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Welcome to the September issue of Community Capers, volume 328. Our October issue will be distributed on October 1. The deadline for this issue is Thursday, September 17. 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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Sunset on the Rocks

Music lovers are in for a treat when Sunset on the Rocks returns to the RRCA Community Centre on Coxs Creek Road, Rylstone on Saturday, September 5. Created and produced by Meg Benson in collaboration with the RRCA, Sunset on the Rocks combines outstanding touring musicians, talented local performers, a shared meal, cosy fire pits and the spectacular pagoda landscape to create a truly memorable regional experience. The event will feature two captivating sets by acclaimed Australian roots duo Hat Fitz & Cara delivering an exhilarating blend of blues, roots, folk and gospel. Ticket holders will arrive from 3.30pm to enjoy the outdoor Community Stage featuring local musicians from 4pm, relax around the fire pits, meet new people and soak up the sunset before moving indoors for the much anticipated featured performance at 6.30pm. Your ticket includes a hearty homemade dinner, served between 5pm and 6pm. There is a limited licensed bar (beer, wine and cocktails) BYO welcome. Mocktails are available for designated drivers. Meg, who is a presenter on local community radio KRR

98.7FM says "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."

Tickets are \$60 General Admission, \$55 RRCA and KRR Members and \$45 Under 18s. Camping is also available as an option for \$10. You can get your tickets and find more information at www.musichunter.events. Cash ticket sales are available through Rylstone Retro Records. Carpooling is encouraged.



Hat Fitz and Cara, rocking the sunset.

Cementa26

All roads will lead to Kandos this September when the Cementa26 Contemporary Arts Festival returns from Thursday, September 17 to Sunday 20. Artists, locals and visitors will enjoy four days of contemporary art, performance, sound, workshops and unexpected encounters. The festival will transform familiar streets, buildings and community spaces into places for conversation and discovery. Cementa26 is curated by Sebastian Henry-Jones and will bring together more than 30 artists and

projects from across the country alongside work developed through relationships with Kandos, the surrounding region, Wiradjuri Country and local communities. Festival works will be presented across Kandos rather than within a single gallery, allowing audiences to experience art while moving through the town. Cementa Creative Director and co-founder Alex Wisser said the festival's relationship with Kandos is what gives Cementa its identity.

"The festival is shaped by the town, its history, its people and its character. It creates an opportunity for Kandos to welcome visitors, celebrate local creativity and see familiar places from a different perspective."

Audiences can expect a kayak orchestra performed within the surrounding landscape, large-scale experimental puppetry, artist-led publishing projects, live performance and works exploring the rituals, competitions and creative traditions of regional towns. Wiradjuri Yinaa, Jo Clancy and Renee Ford will present



Anyone for cricket? Belinda Innes from the Twin town Players market stall at the last Cementa Festival appealing for leg before, confirming that you never know what you'll see at the festival.

Capers info

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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 Mudgee 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.

Impressive Salon opening

The official opening of the Cementa Salon drew a big crowd to the WAYOUT Artspace on Saturday July 18 and they were impressed by the variety and quality of the 148 art pieces on display. This popular event in Cementa's festival program celebrates local, home-grown talent. Following the Welcome to Country by Megan Williams, Blak Douglas gave an entertaining talk which culminated in an impressive demonstration of didgeridoo playing. Another highlight of the evening was an address by Salon Curator Georgina Pollard who spoke about the exhibition, participating artists and the vision for the Salon. In opening the 2026 Salon, Andrew Gee MP praised the

outstanding quality of the art in the exhibition. He thanked Georgina for her outstanding job as Curator along with Cementa's General Manager Yasmin Hannouf who played a big role in organising the event. Andrew said Kandos has achieved quite a reputation as an art town.

"One of the reasons people want to move here is because of its art culture. It's a standout in the Central West," he said.

The works will be on display at the WAYOUT Artspace 71 Angus Avenue, Kandos until the final day of the Cementa26 Festival on September 20. Entry is free.

