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## Dear Sally

### Your commonly asked legal questions answered

**I am looking at purchasing a property and don't know where to start. Have you got any tips so that I am best prepared to buy my first home?**

#### Have your finance ready to go

Make sure you've obtained pre-approval from your lender or broker before turning up to an open home. There's nothing worse than falling in love with a property, only to find that you're not in a position to make a firm offer on the day and losing out to someone else who is better prepared.

#### Know your limitations

Have you started looking at fixer-uppers, only to get a little distracted by the beautifully styled and fully renovated properties? Maybe you've decided that you'd like to live out of town? It's easy to find yourself a little off-track but try and stick with your original goals. Your pre-approval might be for a residential property, not rural. It might also be for \$100,000 less than the properties you'd like to buy. Buying a property is an emotional decision, but if you can't afford that dream home you're only going to be disappointed.

#### Review the listing contract

Found the perfect place? Contact us to have a read through the contract before making an offer. We can let you know if there are any legal issues with the property that might affect your decision to buy it.

#### Consider your cooling-off period

If you've found a property that you'd like to buy but are concerned that another purchaser will come along and outbid you, you have the option of exchanging contracts with a cooling-off period. This way, you've locked in your purchase price and can use the cooling-off period to finalise finance and pest & building inspections of the property. You pay a 0.25% deposit, which you forfeit if you choose not to proceed. But the vendor cannot accept another offer while you're cooling-off, so it can be a handy tool to consider.

#### Buyer Beware

You're buying the property on an "as is" basis, so it's important to make sure that there aren't any structural issues hiding under the surface. Invest in pest and building reports from a reputable inspector – it could save you thousands.

#### I've had an offer accepted – now what?

Let the agent know who will be acting as your legal representative on the sale. Contact us today for a quote for your next purchase.



# Notes from the Editor

## Welcome to the 14th Edition of MWM and Happy Easter to all.



Regardless of whether you have a faith or not, Easter is often a time to reflect on new beginnings and fresh starts. This year it will be wonderful to once again be allowed to gather with our family and friends to celebrate. If you are entertaining this Easter why not shop for your produce and gifts locally? We live in a truly bountiful region which caters for all tastes.

This edition is again packed full of events to get involved with, it never ceases to amaze me how our beautiful region offers so many options for getting out and about, even in the cooler months - there's something for everyone. On the 25th April, we again reflect back to our brave ANZACs in 1915 - if you wish to attend an ANZAC service or march we have a list of events in your town along with church services for Easter on pages 4 & 5.

## A SHOUT OUT TO OUR APRIL ADVERTISERS and welcome aboard

**Gemboree 2022 Mudgee, Pretty Pamper Parties and The NSW Tradie!** Andrew Gee MP, Cheree Edwards Jewellery, Dugald Saunders MP, Gulgong Holtermann Museum, Hi Tech ITworX, Kelly's Irish Bar, Mudgee Art & Crafts, Mudgee Classic 2022, Mudgee Art & Crafts, Oak Tree Retirement Village, Perfectly Sorted, Rouse Tree Services, Rylstone Retro Records, Sally Callander Law, Shipmans Kandos, The Property Shop, Ulan Water and Ultimate Care - **without you this publication would not be possible. We are deeply grateful for your support.**

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## WE LOVE FEEDBACK

### MWM Contributor

*"Congratulations on a wonderful March Mid-Western Mail magazine. I love to read your Mid-Western Mail. It is a highly valued communication in bringing together country folk in our region." - Peter Fitzgerald*

### Oak Tree Retirement Villages

*"Just wanted to let you know that myself and the residents of Oak Tree Mudgee love reading MWM each month. It is a wealth of information regarding local businesses, what's on in town and informative articles. Looking forward to receiving next month's issue already!" - Rebecca Redfern*

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The Mid-Western Mail (MWM) is created monthly for locals and visitors alike and has become a highly successful, non-for-profit publication showcasing regional events, workshops, activities, stories, businesses and services.

Every advertising dollar spent contributes to our community and visitors receiving free regional information.

