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Rylstone welcomes StreetFeast

Rylstone's main street is gearing up for another great event when Rylstone StreetFeast comes to town on Saturday, November 7. It's one of the longest running regional street feasts featuring a long table lunch in NSW and its popularity was confirmed when tickets sold out within three weeks. StreetFeast President Peter Hatfield says the event is not only about sitting down for a gourmet lunch though.

"It's a fantastic event to wander around, check out the market stalls and enjoy the fabulous vibe and the great entertainment. You don't need a ticket to soak up the atmosphere and enjoy a great day out."

Stalls will include food trucks this year and wineries and distilleries will be there with a range of products. Entertainment will be a feature again this year with the Scot's All Saints College Pipes and Drums playing their stirring songs and mesmerising everyone with some rousing

highland dancing. They'll pipe the food in again this year too. Two choirs will entertain this year with Rylstone Public School taking the stage along with the renowned Wollemi Singers. Crowd favourite, Colin Hewett is back to get everyone up and dancing and there'll be a few surprise local talent performers as well. The 'Duck Splash' will be there creating a bit of fun and raising money for the local hospital auxiliary, and local organisations will be set up with information for passers-by. Peter thanks the sponsors for their support along with volunteers who help on the day.

"Our sponsors enable us to present donations to schools, fire brigades and other groups and we thank them for their support. Come along everyone and enjoy a wonderful day and celebrate how lucky we are to live or visit here."



Rylstone StreetFeast president Peter Hatfield and committee member Roger Heap getting the information out to listeners on community radio KRR 98.7FM. Peter welcomes everyone and wishes them a great StreetFeast.



Scots All Saints College Pipes and Drums will entertain the StreetFeast crowd again with their stirring music and rousing dance.

A Feast for the Eyes

A reminder that the opening of the annual art exhibition 'Feast for the Eyes' will be held at St James Church Hall, Rylstone on Friday, November 6 from 6pm to 8pm. It's an exhibition of local artists supporting local projects and all proceeds will go to St James Church Youth Group. Viewers can expect some interesting art works including paintings in oils, acrylics, pastels, charcoal and watercolours along with pyrography, ceramics, sculptures and statement pieces. There'll be a raffle of artworks donated by participating artists and artists are donating a percentage of the sale price of items sold. The exhibition will remain open over the Rylstone StreetFeast weekend on Saturday from 9.30am to 4pm and Sunday from 9.30am to 3pm. Entry is by gold coin donation.

Australia Day Awards

Nominations are open for Council's 2027 Australia Day Awards. The annual awards recognise residents, volunteers, community groups, events, artists and athletes whose contribution has made a difference across the region. Residents are encouraged to help recognise the people who regularly give their time and energy to others. Nominations are open across six categories: Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year, Glen Johnston Memorial Award for Arts and Music, Sports Award and Volunteer Services Award. Nominating takes just a few minutes and can be completed online through Council's website. Recipients will be announced at Council's 2027 Australia Day ceremony at Robertson Park, Mudgee on Tuesday, January 26

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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 Mudjee Street, Rylstone, NSW 2849, or email him at 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.

Off the Beaten Track

Community radio's latest program presenter has drawn in a lot of listeners. Chris Mader joined KRR 98.7FM recently and after doing his training began his own show a few weeks ago. It's called 'Off the Beaten Track' - a play on words with an indication of the mix of music he plays. In his own words he plays, "Music we all know, music we know but haven't heard for a while and some we've never heard before." Chris, who was a DJ in Wollongong for 12 years loves music and has a huge collection. He moved to Rylstone around six years ago, is married and has a couple of boys working in Mudjee. He's a bit of a storyteller and one of his hobbies is writing lyrics for songs. A music promo he created for KRR has created a sensation. Asked how he became a presenter on the local station, he said it started out with him listening to the station and wondering if he could do that. "I wanted to help out so I became a member, did some training and now here I am developing my own show." Chris's interesting music program is on Wednesdays from 3pm to 6pm.



Tune in to Chris Mader's music program Wednesdays from 3pm to 6pm on KRR 98.7 FM.

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The Kingdom of art

It was a family affair and a celebration of country, culture and family through the language of art when the Kings got together for a joint art exhibition opening at Gallery 47, Rylstone on Saturday, October 3. The exhibition created some notable comments from viewers who were impressed by the wonderful designs and striking colours of the three generations of artists, Dennis King who is a Darkinjung artist with ties to the Dharug nation, his son Andrew King and granddaughter Jade King. Mention must also be made of granddaughter Matilda whose bubbly personality and art in the window added to the opening. Dennis incorporates his own unique style to showcase our well-known Australian fauna. He currently reside on Wiradjuri country in Kandos and has a Facebook page Piara Condo (to speak to the moon). Andrew started painting as a way to support his mental health after a major car accident and is a big believer in art therapy after this. He lives in Rooty Hill and works in his local community as an Aboriginal Education Support Officer. He also runs an Aboriginal culture group at a local day care/community centre. His Facebook page is Coinda Aboriginal Art. Jade has been painting since she was 18. Her painting style mixes the traditional Aboriginal dot painting with contemporary colours. Each of her paintings tell a story of her own. Her Facebook page is gwandalancreations.store



The art inspired King family L-R, Jade, Andrew, Dennis and Matilda. Their work is a testament to family, culture and vibrant colour.

