



# Rylstone-Kandos district newsletter

## Community Capers

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Welcome to the December issue of Community Capers, volume 221. As usual, there will be no January Capers. Our February issue will be folded and distributed on Friday, January 27 (Australia Day on 26th). The deadline for this issue is Friday, January 13. 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.

### A fabulous StreetFeast

Rylstone StreetFeast filled the town's main street with people on Saturday when over 350 people sat down to a long lunch under the plane trees and many more wandered the stalls and enjoyed the entertainment. Strong winds hampered the erection of gazebos and stalls early in the morning but gradually eased to a bright sunny day putting smiles on faces and ensuring a great atmosphere. StreetFeast president Diane Quaife thanked everyone for coming and gave a special thanks to sponsors and supporters.

old favourites and getting people up to dance. Money raised on the day will be distributed to local groups later when financials have been sorted. A number of cheques have already been presented to fire brigades and other groups who helped set up and serve food during the day. A special thank you to them for their invaluable help.

"Without the generosity of our sponsors and supporters the 2016 Westfund Health-Rylstone StreetFeast could not have happened."



Debbie Johnston (five from left) with her hen's party taking advantage of StreetFeast to celebrate Debbie's approaching wedding in January. They had a ball and added some great colour to the event.

Westfund Health CEO Grahame Danaher and his wife Kerry sat down for the long lunch which this year was provided by Milnes of Mudgee. Mr Danaher said he always enjoys his StreetFeast visit and it was a great pleasure for his group to be once again involved in the event. Entertainment was a feature again this year and attracted a huge crowd with the Kandos School Dance Group and the Rylstone School Choir starting things off and receiving plenty of applause. Jess Holland and Nick Wall were another highlight playing all the

### Street Machine and Hot Rod Show 2017

The Kandos Street Machine and Hot Rod Show is on again at the Simpkins Park Sports Complex, Kandos on Saturday and Sunday, January 28 and 29 and organisers are thrilled to announce that Sound Off is back. With stunning street machines, hot rods and plenty of action, the 2017 show will have lots to offer. Come along for Show n Shine, Go to Whoa, hours of Burnout Eliminations, Grass events, Top 10 burnout finals, Most Donuts in 30 seconds, Trade and Food Stalls, Bar and Kids Entertainment. Stay around for the DJ, Bucking Bull and Fireworks on Saturday evening. It's a top family weekend. Scrutineering starts Friday and the weekend gets underway for spectators at 8am on Saturday and again on Sunday. A wide range of food and alcohol will be available at the show at very reasonable prices. No glass is permitted at the show and no alcohol can be brought into the complex. Saturday entry for adults is \$25, children 11 to 15 years - \$10 and family \$60. Sunday entry for adults is \$20, for children \$10 and family \$40. A weekend pass for adults is \$40, for children \$15 and family is \$90. Children under 10 are free. A

family pass covers two adults and two children. For more information and entries phone or fax 6379 4066 or check out the website at [www.kandosstreetmachine.org.au](http://www.kandosstreetmachine.org.au), Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/kandosstreetmachine> or email at [kandosstreetmachine@hotmail.com](mailto:kandosstreetmachine@hotmail.com).



Get ready for street machine action in January.

### Capers twenty years

This edition of Community Capers marks 20 years since it was first published. It's hard to believe that it's been going for that long. I remember when the then Mayor of Rylstone Shire Council Peter Hall and the General Manager Grahame Taylor called me in to ask if I would consider putting together a local newsletter. We discussed it at length and staff member Kerry Morrissey came up with the name 'Community Capers' which I thought had a real ring to it. Rylstone Shire Council financed the newsletter until amalgamation with Mudgee Council formed the new Mid-Western Regional Council. The newsletter was then published by the local business and tourism group with support from Mid-Western Regional Council. After some years, business and tourism asked Kandos

Rylstone Community Radio (KRR 98.7FM) if they would take it over. We have been publishing it ever since - also with generous support from Mid-Western Regional Council. I believe Community Capers, despite its shoestring budget and meagre four pages has been well-received and appreciated throughout the local community and beyond. Copies are sent far and wide and find their way onto politician's desks, national broadcasting studios and other places. Copies are also available online on a number of websites. Finally, a very big thank you to all the volunteers who over the last 20 years have given their time to help insert and fold Capers each month. Without their support we could not have produced this newsletter. (Editor, Brent Barlow.)

