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New Skate Park gets the thumbs up

District youths were over the moon when the Rylstone Skate Park was officially opened on the first Monday of the school holidays with a Big Air School Scooter, Skate and BMX competition presented by Mid-Western Regional Youth Council.

The new skate park has been under construction for some months in the Rylstone Showground adjacent to the children's playground and has been watched with growing interest by residents of all ages as it neared completion.

Around 50 young people took part in the competition, with parents, family members and interested onlookers crowding around the new facility to watch the kids turn it on with some fabulous routines and acrobatic moves. Rotary provided a barbecue and drinks and DJ music was nice and loud.

Participants gave it a definite 'thumbs up'. The design is exciting with two self-contained sections that enable either separate use or a crossover into both. One is bowl-shaped and the other a ramp and wall.

Users along with onlookers remarked on its super smooth surface resulting in very fast action. Experts say it will lose a bit of its glassy surface after 12 months or so, mellowing out to a perfect surface for scooters, skate boards and BMX bikes alike.

Winners of the competition are:

Under 12 Scooter – 1st Vincent Martin, 2nd Ryan Lawrence, 3rd Rory Lomax. 13 – 15 Scooter – 1st Oliver Cox, 2nd Shaun Doherty, 3rd James Pritchard. Open Scooter – 1st Hayden Griffiths, 2nd Kody Rapley, 3rd Bill King. BMX – 1st Ben Allen, 2nd Brandon Cheney, 3rd Brendan Short. Skate – 1st Dustin.



Celebrating the official opening of the Rylstone Skate Park, Louise Blackwell (Youth Council Mayor), Lyn Syme (Welcome to Country), Peter Shelly (Mid-Western Regional Councillor), Virginia Handmer (Community and Youth Development Officer), Simon Jones (Director Community, Mid-Western Regional Council), Edward Rava (Youth Council) and Angus Blackwell (Youth Council).



Royce King from Leonay near Emu Plains was the judge of the competition. He presented a fabulous demonstration of scooter proficiency prior to the start of the events.

StreetFeast Long Lunch tickets on sale

Tickets are now on sale for the Rylstone StreetFeast Long Lunch on Saturday, November 4 where diners sit down amongst the avenue of shady trees lining Louee Street, Rylstone for a gourmet meal. Visit www.rylstonestreetfeast.com.au to find out more and to purchase a ticket or two (or more). StreetFeast is the Rylstone district's premier annual food, wine and produce event allowing guests to enjoy the scenic beauty of the Rylstone-Kandos district and sample the diverse range of regional foods, produce, wines, olive oils and olive products that are produced locally. Children are welcome and will love the carnival atmosphere, face painting and other child-friendly activities. This leaves the grown-ups free to check out the market stalls or sample the fine regional wines on offer before settling in for the gourmet four-course lunch created by Milnes of Mudgee using only the freshest seasonal, local produce.

A wide variety of entertainment is offered throughout the afternoon making StreetFeast a fabulous day out. There's plenty to see and do with market stalls offering an abundance of art, craftworks, clothing, produce and local wares. Bag a bargain or find a treasure. For those who choose not to partake of the Long Lunch, come and stroll around the markets, join the festivities

and then dine at a local pub or café, or grab a delicious steak sandwich or other yummy food from a stall – the entertainment and stalls are there for everyone free of charge. Live music will feature all afternoon on centre-stage. Afterwards, there'll be music at the two local pubs, the historic Globe and Rylstone Hotels. Stay on for a quick and tasty dinner and really make a day of it. Don't forget all the other activities surrounding Rylstone StreetFeast too, including the annual Hill Top Arts – a renowned art exhibition featuring local and national artists at the nearby Anglican Church Hall.



It's time to think about buying your tickets for a fabulous Long Lunch at Rylstone StreetFeast on Saturday, November 4.

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Charity shop's future

Twenty seven people attended a public meeting called by the Community Charity Shop to gauge support for the purchase or construction of new premises. Spokesperson for the group of volunteers, Colleen Yates said everyone who attended was behind them and on board.

"This is a long term goal and we realise it's not going to happen tomorrow, but we now know that the community supports us and we can start lobbying and looking for grants."

Since moving into the shop they lease three years ago, volunteers have raised over \$130,600 which has been distributed to groups, organisations and individuals across the district. Unfortunately there is a leaky roof and other problems with the premises.

