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Welcome to the October issue of Community Capers, volume 329. Our November issue will be distributed on October 29. The deadline for this issue is Thursday, October 15. News items, events, dates for the calendar etc. are inserted free. Email them to the editor, Brent Barlow at brenbar@winsoft.net.au or phone Brent on 0427 791 020. For details and prices on advertising, sponsorship etc., contact Brian Neaves on 0402 976 925.

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Mini Classic

Around 200 mini's arrived in town for the Rylstone Classic on Saturday, August 29 with 400 or more people from clubs across the Central Coast and New South Wales, eager to enjoy the local hospitality and beautiful scenery. After signing in at the rego desk from 8am at Worthington Mini Garage, Kariong and a briefing at 9.30am they hit the road for an interesting drive on plenty of back roads and eventually through the Bylong Valley to Rylstone. According to Event Director Evan Redman, the Rylstone Classic is a "pretend rally", which means participants have lots of fun zipping about the country side without the speed component and seriousness of a real rally. After arrival in Rylstone, the Globe Hotel became the centre of activities for the weekend with Paul Flynn welcoming them and providing plenty of support and good cheer. On Sunday morning participants enjoyed breakfast in the beer garden courtesy of Lue Public School before lining up for the annual

awards presentation. Director Evan said it was great to be in Rylstone again and thanked the sponsors and supporters, especially the crew of Redcoats. "Without them, there is no Classic," he said. Following the presentations, the minis headed off, with many of them booked in for a trip on the Zig Zag Railway near Lithgow on their way home. A final word from Evan – "Well folks, that's a wrap on what was arguably our best ever Classic. We say it every year, but 2026 is going to be hard to top. A huge thanks to all our competitors for travelling from all over the globe to be here." it every year, but 2026 is going to be hard to top. A huge thanks to all our competitors for travelling from all over the globe to be here."



One of the early arrivals on Saturday afternoon as 007 cruises into town.



Lue Public School was popular on Sunday morning for breakfast. It was a welcome fundraiser for the school.

Louise McNaughton and Matt Budds from Mildura travelling in their mini moke with the Sydney Moke Owner's group



'SMOGG'. They said their vehicle was a fuel guzzler but had heaps of power.

A Feast for the Eyes

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.

StreetFeast tickets

Rylstone StreetFeast's Organising Committee is ready for another great event and they promise an enjoyable day in the main street of Rylstone on Saturday, November 7. It's one of the longest running regional street feasts featuring a long table lunch in NSW. StreetFeast President Peter Hatfield says the event's longevity can be attributed to strong community support and the unique streetscape of Rylstone. "With the involvement of professionals, residents and schools from across the Mid-Western Region and further afield, it brings the larger community together to celebrate how lucky we are to live or visit here." Tickets are selling fast for the long table lunch. They're available now on the StreetFeast website at www.rylstonestreetfeast.com.au

Capers info

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KRR's AGM results

Kandos Rylstone Community Radio Inc held its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday August 26. Election results are, Executive Committee: President – Brent Barlow, Vice-President – Brian Neaves, Secretary – Pat Spithill, Treasurer – Maree Maiden and Ordinary Committee Members - Ron Spithill, George Reid and Peter Hay. In his Presidents Report, Brent thanked KRR members for their support over the past 12 months. He summarized some great achievements including the installation of a new kitchen and toilet area at the station and a number of successful outside broadcasts from the Rylstone Kandos Show and Kandos High School. He said the strong affiliation between KRR and our local school was especially pleasing. Financially, the station remains strong. Income and expenditure is closely monitored to ensure emergency funds are available along with funds to improve infrastructure and upgrade and replace equipment when necessary. KRR's Audited Financial Report was tabled by the treasurer and made available for members and the community to inspect. The monthly newsletter, Community Capers continues to be published each month by KRR and is distributed throughout the community and on KRR's website. Brent acknowledged the support of Mid-Western Regional Council and regular advertisers and sponsors.

"Finally, congratulations to our program presenters. You have such interesting shows and play a diverse range of music. We look forward to your programs each day. Best wishes for broadcasting across the region in the coming year."

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Hatters celebrate

The Merry Mamzelles hosted an Aussie Red Birthday Lunch on July 25 celebrating twenty-five years of Red Hatting in Australia. The MC Jenny Conlon, welcomed an incredible sixty four red hatters from all corners of New South Wales and the ACT including Tumbarumba, Wollongong, Canberra, Sydney, Dubbo, Gilgandra, Mudgee, Gulgong, Rylstone, and Kandos. The event was a vibrant gathering, filled with laughter, music, and spirited camaraderie. Stories were swapped, friendships rekindled and new connections made, proving that Red Hatters know how to celebrate in style.

