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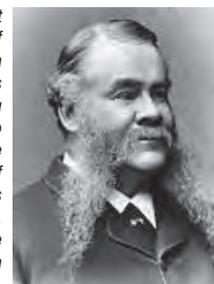
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Rylstone will celebrate two centuries

The Rylstone and District Historical Society is holding a dinner sometime in the near future to celebrate 200 years of Colonial Settlement of the Rylstone area (the Sesqui-Centenary was held in 1970). The society was hoping to hold the celebration in October, but may now have to wait following the recent COVID variant outbreak. During the celebration they want to install a time capsule for future generations, and also launch a revised edition of the book "Rylstone Area History of Settlement" which is currently under way.

In the early 1800's, the Rylstone area stretched from Cullen Bullen, past Cudgegong in the west, to Lue in the north-west and Bylong to the north. James Blackman Jnr, Police Superintendent of Bathurst, who had settled on a land grant of 50 acres on the Macquarie River in 1818, was a keen explorer and with his Aboriginal servant Aaron, left Bathurst to explore the fertile flats northwards, which Aaron had indicated were on a river. At one point Aaron would go no further as this would take him into another tribe's territory. This hill is now named Aarons Pass on the

Edward King Cox was the eldest son of Edward Cox, M.L.C. of Fernhill, Mulgoa, and grandson of William Cox. Edward was born at Mulgoa and after leaving school lived on his father's sheep station at Rawdon, Rylstone. He was an outstanding breeder of stud stock and after inheriting his father's merino stud at Rawdon, won world renown as 'the great improver of the Australian Merino'.



EDWARD KING COX

Castlereagh Highway. Blackman pushed on and found the Cudgegong River and then returned to Bathurst around 1820/21.

Following closely after Blackman came Jamison, Innes and Maclean through the Capertee Valley. By then, Fitzgerald had land grants to the east of Dabee, as the village of Rylstone was then called after the Aboriginal clan who lived in the area. Mrs Macquarie also had a land grant near Fitzgerald's land. Cox closely followed Fitzgerald, along with Tindale and Lee from the Bathurst-Peel area and Bloodworth from Bathurst.

Cementa Festival postponed

After consultation with the community the Cementa team have made the decision to postpone the 2021 festival until May 2022, due to the ongoing COVID outbreak and restrictions. Cementa Creative Director Alex Wisser said the decision was based on the health and wellbeing of the Kandos community. "We have an ageing population and have been very fortunate to have had a total of zero cases of COVID here. However, we would never knowingly risk the health of our community and so have taken the precaution to postpone earlier rather than later." This decision was also made with the artists in mind, many of whom were not able to complete their residencies in 2020 and are now unable to undertake them before October 2021.

"Uncertainty around the current NSW outbreak places artists and audiences at risk of financial loss, making plans to travel to Kandos for the festival increasingly difficult. The longer lead time gives us a chance to reset the residency program and bring everyone another great festival. The good news is that the festival will happen, just a bit later." The new dates for the festival are May 19 to 22, 2022. In the meantime, Cementa is brewing something quite unlike anything they've done before. To mark the passing of the October dates and the festival that might have been, Cementa

will present The Spirit of '21 featuring a series of online engagements, webinars, performances, workshops, séances and aerobic exercises. It will be held from October 14 to 17. Cementa would like to thank everyone who has supported them through the years.



An iconic photo of the 'newspaper man' who had everyone scratching their heads at a previous Cementa Festival.

Capers info

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Community Capers is a publication where community groups and other organisations can list their meeting times, events, dates and venues. Please send all information to the editor, Brent Barlow, 38 Mudgee Street, Rylstone, NSW 2849, or email him at brenbar@winsoff.net.au or phone him on 6379 1020. If meeting times or dates etc. change, please contact Brent as soon as possible with corrections. Advertising space is limited but we do require advertising support to fund our newsletter. Usually it's on a "first in, best dressed" basis. If you wish to advertise or sponsor a page, please contact Brian Neaves on 6379 4092.