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## Town pinks up

Rylstone was painted pink last month with shops, cafés and people colouring up to raise money for breast cancer research via the Cancer Council and the McGrath Foundation. The town really got into the spirit of the occasion after Foodworks manager Diane Kerney organised breakfast at two cafés in town. A percentage of each breakfast was donated to the cause by Recycled Rosy while Café on Louee made a cash donation at the end of the day. There was a great atmosphere in both cafés which opened their doors at 7.30am to groups of people dressed in pink. Other shops including the Anglicare shop decorated windows and hung pink streamers. One unique decoration that created an amazing reaction across the district was a tree painted by Alisa Burlington in the window of her husband's home brew shop. Passers-by were invited to write the names of family or friends on leaves. Some of the leaves had fallen and others were floating free. Other fundraising events included a cake stall at Foodworks, a raffle at the Rylstone Club and a pink mufti day at Rylstone and Kandos schools with gold coin donations. The Charity Shop in Kandos also donated \$500 for the special day.



Alison Oldfield, Jean Johnson and Dianne Kerney supporting the Cancer Council and the McGrath Foundation by doing breakfast at Recycled Rosy.

## Postie bikes at Rylstone

Rylstone Public School became an exciting motorbike heaven for young students when more than 25 Honda CT110 'postie' bike riders from the Variety Postie Dash rode into the school grounds on day three of their travels through outback NSW. The Variety Postie Dash was half-way through its six days charity ride to raise money for children who are sick, disadvantaged or have special needs. It started at the Good Guys Kotara on Sunday, October 30 and travelled through St Albans, Lithgow, Trunkey Creek, Orange, Wellington, Rylstone, Muswellbrook, Moonan Flat and Gloucester before returning to Newcastle on Friday, November 4. The 'posties' had lunch at Rylstone School provided by the P&C and enjoyed a lot of fun with the students who were able to sit on some of the bikes for photos. During the stopover, Motoring Events Manager Stuart Telfer presented a cheque for \$1757 to School Principal Jodee Burcher for a sensory garden. The Children's Charity Regional Director Jason Bourke said that each year dedicated Variety 'posties' raise more than \$100,000 for children in need across regional NSW. "We have a lot of fun on the road but what inspires all the riders is knowing they will make a real difference to the lives of local kids who are sick, disadvantaged or have special needs," Mr Bourke said.



School student Jack Desreaux on Postman Pat's bike (kids post get-well cards in the box which Pat takes back to the John Hunter Children's Hospital in Newcastle) and Hayley Besant on Captain Risky's bike, which has a jet pack on the back.

## New primary sponsor for show

Next year's Rylstone Kandos Show will be presented by Bowdens Silver who have become the primary sponsor of the show. In a small ceremony recently Company Director Tony McClure and Community Liaison Officer Blake Hjorth met with Show Society President Cameron Clarke to present the society with a cheque for \$5000. Mr McClure said Bowdens were delighted to be a primary sponsor of the show.

"We are new owners of the project and being part of the show and the community is very much part of our future. We're proud sponsors and plan to be a community member for a long time," he said.

Cameron Clarke said they were very happy with new sponsorship.

"On behalf of the show society, we appreciate the generous sponsorship and look forward to working with Bowdens throughout the year," he said.

Bowdens Silver will have trade space and a display at next year's show.