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# APRIL

## EVENTS THROUGHOUT OUR REGION IN APRIL

### 1 APRIL

**April Fool's Day**

### 1 APRIL

**Rotary Club of Mudgee Sunrise meeting**, Parklands (every Friday 7am)

### 1 APRIL

**Mudgee Seniors Week Luncheon**, Club Mudgee (10.30am)

### 1 APRIL

**'Publicans Shout'** Centennial Pub, Gulgong (a free beer every Friday 6pm)

### 1 APRIL

**Almost Anything Emporium**, Rylstone (every Friday, Saturday & Sunday 10am-3pm)

### 1 APRIL

**Cudgegong Valley History Group**, Henbury Golf Club, Kandos (1st Friday of every month 11am-3pm)

### 1 APRIL

**CWA Day Meeting** 48 Market St, Mudgee (1st Friday of every month 11am)

### 1-3 APRIL

**Town Hall Cinema**, Mudgee - *Belfast* (M), *Sing 2* (PG) and *Queen Bees* (PG)

### 1-3 APRIL

**Last days of Linda Jackson: Retreat, Regeneration, Reflection Exhibition**, Mudgee Arts Precinct (Free open daily 9am-5pm)

### 1-30 APRIL

**Gulgong Holtermann Museum & Free Interactive Street Trail** (open daily 10am-3pm) *See inside for details*

### 1 APRIL - 17 JUNE

**Much More than Words Competition**, Mudgee Valley Writers *See inside for details*

### 2 APRIL

**NRL Telstra Premiership Round 4** - Sea Eagles v Raiders

### 2 APRIL

**World Autism Awareness Day**

### 2 APRIL

**Live Rock Cover Band**, Kelly's Irish Pub (every Saturday from 9pm-1am)

### 2 APRIL

**Park Run** (every Saturday 8am)

### 2 APRIL

**Mudgee Heritage Walking Tours** (every Saturday 10-11am)

### 2 APRIL

**Church Markets**, St Johns Anglican Church grounds (1st Saturday of every month 9am-1pm)

### 3 APRIL

**Daylight Saving Ends** - 1 hour back (3am) *See inside for details*

### 3 & 10 APRIL

**Mudgee & District Kennel & Obedience Club training classes**, Victoria Park, Gulgong (every Sunday 10am)

### 3 APRIL

**Mudgee Race Club** - April Race Meeting

### 3 APRIL

**Mudgee Makers Market**, Robertson Park (1st Sunday of every month 8.30am-12.30pm)

### 4 APRIL

**Writing Circle**, Mudgee Library (every Monday 1pm-3.30pm)

### 4 APRIL

**Tea Cosies Book Club**, Book Nest, Mudgee (1st Monday of every month 10am)

### 4 APRIL

**Gulgong Library Reading Circle** (every Monday 11am)

### 5 APRIL

**Cudgegong Camera Club meeting**, Club Mudgee (1st Tuesday of every month 7pm)

### 5 APRIL

**The Man Walk**, Lawson Park (every Tuesday 6pm)

### 5 APRIL

**Mudgee Library Evening Book Group** (1st Tuesday of every month 6pm-7pm)

### 6 APRIL

**Gulgong Men's Shed meet** (every Wednesday 9am)

### 7 APRIL

**Red Hatter Ladies meet** (every Thursday) *See inside for details*

### 7 APRIL

**Books that Made Us Book Group**, Mudgee Library (1st Thursday of every month 6pm)

### 7 APRIL

**Craft Group**, Kandos Returned Services Community Club (every Thursday 11am)

### 7 APRIL

**Mudgee Cocktail Bar, Balcony Bar**, upstairs at Kelly's Irish Pub (every Thursday 6-9pm / Friday & Saturday 4pm-late)

### 8 APRIL

**Michael Bourke's Exhibition 'A Brief History of Mudgee'** Mudgee Arts Precinct (Free open daily 9am-5pm) *See inside for details*

