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Stitching up a fascinating History Week exhibition

Rylstone and District Historical Society has organised a fabulous History Week exhibition for September called 'Stitches in Time Stories of the WWI Rylstone Autograph Quilt 1915'. It will pay tribute to the more than 900 local citizens of the district who had their names stitched onto the famous Rylstone Autograph Quilt 100 years ago. The exhibition is an official History Week Event and will be at the Rylstone Memorial Hall from Friday, September 4 to Friday, September 11. The Quilt is in Canberra in safekeeping at the War Memorial and will not be on display, but every signature has been photographed and these will be projected onto a screen running continuously. The exhibition will feature profiles of families from the district who were involved in the fundraising effort in 1915. For example, Mr and Mrs Fletcher who ran the Globe Hotel in 1915 and were both very active in the community. Mr Fletcher was the Shire President and Mrs. Fletcher was in the local Red Cross. There's also Edwin "Ted" Nash who was the final purchaser of the Rylstone Autograph Quilt. Mr Nash owned the Crown Store and was a grocer draper and ironmonger. The home in which he lived is now the RDHS Cottage Museum. School students have created colourful poppies that that will be attached to surfaces throughout the display in memory of the many local boys and men who gave their lives during the war. Students from Lue, Rylstone, Kandos and Ilford Primary Schools and from Kandos High School are all contributing to this effort. The exhibition will be open to the public every day from 10 am to 4pm and a program of songs, poetry and

demonstrations will make this a unique and special event. Please come along and enjoy this wonderful tribute and fascinating exhibition which will include demonstrations of embroidery in the manner of the quilt, army sock knitting and table loom weaving. A selection of World War One poems will be read every day at 2pm.



FORMER RESIDENTS: Mr and Mrs Fletcher are one of the families whose profiles will feature in the exhibition.

Take a train ride on the Kandos Express

Everyone loves a train ride and this month the Kandos Bicentennial Industrial Museum has organised two train trips on the lovingly restored motorail the 'Kandos Explorer' coinciding with the Pirate Festival in Kandos on Saturday, September 19. The first trip is a return trip from Lithgow to Kandos including a Kandos Museum tour, shuttle bus and memorabilia package from 11am to 5pm. Ride the rails from Lithgow Station to Kandos Museum through the spectacular Capertee Valley on the twin-car railmotor. Starting at Lithgow Railway Station, your journey takes you past Wallerawang before heading north-west past the Gardens of Stones National Park and on to Pearson's Lookout at Capertee. The journey pauses at the lookout allowing passengers to take in the world class view and a rare photographic opportunity. It's then on through the Capertee Tunnel and into the valley with its myriad views and points of interest before climbing towards Carlos Gap and through a second tunnel to Brogan's Creek where steam trains once watered. From there it's a short ride to Kandos

Railway Station and time to stretch the legs and join in the fun of International Talk Like a Pirate Day on the railway green or catch the shuttle bus for your included Kandos Museum tour. The day is a very special day for the Kandos Museum with the official handing over of the Kandos Cement Works Ambulance for permanent display. The handing over ceremony will commence at 1.30pm. Cost of the trip is \$90 for adults return and \$45 for under 16 yrs. The train arrives in Kandos at around 12.50pm and departs at 3.30pm.

The second trip is called 'Brogans Run' and will depart from Kandos at 1.30pm for Brogans Creek, then through the Carlos Gap Tunnel and return with spectacular views of the Capertee Valley. The train will return to Kandos at 2.40pm. Tickets for this trip are \$20 and \$10 for under 16yrs and they're available at kandosexplorer.eventbrite.com.au & brogansrun.eventbrite.com.au or logging onto websites.rylstonekandos.com, kandosmuseum.org.au or checking out facebook/Kandosmuseum.