"We're going to write to groups who have received support from us asking for letters of support. We also have a money box on our counter for anyone who wants to donate their small change, and an account at Reliance Credit Union in Kandos where donations can be made."

Colleen said if they are fortunate enough to be able to purchase or build they will legally ensure that if the charity group folds in the future the property will return to the community. She invites everyone to call and check out their visitor's book with names of regular visitors from other towns in the region and favourable comments from overseas visitors as well.

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

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Guest speakers at Rotary

Rylstone Kandos Rotary Club was treated to some very interesting speakers recently. Brody Munday and Zoe Brown have just returned from the Rotary Youth Enrichment Program (RYPEN) at Myuna Bay, Lake Macquarie and they spoke enthusiastically about their experience.

"This has changed how I look at the future," Zoe said. "I now have a direction for the future."

Brody was equally animated about his experience.

"I was really nervous before we left but I quickly made friends and settled in to having a great time. I would recommend attending RYPEN to any anyone," he said.

RYPEN is designed to build confidence in young people and help them to see how barriers to goals can be overcome. For anyone interested in finding out more, contact Amanda Roach at Kandos High School.

The second speaker was Johanna Marr, chairperson of the ADA Cottage board who put the history of ADA into perspective and outlined the looming problems for this service to our community. Changes in government funding and regulation are making the running of this essential service more difficult.

"ADA Cottage is an aged and disabled care provider to our local community overseen by a volunteer management committee keeping the service relevant to our local needs. ADA has developed from two houses in Rylstone and Kandos to the beautiful purpose-built facility that we now have. We invite anyone who would like to participate on the management committee to get involved," Mrs Marr said. She pointed out that as a community we need to support ADA Cottage in any way that we can so we can continue to enjoy this vital service. For information on how to assist, please phone ADA Cottage on 6379 4709.



Darryl, Kathi and Zoe Brown with Brody Munday and parents Greg and Penny.

Clarification

Rural Fire Brigade member Danny Jackson who received a long service award for 47 years at a ceremony in Rylstone recently, although starting out with the Clandulla Brigade moved to the Rylstone Brigade in 1972 where he has served as Deputy Captain and has been the Equipment Officer since that time.

A memorial at Henbury

A special memorial sign has been erected beside the practice green at Henbury golf course in Kandos. The memorial acknowledges the significant contribution to the growth and maintenance of the club and the course over the years by Ken and Fay Williams.

Ken's daughters, Shirley Cafe and Connie Glew met with Fred Hoy and his fellow Men's Shed workers who provided the memorial sign. Long-time supporter of the club, Donna Kuchta spoke briefly to thank the local Men's Shed and to help celebrate the memorial with Shirley and Connie.



Ken and Fay Williams' daughters Shirley Cafe and Connie Glew with Donna Kuchta at the Henbury club's practice green memorial.

CWA's International Day

International Day was once again celebrated at the Ilford Hall by Ilford/Running Stream CWA with this year's country of study Mongolia where visitors from several other CWA branches along with Ilford Public School students, teachers and many parents enjoyed a luncheon of Mongolian dishes. Following lunch the students presented the results of information they learned about Mongolia and showed an excellent film made by them acting as an Australian family who travelled to Mongolia to learn all about the country.

Glen Alice students were unable to join the group but sent in a very good power point presentation of their studies of Mongolia. The students also made posters and drawings which decorated the walls of the hall. Prizes were awarded for the best ones and certificates presented to all the children for their participation. The raffle for the day was won by Shani Maud.



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Tales of yesteryear

Rylstone District Historical Society's Cottage Museum has available copies of a book written by a former Rylstone resident Jack Turner and his daughter Jacqui Halpin. The book, called 'A Long Way From Misery' was inspired by Jack's father's stories which always began with "Down on Misery..." Misery was the farm his father grew up on.

The co-author Jack Turner was born in Rylstone in 1926, the eldest of 10 children. In his own words - "I never had an education - at least not one from a classroom. I got me education in the bush..." His daughter Jacqui is a children's author whose stories have won prizes. Her fathers' knack for telling stories inspired her own love of storytelling.

A Long Way From Misery takes you on a rollicking journey through the Australia of yesteryear. From the Rylstone farm which was located near 'The Crown' past Rylstone Airport to shearing sheds at Condobolin and New Zealand, the book is full of surprises.