## 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.

## New doctor for local community

The Kandos Rylstone district is in the unique position of having three doctors to serve its community following the recent re-location of 37 year old Dr Mohammed Abdallah, affectionately called Dr Mo by colleagues and patients. Initially he will be working five mornings and three afternoons with Dr Ali at his medical centre in Kandos and three afternoons at HealthOne in Rylstone. At some point he will also be looking at a Saturday morning clinic. Dr Mo, his wife Zainab, who is a medical engineer and their two boys aged two and one were welcomed by hospital staff at a luncheon held at HealthOne recently. He said he has found the local community very friendly and welcoming. After studying medicine in Iraq, Dr Mo moved to England where he completed an MBA degree in Health Planning and worked as a doctor there for four years. After considering the pros and cons he decided everything was better in Australia and moved here in 2011. He worked at Bankstown Hospital for two and a half years and then spent another two and a half years at Blacktown and Mount Druitt working in emergency and also with National Home Visiting. "Since arriving here I've found the local people very friendly and welcoming. I haven't had time to integrate with the community yet but I'm very much looking forward to it," he said.



Dr Mo and his wife Zainab, welcomed by the Kandos Rylstone district.

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## Geoff's beer was a bottler

The first Annual Rylstone Home Brew Beer Brewing Competition was held on Saturday, November 5 coinciding with Rylstone StreetFeast. Organiser of the event Hayden Burlington from the Rylstone Home Brew store said he was happy with the entries and the quality of the brew for the inaugural event.

"I was very curious about how each participant's brew would turn out because they all had the same basic ingredient, in this case, Wal's Pilsner. It was then up to the brewer to add his own preferences regarding malt or sugar, hops or grain."

The five judges assessed entries on clarity, head retention, flavour and aroma. Comments showed that most brews were well made and very drinkable. The winner was Geoff Hughes with a delightful pilsner showing good clarity and flavour.



Hayden Burlington congratulates Geoff Hughes on taking out the inaugural home brew beer brewing competition.

## Wollemi Awards

The annual Rotary-Sibelco Wollemi Awards were held recently with an enthusiastic crowd present. The results were: Youth Award - Tyron Pennell for his outstanding achievements in lawn bowls, Community Service winner - Justine Lang for her service and care of the elderly and immobile in the community and her sensitive dedication to those who are undergoing cancer treatment with her wig making business, Community Service Organisation Award - Pop In Playgroup where Christine Hunt, Elizabeth Merz and Julia Stone provide an exceptional volunteer playgroup in support of young mums, Community Fund Raising Award - The Kandos Charity Shop, who have returned over \$160,000 to the community over the past three years, The Business Award - CGB Services for excellence in providing various service including waste management. CGB employs local workers with a wide range of backgrounds and skills, Pride in Workmanship Award - Sarah Lodewijks for her commitment to teaching, especially in supporting the creative and performing arts. Special mention was made of Kandos IGA Supermarket for providing local access to a supermarket of high quality making it easy to shop locally. The Kandos IGA Supermarket is also a strong supporter of local community activities.

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## Discussing land

Around 150 people attended Futurelands2 held in Kandos on Saturday and Sunday, November 12 and 13 - an event which organisers have hailed as a fabulous success. The ambitious program brought together artists, farmers, Indigenous historians, custodians, entrepreneurs and scholars to explore our changing relationship to land. The crowd of young and old came from Kandos, Rylstone, Sydney, the Blue Mountains, the Northern Tablelands, the Riverina and Northern Rivers, as well as Mackay in Queensland and Gippsland in Victoria.

Morning tea was lovingly prepared by volunteers from 'Kids and Carers' who received a donation for their charity, and delicious lunch salads were provided by Kylie from the Honeytree Cafe in Kandos with bread from the Rylstone Woodfired Bakery. Following a number of fascinating speakers on Saturday, participants headed to Stuart Andrew's property Marloo on the Glen Alice Road where they heard about the Hemp initiative from Klara Marosszky (from Australian Hemp Masonry), and KSCA members Gilbert Grace and Ian Milliss. Following this talk, Stuart Andrews led a discussion on Natural Sequence farming by showing participants a hillside which had previously displayed deep gullies and furrows from erosion, and which now showed evidence of very recent earthworks to hold water in the land and build soil fertility. The visit to the farm was a powerful experience for many people. On Saturday night the crowd returned to the Kandos Community Hall for a magnificent forager's feast organized by Chef Joey Astorga and his team from Alfie's Kitchen and artist-forager extraordinaire, Diego Bonetto.