Calling all pirates for a swashbuckling day

The Kandos Pirate Festival on Saturday, September 19 is shaping up to be a fun event. There are only a few tickets left for the Buccaneers Bash with Jon English on Saturday evening and things are shaping up fabulously for a great day on the green as well. The festival starts at 10am and goes though until around 5pm with a Smugglers Cove for the kids, face painting, tattoos, show bags, games and storytelling. There'll be a pirate's camp with galleys and stocks, a history of piracy, a fortune teller and lots more. It'll be a fun-packed day with belly dancers, the Zany Yare youth circus with a special show for the day including acrobats, still walkers, hula hoops and jugglers. The exciting

Swordplay team will do two performances at the festival and don't miss local favourite Bob Stone with a new look. Richard Ball is also performing. There's plenty more in the pipeline too. This will be a great event for all ages. Bring along a comfy chair or rug. Tickets are \$65 for the evening concert with Jon English, which includes entry into the Pirate Festival on the green, or \$10 for the day's events. You can purchase tickets at Down the Track Café, Kandos or phone Sue on 6379 4337 mob. 0431 930 960. Don't forget to decorate your front garden with a pirate theme or fly a pirate flag for the festival. This is a non-profit community event.

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KRR's pleasing survey results

Kandos Rylstone Community Radio (KRR 98.7FM) members enjoyed their mid-year barbecue and get-together last month in the station's landscaped gardens. It was the first time the venue has been used since it was completed and station president Brent Barlow said it was nice to finally be able to use their own premises for the function instead of hiring other facilities.

"Members really enjoyed using their own area and it even gave our presenter Brett Grey who was on air at the time an opportunity to grab a plate of food and have a quick chat to everyone between songs."

It's been a busy few months for KRR with new members doing training and learning the ropes for their upcoming programs. The recent listener survey has also been analysed with around 100 people

taking the time to fill out survey forms, with some very positive and encouraging results for the station. Close to 50 percent of listeners said they tune in all the time while some said they listened while they were in their cars travelling to and from work. Country music is still the favourite with easy listening running a close second and classics of the past not far behind. Overall, presenters were rated as good to very good by 85 percent of listeners.

Brent said new members are always welcome and there are plenty of opportunities for those wishing to do their own shows on air. "Call into the station and pick up a membership form or talk to any member. If you don't wish to present a program, you're also welcome to become a member for social reasons or to help behind the scenes."

River planting will improve fish habitat

Contractors from Bathurst based Agile Arbor Pty Ltd recently removed hundreds of weed trees adjacent to waterways in Rylstone. The work was part of a project called 'Restoration of Fish Habitat in the Cudgegong River at Rylstone'. Funding was provided by the NSW Department of Primary Industries through the Recreational Fishing Trust and the project is managed by volunteers from the Rylstone District Environment Society. Their members together with Green Army volunteers working with Mid-Western Regional Council and others from the community will be replanting the cleared areas in coming weeks with native trees and shrubs. The work will extend areas already cleared of weeds and planted with native vegetation on public lands on the river foreshore between the Rylstone Weir and the Rylstone Common. Weeds removed include poplar suckers and rubinias growing close to waterways and drains adjacent to the river.

With research showing that higher rates of native

vegetation on riverbanks leads to more fish numbers and bigger fish, fishermen have already noticed fish numbers increasing in the Cudgegong River in recent years. According to a spokesperson, improved food supply and water quality as a result of this further work will ensure an even healthier river system and larger fish populations downstream in Windamere Dam as well.

"The Rylstone project is one of 31 coastal and inland projects across NSW funded by the trust. The projects are possible because all NSW Recreation Fishing Fees paid by recreational fishermen are held in the trust and invested back into recreational fishing."



AGILE WORKMEN: The team of Kirk, Jason, Jaz and Mark from Agile Arbor cleaning up weed trees at Rylstone.

Raffle results

Rylstone Kandos Preschool would like to thank the community for their generous support of the recent wood raffle. The raffle raised \$800 for the preschool which will contribute to improving their equipment and resources. First prize, a load of wood donated by the Morris family, was won by the McManus family. Second prize, a bottle of olive oil donated by the Rylstone Olive Press and homemade tomato sauce and lemon cordial donated by Kelly Lus, was won by Josh Johnston. Thank you to those who donated the prizes and all who purchased tickets.

Trivia night success

The Trivia Night fundraiser for the Kandos Pirate Festival held at the Henbury Sport and Recreation Club, Kandos was a fun night and great success thanks to the organising ability of Lyn Edwards and Rose Evans. Just over \$1,200 was raised. A great effort by everyone. The winning trivia table was "Knit 1 ARRR" (which might give a clue to a certain shop in Rylstone). They returned their winnings. Margaret Malone won the raffle and Marge Windle, Kerry Murray and Rose Evans won the 100 Club.