It's a great read and is available for just \$20 at the Cottage Museum. It's full of local history and memories, lots of photos and just under 300 pages of great tales that describe a way of life that is now gone. The Cottage Museum is open every Sunday from 10am to 3pm.

The passing of Noel

Former president of the Kandos Museum for many years, Noel Costello died in Sydney recently after a battle with illness. Noel was diagnosed with a brain tumour 12 months or so ago and although it was removed failed to thrive. During his association with the local museum Noel made a significant contribution to its collection through his love of cap guns, Phantom comics and memorabilia. Noel was also active within the community volunteering at AA, Anglicare and St Vincent de Paul. A graveside service for Noel was held on Thursday, July 21 at 11am at the Rylstone Cemetery.

Animal carers

If you have an injured native animal you may be able to get help from a registered Volunteer Native Animal Care Group, licensed by NPWS, and a registered charity. Their area of operations covers from Lithgow to Dunedoo and to near Merriwa including the Capertee Valley, Rylstone and surrounding areas. They offer rescue, rehabilitation and release care for all native animals, including birds and reptiles. As volunteers the service is free as their main interest is the proper care of injured and orphaned wildlife. They also have a qualified reptile handler in the Rylstone area. The group is Wildlife Carers Network Central West Inc., and for all native animal calls they can be contacted on 0408 966 228.

Twelve artists

'In Bed Together'

Kandos Projects has developed an impressive reputation in the Mid-Western Region of NSW for being the birthplace of the biennial Cementa Contemporary Arts Festival. Aside from being the hub of the art festival the building is a combined artist residency, project space and gallery. Early next month, it will open its doors to the public again with an intriguing project called 'In Bed Together' featuring 12 participating artists, Virginia Handmer and Geoffrey Payne, Na Lan and Reginald Buckland, Mr and Mrs Brown, Georgina Pollard and Alex Wisser, Libby Varcoe and Leo Cremonese, Solange Kershaw and Damian Castaldi.

Local artist Terry Burrows who is coordinating the exhibition says collaboration between artists in personal relationships is not unusual in the contemporary art mix.

"Artist couples from the Rylstone-Kandos region have been invited to collaborate on the production of artworks for this exhibition. Some of these artists already have a reputation for collaboration and although each has their individual practice involving different media, concepts and aesthetics, they have been invited to collaboratively produce a unique artwork for this exhibition."

Terry says the participants may decide to delve into the psychological depths of their personal and domestic coupledom, or the marriage of their different work processes may offer up some surprising results either artistically or personally.

"The combined disciplines of participating artists including painting, sculpture, photography, printmaking, sound, creative writing, video and installation is a mix that promises to provide some intriguing and thought-provoking works."

The exhibition which is hosted by Cementa will open at Kandos Projects, 18 Angus Avenue, Kandos on Friday, August 5 from 6pm to 8pm and will remain open to the public each week from Thursday to Sunday from 11am to 5pm until August 28.



A montage of possibilities at upcoming art exhibition at Kandos Projects.

Tell your story on video

Kandos Museum is asking people to record their connection to Kandos on video in a project called Kandos Connection - part of the oral history program at the Kandos Museum which will capture people's experiences and connection to Kandos. Buzz Sanderson, President of Kandos Museum said many of the museum visitors have a connection to Kandos.

"They may have gone to school here, had a relative who lived here or simply have visited Kandos previously. These stories of Kandos give us a different but wonderful understanding of the town, its people and what life was like in Kandos. It's a really interesting way to get to know a place."

The museum is asking people to come along and record their connection on video with each story being about one to three minutes long following a simple format like an interview.

"We are hoping to build a really important archive of material through the Kandos Connection project. As time goes by these stories will grow in importance and will become a really important part of the story of Kandos," Mr Sanderson said.

Principals Council Meeting

Rylstone Public School hosted the Bathurst Primary Principals Council last month, welcoming 28 school principals from across the region as well as the Director of Public Schools Orange, Duncan Auld. This is the first time for many years that a council meeting has been held locally and Rylstone Public School Principal Jodee Burcher, who is also the council secretary, said she thought it was a great move, not only for those who attended but for the town itself.