KHS Open Day

Kandos High School's Open Day during Education Week highlighted just how inspiring the school is for students and the wider school community. During the day school leaders conducted guided tours giving parents, carers and guests the opportunity to explore classrooms and the exciting activities taking place throughout the school. Outside the classrooms, visitors were encouraged to take part in the Cow Pat Lotto where Harry the Hereford chose the numbers with a - you know what! They could also place a bid in the Kiss the Sheep competition. Local community radio KRR 98.7 also took pride of place outside with a live broadcast, and in the quadrangle visitors could peruse items to help the Kandos High School Support Unit in their fundraiser for 'Camp to the Coast 2026' while enjoying a sausage sandwich. The final highlight of the day was the Education Week Assembly in the Multi-Purpose Hall where the school celebrated the achievements of their students. The hall was decorated with interesting display from some of the faculties including science, music and sports, with the PDHPE display displaying some fabulous achievements across a range of sports including squash, soccer and basketball.



Visitors were able to place a bid in the Kiss the Sheep competition where the winning staff member puckered up the lips with Ziggy the ewe.



The school's support unit had some great items on their table for sale including their famous home style tomato sauce that won 1st prize at the Rylstone Kandos Show. Their stall was a fundraiser for 'Camp to the Coast 2026'.

Big Morning Tea

The local ladies of Rylstone and Kandos district held their Big Morning Tea at the Rylstone Club in May with some great results. They raised \$2080 for the Cancer Council thanks to some terrific support from the Rylstone Club, the Community Charity Shop and all those who donated to the morning tea. The group issued a thank you to Margaret Maker, Cathy Sinnett and everyone who supported them.

Quality cuppa

Quality coffee is now on the agenda. The Rotary Club of Rylstone Kandos in association with Rotary District 9660 has provided funding of \$4000 for the purchase of a coffee machine at ADA RSL LifeCare Kandos. This initiative was designed to support our local aged care residents with easy access to quality coffee, provide a communal setting for social interaction for residents and promote wellbeing for residents and their families and visitors. Anyone for a cuppa?



A big thank you from the staff and residents of ADA for a coffee machine courtesy of Rotary.

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.

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Radio KHS

One of the features of Kandos High School's open day was a live broadcast by Kandos Rylstone Community Radio (KRR 98.7 FM). The local radio station has a long connection with KHS going back to when it was an aspirant broadcaster and was able to use one of the classrooms for its early broadcasts. Over the years, dozens of school students have taken to the airwaves gaining valuable experience in broadcasting, interviewing, public speaking and media production. During the open day, students under the expert guidance of teacher Ms Leanne Besant, herself a volunteer presenter and member of KRR, announced songs, read community notices and played a selection of music they like. As well as being on a microphone, KHS student Nyah also played guitar live and song one of her own songs.

Broadcasting live from Kandos High Schools open day, students Olivia, Jacob and Nyah with teacher Leanne Besant.

StreetFeast tickets

Tickets are selling fast for this year's long table lunch at Rylstone StreetFeast on Saturday, November 7. It's a celebration of good food, local wine, local produce, our fabulous region and enduring friendship. Tickets are available now on the StreetFeast website at www.rylstonestreetfeast.com.au



Auxiliary thanks supporters

Rylstone Hospital Auxiliary held a morning tea on August 14 at the local hospital to thank businesses and community groups for their donations and support. President Bev Hobbs thanked everyone for their help and said their generosity was of direct benefit to the hospital. Certificates of appreciation were presented to Rylstone Bowling Club, the Club's Charity Day, Rylstone Kandos

Street Machine Club, the Community Charity Shop, Rylstone Newsagency, Rylstone StreetFeast, Kuchta's Ready Mix and R&K Engineering Kandos. Health Service Manager Joanne Campbell thanked the hospital auxiliary and everyone for their support. She said the money raised has enabled them to buy much-needed equipment for the hospital valued at over \$33,600.



Rylstone Hospital Auxiliary members with businesses and community groups during their thank-you morning tea. Joining them for the day was Regional Rep of the Central West UHA Kim Jones from Condobolin (front row third from left).

