in the evening from 7pm.

Large numbers of visitors gathered at the school during the day for a look through the classrooms and a chat with former classmates before a very enjoyable official opening of the celebrations. One of the highlights was a terrific little play featuring school students. It was written by teacher Sarah Lodewijks and looked at the differences in school life in the 1800's to now, but also the many similarities in playground activities. Some things never change! School Principal William Lindsay welcomed visitors and emphasised the importance of the local school to the community and just how much they are intertwined.

The celebrations were officially opened by former student Lynelle Briggs AO from a well know local farming family. Ms Briggs is an example of how education from a small school like Ilford can result in impressive achievements in life. She is a former Australian Public Service Commissioner, was Chief Executive of Medicare and has served in many other government departments and as company director. She is also the Independent Project Facilitator for the Millers Point Accommodation Project. Ms Briggs was awarded the Officer of the Order of Australia in January 2013 for distinguished service to public administration. Her address was highly informative and emphasised what students from Ilford School can achieve if they set their minds to it. The celebration dinner in the evening was attended by around 120 people. Rod Lord MC'd the event and entertainment was provided by local band Bushrock. It was a very enjoyable gathering and a wonderful end to a big day for the small school.



Ian Moore, one of the older former students and Marlie Furner, one of the younger students cutting the celebratory cake, which was then distributed and enjoyed by the large gathering.



Ilford school students entertaining the crowd during the school's 150 year's celebrations.

National Tree Day Planting

Members of Rylstone District Environment Society recently planted more than 50 native trees near Tindale Park, Rylstone on the Cudgegong River foreshore.

The trees were mostly supplied by Mid-Western Regional Council as part of the National Tree Day program and are part of an on-going river foreshore restoration begun in 2004 by the local society in collaboration with Council.

The project has seen invasive weeds controlled and native species planted along approximately three kilometres of river foreshore. The group is looking to improve water quality and the condition of river banks and vegetation in order to provide a favourable environment for the many native animals in and along the river, including Rylstone's famous platypus population. Many people now enjoy walking along the river and some have been lucky enough to spot these shy and elusive animals.

Rylstone District Environment Society is always looking for new members. For information contact Carolyn Barlow on 63791020 or email her at cbarlow@winsoft.net.au.



Members of the local environment group and volunteers planting native trees and shrubs and getting rid of invasive weeds.

Cello and Guitar

Cello Concerts in Historic Churches of NSW presents Cello and Guitar with Georg Mertens and Heathcliffe Auchinachie at the Ilford Church (former Presbyterian/Uniting) on Sunday, November 4 at 3pm. Donation is at exit. For full program and directions visit www.gergcello.com

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Calendar of Events - November 2018

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.	Rotary meets every Tuesday at the Rylstone Club, 6.30 for 7pm.	Pop in Playgroup 10am to 12noon each Wednesday	1 Yoga with Laura every Thursday at 6.15pm, \$15pp at Stone Strength Gym.	2 Rylstone CWA meet at 10am. *Cudgegong Valley History Group, 11am to 3pm at Henbury.	3 Rylstone StreetFeast Hilltop Arts Exhibition
4 One Life Family Church services, 10am every 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday at the corner of Noyes and Dunn Streets, Kandos. *Cello and Guitar at the Ilford Church at 3pm.	5	6 Rylstone Rural Fire Brigade meets first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm - training nights on 3rd Tuesdays.	7 R/K VRA Rescue Squad meeting at 7.30pm. *RKB&T meeting at 6pm.	8 Kandos CPSA meet at 2pm on the second Thursday of each month, at the Kandos RSC Club.	9 Ryl Hosp Aux Meetings 2nd Friday of each month at 10am. (No meetings Dec/Jan.) *Kandos CWA Spring Soiree	10 Rylstone Markets
11 Kandos Christian Fellowship 10.30am on 2nd and 4th Sunday at Scout Hall, Kandos. Armistice Day	12	13 The Kandos Art Group, Tuesdays at the CWA rooms in Kandos from 11am - 2pm.	14 Kandos RSL Sub Branch meeting.	15 Scrabble on 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday of each month, 10am to 1pm at the Rylstone Club.	16 Storytime for kids, 10am to 11am Fridays at Kandos Library	17 Kandos Markets
18 Bogee RFS Training every 3rd Sunday of the month at 9am. *3rd Sunday of the month markets at the Globe Hotel.	19	20 Venturers on Tuesdays at 5pm. *Dance to be fit, 5.45pm every Tues. at St James Hall Rylstone	21 The Craft Group meets at 10am each Wednesday at the VRA shed, Rylstone.	22 Rylstone CPSA meet at 11am at the Rylstone Club on the 4th Thursday of each month.	23 The Kandos Museum is open Wednesdays to Sundays, 10am to 4pm.	24 Kandos Rylstone Singers, 2.30pm to 4.30pm Saturdays at One Life Church Kandos.
25 Uniting Church holds services at Rylstone at 9.30am every Sunday. *Rylstone-Kandos Street Machine Club meeting at 2pm on last Sunday of each month.	26	27 Twin Town Players meet at 6pm on 4th Tuesday of each month at VRA Shed, Rylstone.	28 KRR radio meet, last Wed. of each month, 5.30pm at KRR studios Angus Ave Kandos. *Kandos CWA meet, last Wed. of each month at 5pm	29 Ladies Tennis, 9am Thursdays at Henbury Sport & Rec. Club.	30 Join the Ukulele Group, 4.15pm for a 4.30pm start on Fridays at the Kandos CWA Rooms.	KRR Broadcasting on 98.7FM

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Rylstone Markets

The next Rylstone Markets are on Saturday, November 10 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 great little 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.

Kandos Community Markets

The Kandos Community Markets are on Saturday, November 17 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 will be all the usual stalls including fruit and vegies, books, plants, handmade soy wax candles, Devonshire teas, and a barbecue. For stall bookings, phone Joy on 6379 6097.

Dance to be fit

Keep fit with contemporary dance classes for adults. Susan Barling will take you through creative movement exercises to activate your brain as well as your body. It's on for one hour a week on Tuesdays at 5.45pm at St James Anglican Church Hall. Wear loose comfortable clothing - beginners welcome. Contact Susan on 0425 274 937.

Jackie's Baked Beans

The Twin Town Players present Jackie and the Baked Bean Stalk by Patricia Harris at the Rylstone Memorial Hall over two weeks on Friday, November 9 and Saturday, November 10 – both at 7.30 pm, then on Saturday, November 17 with a Saturday Matinee at 1.30 pm and a Saturday evening performance at 7.30 pm. Come along for a fun show. Jackie has inherited the baked bean factory founded by her father, Jack, of Beanstalk fame. The factory has hit hard times, and Jackie gets involved in various adventures in her own land and in the land of the giant, while trying to solve the problem. Evening performances are \$25 and \$20 concession and Matinee is \$15 all seats. Tickets online at Ticketbooth. Search for Jackie and the Baked Bean Stalk. Tickets also at the door.

Armistice Day

This year's Armistice Day marks 100 years since the end of WWI. A service will be held at the memorial next to the Kandos Community Hall and members of the Kandos RSL Sub Branch invite everyone to attend this service from 10.30am on Sunday, November 11.

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