Dog shows were big

Organisers of the huge championship dog shows held at Rylstone Showground recently were pleased with the overall success of the event. Around 400 dogs were entered for the two shows on Saturday and another 330 dogs ran through their routines on Sunday morning. With entries from the Hunter, Central Coast, Sydney, the South Coast and all across the Central West the showground was alive with dog breeders and their fabulous breeds of dogs of all types. One of the highlights for youngsters was the cuddly toy competition held at around midday on Saturday. Kids brought their toys and paraded them in the ring and everyone received a ribbon and a prize afterwards.

Club president Klaus Keck and his committee of six were joined by others to help erect the mammoth infrastructure needed for the show, and Rotary was also on hand with their barbecue and chipped in with some help as well. "It was a nice combined community effort," Mr Keck said. Best in Show on Saturday morning was a Clumber Spaniel from the Gundog Group. Best in Show on Saturday afternoon was a Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen from the Hound Group, with the Clumber Spaniel from Gundog Group Runner up. The Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen also won Best in Show on Sunday, becoming only the third dog in the eight years of dog shows in Rylstone-Kandos to "double up" and win twice in one weekend.



PLENTY OF EXPERTISE: President of the Rylstone-Kandos & District Dog Club, Klaus Keck with judges Linda Stevens from Canberra, Tim Thomas from Brisbane, Linda Buckley from Canberra and Bill Smith from Brisbane.

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Kids and Carers Kite Day

The Kids and Carers Support Group held their annual Kite Day on Sunday, August 2 at the Kandos Sportsground and this year it turned out a lovely sunny day with the added bonus of plenty of wind as well. With around 30 children and parents enjoying having a go at flying kites on the footy oval, the place was jumping and prizes were given out to several young kite flyers. As well as kites to fly there was face painting, which created a lot of smiling faces, a jumping castle donated by the Kandos Returned Services Community Club for the day, some fishing for bobbing balls for the youngsters and a raffle. Group president Maureen Phillips said everyone expressed their appreciation and are eagerly looking forward to attending again next year.

"We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mid-Western Regional Council and all the volunteers for their help and time which made the day possible."

A Middle Eastern twist at Mt Vincent

This year's Bellydance Workshops and Hafra Weekend at Hungary Lodge, Mount Vincent brought together dancers and musician from across the state and beyond for a terrific weekend of learning and performance. The Saturday was taken up with some wonderful workshops, a swap-meet bazaar and then dinner in the evening followed by a fabulous concert with performers stunning the audience with their incredible costumes, dance choreography and virtuosity on drums and musical instruments. Convenor of the annual event Sophie Werner from dance group Bellz said she was very pleased with the weekend.

"There were 35 dancers at our workshops which is just about all that we can handle at this stage and 45 people for dinner on Saturday night. It was a terrific weekend and we're very happy with how it turned out."

If you're interested in learning how to bellydance, Sophie has two classes at the Catholic Church Hall in Kandos on Wednesdays at 4pm and 6pm. You can call her on her mobile at 0418 982 507.



ENSEMBLE: Nadia dancing to the music of her group Middle Eastern Jam from Wollongong.

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StreetFeast 2015 shaping up to be a classic

The Westfund Health - Rylstone StreetFeast will celebrate its fourteenth year on November 7 with over 400 diners enjoying an outdoor feast in the main street and many others enjoying the market stalls and music while eating at local cafes and pubs. StreetFeast president, Peter Monaghan said he believes the event's longevity can be attributed to strong community support, the unique streetscape of Rylstone, and genuine rural hospitality.

"Westfund Health have been our major sponsor for the past two years and with their help and support StreetFeast has grown with greater numbers attending each year. Their generosity along with other sponsors has also allowed us to make some monetary donations to many well deserving community groups that are essential in small rural towns."

Whether you are a visitor or a local, it's a day of celebration where every-day routines and pressures can be forgotten. There'll be around 50 market stalls with all types of goods for sale as well as fantastic music from local buskers, and other local entertainers including Jess Holland and Nick Wall, circus Gulgong's Ten Dollar Circus who will conduct a circus school for kids. There'll also be a jumping castle and face painting.

This year's 'Long Lunch' will be provided by Sharon Winsor of Indigiearth and will feature seasonal local produce and Australian native flavours. Tickets for the 'Long Lunch' are \$95 per person and are available from www.rylstonestreetfeast.com.au, but hurry as already nearly 400 tickets have been sold.

