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Welcome to the July issue of Community Capers, volume 205. Our August issue will be folded and distributed on Thursday, July 30. The deadline for this issue is Friday, July 17. News items, events, dates for the calendar etc. are inserted free. Send them to the editor, Brent Barlow, 38 Mudgee Street, Rylstone, NSW 2849 or phone Brent on 6379 1020. For details and prices on advertising, sponsorship etc., contact Brian Neaves on 6379 4092.

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## Soldiers and local families linked to Rylstone Autograph Quilt

In September during History Week, Rylstone and District Historical Society will present an exhibition at the Rylstone Memorial Hall celebrating the stories of soldiers and local families linked to the Rylstone Autograph Quilt. The quilt was the result of efforts by Mrs James Dawson, supported by Mrs Fletcher, wife of the Rylstone Shire President, and Mrs J. W. Farrar one hundred years ago. Individuals signed the quilt in pencil, and then paid to have their signatures embroidered over. It was completed for July 30, 1915, called "Australia Day" - a special day where the Australian community raised money to support the war effort. Most of these funds were collected for the Australian Division of the Red Cross.

This quilt is now in safe-keeping at the War Memorial in Canberra. Its preservation has been a miracle. A Mrs Simpson in Sydney found the quilt in a collection of linen purchased at auction in Sydney in the 1970s and recognising its significance, sent it to the War Memorial. Its makers and all those who signed it would probably be surprised that it still exists 100 years later. Rylstone and District Historical Society President, and Curator of the exhibition Helen Marsonet said she was very excited when she first found out six years ago that there was a Rylstone autograph quilt in the collection of the War Memorial.

"It has led to a massive project researching the signatures, and information has been pouring in which will contribute substantially to the Rylstone family history archives."

There are over 900 autographs embroidered in white embroidery thread on a white sheet in stem stitch and chain stitch, with decorative motifs of grape leaves, flowers, stars, sun rays and circles. The quilt contains the names of at least 75 soldiers from the Rylstone district who enlisted between August 1914 and July 1915. Two stitched circles bear the names A.C. Robbins, A.H. Freeman and J.D. Sandstrom. All three were

early Gallipoli casualties. A central circular shape bears the cipher of King George V and For Our Dardanelles Australian Wounded 1915. Two circles bear the names of well-known Australian commanding officers also killed on Gallipoli in the first days - General Bridges and Colonels MacLaurin, Braund and Onslow-Thompson. Rylstone citizens donated varying amounts to have their names or the names of loved ones, embroidered, which raised a total of £95. On completion, the quilt was auctioned and Mr E H Nash was the final purchaser paying £17.10 for it. The total raised was £112.10 - a substantial amount in 1915.

The "Stitches in Time" exhibition in Rylstone celebrating 100 years since the quilt was created will feature the signatures from the quilt in the form of large projections. There will be stories and photographs and a memorial to the recently identified soldier Athol Kirkland given to the family by the residents of Pinnacle Swamp. Other items will include WWI objects, uniforms, and other attractions. During the exhibition, embroidery in the style of the quilt and sock knitting will be demonstrated. The exhibition will be open daily from 10am to 4pm from September 4 to 11.

Anyone curious to know if the signatures of their forebears are on the quilt, or who can provide further family history information are urged to contact Helen Marsonet at Rylstone and District Historical Society at [rylstonehistory@westn.net.com.au](mailto:rylstonehistory@westn.net.com.au) or PO Box 66 Rylstone 2849.

**CONNECTING SIGNATURES TO FACES:** Rupert Stanley George served with the Australian Infantry Forces in France and his signature is embroidered onto the quilt.



## Enquiries roll in for Kandos Pirate Festival

Organisers of the Kandos Buccaneers Bash with Jon English say the Pirate Festival has captured people's imaginations, with lots of enquiries coming in from out of town. Well over 100 tickets have now been sold and Sue Honeysett and Mary Kavanagh are advising people to get in early if they don't want to miss out. Attention is now turning to the day's events on the Kandos Green where the newest addition to the entertainment is the Lower Blue Mountains Youth Circus, Zany Yare who will do a pirate themed ground show. Zany Yare has been performing in the Blue Mountains and Sydney regions since 2000 and have put on 11 major productions, including circus interpretations of the Wizard of Oz, Alice in Wonderland, Charley and the Chocolate Factory and Peter Pan. They have participated in a variety of festivals such as Ironfest, Lithgow's Halloween Festival, the Tullamore Irish

Festival and the Glenbrook Spring Fair. Their skills include, aerial acrobatics, juggling, stilt walking, acrobatics, unicycle, hula hoop, physical theatre and puppetry.