### 8 APRIL

**Pamela Welsh Ceramic Exhibition**, Mudgee Arts Precinct (Free open daily 9am-5pm) *See inside for details*

### 9 APRIL

**Rylstone Artisan & Produce Markets**, Rylstone Memorial Hall (2nd Saturday of every month 9am-1pm)

### 9 APRIL

**Kandos Rylstone Film Society: Film Night**, Rylstone Hall (2nd Saturday of every month)

### 9 APRIL

**Lawson Park Markets**, Mudgee (2nd Saturday of every month 8.30am-12.30pm)

### 9 APRIL

**Mudgee Miniature Railway** (2nd Sunday of every month 10am-2pm)

### 10-14 APRIL

**Clay Gulgong**, Shopfront Trail (local exhibitions daily) *See inside for details*

### 10 APRIL

**Palm Sunday**

### 11 APRIL

**CWA Evening Meet**, 48 Market St, Mudgee (2nd Monday of every month 5.50pm)

### 11 APRIL

**Adventure Club** 8-12yrs, Book Club, Book Nest (2nd Monday of every month 4-5pm)

### 12 APRIL

**Crafternoon**, Kandos Library - free for 12-20 years (2nd Tuesday of every month 3.45pm-4.45pm)



## 12 APRIL

**Book Nest Wine Club**, Mudgee (2nd or 3rd Tuesday of every month 7pm)

## 12 APRIL

**Mudgee Valley Writers meeting**, Club Mudgee (2nd Tuesday of every month 12.00pm-3pm)

## 13 APRIL

**Mudgee Library Intermediate/Advanced Junior Chess Club**, ages 6-14 (2nd Wednesday of the month 4.30pm-5.30pm)

## 14 APRIL

**Folk Session**, Centennial Pub, Gulgong (2nd Thursday of every month 6pm-late)

## 14 APRIL

**Seniors Meeting**, Kandos Returned Services Community Club (2nd Thursday of every month 2pm)

## 14 APRIL

**Mudgee Library Afternoon Book Group** (2nd Thursday of every month 2.30pm)

## 15-18 APRIL

**58th Gemboree 2022**, AREC Mudgee  
*See inside for details*

## 15 APRIL

**Good Friday**

## 16-18 APRIL

**Easter** (see below for church services around the region)

## 16 APRIL

**Gulgong Folk Festival** *See inside for details*

## 16 APRIL

**Church Markets**, St Johns Anglican Church grounds

## 16 APRIL

**Mudgee Farmers Markets**, Robertson Park (3rd Saturday of every month 8.30am-12.30pm)

## 17 APRIL

**Bull-A-Rama**, Rylstone Showground (4.30pm/Gates open 2pm)

*See inside for details*

## 17 APRIL

**The Rylstone Community Markets**, Rylstone, The Globe beer garden (3rd Sunday of every month 10am-1pm)

## 17 APRIL

**Guided Farm Walks**, Mudgee (3rd Sunday of every month 9am-12pm)

## 17 APRIL

**Third Sunday Yarn Therapy**, Makers Space, Dunedoo (3rd Sunday of every month 10am)

## 18 APRIL

**Poetry Circle**, Mudgee Library (3rd Monday of every month 10am-12pm)

## 20 APRIL

**Online Book Group**, Mid-Western Libraries (3rd Wednesday of every month 7pm via Zoom)

## 21 APRIL

**Business Mudgee Monthly Meet and Greet** for Business Mudgee members and guests, Club Mudgee (5.30pm)

## 21 APRIL

**Mudgee Library Adult Chess Club** (3rd Thursday of every month 5.30pm-6.30pm)

## 25 APRIL

**ANZAC Day** (see below for events around the region)

## 27 APRIL

**Mudgee Library Beginners Junior Chess Club**, ages 6-14 (4th Wednesday of every month 4.30pm-5.30pm)

## 27 APRIL

**Cudgegong Poets**, The Book Nest, Mudgee (4th Wednesday of every month 6.30pm)

## EASTER SERVICES AROUND THE REGION (15-17 APRIL)

### CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICES

**Good Friday** - Stations of the Cross, Mudgee & Rylstone (11am)

**Good Friday** - Liturgy of the Passion, Mudgee & Gulgong (3pm)

**Easter Saturday** - Easter Vigil, Gulgong (5pm)

**Easter Saturday** - Easter Vigil, Mudgee (6pm)

**Easter Sunday** - Mass, Mudgee (7am)

**Easter Sunday** - Mass, Mudgee & Kandos (9am)

**Easter Sunday** - Mass, Mudgee (10.30am)

### ANGLICAN CHURCH SERVICES

**Good Friday** - Eucharist Service, Mudgee & Gulgong (9am)

**Good Friday** - Stations of the Cross, Mudgee (12noon)

**Easter Sunday** - Eucharist Service, Mudgee & Gulgong (9am)

**Easter Sunday** - Family Service, Mudgee (11am)

**Easter Sunday** - Arvo Service, Mudgee (3pm)

**Easter Sunday** - Eucharist Service, Kandos (9am)

**Easter Sunday** - Eucharist Service, Rylstone (10.30am)

## ANZAC DAY EVENTS AROUND THE REGION (25 APRIL)

### MUDGEE

**Dawn Service** - Robertson Park (6am)

**March** - from Club Mudgee, 99 Mortimer St (10am)

**Main Service** - Robertson Park, Market St (11am)

**ANZAC Day