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School's sporting achievements

Kandos High School has excelled with some great sporting achievements during this Olympic Games year, including State and National Titles. A big congratulations to siblings Mia and Ky Reddish who will represent the school as part of the Western Region Cross Country team at the NSW state titles later in the year. Another big congratulations to the school's Western Region Squash team of Halli O'Brien, Teegan Reynolds, Jessica Reynolds and

Latara Hammond who are now the NSW State Champions after competing at Coffs Harbour in June - a fabulous result for the team and the school. Individually, Halli has been selected to represent NSW at the Australian Titles as a member of the NSW Under 15's Girls team, while Jessica and Latara were also selected as members of the NSW Open Girls' team.



Coffs Harbour Winners: Kandos High School's Western Region Squash team of Halli O'Brien, Teegan Reynolds, Jessica Reynolds and Latara Hammond are now the NSW State Champions after competing at Coffs Harbour.



Siblings Ky and Mia Reddish will compete at the NSW State Titles in Cross Country later this year.

Hair for a cause

On the last day of Term 2, one of Kandos High School's brave teachers, Leanne Besant, agreed to have her head shaved if the school could raise over \$2,000. A few students joined in for moral support and in the blink of an eye or the snip of a hair, \$2,440 was donated online. Apparently, beanies are a good option in winter. It's not too late to donate, if you'd like to contribute please follow the link to Miss Besant's Go Fund Me page <https://gofund.me/dadf5ef1>. The students also raised an additional \$609.95 and that has been donated to the McGrath Foundation from their activities.



Scissors at the ready and eyes closed in anticipation as Visual Arts teacher Shannon Prosser lines up HSIE teacher Leanne Besant's hair for a great cause.

Flavours cancelled

Mid-Western Regional Council has made the difficult decision to cancel Flavours of Mudgee this year due to the extension of the Sydney lockdown and current Health Orders for regional NSW. Council's Events Team investigated alternative formats and possible postponement, however the nature of the food and wine event as well as the uncertainty surrounding the current restrictions on greater Sydney made this year's event a logistic impossibility. General Manager, Brad Cam said it's disappointing to cancel the event two years in a row, however Council is committed to its return next year on Saturday, September 24, 2022. "It is crushing to have to cancel our flagship event for a second year in a row, but I hope our stallholders and patrons will understand that hosting the event in seven weeks' time was just an impossibility," Mr Cam said. More information on Flavours of Mudgee can be found on Facebook and at: www.flavoursofmudgee.com.au



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Lifelong Learning at KPS

Kandos Public School K-6 classes attended a celebration of 'Lifelong Learning' during Education Week.

A special Education Week assembly was held, with distinguished guest, Ms Debbie-Lee Hughes – Director, Educational Leadership, Lithgow Principals Network, in attendance. The assembly was ably run by the school's student leaders. During the assembly, winners from the Lithgow Network writing competition were announced. Winners of these regional literary awards were: Sophie Ashford, Hermione San Martin, Scarlett Jupp, Hailey Ashford, Holly Cafe and Georgia Norbat. These students were each awarded a book prize. The younger students received a signed copy of a picture book written by former Kandos Public School student, Penny Harrison. Penny, via video recording at the ceremony, gave students an insight into her days at Kandos Public School. She also detailed her own experiences as a lifelong learner. There was a buzz from students as Penny shared an old school photo which had the familiar school uniform that we still have today. It was exciting for students to see a past student of their school sharing their learning and success.

The student body was also privileged to view a short film, detailing the effects of bushfires in our region. Students watched Peter Swain's regeneration video as they reflected on NAIDOC and this year's theme

of 'Heal Country' and how country heals itself after devastating bushfires. The ceremony concluded with a snapshot of students and their aspirations for their future as 'Lifelong Learners.' It was a very happy Education Week.