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 Mudjee St, Rylstone.

Flavours success

Flavours of Mudjee was a huge success again, with 11,426 people attending the region's largest food and wine festival. Now in its 13th year, the event attracted a strong visitor crowd, with one third of attendees travelling from outside the region and contributing an estimated \$1.65 million to the local economy during their stay. Mid-Western Regional Council General Manager, David Neeves said his first Flavours of Mudjee had shown why the event had become such a highlight on the region's calendar.

"This was my first Flavours of Mudjee and the atmosphere was fantastic. Flavours puts the best of our region front and centre, giving our food, wine and produce businesses an opportunity to showcase what they do to a huge audience of locals and visitors." Flavours of Mudjee will return on Saturday, 25 September 2027.

Class of '77 Reunion

Calling all Kandos High School Year 12 graduates from 1977 and those who completed Year 10 in 1975. On Friday, 26 February 2027 it's drinks and a catch-up from 4pm at the Globe Hotel, Rylstone. On Saturday, February 27 meet at the Show Bar at 1 pm at the Rylstone Show, then dinner on Saturday evening at 7pm at the Rylstone Club. If you'd like to take a trip down memory lane and tour Kandos High School, contact the School's front office on 6379 4103 to arrange an appointment. Organisers want you to spread the word. "Please share this with family, friends and former classmates who attended Kandos High School and graduated Year 12 in 1977 or completed Year 10 in 1975." Contact the organisers, Roy Volmari on 0417 891 400 or Carol Rogers (née George) on 4253 4669. For a great weekend of catching up and reminiscing.

Cullen Bullen Raceway

Racing is back at the Cullen Bullen Raceway with the season opener on Saturday, September 26. There was a big turnout for the meeting, which featured the Fast 4 Prostate Cancer Awareness Round. Volunteer Michael Glendinning said the Fast 4's put on a massive night of close high-speed racing with 19 nominees, 6 heats and a 27 Lap feature race won by Portland 15 Stuart Bennett in his immaculate and superfast blue Honda Civic. A number of other events topped an exciting race meet. Portland District Motor Sports Club thanks all drivers, officials, volunteers, sponsors and the wonderful crowd who attended and helped raise money in support of prostate cancer awareness and Can Assist. The next meeting is due to take place on Saturday, October 24.

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Contemporary art at its best

Cementa26 was a blast. From its hilarious Karaoke event at WAYOUT Art Space on Thursday evening to its closing event on Sunday, Kandos became a fascinating art installation for everyone to enjoy, experience and sometimes be bamboozled by. The Cementa team received plenty of praise from visitors, artists, and critics for its bold, community-embedded contemporary art program curated by Sebastian Henry-Jones. This year's Salon, which opened some weeks before the festival, well and truly set the scene with 148 art pieces by local artists on display. It remained a focal point during the festival at WAYOUT. Some of the fascinating and unusual installations during Cementa included Sophie Dumaresq's mechanical shark sculpture

named 'Baby', the feral-machine sound installation 'The Song of Rubber and Fur' with Andrew Meacham, Anna Schwann, Lewis Gittus and Sarah Walker, the Kayak Orchestra at Ganguddy by Lichen Kelp and Dylan Martorell, Hidden Kandos by Frewen Awen (Hobart Hughes and Penny Simons), The Poet is a Counterpunching Radio – Love Bank Radio Theatre with Gabriel Curtin and Charlie Freedman and 'Pootopia' by Kim Williams and Lucas Ihlein (with The Turdis in stark relief outside the community hall). This selection though is really only the tip of the iceberg. Everyone had their own special installation or artwork that they enjoyed. Cementa26 was a smorgasbord of contemporary art at its best.



Angela Stretch Broadcasting live from KRR's studio. Her two hour program included live guests. The program was recorded and a 90 minute version was re-broadcast on her Arts Friday program on Eastside FM the following Friday. Eastside Radio is a community radio station based in Paddington, Sydney, and broadcasting to the Eastern Suburbs of Sydney and the greater Sydney area, where it can be heard as far west as the Blue Mountains.



Gabriel Curtin and Charlie Freedman's Love Bank presented 'The Poet is a Counterpunching Radio' - an exhibition, sound installation and three part radio series at the Kandos Railway Station. This proved to be a popular event with wonderful music and poetry.