"As well as council business, we used the opportunity to showcase some of the local businesses and to raise awareness of the town and district. Quite a few of those attending had never been to Rylstone before so it was an eye opener for them in that regard as well."

Mrs Burcher said there have been a lot of changes in public education over the past few years and during their visit principals were able to discuss all the new policies that are being implemented as well as examine documents and procedures. They also took the time to do a tour of the school and the classrooms and everyone was very impressed by the school itself.

"We visited classrooms and spoke to some of the students. It was very positive with our visitors commenting favourably on the media technology we use and the concepts involved," Mrs Burcher said.

One of the highlights of the visit was a lunchtime break at Na Lan's famous Yum Cha restaurant, where the guests dined in the historic Bridge View Inn dining room. Na Lan has been featured on a number of national TV lifestyle programs and it was a thrill for the visitors to meet her and sample her cuisine.



Sponsors of the Bathurst Primary Principals Council meeting in Rylstone Ian Hodgson from Promo Ad and Peter Niass from Keepad Interactive (third and fourth from left) joined principals from the Mudgee region's small and larger schools for lunch at Na Lan's Yum Cha restaurant.

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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	1 Scouts meet at 6pm on Mondays at Kandos Scout Hall, Cubs meet at 4.30pm.	2 Rotary meets every Tuesday at the Rylstone Club, 6.30 for 7pm.	3 R/K VRA Rescue Squad meeting at 7.30pm.	4 Rylstone Rural Fire Brigade meeting at 7.30pm. *RKB&T meet at 6pm.	5 Rylstone CWA meeting at 10am. *Art Exhibition opens 6pm at Kandos Projects.	6 The Kandos Museum is open every Sat, Sunday and Thursday from 10am to 4pm.
7 Cottage Museum, Rylstone open every Sunday from 10am to 3pm.	8	9	10 Kandos RSL Sub Branch meeting. *Ryl. Hospital Auxiliary Meeting.	11 Kandos CPSA meeting on 2nd Thursday of the month, 2pm at the Kandos Ref. Serv. Comm. Club.	12	13 Rylstone Artisan and Producer Market
14 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.	15	16	17 The Craft Group meets at 10am each Wednesday at the VRA shed, Rylstone.	18 Scrabble on 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday of each month, 10am to 1pm at the Rylstone Club.	19	20 Kandos Markets in winter recess until September
21 Uniting Church holds services at Rylstone at 9.30am every Sunday	22	23	24 Pop in Playgroup 10am to 12noon each Wednesday	25	26	27
28 KRSCC Markets on the bowling green on the last Sunday of each month. Phone 6379 6591 to book a site.	29	30 Kandos CWA meeting at 2pm. *Rylstone-Kandos Street Machine Club meeting at 7.30pm.	31 Ryl. CPSA meet 12pm at the Rylstone Club for lunch. *Community Radio Station meeting, 7.30pm at KRR studios 50 Angus Ave Kandos.	Ladies Tennis, 9am Thursdays at Henbury Sport & Rec. Club.	Storytime for kids, 10am to 11am Fridays at Kandos Library.	KRR Broadcasting on 98.7FM

Dates for the Diary

September 10...Trash and Treasure Fair, September 17...Rylstone Club's Charity Day, September 30 and October 1...Kandos Art Group's exhibition, October 25...Care and Transport's social outing to Blackheath.

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Rylstone market day

The next Rylstone Artisan and Producer's Market is on Saturday, August 13. 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 2 4 2 5 1 0 or email rylstonemarkets@hotmail.com.

Trash and Treasure Fair

Rylstone and district Historical Society invites you to celebrate History Week - "Neighbours". Bring your family and neighbours to the Trash and Treasure Fair on Saturday, September 10 (Election Day) in the grounds of the Cottage Museum. Book now to hire a stall and sell unwanted goods, bric-a-brack or craft items, or just come and browse and enjoy the morning tea and sausage sizzle being run by local groups. A display of photographs of the people and the area or Rylstone in the past will be held in the Dining Room of the Bridgeview Inn. Come and find a familiar face or help name unknown pictures. For more information or to book a site, phone Anne on 0457 478 784.

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 Blackheath for the Rhododendron Festival on October 25. If you are interested in taking part in this social outing, 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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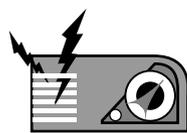
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