This year's event will really be jumping. As well as fabulous entertainment all day from 10am, organisers are hoping to have a collection of classic and vintage cars for the boys to look at while the girls are wandering amongst the market stalls. There'll also be the Woodcarving Symposium at the Rylstone Showground and to top it off the re-enactment of the 1915 Recruiting Marches honouring the Tooraweenah 'Kookaburras' along the Castlereagh Highway. The marchers will overnight at Rylstone showground on Friday night before marching on to Kandos on Saturday morning, and don't forget to visit the annual Hill Top Arts Exhibition held in conjunction with StreetFeast at St James Anglican Church Hall. If you'd like to be involved as a sponsor for this year's Rylstone StreetFeast, please log onto the website or contact Peter Monaghan on 6379 0981 or 0427 791 181. This is the last call for sponsors before flyers and other material is printed. Applications for market stalls are also flowing in and anyone interested in having a stall should visit the website and hit the 'stalls' tab.

A Cooee for 'Kookaburras' march

The re-enactment of the 1915 Tooraweenah 'Kookaburras' Recruiting Marches along the Castlereagh Highway celebrating 100 years of ANZAC will take place from Friday, October 30 to Wednesday, November 11 when the marchers, after joining others at Bathurst, will board the train to Sydney where they will march to Hyde Park for the Armistice Day ceremony at 11am.

On Friday, November 6 the 'Kookaburras' will march via Lue to Rylstone where they will overnight at a camp at Rylstone Showground. On Saturday, November 7 they will then march via Kandos to Clandulla and then Running Stream via Ilford where they will overnight. General expressions of interest by individuals or groups in any of the NSW routes should be addressed to the Secretary, Cooee Marches 2015, 66 Arndell Street, Macquarie ACT 2614. Phone 0477 447 458. General enquires to info@cooeemarch.org.au or check out the website at www.cooeemarch.org.au.

Two years of fun at local playgroup

The Pop in Playgroup in Rylstone celebrated its second birthday last month and it's been two years of fun and enjoyment for children, parents, grandparents and carers alike. This outreach by the Rylstone Uniting Church provides play, crafts, and sociability for all. The group welcomes children from birth to school age on Wednesday's from 10am to 12 midday at the Uniting Church Hall. Refreshments are provided for a gold dollar donation. For enquiries or more information, contact Chris on 6379 0730.

Nominate for Wollemi Awards

The annual Wollemi Awards recognising outstanding individuals, groups and businesses is now open to receive nominations. Nomination forms and collection boxes are available from Kandos Pharmacy, Reliance Credit Union and the Charity Shop in Kandos, and the Westpac Bank, Gallery 47 and Café on Louee in Rylstone. Nomination forms will also be available at the General Store in Bylong.

Categories for nomination are: Youth Award for a young person up to 25 years of age who has demonstrated dedication, outstanding service or active participation in any community activity, Community Service Award for an individual over 25 years of age in recognition for their on-going, dedicated or outstanding service to our community either independently or through a recognized organization or volunteer group, Business of the Year Award for a business nominated by members of the general public, which has demonstrated a significant difference or contribution in providing support to the local community, Community Service Organisation Award for a community organization or volunteer group which is regarded as the most outstanding, helpful or supportive of the local community by its direct service and Community Fund-raising Organisation Award for a community organization or volunteer group which is regarded as the most outstanding, helpful or supportive of the local community by their fund-raising activities.

These awards are another initiative of the Rylstone Kandos Rotary Club to recognise the outstanding community where we live. If you would like to nominate online please email elizabethmckay231@gmail.com and a form will be sent to you electronically. Nominations close on September 11.

Rylstone ladies in state bowls finals

The Regional 12 bowls play-offs which were held at Blayney resulted in local ladies Wendy Williams, Bonnie Farrell, Anne Milton and Phyllis Grimshaw taking out the Open Fours Championship. In the morning match they successfully defeated the Orange City team of R. Cox, M. Fairbairn, H. Lord, M. Boers and sub J. Oakley 27/17 and in the finals played on Monday afternoon they played the Trangie team of R. Yearby, N. Phillips, M. Coffee and L. Furney, defeating them 29/8. The Rylstone team will now compete at the State Finals at Tuncurry in October. Members of the Rylstone Women's Bowling Club were thrilled by the win and also congratulated Colleen Ross and Colleen Ryan of Gulgong who were also successful at the Region 12 play-offs. Taking out the Region's 12 Pairs.