Paul's Paddock was the venue of Paradactic or Yak Yak Yak, Art Attack by Radical Fields where the outsider/interstate artists have parachuted into Kandos. Co-directors Ryan Kennedy and Anthony Sawrey were on hand to engage with participants. They transformed the vacant block into what they described as a temporary situation of "misguided paths, didactic distractions, fake discourses, shoddy concepts and off-tangent philosophy. They also had copies of the Glenlyon District News – a community newspaper with lots of interesting information about their town in the shire of Hepburn, Victoria



Diane Pirotta and Renee Ford invited participants to weave a river scene for their weaving workshop Bila Cudgegong. This was a creative event with some beautiful results which will become a permanent installation in the backyard at Cementa HQ.



KRR Radio members Faith Cauchi and Maree Maiden serving up free sausage sizzles to passers-by during Cementa.



A DIY cement making workshop called 'Cementing' created plenty of interest at the Kandos Museum. Run by Alrey Batol and Sarah Poulgrain it included a retort kiln, glass crusher and an aggregate cutting area. They used recycled

oyster shells, wood ash, recycled glass, ceramics and constructions waste in the process.



The Push/Pull cart by Ellie Hannon and Peter Parslow created a lot of fun for visitors at the Railway Green.



Kim Williams and Lucas Ihlein with the Pootopia Choir and the Wollemi Singers performed on Thursday evening following the Kandos Karaoke Night at WAYOUT Art Space – Cementa HQ.

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The pink TURDIS situated in the Community Hall forecourt was hard to miss. Kim Williams and Lucas Ihlein from the Pootopian Manifesto celebrated the craft of 'Humanure' composting to create high-quality organic soil.

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

December 5...Christmas Concert at Rylstone Memorial Hall,

December 5-6...St Malachy Sesquicentenary Celebrations.

Kandos Club

There's plenty happening at the Kandos Returned Services Community Club. On the 1st Friday of every month it's Trivia at 6pm, every 2nd Friday it's twilight bowls at 4pm, on the 3rd Friday of every month come along for the Euchre card game championship at 2pm, Thursdays at 6pm for Bingo, Saturday nights for Raffles at 6.30pm and every 3rd Saturday its Open mic. Bring your voice and a musical instrument or just enjoy the entertainment from 5pm.

New bee group

A local bee group has been formed called Narrubuan Beekeepers of Kandos-Rylstone Inc. The group is now incorporated, and members of the Amateur Bee Association. A spokesperson said there has been quite a lot of interest shown by locals in starting out as beekeepers, so the establishment of this group is an exciting development. "It is also very exciting that we have booked Bruce and Lyn White to run a course for us. Bruce is a veteran beekeeper who is well known and extremely well respected in the beekeeping world, having been a passionate beekeeper all his life. This course is a great opportunity for anyone who is thinking about keeping bees, and we would love to see you there." The Beginner Bee Course run by Bruce and Lyn White will be held in Kandos on October 24 and 25. Cost is \$165 for the two day's workshop or \$100 if you join the local group as a member. You can book through Eventbookngs.com. For further information, contact Andy Driver on 0427 796 224.

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Rylstone Markets

The next Rylstone Markets are on Saturday, November 14 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. If you'd like to join the association, phone Julie on 0458 129 704 or email julzhorn2@gmail.com.

Farmers Market

The Rylstone Farmers Market is held every third Sunday of each month in the grounds of the Globe Hotel. It's a community based event and stall holders are welcome by contacting markets@theglobehotel.com.au. Come along on November 15 for an enjoyable morning that features fresh seasonal produce, local growers, handmade goods, and delicious local treats.

Kandos Community Markets

The next Kandos Community Markets are on Saturday, November 21 in the grounds of St Laurence Church, Kandos from 9am to 1pm. For stall bookings, phone Pauline on 6379 4533 or Rose on 6379 4179.

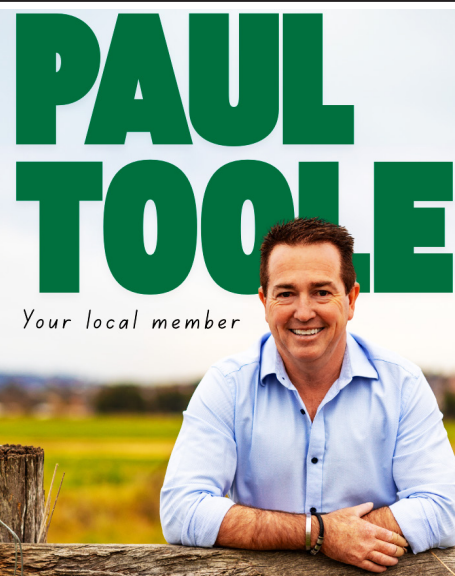
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Christmas Concert

Keep the date free for the annual Christmas Concert. It's on again this year on Saturday, December 5 at 6pm in the Rylstone Memorial Hall. Come along for an evening of Christmas Carols and songs with Wollemi singers, Cantobella and Cudgegong choirs as well as the Mudgee Concert Band. Admission is free so please come and join in for another memorable occasion. You can contact Virginia Handmer on 0460 432 964 for more information.



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