A couple of weeks later, the local group celebrated the coronation of their new queen and vice-queen – Kathy and Jenny. The ceremony was held at Oaktree Retirement Village and everyone wore their tiaras as befitting a Coronation and Investiture. Judy helped Kathy into her robes for the coronation - the first time a mother red hatter had helped dress her daughter for her coronation, while Carol from Rylstone helped Jenny with her robes before the investiture. After the coronation, everyone gathered for lunch, with guests each bringing a plate of goodies to share.

Carol Haywood
and Muriel Hood
celebrating in style.



Hail the new
queen.



MC on the day, Jenny Conlon with two
colourful Red Hatters.

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.

Quilt of Valour

A Quilt of Valour Australia presentation took place in Rylstone in September. Chris and Pam Bellhouse had the honour of presenting the quilt to Anthony William Levy of Rylstone, known to many as "Ike." Ike served as a Petty Officer in the Royal Australian Navy and later continued his service with the Army Reserves. The presentation was held at the Bowles Inn Family Hotel, with friends Rose and Glenn Evans in attendance. They generously nominated Ike for this honour. Sarah and Jason, the hotel proprietors, were also present for the occasion. Ike's beautiful quilt was created by Drouin Fireflys of Victoria, and Pam and Chris thanked them for their care, skill, and generosity. They also thanked Ike for his service, sacrifice and valour, and for his contribution to this country.



Anthony Levy
(Ike) with friends
Rose and Glen
Evans during
the presentation
of the Quilt
of Valour in
Rylstone.

Pool's open

Council's swimming pools are ready for you to make a splash. The Kandos Pool welcomes people of all ages and abilities. Open through spring, summer and autumn, the sparkling pool has some accessibility features that can help you take the plunge. Whether you attend the pool just for fun or come to enjoy the health and connection benefits of a group session, Kandos Pool is a great place to be. Improved walkways and hand-railing, amenities, and a pool-access lift chair provide easier access for all abilities to enjoy the benefits of the pool and its grounds. Thanks to Health One and volunteer fitness leaders, free and accessible aqua fitness sessions are held three times a week. Find your own pace with gentle exercises that build your fitness and strength while you float. All equipment is provided. It's on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10am, and Wednesday afternoons from 3.40pm. Pools in our region open on the last weekend of September and close on the last Sunday in April. For opening hours and entry fees, check the Mid-Western Regional Council website. For more information about how you can enjoy our local pool, call in and visit, or phone 1300 765 002.

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New Mayor

Mid-Western Regional Council has elected a new Mayor and Deputy Mayor following elections held at the September Ordinary Council Meeting. Councillor Alex Karavas was elected Mayor, while Councillor Katie Dicker was elected Deputy Mayor. The positions were determined by Councillors during the meeting. Cr Karavas, was first elected to Council in 2016, and to the position of Deputy Mayor in 2024, while Cr Dicker was elected to Council in 2021. Cr Karavas thanked fellow Councillors for their support and said he looked forward to representing the Mid-Western Region and working with Councillors, Council staff and the community.

Sunset on the Rocks

Music lovers enjoyed another fabulous music event when Sunset on the Rocks returned to the RRCA Community Centre on Coxs Creek Road, Rylstone on Saturday, September 5. Ticket holders enjoyed talented local musicians prior to the main act while relaxing around the fire pits and enjoying a home cooked meal prepared by RRCA members. Acclaimed Australian roots duo Hat Fitz & Cara delivered two captivating sets of an exhilarating blend of blues, roots, folk and gospel. The quality and talent of this couple was truly appreciated by the audience. Event producer and facilitator Meg Benson is planning more of these events in the future.

"Sunset on the Rocks is more than a concert. It brings together professional musicians, local performers, volunteers, community organisations and audiences in one shared experience celebrating music, place and community."

Meg, who is a presenter on local community radio KRR 98.7FM advises you to, "Keep your eyes open and listen to KRR for information on the next great event."



Musicians Hat Fitz and Cara gave a memorable performance at Sunset on the Rocks in September.

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"I will do the best I can to continue on Cr Kennedy's work as he has done as Mayor for the past 16 years and my congratulations to Cr Dicker," Cr Karavas said. Outgoing Mayor, Cr Des Kennedy was first elected to Council in 2008 and has served as Mayor since 2010. Mayor Karavas and Deputy Mayor Dicker will serve in their respective positions until the next ordinary local government election in September 2028.