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Calendar of Events - September 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.	1 Rotary meets every Tuesday at the Rylstone Club, 6.30 for 7pm.	2 RKB&T AGM at 5.30pm. *R/K VRA Rescue Squad meeting at 7.30pm.	3 Rylstone Rural Fire Brigade meeting at 7.30pm.	4 Stitches in Time Exhibition Opens Rylstone CWA meeting at 10am.	5 Kandos Museum is open every Saturday, Sunday and Thursday from 10am to 4pm.
6	7	8	9 Kandos RSL Sub Branch meeting. *Ryl. Hospital Auxiliary Meeting.	10 Kandos CPSA meeting on 2nd Thursday of the month, 2pm at the Kandos Ret. Serv. Comm. Club.	11 Stitches in Time Exhibition Closes	12 Rylstone Artisan and Producer Market
13 Cottage Museum, Rylstone open every Sunday from 10am to 3pm.	14	15	16 The Craft Group meets at 10am each Wednesday at the VRA shed, Rylstone.	17	18 Storytime for kids, 10am to 11am Fridays at Kandos Library.	19 Kandos Markets Kandos Pirate Festival and Buccaneer's Bash
20 Uniting Church holds services at Rylstone at 9.30am every Sunday and the Sharing Shed, 4th Saturday of each month at 5pm.	21	22	23 Ryl. CPSA meeting 11am at the Rylstone Club.	24 Ladies Tennis, 9am Thursdays at Henbury Sport & Rec. Club.	25	26 Rylstone Club's Charity Day
27 Alcoholics Anonymous meets Sundays, 6.30pm at the Anglican Church Hall, Kandos. Phone Jeffrey on 6379 6046. Al-Anon contact number: Pam at 6379 4613.	28	29 Kandos CWA meeting at 2pm. *Rylstone-Kandos Street Machine Club meeting at 7.30pm.	30 Community Radio Station meeting, 7.30pm at KRR studios 50 Angus Ave Kandos	Scrabble on 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday of each month from 10am to 1pm at the Rylstone Club		KRR Broadcasting on 98.7FM

Dates for the Diary

October 29 to November 8...Rylstone Sculpture's Wood Symposium, November 6, 7 and 8...Hill Top Arts Exhibition at St James Anglican Church Hall, November 7...Rylstone StreetFeast.

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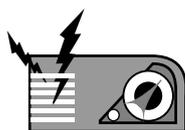
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Kandos Gardens Fair 2016

The biennial Kandos Gardens Fair will bear fruit on the weekend of April 2 and 3 next year when gardens in and around Kandos and Rylstone celebrate 'Successful Gardening in a Harsh Environment'. The Gardens Fair is now a Country Women's Association event, with a working group including members of the Kandos CWA Branch and other keen gardeners. Over the next few months you'll see a community garden germinating at the Kandos CWA Rooms in Jaques Street, a joint gardening adventure with the Women's Hub. If you would like to join in or simply find out more, don your gardening gloves and come to the next Kandos CWA meeting on Tuesday, September 29 - all welcome. We can't promise scones but the kettle will be on. The CWA meets on the last Tuesday of every month, 2pm at 1 Jaques Street Kandos. For more about the Kandos Gardens Fair phone 0417 029 457 or visit www.kandosgardensfair.com.

RKB&T AGM

Rylstone Kandos Business & Tourism Inc. will hold their AGM on Wednesday, September 2 at 5.30pm at the Rylstone Hotel. All welcome to attend.

Rylstone market day

The next Rylstone Artisan and Producer's Market is on Saturday, September 12. Come along, pick up a bargain or two and enjoy the atmosphere at the Rylstone Memorial Hall from 9am to 1.30pm. There'll be lots of stalls, food and drinks. To join the association or to have a stall at the market, please phone the secretary, Marilyn Mosher on 6379 0849 or email rylstonemarkets@hotmail.com.

Little Athletics

Kandos Rylstone Little Athletics is starting on Monday, October 12 at 4.30pm at the Kandos Sportsground. Register online at www.littleathletics.com.au or in person on Monday, September 7 at 4.30pm at the Kandos Sportsground. For enquiries, email kracentre@gmail.com.

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. Beginner's classes are also held on Wednesdays from 9.30am.

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