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Rural Fire Service members praised for their dedication

Twenty five long service medals and clasps were presented to members of Olinda, Rylstone and Crudine Rural Fire Brigades which are within the Cudgegong District of the NSW Rural Fire Service in a ceremony at the Rylstone Rural Fire Brigade Station. The medals and clasps represent a combined total of 556 years of service. The Cudgegong District is a huge area of over 9,500 square kilometres stretching from the Wollemi National Park in the east to almost Lake Burrendong in the west and from open farming and grazing country in the north towards the Turon River area in the south. It comprises 1448 members serving their communities.

Many of the recipients received their awards for 10 years or more service while 10 members received medals and clasps for 25 years' service and over, including Barry Clapham from the Crudine Rural Fire Brigade (RFB) and Jeff Moncrieff from the Rylstone RFB who both received Long Service medals and clasps for 30 years of service, Robert Stuckey from the Olinda RFB for 31 years' of service, Shane Price from Rylstone RFB for 38 years, Danny Jackson from Clandulla RFB for 47 years and Alan Heath from Crudine RFB for 47 years of service.

Considering the very hot and at times dry conditions during the 2015-2016 fire season no major fire activity was experienced with only a number of minor ignitions occurring. However, local Cudgegong District crews and staff members contributed to a number of out-of-area responses including deployment to the Tasmanian fires.

"A very strong community engagement focus is maintained in the district and it has been noted that there were fewer 'accidental' ignitions within the district during more recent fire seasons. All recipients should be commended on their dedication, commitment and service to the local community." (Photos by David Innes.)



Shane Price began volunteering with the Lue/Havilah RFB from the age of 16 prior to moving to the Rylstone Brigade in 1984. He received the National Medal and 1st Clasp in 2008 and Long Service Award for 25 years of service in 2008. He was congratulated on 38 years of service with a medal and 1st and 2nd Clasps by Senior Assistant Commissioner Bruce McDonald, Region West Manager NSWRFSA Paul Smith and Acting Cudgegong District Manager Troy Porter.



Alan Heath is one of the longest serving local Fire Brigade members. Alan is a Crudine landowner and has a long history with the Crudine Brigade having officially joined in 1967. He has served as secretary, deputy captain and captain as well as president and permit officer. He is receiving his 47 years' Long Service Medal and 1st, 2nd and 3rd Clasp from Senior Assistant Commissioner Bruce McDonald.

A happy and prosperous birthday celebration at the charity shop

The Community Charity Shop in Kandos celebrated its third birthday on Wednesday, June 8 with a huge cake. Volunteers, customers and supporters gathered at the shop for the special occasion with plenty of birthday wishes for the main-street establishment that has become an important part of Kandos in the three years since it began. In that time volunteers have raised over \$130,600 which has been distributed to groups, organisations and individuals across the district. It's a simple formula, with people dropping in their unwanted items or donating goods they can't use, which are then sold to those looking for a bargain. If you're looking for something unusual or hard to find elsewhere, chances are it may be in the shop. Volunteers are another integral part of the charity shop's success. A dedicated group of them regularly attend to serve customers and organise items for shelves. This in itself is an act of charity and without them the shop wouldn't work. During their celebrations, volunteers praised the support they receive from the general public through donations and through purchasing

items. "We'd like to thank everyone for bringing and buying. You have been so generous and that has allowed us to be generous in return. Thank you so much."



Community Charity Shop volunteers and supporters with Kandos High School work experience students who were given the honour of cutting the birthday cake, (l-r) Laurie Jardine, Doug Brenneke, Jenny Miller, Colleen Yates, Zac Palmer-Bradley (KHS), Dylan Rutter (KHS), Val Carberry, Myee Atherton, Ellen Riley and Robyn Curtis.

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A museum project full of discovery and insight

A very worthwhile Oral History workshop was held recently at the Kandos Museum lead by Professor Paula Hamilton of UTS and Virginia McLeod, an independent historian with many years' experience in oral history. The workshop focused on establishing the knowledge and skills needed to organise an oral history project starting with the basic skills of how to interview and how to get the story. Buzz Sanderson, president of Kandos Museum said it was fantastic to have the two of them there to conduct the workshop.

"We all gained a huge amount from it and everyone is now keen to get on with collecting. This workshop is part of what we all hope is a much larger project over the coming years to capture some of Kandos's history directly in the voices of those who lived it. It's very exciting. Kandos has a great story that needs to be told and also to be kept for future."

Prue Sky, who is coordinating the project said the heart of this project is to capture some of the essence of Kandos's history through the stories of those that lived it.