In the meantime, work will soon get underway on the building of gallows and stocks and other props for the pirate camp. Musicians and dancers are also being arranged along with games for kids and market stalls (the pirates called their markets Bazaars.) It gets underway at 12 midday and for those who buy a \$65 ticket to the evening show, entry to the daytime concert and activities will be included. Entry for those just going to the afternoon concert and activities on the green will be \$10. For more information on the day's events or to look at the seating layout for the Buccaneers Bash with Jon English, call into Down the Track Café at the Kandos Railway Station.

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### School P&C turns 20

The Rylstone Public School P&C Association held its AGM recently and welcomed a new committee for 2015-16. They are: President – Alisa Burlington, Vice-President – Ben Suttor, Secretary – Rebecca MacKander, Treasurer – Melanie Moore, Ex-officio Members – Kathryn Murphy and Nikki O'Brien, and Committee Members – Tammy McLean, Rebecca Guilfoyle and Terrie Wallace. This year the P&C celebrates 20 years of incorporation and members said they would like to recognise the hard work done by previous committees and also the continued community support that has enabled them to reach targets set to meet the educational needs of local children.

"In recent years, the support from Neil and Lynelle and the patrons at the Globe Hotel has been particularly helpful. As we're a small school, we rely heavily on the generosity of others. We'd also like to recognise the Staff at Rylstone Public School, both past and present who have nurtured a safe learning environment for our children over the years."

In recent years the P&C has been able to purchase literacy resources, art supplies, hall flooring, air-conditioning, wall tiles for displaying the children's creative works, canteen equipment, sports uniforms, technological equipment, music equipment, desks and storage cupboards. They have also subsidised parents' expenses by donating funds to the school to reduce the costs associated with excursions and educational programs like Healthy Harold. Additionally, they continue to support the Wollemi Children's Creative Arts and other organisations that support children, like Royal Far West. The P&C would like to extend a huge thank you to the community for their support over the past 20 years and invite everyone to participate in future fundraising ventures, including exciting raffles with great prizes and hopefully a Christmas in July.

"Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated. If you would like to contribute anything to our cause or if you have any ideas for further fundraising events, you are welcome to attend our meetings. The Rylstone Public School P&C Association meets every month and is open to both parents and the extended community. We always enjoy welcoming new friends. For further enquiries please contact Rylstone Public School on 6379 1404."

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### Kandos St Vincent de Paul celebrates 85 years

A very special occasion - 85 years of Vincentian mission, was celebrated by the Kandos Conference on Sunday, May 17. The celebration commenced with an 11am mass at the newly re-decorated St Dominic's Church. The large congregation was made up of local parishioners, centre volunteers, retired and previous members of the Kandos conference, invited guests from the Evans Region and Bathurst Central Council. Father Tony Hennessy was the celebrant and during his homily reflected on the history of the Kandos Conference and the importance of the services provided by the conference and centre. He emphasised the increasing need for these services across all towns in NSW. At the end of mass, certificates were presented to Tom Oxley for over 50 years of service and Robyn Oxley for 25 years of service. Robyn and Tom were thanked for their generous contributions to the Society.

Following mass, a group of eighty seven guests gathered in the newly renovated Church Hall for a beautifully prepared and enjoyable dinner. During the official speeches, conference president Carol Morrissey spoke of the history of the conference and the wonderful work carried out by the founding members. Special mention was made of the Sparks, Frappell, Roberts, Norris, Mathews and Gallagher families during this time. It was mentioned that the lost Certificate of Aggregation had been found in the local museum and returned to the conference.

Previous presidents were mentioned for their contribution to the conference and centre, including Keith Shumack, Jack Holland and Pat Frappell. Mrs Morrissey thanked Pat Frappell and his wife Margaret for travelling back to Kandos for the day. Pat was president of the St Dominic's Conference for many years and was also Evans Regional President. Mrs Morrissey concluded by congratulating the six present members for their dedication to continuing the good works of the society in Kandos.

Centre president Louise McPherson spoke of the history of the centre and mentioned Jack Holland the first centre manager. Mr Holland dedicated much time and effort to establishing the centre and keeping it running over many years. Once located in the church grounds, the centre is now centrally located in Angus Avenue. It is a welcoming and busy place. At present the number of volunteers working there is 35. Mrs McPherson thanked all the of Kandos volunteers for their commitment to the centre and the excellent service and support they provide.

Following dinner, badges recognising years of service to the Kandos Conference and Centre were awarded - time frames of service to the society ranging from 10 years to 30 years of volunteering and membership. The longest serving volunteer is Maggie Swientek who has notched up close to 30 years of dedicated service. The celebration cake was cut by her.