Stall** - Robertson Park, Mudgee by CWA Mudgee Evening Branch (from 9.00am) *See inside for details*

**2-UP** - Kelly's Irish Bar (12pm)

### GULGONG

**March** - from Old Fire Station, Herbert St (5.45am)

**Dawn Service** - ANZAC Park (6am)

**Graveyard Memorial** - Gulgong Cemetery (9am)

**Parade** - from Old Fire Station, Herbert St (10.25am)

**Main Service** - ANZAC Park (11am)

**2-UP** - Gulgong RSL, Herbert St (3pm)

### KANDOS/RYLSTONE

**Dawn Service** - Rylstone Memorial Hall, nr Showground (6am)

**Dawn Service** - Kandos Community Hall, 44 Angus Avenue (6.30am)

**March** - from Kandos Rotunda (10.30am)

**Main Service** - Kandos Community Hall (11am)





# GEMBOREE 2022



incorporating the  
**58TH NATIONAL GEM &  
MINERAL SHOW**

*at Mudgee's Australian Rural Education Centre, 267 Ulan Road,  
Bombira, NSW*

**JEWELLERY, GEMS, CRYSTALS & MINERALS**



**Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday**

**15th – 18th April, 2022 (over the Easter Long Weekend)**

**Open 10am – 5pm Friday, 9am – 5pm Saturday & Sunday, 9am – 1pm Monday**

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# THE RYLSTONE RUMBLE

by David Innes

The highly successful **Rylstone Bull-A-Rama** is on again at the Rylstone Showground. Set in a natural amphitheatre providing great views of the non-stop action this is great entertainment for all the family. Easter Sunday 17th April is the date. Gates open 2pm and the action starts at 4.30pm. This bull riding contest is one of the most highly paid events for the riders. The locally sourced bulls are spirited animals keenly sought after by the riders. A locally organised 'Best Shop Front Window Display Competition' will enhance Rylstone. On the day there will be a 'Best Mullet Competition', prize of \$200. A 'Best Kids Mullet Competition' also will be on with a prize of \$100. Music entertainment will be the 'Crawfish Stew Band' and the Easter Bunny has promised to drop in.

**Check it out on Facebook or order your tickets online 123tix.**



Saturdays and Sundays see Rylstone's main street, Louee Street, filled with visitors. But at least twenty to fifty motor bikes are lined up under the trees. Motorbike riders from Sydney ride over the mountains to Lithgow, turn off at Ilford and travel to Rylstone. After coffee or lunch, they travel via to Singleton then down the Putty Road back home. A pleasant 200km ride. I call it 'The Rylstone Loop'. Several car clubs make Rylstone their destination. Vintage car and bike clubs from Lithgow, Bathurst, Gulgong, Molong and more are frequent visitors. The Hunter Valley GT Falcon Club are colourful. The biggest impression is the smallest of vehicles, the Mini Minor. Two hundred Minis fill Louee Street each August. The hardest (or maddest) drivers are the Mini Moke crowd. Open to the Rylstone winter they are swathed in balaclavas, beanies, heavy jackets, gloves etc. Accommodation in the whole area is booked out. These visitors love their vehicles and are great to talk to.



## RYLSTONE RETRO RECORDS

With thousands of records, thousands of CDs, hundreds of T-shirts, retro racing photos, cars and motorbikes, artworks and more, the Rylstone Retro Record shop is a pleasantly quirky shop to browse through. Special requests, music and T-shirts are tracked down at no extra cost.

Situated opposite the Globe Hotel, 45 Louee St, Rylstone.

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# GULGONG GOSSIP

## CLAY GULGONG

Clay Gulgong will be on from 9-15 April, with ceramic artists and potters attending from around Australia and overseas. To coincide with the Clay Gulgong festival there will be several exhibitions in various venues around town which will be open to the public daily from 10th-14th April. The Shop Front Trail will once again see displays in almost every window, including work from K-12 students across Australia. Everyone is welcome to purchase work from the Delegates Exhibition at the CWA Hall and the exhibitions in the Masonic Hall. This year we are especially delighted to have a major exhibition in the Holtermann Museum which will be a highlight not to miss seeing. I hope everyone enjoys the potters coming back to town!