School Principal Tod Morley and student leadership team Miles San Martin, Pyper Wilkinson, Jocelyn Cafe and David Taylor (filling in for Jeremy Schneider).



Linda Rohr received a Director Award during Education Week for service and dedication to Kandos Public School and the wider community.



Georgia Norbat with prizes and a certificate presented to her for her outstanding entry into Kandos Public School's 2021 NAIDOC Week competition



Austin Parkins proudly wearing a 'Heal Country' T shirt, this year's theme for NAIDOC Week celebrations at Kandos Public School.

Help Legacy

Legacy Week will be held from August 29 to September 4 this year. A uniquely Australian charity, Legacy is run by over 4,000 volunteers (or Legatees) who work to care for the widows, widowers, and children of those who have served our country. Legacy's primary goal is to ensure no child is disadvantaged as a result of their parent's service. Tax deductible donations provide practical support for Legacy Kids, such as uniforms, laptops, school fees, and holiday camps where children can bond with peers from similar backgrounds.

Legacy's first "Button Days" were held in 1942 and since then thousands of volunteers have given their time to sell iconic badges at community stalls, public transport hubs and shopping centres throughout Australia. Last year however, Legacy was forced to scale down the Legacy Week street appeals to best protect their volunteers and the general public during COVID 19. Unfortunately their badge selling street appeal may not go ahead this year, so they are seeking support through a mailbox appeal. Please show support for the families of veterans this Legacy Week by making a tax deductible donation at:

Recovery grants

Applications for the \$280 million Black Summer Bushfire Recovery grants program are now open to community organisations, businesses and councils in the Lithgow, Mid-Western, and Oberon Local Government Areas that were disaster-declared as a result of the 2019-20 bushfires. Federal Member for Calare and Minister for Veterans' Affairs and

Defence Personnel Andrew Gee is urging affected communities to apply for a Federal Black Summer Bushfire Recovery grant. Delivered directly by the Australian

"The grants program is an opportunity for communities to access funding for priority recovery work in their local area, he said."

The grants range from \$20,000 and applications close on September 2. Information about applying for these grants is available at <https://recovery.gov.au/black-summer-grants>. Guidelines and the preview application form are available from the Business Grants Hub at <https://business.gov.au/bsbr>

Unknown Soldier identified

A previously unknown Australian First World War soldier buried in an unnamed grave in France has been identified as 10778 Albert Nicholson, a driver in the 14th Field Artillery Brigade of the Australian Imperial Force. Albert, who was originally from Broken Hill, enlisted in Adelaide on September 17, 1915 and left Australia for overseas service on January 5, 1916. He was killed in Action at Villers-Bretonneux on August 3, 1918. He was buried in an orchard at Villers-Bretonneux, however When Albert's body was eventually found, his identity was not established and he was subsequently reburied in a Commonwealth War Grave, Adelaide Cemetery in Villers-Bretonneux marked as an Unknown Australian Soldier. Further research eliminated all other fallen soldiers of the 5th Divisional Artillery in the area, allowing for the identity of Albert to be conclusively established.

In consultation with Albert's descendants, the Australian Army, Commonwealth War Graves Commission and the Office of Australian War Graves will make arrangements to replace the previously unnamed headstone with one bearing his name and service details



French children tending graves of Australians killed in battle on the Western Front at Adelaide Cemetery in Villers-Bretonneux in August 1919.