Mrs Morrissey thanked everyone for attending and making it such a special celebration for the Kandos St Vincent de Paul. Regional President Christine O'Mahony thanked the members of St Dominic's Conference Kandos for the invitation to celebrate the special occasion with them and thanked the Kandos conference members and centre volunteers for their ongoing commitment to the 'Good Works' of the St Vincent de Paul Society. All present showed their appreciation of the time and effort that had gone into organising such a special and successful celebration.



**IN APPRECIATION:** Kandos S.V.D.P. conference members Maureen Forbes, Doreen Wurth, Phyllis Clarkson, Carol Morrissey and Louise McPherson (missing from photo, Judy James).

## Clandulla Community Association closes

After 40 or more years the Clandulla Community Association, based in the village of Clandulla south-east of Kandos, has closed because of lack of members. Like many groups and associations an aging population and lack of younger interest has made it difficult to continue. The association's demise will benefit the wider community though with money left in its coffers going to the Community Charity Shop in Kandos to be distributed to other groups and organisations across the district. President of the former association, Robyn Cafe presented a cheque for \$7190.17 to the community shop last week along with catering and other items which went into the shop for sale. She said she wished to thank the community for their support and help over the years.

"We know that the volunteers at the community shop do a good job of spreading the money around. Some of it has already been earmarked for the Rylstone Hospital and the Clandulla Rural Fire Service," she said.

Over \$63,500 has been presented to groups and organisations by the community shop during the past two years. This year, Care and Transport, Rylstone Hospital Auxiliary, and Clandulla Rural Fire Service received \$2500 each, Can Assist \$2000, Rylstone-Kandos Volunteer Rescue Squad, Life Skills Plus, Rylstone District Historical Society, Olinda Hall Association and Ride for the Chopper \$1000, Biggest Morning Tea \$600 and Men's Shed, Kids and Carers, Henbury Lady Golfers, Rylstone Women's Bowling Club, Juvenile Diabetes Research, Lymphoma Australia and Cure Brian Cancer Foundation all received \$500.



**TO A GOOD CAUSE:** Community Charity Shop volunteers Jennifer Miller, Colleen Yates, Dianne Gould and Val Carberry receiving a generous cheque from former Clandulla Community Association president, Robyn Cafe.

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## Best bird in show

Clandulla resident Kevin Turner has taken out the Best Bird in Show trophy along with the Most Successful Exhibitor at the annual Indian Game Club of Australia's poultry show held this year in Macksville on the North Coast of NSW. This makes the local bird breeder one of the best in Australia with around 300 entrants from virtually every state vying for prizes in a highly competitive environment.

The diesel fitter who works at Wilpinjong mine north east of Mudgee has followed in the footsteps of other family members, with both his father and brothers being strongly committed to the Kandos-Rylstone Poultry Club for many years. Kevin's job has meant his hobby has taken a back seat in recent years, but with help and support from his wife and family he has begun devoting more time again with some stunning results. The beautiful trophy along with \$500 cash prize is the end result.



**GRAND CHAMPION:** Kevin Turner with his magnificent trophy and his very tame grand champion Dark Indian Game Bantam that he bred last year.

## Support for Kids & Carers

President of Kids & Carers Maureen Phillips was overwhelmed this week when she received a substantial donation of \$1000 from local farmer Ian Moore to help fund the construction of a Community House in Kandos. Mr Moore contacted Mrs Phillips after reading that Mid-Western Regional Council had granted Kids & Carers land to build their Community House on.

"He then heard me being interviewed on local community radio station KRR and after hearing about funds that have already been raised with the community's help, thought that he needed to get involved to also help get this house built and up and running within the time frame that has been set by the council.

"On behalf of Kids & Carers I would like to offer a big thank you to Mr Moore for his kind donation. It's another step towards Kids & Carers realising their target and having this community house built in the community," Mrs Phillips said.

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## A fabulous weekend of plays

The Twin Town Players weekend of short plays held over two afternoons and two evenings was highly entertaining and a lot of fun for adults and children alike. Matinees on Saturday and Sunday gave kids and their parents an opportunity to enjoy six plays together while Friday and Saturday evenings were reserved for more mature audiences.

Matinee plays included *The Pig Who Cried Wolf*, *Beauty and the Bee*, *Not My Fault*, *Missing*, *Stuff and Super Snoops*. The diverse variety of plays included actors of all ages from primary school through to high school and the nurturing of young talent certainly paid dividends with some fabulous performances and hopefully future stars of the stage.