"This could be quite a large project spanning two or more years with interviews, museum exhibition material and even a book being outcomes," she said. Professor Paula Hamilton said they found the Kandos story fascinating.

"There is so much - industrial rise and fall, post-war migration, small town of national significance. Virginia and I think that this is going to be a wonderful project full of discovery and insight. We are delighted to be involved," she added.

The Kandos Museum Oral History workshops have been part funded by a grant from Museums and Galleries NSW as part of their Skills Development Programme.

Generous support for JDRF fundraisers

Rachel and Glen Maher and helpers were thrilled by the support for their two recent fundraisers for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). The barbecue breakfast and cake stall held outside Rylstone Ag Supplies raised \$5170 and the Rylstone Public School Fun Run raised well over \$4000. Rachel said it's just shy of \$10,000 and still counting.

"The support has been truly amazing. For instance, Tynan Hayward from year 1 decided to set his fundraising goal at \$600 because his friend that has type 1 is six years old. He smashed it by raising over \$780. Go Tynan. On behalf of all families who have children living with Type 1 diabetes, thank you. The difference you have made by your generous support will go a long way to further research to finding a cure."



Diane Pointon from Oberon joined her daughter Rachel Maher to help out at the cake stall held in conjunction with the breakfast barbecue fundraiser. They were both extremely grateful for the fabulous support they received.

Good work by Men's Shed

Members of the Kandos Rylstone Men's Shed recently got together and made and then erected a roof over the "Remembrance Wall" at the Henbury Golf Club. This memorial was the idea of local golfer and resident Brian Riley, who did all the brick work. It was also enhanced by another member, Ray Ferguson who rendered the walls. This will become a place for former golfers who have passed on to be remembered by their comrades and friends. The club can be approached for permission to place a plaque on the wall if desired.



Members of the Kandos Rylstone Men's Shed following the completion of a roof over the "Remembrance Wall" at the Henbury Golf Club.

Come and join the CWA

Have you thought about joining the Country Women's Association? Kandos has an active local branch that welcomes new members. "We'd like to welcome you to the CWA and encourage you to join our branch. None of us bake really good scones (yet), we don't sing at meetings (save that for ukulele practice on Thursdays), some of us knit, but we all enjoy meeting up to discuss how we can have fun and help our local community. Come and join us, meet the CWA locals and find out about joining the CWA."

Kandos CWA meets on the last Tuesday of each month at 2pm at the CWA Rooms, Jaques Street Kandos. Meetings usually go for an hour and are a pleasant social occasion. All welcome. For more information, phone Jenny on 6379 4550 or Margot on 0417 029 457.

Meals on Wheels

Rylstone Kandos District Meals on Wheels (RKMOW) supplies frozen meals to anyone who is frail, aged or a younger person with a disability and their Carers. You can contact RKMOW on 6379 1519 or call into the office at HealthOne Ilford Road, Rylstone. Office hours are Monday to Thursday - 9am to 4pm and Friday - 9am to 1pm.

Uke group formed in Kandos

Music was on everyone's minds recently when Kandos hosted ukulele players from Sydney and the Central Coast, who were invited to help establish a ukulele group in the community. From 3pm to 5pm the Kandos Museum was alive to the strum and song of novice ukulele players, some with recently purchased instruments. The highlight of the workshop was the adaptation of a song celebrating the attractions of Kandos. In the evening the group of ukulele veterans and novices, together with enthusiastic locals, assembled at Henbury Sport and Recreation Club for the Ukulele Supper Club. A ukulele group has now been formed in Kandos and will meet for a jam session every Thursday from 4pm to 5pm at the CWA rooms. Enquiries can be made to Mary Kavanagh on 0425 275 749 or just come and join in.

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Championship Dog Show

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"Call in and have a look. Entry is free and if you're thinking of getting a dog sometime this is a perfect opportunity to see the diverse range of dogs available. On Saturday at around 12.30pm we have a Christmas in July theme and all local children (up to 10 yrs) are invited to bring their favourite soft toy to be judged in our traditional Stuffed Toy Competition. Ribbons will be won by all soft toys." The show kicks off at 8.30am each day and Rotary is catering. For more information and enquiries, phone Sarah on 0427 020 203.

Museum landscaping

Landscaping is underway at the Kandos Museum. As part of an upgrade to the outdoor display a new fence has gone up and work is underway constructing terraces to display some of the equipment that was part of Kandos's industrial and agricultural history. Buzz Sanderson, president of the Kandos Museum says they are looking to showcase what was at the heart of Kandos - what the work of Kandos was.

"The display area will tie together machinery, work and material, and with Mudgee Dolomite and Lime doing a great job with the first 30 tons of limestone we couldn't be happier."