In a few years this area on the river at the Rylstone Common will become a parkland of trees, shrubs and grasses and will be home to lots of birds.

Historical fundraising

Like many organisations the Rylstone and District Historical Society constantly needs to raise funds to maintain its facilities and assets. For instance, the Cottage and the historic building, the Bridgeview Inn comes with a responsibility to maintain them, do running repairs, pay insurances and make sure they're viable. To cover some of their costs the society holds occasional trash or treasure markets and events such as the upcoming 'Early Policing in Rylstone Exhibition', which will be held sometime in the future. The society also leases out parts of the Bridgeview Inn to a number of businesses which help cover some of these expenses. The latest to open is called Reloved@Rylstone. It's situated on the first floor of the Bridgeview Inn and owner Debra says it's worth the climb. At this stage, Deb will be there at 10am on Saturdays, selling selected, reclaimed women's fashion and other collectibles. During October a selection of designer and brand name dresses will be there too. There'll also be a few surprise items popping up as, well including an Opera Australia costume from Tannhäuser to have a look at. The local historical society urges shoppers to support all businesses at the Bridgeview Inn to keep them viable and in turn to help support the society.



Louis Caruana selling a few treasures at the Rylstone Historical Society's recent market day in the grounds of the Cottage and Bridgeview Inn. His dog Banjo was there enjoying the activity.

Riverside revegetation

Rylstone District Environment Society volunteers planted 200 trees and shrubs on the Cudgegong River foreshore at the Rylstone Common on Sunday, July 26. The planting was carried out in collaboration with Midwestern Regional Council. The planting represents a milestone for the group who began revegetating the Cudgegong River foreshore in Rylstone in 2005. Over the years the group has planted native trees and shrubs on approximately three kilometres of council managed riverbank, stretching from the old

rifle mound upstream of the railway bridge down to the foreshore near the sewerage works. The group's revegetation work has added to government funded community volunteer plantings carried out in the 1990's. Numerous trees and shrubs have been lost over the years due to floods, drought and vandalism. However, enough have survived so that we now have a beautiful scenic river which both tourists and locals can enjoy on their walks or while fishing. The native vegetation also provides improved habitat for fish, birds and of course, platypus.

Bushfire season

The RFS has issued a call to arms to Clandulla and Kandos residents on behalf of the volunteers who are busy preparing for this bushfire season. Clandulla RFS Captain John McLellan urges locals to join the fight and help make a difference in their community by becoming an RFS volunteer. "Being a volunteer with the RFS is a very rewarding experience and I encourage all residents to join with us and help protect Clandulla," he said.

Clandulla RFS is not only looking for new firefighters but also people who can fill other vital roles, including communications, logistics, catering, planning and aviation support. "Becoming a volunteer with RFS is a straightforward process with training provided to fill the role you wish to take on," John said.

Information about becoming a member of the NSW RFS is available at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au or by calling 1800 679 737. You can also contact Clandulla Brigade via their Facebook page "NSW RFS - Clandulla Brigade".

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

November 6...Feast for the Eyes Art Exhibition, November 7...Rylstone StreetFeast, December 5-6...St Malachy Sesquicentenary Celebrations.

Creek Feast

Join Watershed Landcare for 'Creek Feast - Together for the Cudgegong' on Saturday, October 24 from 9.30am to 4pm at Rylstone Showground. It's a community celebration of the Cudgegong River. Creek Feast is a feast for the mind, senses and taste buds, bringing together First Nations knowledge, culture and connection to Country alongside voices from across our community. Spend the day enjoying guest talks, hands-on workshops, interactive experiences, market stalls, live entertainment and a delicious shared feast, while learning more about the river, its wildlife and the people working to care for it. Bring your friends and family, settle in by the Cudgegong and celebrate our river, our community and our connection to Country. Tickets are available at watershedlandcare.com.au/events.

Breakfast with the Birds

Join two of the region's leading birders, Mark Leary and John McCrea for Council's annual Breakfast with the Birds at Putta Bucca Wetlands from 8am to 10am on Saturday, October 10. The free event will include coffee and donuts, trivia and a guided walk through the wetlands. Bring your binoculars and discover the diverse birdlife. Registrations are essential at Council's website.

Rylstone Markets

The next Rylstone Markets are on Saturday, October 10 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 August 16 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, October 17 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.

Kandos Club

Come along to Open Mic at the Kandos Returned Services Community Club on Saturday, September 19. Bring your voice and a musical instrument or just enjoy the entertainment from 5pm. Call in to the club for Bingo every Thursday at 6.30pm and every Sunday at 4.30pm. The club also has raffles on Saturday nights at 7pm.

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