Evening plays included four of the matinee performances and two locally written plays *A Tot for the Top-glass* by Roger Heap and *Killing Father* by Brent Barlow. Both plays were enjoyed by audiences and featured some stunning performances by cast members.

*A Tot for the Top-glass* was directed by Roger Heap and Oriana Panozzo and also featured Oriana in a clever piece of acting as able seaman Alex Nichols. Other actors were Owain James as Captain Henry Stoker and Dan McGrath as Lieutenant Geoffrey Haggard.

The play is based on the true WWI story of the final days of the Australian submarine AE2 near the Dardanelles mine field. It involved a lot of electronic gadgetry and props and was a challenge for cast and crew, turning out admirably and very much enjoyed by audiences.

*Killing Father* is Brent Barlow's second play and was a definite hit with audiences on both nights. The play was beautifully directed by Kelly Curtis who took the young cast under her wing and bounced ideas around with them.

The play is a comedy with an underlying message. It tells of a family with secrets, misplaced loyalty and false presumptions resulting in plenty of hilarious moments, lots of tension, a bit of romance and the conclusion that anyone can make a mistake.

Year 12 Kandos High School students Claudia Fuller as Jenny, Emily Gardiner as Barbara and Nicola Donnelly as young Colleen all gave impressive performances. Claudia's natural acting talent really shone through and Nicola's very short moment on stage was spine tingling. Mary Boxsell as Colleen was another gem from this experienced actor and Dan McGrath as Jonathon gave an outstanding performance, absolutely nailing the part. Technical assistance and prompting by Nikita Marshall rounded off a polished performance by cast and crew.



**FAMILY TENSIONS:** Mary Boxsell, Dan McGrath and Claudia Fuller in *Killing Father* written by Brent Barlow and directed by Kelly Curtis.

## School's Christmas in July

Preparations are underway for Rylstone Public School P&C Association's Christmas in July celebration. The event will be held on Saturday, July 25 at the Rylstone Hotel (Top Pub). The P&C will also be running a raffle to coincide with the event. President of the P&C Alisa Burlington says they have some great prizes on offer including two vouchers for Tapas at the Zin House, kindly donated by Kim Currie, a beautiful hand poured Soy candle pack by local business Three Poppets, as well as other fantastic prizes donated by local businesses and groups.

"We are truly blessed to have such wonderful support and I'd like to thank the community for their continued generosity."

The night itself promises to be a fun filled event with the Rylstone Hotel providing the perfect setting for creative games, delicious food and Christmas cheer. There'll even be a prize given for the Best/Worst Christmas Jumper. Tickets to the event are \$35 per head. This price includes a free drink on arrival and canapés. All profits from the celebration will go towards new learning programs and equipment for Rylstone Primary School. Tickets are available at Rylstone Newsagency and Mon Alisa Design, Rylstone. For phone enquiries phone Alisa on 6379 1476.

## Rylstone chef featured on TV

Television viewers had an opportunity to see their local chef Na Lan from Rylstone's Yum Cha restaurant mix it with the stars on Friday evening, June 26 on Seven's *Better Homes and Gardens*. Ed Halmagyi (Fast Ed) and his crew from the lifestyle program arrived in Rylstone last month and began filming for the show. The morning was taken up with Fast Ed preparing and cooking a Hungarian noodle dish using some of the produce from the nearby community garden. Quite a few locals were on hand to watch as well as students from the nearby primary school. After lunch Fast Ed was filmed presenting his dish to the show's host Johanna Griggs and Na Lan to taste. A few local residents were also lucky to do the taste test. The crew then set up for filming Na Lan showing Johanna all the steps in making chicken and vegetable dumplings. It was a long day and they finished filming at 5.30pm. Dessert was filmed the following day in Mudgee. (Photo by Karon Grant.)



**TRY THIS:** Fast Ed presenting his noodle dish to Na Lan and Johanna Griggs in the restaurant's Bridge View Inn courtyard.

## School students' major art awards

Three students from the Kandos Public School enrichment group received major awards for their artwork in the recent Gulgong Arts Council "Unearthed" Exhibition during the Henry Lawson Festival. Students researched the term "Unearthed" and used a range of inspirational material together with art techniques to create their own artworks resulting in some wonderful pieces.

The three students who received the awards are: Mackensy Farrar - 1st Place in Section 17, Animals and Birds for her artwork titled "Scarab Beetle", Latara Hammond - 1st Place in Section 19, Sculpture for her sculpture titled "Beautiful Bird" and Felicity Evans - 2nd Place in Section 20 - Illustration of a Henry Lawson Poem for her artwork titled "The Midnight Horse".