Plans at the museum include erecting a Type 3 Ropeway tower along with other machinery from the quarry and coal mines that were part of Kandos industry.

"Our thanks go to Paul Toole, our local member, who has helped us with funding for this project through Communities Building Programme of the NSW Government," Mr Sanderson said.

Hospital auxiliary says thanks

The Rylstone Hospital Auxiliary has presented framed certificates of appreciation to a number of groups and organisations for their kind and generous support. They include Rylstone StreetFest, the Rylstone Club, the Kandos Rylstone Street Machine Club, the Community Charity Shop and Worley Parsons-Kepeco Bylong. Hospital auxiliary president Maureen Turner said their donations have enabled them to purchase much-needed equipment for the local hospital. Some of the items include pressure relieving mattresses, a lifting machine, industrial dryers, a trolley, a shower lifter chair, an ice machine and a set of books for the speech therapist to use.

"These items really make a difference. They help patients and make life a lot easier for hospital staff. On behalf of auxiliary members I'd like to thank you all for your generosity and ask you to accept these certificates of appreciation today," Mrs Turner said.

Rotary's new president

The Rotary Club of Rylstone Kandos held its 67th Annual Changeover Dinner on Tuesday night and for the first time in its 67 years two women hold the key positions in the club. Elizabeth McKay was sworn in as president and Amanda Roach has taken the office of vice-president. Many guests attended the evening including Paul Toole MP, Past District Governor Peter Raynor and his wife Margaret, District Governor Elect of Rotary District 9670 Stephen Jackson and his wife Past District Governor Janette Jackson.

During the evening, outgoing president, Klaus Keck outlined some of Rotary's achievements in the past 12 months. He said it had been a good year in Rotary with strong support from the community. Some of the highlights include support of the youth exchange program and other youth programs, support of many community events and the purchase of several shelter boxes. Mr Keck also presented a cheque to Peter Raynor for the Rotary Foundation.

On receiving her badge, Elizabeth McKay thanked Klaus and his wife Nancy for their hard work during the year along with Rotary members



New Rotary president Elizabeth McKay with immediate past president Klaus Keck.

who she said are always willing to put their hands up for various rolls.

"I'm proud to be a member of Rylstone Kandos Rotary that does so much for young people. Rotary is made up of ordinary people who achieve extraordinary things through working together," she said.

Ferntree Gully fundraiser

Ferntree Gully trust's bush croquet fundraiser was a lot of fun as usual and raised over \$700 - a very useful amount that will be spent on improvements and maintenance to the Ferntree Gully Reserve. A large group of supporters gathered for the annual event held at the northern end of the reserve near Growee Gulph and following heats and semi-finals, the course was set out for the final and it proved rather difficult. The last hoop caused most of the problems. It was set on top of a hollow stump and players had to scoop the ball into the air and into the hollow to win. Eventually after many attempts and with time getting away a hoop was placed on top of the stump which made it easier.

This year's winner was newcomer William Turnstone who took out the event in his first ever attempt. He was thrilled to receive the Ted Daniels Trophy and to have his name engraved along with past winners. He also received a fabulous hamper of goodies.

A big thank you to all the supporters of the local reserve. Roger Heap was the winner of the raffle for a well-seasoned ute load of firewood.



Last year's winner Debbie Wensemius presents the Ted Daniels Trophy to this year's winner William Turnstone playing in his first ever bush croquet event.

Women bowlers just miss out

The Regional 12 Pennant Play-offs were held at Forbes Bowling Club last month where unfortunately the Rylstone ladies were beaten on a count back by Dubbo City. Congratulations to the teams of Wendy Williams, Phyllis Clarkson, Una Bateman, Judy Robinson, Bonnie Farrell, Anne Milton, Carolyn McDonald and Phyllis Grimshaw who played so well for the Rylstone Women's Bowling Club. In Division 4 they drew Mid-West "Dubbo City" in the first round and unfortunately went down 5/0. In the afternoon round they drew Newstead/Blayney "Canobolas" where the Rylstone women had one win, one loss and scored 4/1.

On Wednesday it was any clubs' final with the Rylstone girls playing the Parkes Diggers and winning both games 5/0 ending up with a total of 9 points. Dubbo City then beat Newstead/Blayney 4/1. After the completion of all the rounds the points table was Newstead/Blayney 6, Dubbo City 9, Parks Diggers "Central Western" 6, and Rylstone 9. With both Rylstone and Dubbo City on a total of 9 points and forcing a count-back between the two teams, Dubbo City 117 defeated Rylstone 113. Well done everyone and great bowls by all. In Division 3 it was a different story, the Gulgong girls came home victorious and are now on their way to the WBNSW State Finals. Congratulations Gulgong from the Rylstone women bowlers and good luck and best wishes at the finals.