Who Dunnit

Kandos artist Fleur MacDonald has released her first novel, a dark comedy crime story under the nom de plume of Betty Stewart. It's called 'Baking Bad, The Adventures of a Crafty Killer' and her editor's description - "It's like a mash-up of a CWA doco with the series of 'The Sopranos' in which all the wives relocate to country NSW. There's a little bit of War of the Roses to it too." As the bodies start to pile up and the gossip gets lethal, the main character Laura must decide how far she's willing to go to protect her new life. Can she keep her secrets buried under the fig tree? Baking Bad proves that sometimes, the most dangerous thing in a small town is a woman with a spatula and a plan. It's available as an eBook and a paperback via Amazon.com.



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New gallery and shop

Art, décor and other interesting things feature in a new gallery and shop in Rylstone. Situated in Louee Street, Curio Arts & Décor opened to a crowd of supporters on July 25. Owned and operated by Ana Grzybowski, who is an artist herself, she is looking forward to welcoming visitors to her new gallery and shop. It's open Friday to Sunday from 9.30am to 3pm. Call in and say hello and have a look at some of the interesting paintings and other pieces.



New gallery and shop owner Ana Grzybowski (on left) with her mother Maryla and sister Natalia on opening night.

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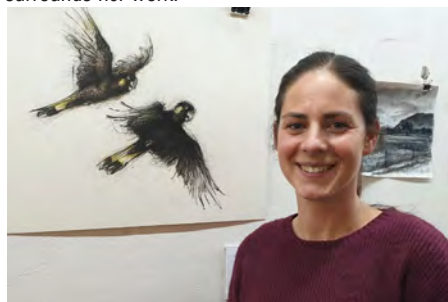
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Pen and charcoal

The exhibition opening of Lisa Kennedy's (Lisa Price) 'Observations in Pen and Charcoal' drew a large crowd to Number 47 Gallery, Rylstone on Saturday, August 1. The exhibition is a collection of studies inspired by Lisa's encounters throughout the Pyangle and Rylstone area. Lisa says these works are not intended as polished renderings but as quiet and intimate observations.

"They're a record of moments that invited a closer look, and of subjects that held attention."

They certainly held the attention of observers at the exhibition opening who related to the quiet energy that surrounds her work.



Lisa Kennedy with her much-admired black cockatoos during her recent art exhibition opening.

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

September 17 – 20... Cementa Festival, November 7...Rylstone StreetFeast, December 5-6...St Malachy Sesquicentenary Celebrations.

Classical concert opportunity

For those who enjoy classical music, the chamber and vocal ensemble 'Camerata Academica of the Antipodes' will be returning to Mudgee with a new concert 'Vivaldi's Summer' this September, and is once again supporting St John's Anglican Church. This is an opportunity that brings together talented multi-instrumentalists, vocalists, performer-researchers and emerging artists. Inspired by the Baroque world of Vivaldi and the 19th Century golden age of violin virtuosi the audience will enjoy Vivaldi's Summer to Haydn's virtuosic Cello Concerto, a thrilling new interpretation of vocal and instrumental Renaissance, Baroque and Classical masters in a concert for all ages. Director Dr Imogen Coward is a multi-instrumentalist and singer, adjudicator, teacher, founding director of Camerata Academica of the Antipodes, and music researcher who is recognised internationally. Featured in the Mudgee program alongside the Camerata instrumentalists, is the Camerata Vocal ensemble, whose members appear as choristers and soloists with a wide range of choral, music theatre and classical ensembles including the Australian Youth Choir, Filipino Choir, the Welsh Choir Cantorion, Joubert Singers, Pacific Opera, and the Sydney Philharmonia Choirs. The concert will be held at St John's Anglican Church, Mudgee on Sunday, September 27 at 2.30pm. Tickets are \$49 adults, \$45 concession and \$35 child. They're available online and at the door. To book, go to CamerataAntipodes.com.au or call/SMS 0459 577 110, booking fees may apply.

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Rylstone Markets

The next Rylstone Markets are on Saturday, September 12 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, September 19 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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