Sunday branched out into local enterprises with more fascinating talks. The event wound down amid the splendid stone pagodas of Wollemi National Park at the Ganguddy/Dunns Swamp campground. Futurelands2 was organised by the Kandos School of Cultural Adaptation within the annual public program of Cementa Contemporary Arts Festival. It was convened by Laura Fisher and co-organised by members of KSCA (Gilbert Grace, Diego Bonetto, Ian Milliss, Lucas Ihlein, Georgina Pollard, Ann Finegan, Christine McMillan and Alex Wisser). It was made possible with support from the Australia Council, the Material Ecologies Research network at the University of Wollongong, Sydney College of the Arts, The University of Sydney and CWP Renewables.

## Outstanding art

In keeping with its reputation, the 13th annual Hill Top Arts Exhibition held in St James' Anglican Church Hall, Rylstone in conjunction with Rylstone StreetFeast was an outstanding collection of art works by painters, photographers, potters and crafters.

In opening the exhibition, Rev Dr David Craig thanked everyone for coming. He mentioned that 20% of all artworks sold during the exhibition goes to the parish to help keep it running.

"Thank you also to the artists for their wonderful work and for all their thoughts and creativity that goes into it."

Winner of this year's raffle prize was Neil Brodie and the people's choice awards went to: Painting - 'Wet Highway' by Judy Kurtz, Photography - 'Sunset Over Kildare' by Karon Grant, Pottery - 'Horsehair Pot' by Helen Swords, and Craft - 'Hanging Basket' by Sue Pridmore.



Rylstone resident Owain James enjoying a chat with Rev Dr David Craig who opened this year's art exhibition.

## CWA's AGM

Around 50 Country Women's Association members met at the Ilford Hall on October 17 for the Castlereagh Country Group's Annual General meeting. It was an opportunity to catch up with and meet new friends, celebrate the past year and to welcome the new office bearers for the coming year. Maria Tsannes, the Agricultural and Environmental Officer of the Philip Group in the Sydney area, opened proceedings and gave a very informative talk of her family's connection with the Country Women's Association.

Guest Speaker Ian Stewart, Principal of Ilford Public School, told how he had worked at New Crown Station on the border of South Australia and Northern Territory. His talk included a wonderful slide show of the people and their culture in the surrounding area. Following the talk, the 2015 - 2016 office bearers gave their annual reports which were received with great interest by members. Presentations were then made of trophies gained at the conclusion of each section's annual report. A delicious lunch was provided by members of the Ilford/Running Stream Branch followed by the election of new office bearers of the Castlereagh Country Group for the coming year.



Office bearers of the Castlereagh Country Group for the coming year.

## Luncheon for Kids and Carers

Mungarry Lodge at Mt Vincent near Ilford was the place to be on Melbourne Cup day where hosts Pat and John Fraser put on a fund raising luncheon in aid of Kandos Rylstone Kids and Carers. They worked tirelessly for the large group of people creating a delightful meal and organising the sweeps on the day. Men and women dressed in their best and enjoyed great company at this mountainside retreat which is a top spot for a party. One thousand dollars was raised and donated to Kids and Carers on the day - a fabulous effort by all.