The artworks are now on display in the window of Cementa's headquarters at Kandos Projects in Angus Avenue, Kandos.

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# Calendar of Events - July 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
One Life Family Church services, 10am every 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday at the corner of Noyes and Dunn Streets, Kandos	Scouts meet at 6pm on Mondays at Kandos Scout Hall, Cubs meet at 4.30pm.	Rotary meets every Tuesday at the Rylstone Club, 6.30 for 7pm.	1 RKB&T meet at 5.30pm. *R/K VRA Rescue Squad meeting at 7.30pm.	2 Rylstone Rural Fire Brigade meeting at 7.30pm.	3 Rylstone CWA meeting at 10am.	4
5	6	7	8 Kandos RSL Sub Branch meeting. *Ryl. Hospital Auxiliary Meeting.	9 Kandos CPSA meeting on 2nd Thursday of the month, 2pm at the Kandos Ret. Serv. Comm. Club	10 Storytime for kids, 10am to 11am Fridays at Kandos Library.	11 Rylstone Artisan and Producer Market
12 Cottage Museum, Rylstone open every Sunday from 10am to 3pm.	13	14	15 Ryl. CPSA meeting 11am at the Rylstone Club.	16	17	18 Next Kandos Markets in September
19 Uniting Church holds services at Rylstone at 9.30am every Sunday and the Sharing Shed, 4th Saturday of each month at 5pm.	20	21	22 The Craft Group meets at 10am each Wednesday at the VRA shed, Rylstone.	23 Ladies Tennis, 9am Thursdays at Henbury Sport & Rec. Club.	24	25
26 Alcoholics Anonymous meets Sundays, 6.30pm at the Anglican Church Hall, Kandos. Phone Noel on 6379 4451. Al-Anon contact number: Pam at 6379 4613.	27	28 Kandos CWA meeting at 2pm. *Rylstone-Kandos Street Machine Club meeting at 7.30pm.	29 Community Radio meeting, 7.30pm at KRR studios Kandos.	30 Scrabble on 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday of each month from 10am to 1pm at the Rylstone Club	21	KRR Broadcasting on 98.7FM

## Dates for the Diary

August 18...Messy Church, August 29...Cudgegong Country Ball, September 19...Kandos Pirate Festival and Buccaneer's Bash, November 7...Rylstone StreetFeast.

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### Rylstone market day

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### Hunting for history

Come and join the "History Hunters" at the Bridge View Inn, Rylstone from 10am to 3pm on the first Tuesday (changed from Wednesdays) of each month. There will be a trained archivist in attendance to assist everyone to set up their computer for their family history research.

### Walk for health

Get your hearts pumping and your legs moving with the Heart Foundation walking activities now being held twice a week at 9am Tuesdays and 9am Thursdays. They both start at the Rylstone Health One building with the Tuesday walk offering occasional various walks around local reserves and national parks as an alternative to the Thursday walks which remain within the confines of Rylstone. Come along - all welcome.

### Pop in for playgroup

The Pop in Playgroup is on every Wednesday morning from 10am to 12midday at the Rylstone Uniting Church Hall. Call in, it's a lot of fun. Cost is just a gold coin donation and refreshments for children and parents are available. Everyone is welcome. For further information, contact Chris Hunt on 6379 0730.

### Kandos Pirate Festival

Tickets for the Kandos Buccaneers Bash with Jon English and the Pirate Festival on the Green on Saturday September 19 are available at Down the Track Café at the Kandos Railway Station. Call in for more information on the unique celebration of Talk Like a Pirate Day.

### Pilates classes

Pilates classes are held in Rylstone at St James Anglican Church Hall, Mudgee Street on Monday evenings from 6pm to 7pm. Classes are suitable for all ages and fitness levels and work at strengthening all the stabilising muscles of the body. Cost is \$10, bring a mat if you have one. Contact Alison on 6379 7372 or just drop in.

### Dog show returns

The Rylstone Kandos & District Dog Club is pleased to announce the return of their Annual Dog Show weekend after missing out in 2014 due to administrative difficulties in scheduling. Club President Klaus Keck says that there are some 500 of Australia's best purebred dogs expected to compete for Best in Show at the three shows at Rylstone Showground, two on Saturday, July 25 at 9am and 1pm and one on Sunday morning, July 26 at 9am. There'll be market stalls, dog equipment, grooming stalls and catering by the Rotary Club. Everyone is welcome to call in for a look. For more information please phone Klaus on 6379 7722 or 0429 352 520.

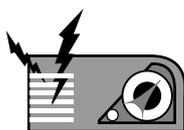
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