Kerb ramps will improve safety

The Rylstone School community will benefit from improvements to the zebra crossing at the school in Mudgee Street in the new financial year. This follows funding of \$8,635 to Mid-Western Regional Council from the State Government for kerb ramps at the crossing - part of a state-wide investment to improve safety for pedestrians and bicycle riders.

Council's General Manager Brad Cam said the improvements will help slow traffic down near the school.

"Council will be undertaking the work in the next financial year. We've already done this at the public and catholic schools in Mudgee and it's been very successful."

Mr Cam said the project will be done to a set design which is used around the state.

Member for Bathurst Paul Toole said he was pleased that the Rylstone community will benefit from this funding which will be delivered in partnership with the Mid-Western Regional Council.

"These kerb ramps have proven to be very successful around the state wherever they've been installed and I look forward to seeing the finished project," he said.

Transport for NSW and Roads and Maritime Services will work with local Mid-Western Regional Council on the delivery of the project.

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31 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.	The Craft Group meets at 10am each Wednesday at the VRA shed, Rylstone.		1 Rylstone CWA meeting at 10am.	2 The Kandos Museum is open every Sat, Sunday and Thursday from 10am to 4pm.
3 Cottage Museum, Rylstone open every Sunday from 10am to 3pm.	4	5	6 R/K VRA Rescue Squad meeting at 7.30pm.	7 Rylstone Rural Fire Brigade meeting at 7.30pm. *RKB&T meet at 6pm.	8	9 Rylstone Artisan and Producer Market
10 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.	11	12	13 Kandos RSL Sub Branch meeting. *Ryl. Hospital Auxiliary Meeting.	14 Kandos CPSA meeting on 2nd Thursday of the month, 2pm at the Kandos Ret. Serv. Comm. Club.	15	16 Kandos Markets in winter recess until September
17 Uniting Church holds services at Rylstone at 9.30am every Sunday	18	19	20 Pop in Playgroup 10am to 12noon each Wednesday	21 Scrabble on 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday of each month, 10am to 1pm at the Rylstone Club.	22	23
24 KRSCC Markets on the bowling green on the last Sunday of each month. Phone 6379 6591 to book a site.	25	26 Kandos CWA meeting at 2pm. *Rylstone-Kandos Street Machine Club meeting at 7.30pm.	27 Ryl. CPSA meet 12pm at the Rylstone Club for lunch. *Community Radio Station meeting, 7.30pm at KRR studios 50 Angus Ave Kandos.	28 Ladies Tennis, 9am Thursdays at Henbury Sport & Rec. Club.	29 Storytime for kids, 10am to 11am Fridays at Kandos Library.	30 KRR Broadcasting on 98.7FM

Dates for the Diary

August 30...Care and Transport's social outing to Hill End, September 17...Rylstone Club's Charity Day.

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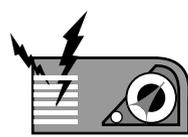
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Rylstone market day

The next Rylstone Artisan and Producer's Market is on Saturday, July 9. 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, Therese Hay on 6358 8211 or 0425 242 510 or email rylstonemarkets@hotmail.com.

Carers Awards

A reminder that nominations for the 2016 NSW Carers Awards are open. These awards are an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the dedication, commitment and valuable contributions of more than 850,000 unpaid carers across NSW. The 2015 NSW Carer of the Year, Sheila Openshaw, has called on members of the community to nominate a carer they know. This year, 10 awards are available for individuals and organisations to be honoured during Carers Week, which runs from Sunday, October 16 to Saturday, October 22. The 10 recipients will receive their award at a Carers Week ceremony at Parliament House, where the 2016 NSW Carer of the Year will be announced. Nominations for the NSW Carers Awards 2016 close on Sunday, July 10 at midnight, and can be made online at www.careforacarers.nsw.gov.au/carersawards.

Kandos Art Group

The Kandos Art Group meets every Tuesday at the CWA rooms in Jacques Street, Kandos from 11am to 2pm. If you feel creative and enjoy a glass of wine come along and join them. They are holding an exhibition of their work at the CWA rooms on Friday and Saturday, September 30 and October 1.

Social outings

Rylstone District Care and Transport will be operating social outings for 2016 and will be travelling to the Hill End on August 30 and Blackheath for the Rhododendron Festival on October 25. If you are interested in taking part in these social outings, please contact the office on 6379 1519 for more information.

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.

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