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# Calendar of Events - December 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
The Cottage Museum, Rylstone is open every Sunday from 10am to 3pm.	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.	<b>1</b> RKB&T meeting at 6pm.	<b>2</b> Rylstone CWA meeting at 10am.	<b>3</b> Rotary Street Carnival and Carols at Rylstone Showground from 3pm to 7pm.
<b>4</b> Youth Moto Open Day, 12 midday to 3pm at the Harley Museum, Kandos.	<b>5</b> There will be no AA meetings in Kandos until 2017.	<b>6</b> Rylstone Rural Fire Brigade meets first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm - training nights on 3rd Tuesdays.	<b>7</b> R/K VRA Rescue Squad meeting at 7.30pm.	<b>8</b> Kandos CPSA meeting on 2nd Thursday of the month, 2pm at the Kandos Ret. Serv. Comm. Club.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Rylstone Artisan and Produce Market.
<b>11</b> One Life Family Church services, 10am every 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday at the corner of Noyes and Dunn Streets, Kandos.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> The Kandos Art Group meets every Tuesday at the CWA rooms in Kandos from 11am to 2pm.	<b>14</b> Kandos RSL Sub Branch meeting. *Ryl. Hospital Auxiliary Meeting.	<b>15</b> Ladies Tennis, 9am Thursdays at Henbury Sport & Rec. Club.	<b>16</b> Storytime for kids, 10am to 11am Fridays at Kandos Library.	<b>17</b> Kandos Markets.
<b>18</b> Uniting Church holds services at Rylstone at 9.30am every Sunday. Kandos Christian Fellowship on 2nd and 4th Sunday at CWA Hall, Kandos.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Pop in Playgroup 10am to 12noon each Wednesday.	<b>22</b> Scrabble on 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday of each month, 10am to 1pm at the Ryl. Club.	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> The Kandos Museum is open every Sat, Sunday and Thursday from 10am to 4pm.
<b>25</b> Merry Christmas Everyone.	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Kandos CWA meeting at 5pm. *Rylstone-Kandos Street Machine Club meeting at 7.30pm.	<b>28</b> Ryl. CPSA meet 12pm at the Rylstone Club for lunch.	<b>29</b> Ukulele Group 5pm to 6pm Thursdays at Kandos CWA rooms.	<b>30</b> KRR Broadcasting on 98.7FM	<b>31</b> New Years Eve.

## Dates for the Diary

January 26...Australia Day Awards in Rylstone, January 28 & 29...Kandos Street Machine and Hot Rod Show.

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### Green Army

If you are aged between 17 and 24, an Australian citizen or permanent resident and would like to be a part of a team that will make a real difference to the environment in your local community, applications for a Green Army project starting in Mudgee on January 9 are now open with Conservation Volunteers Australia. Participants will be paid an allowance while gaining skills, training and experience that can help them enter the workforce, improve their career opportunities or further their education and training. Apply online at conservationvolunteers.com.au, call into an employment agency in Mudgee or Phone 02 6334 4537.

### Enrol for preschool

Enrolments are now being taken at the Rylstone Kandos Preschool for 3, 4 and 5 year olds for 2017. Please call Tammy in the office on 6379 4273 for more information and to enrol your children.

### Kandos Community Markets

The Kandos Community Markets are on Saturday, December 17 in the grounds of St Laurence Church, Kandos from 9am to 1pm. Come along for some great bargains and interesting gifts, enjoy a cuppa and have a bite to eat. There will be all the usual stalls including fruit and vegies, books, plants, handmade soy wax candles, Devonshire teas, and a barbecue. For stall bookings, phone Rose on 6379 4179 or Joy on 6379 6097.

### Aqua Fitness

Aqua Fitness is on at the Kandos swimming pool every Tuesday at 10am and Thursday at 4.30pm. Cost is pool entry. Registration forms are available from HealthOne Rylstone and need to be completed and returned prior to commencement.

### Karate in Kandos

Karate classes are held at Kandos High School Hall on Mondays with child and beginners from 6pm to 7pm and adults and advanced from 7.15pm to 8.15pm. Cost of each class is \$5 or \$8 for both classes on the same night. The minimum age to commence is five. Bring a drink and wear comfortable clothing to move around in. For more information contact Sensei Vaughn on 0438 722 009.

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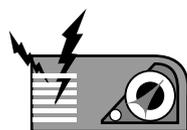
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