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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.	Rotary meets every Tuesday at the Rescue Squad VRA shed, Rylstone 6.30 for 7pm.	1 R/K VRA Rescue Squad meeting at 7pm. *RKB&T meeting at 6pm.	2 Scrabble on 1st, 3rd and 5th Thurs. 10am at Rylstone Club. *Ladies Tennis, 9am Thurs. at Henbury Sport & Rec. Club.	3 Rylstone CWA meets at 10am. *Cudgong Valley History Group, 11am to 3pm at Henbury Sport & Rec.	4 The Kandos Museum is open Wednesdays to Sundays, 10am to 4pm
5 Uniting Church holds services at Rylstone at 9.30am every Sunday.	6 Pilates classes, 6pm Mondays at St James Hall Rylstone.	7 Rylstone Rural Fire Brigade meets 1st Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm - training on 3rd Tuesdays.	8 Kandos RSL Sub Branch meeting. *Pop in Playgroup 10am to 12noon Wednesdays.	9 Kandos CP&SA meets 2pm on the second Thursday of each month at the Kandos RSC Club.	10 Ryl. Hosp. Aux. Meetings 2nd Friday of each month at 10am.	11 Rylstone Markets Rylstone CWA Rooms open for food
12	13 Yoga with Jodi, 6pm Mondays, \$12pp at Stone Strength Gym.	14 Dance to be fit, 4.45pm every Tuesday at St James Hall Rylstone.	15 Venturers meet at 5pm Wednesdays at the Kandos Scout Hall.	16 Twin Town Players meet at 6pm on 3rd Thursday of each month at VRA Shed, Rylstone.	17 Storytime for kids, 10am to 11am Fridays at Kandos Library.	18 Kandos Markets
19 One Life Family Church services, 10am 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays at the cnr. of Noyes and Dunn Streets, Kandos.	20	21 The Wollemi Singers meet at 6pm Tuesdays at Kandos CWA Rooms.	22 The Craft Group meets at 10am each Wed. at the VRA shed, Rylstone.	23 Ryl. CPSA meet at 11am at the Ryl. Club on the 4th Thursday of each month.	24	25 Cake and Sugar Artists meet at Ryl. CWA Rooms. Info at 63791662.
26 Rylstone-Kandos Street Machine Club meeting at 2pm on last Sunday of each month.	27	28 Walking group Tuesdays and Thursdays. Meet at Rylstone Showground Thursdays at 9am.	29 KRR Radio meets 5.30pm on last Wed. of month at 50 Angus Ave. Kandos. *Kandos CWA, 5pm on last Wed. of month	30 The Ukulele Group meet at 4.30pm Thursdays at Kandos CWA rooms.	KRR Broadcasting on 98.7FM	KR Singers, 2.30pm to 4.30pm Saturdays at One Life Church Kandos.

September 29...Family Fun Day at Rylstone Showground, November 6 (or April next year?)...Rylstone StreetFest, December 4...NSW Local Government Elections, May 19-22, 2022...Cementa Festival.

Rylstone Markets

The next Rylstone Markets are on Saturday, September 11 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 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.

A child's gift

Samaritan's Purse invite you to be a part of Operation Christmas Child this season by making a gift to a child. The gifts are shoeboxes filled with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and fun items and are taken to underprivileged children of our Asian-Pacific neighbours and some Aboriginal and Torres Straight Island peoples. It concludes locally by September 17 or later if you need more time by contacting Sue Garlinge. The gifts will be transported to Sydney for processing in October. If you don't have a shoebox, your own Christmas wrapped shoebox at 50c each can be collected and any further questions answered by contacting Sue on 0428 588 563.

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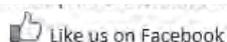


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WW2 Exhibition

The Bathurst Remembers World War 2 Exhibition 2021, Marking VJ Day and 75th Anniversary of the end of WW2 has been postponed. The new date is now Friday, December 3 to Monday, December 6. The four day event will be held in four pavilions at the Bathurst Showground, Sydney Road. It will be open each day from 9am to 5pm.

Kandos Community Markets

The next Kandos Community Markets are on Saturday, September 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.

Rylstone StreetFest

At this stage, Rylstone StreetFest is planned to be held on Saturday, November 6. However, because of the Sydney COVID lockdown, the event may be postponed until early April next year. Nothing has been finally decided yet, but a meeting is expected to be held while Community Capers is going to press. When a decision is confirmed, announcements will be made on local radio, Facebook and future editions of Community Capers.

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