## MELINDA SCHNEIDER

Performing at The Prince Of Wales Opera House - Melinda Schneider will be performing at the Prince of Wales Opera House from 8 - 10 pm on Saturday the 23rd of April. Melinda is an Australian music icon, a multi-award-winning singer-songwriter, live performer, storyteller, the CEO and founder of Mpower Records, a sought-after keynote speaker and a female empowerment activist, making this a must see show!

## THE HENRY LAWSON HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Planning is well underway for the Henry Lawson Heritage Festival on the June long weekend. It is also the 100th anniversary of the Hall which houses the Henry Lawson Heritage Centre, which was originally the Salvation Army Hall. As such, the Salvation Army band will be coming to play at the Hall, in the Parade, and at various locations across town.

## SUE NICHOLLS RECEIVES ORDER OF AUSTRALIA MEDAL

Sue Nicholls was awarded an OAM last year, and after many setbacks, has finally received the award. This well-deserved honour celebrates her numerous volunteering activities around Gulgong over the years and crucial involvement in many community organisations.

Congratulations also to Hugh Bateman OAM.



## THE GULGONG SHOW

The Gulgong Show was held on the 19th of February. This enjoyable event had crowds enjoying the lovely weather and the many activities and displays.



## NEW PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER IN GULGONG

Andy and Kerry Warner, from the Southern Highlands region, have been invited to come and join the Gulgong Community. The Presbyterian Church has a Youth Group, Pre-schooler's activities, as well as the usual Sunday Services. If you would like to find out more, please check their website [gulgongpresbyterianchurch.org](http://gulgongpresbyterianchurch.org), or look them up on Facebook, search for Gulgong Presbyterian Church. Alternatively, you can get in touch by dropping them an email at: [andywarner.gpc@gmail.com](mailto:andywarner.gpc@gmail.com)



## VOLUNTEERING

We have many organisations around town who are seeking help from Volunteers, so if you feel you would like to stretch your wings and learn something new, please contact the Gulgong Chamber of Commerce secretary on [secretary@gulgong.com](mailto:secretary@gulgong.com) and he will steer you in the right direction.

Brought to you by the Gulgong Chamber of Commerce







# GULGONG FOLK FESTIVAL

**Well it is on again folks – the most famous folk festival of all time!**

**Hosted in the \$10 Town of Gulgong on Saturday, 16 April (Easter Saturday) with an 11am start.**

The event will be held at the Prince of Wales Opera House - a beautiful venue, air-conditioned and totally seated - no matter what the rules are we can abide by all COVID-19 and safety regulations.

Unfortunately over the last two seasons we've had to postpone the concert due to coronavirus and because the town had been hit by a mouse plague however we have decided to run a show this Easter.

The show features acts from all over Australia:

- Our headliner of the show is Day of Embers from South Australia

- Sally Andrews on her famous piano accordion
- World veteran duo Honey Sippers
- Franz James from Brisbane
- Daryl James from Adelaide
- Linda Mizzi of whom is a veteran favourite of the festival for years

We also have the John Dengate Political Parody Competition and a Song Writing Competition available for any persons wishing to enter – just visit our website. We also have a guitar package to give away sponsored by the Old Music Shop Dubbo.

\$35 per ticket [www.gulgongfolkfestival.net](http://www.gulgongfolkfestival.net)

We welcome anyone interested in being a volunteer for the event. *Thank you to our major sponsor Yancoal.*



## SO MUCH TO SEE AND DO IN APRIL AT THE GULGONG HOLTERMANN MUSEUM

**The Gulgong Holtermann Museum has a permanent exhibition of the unique UNESCO listed Holtermann Collection which includes photographs of Melbourne, Sydney, Regional NSW and Gulgong.**

What sets this museum apart from other Museums in the region are the digitally enhanced 1870's photographs taken by Henry Beaufoy Merlin and his assistant Charles Bayliss. The Collection is wall mounted and also available on interactive touchscreens within our two State Heritage Listed buildings.

With the Easter Long Weekend, school holidays, Clay Gulgong 2022 pottery event and Gulgong Folk Festival all happening in April, we are looking forward to welcoming many visitors to our region, and to the Gulgong Holtermann Museum. A Lucky Entry Docket Draw competition will be run in April to win a 'Lens on the Gold Field' booklet. The entry box will be located within the museum and the lucky entry docket will be drawn at the end of April.



As part of the Clay Gulgong 2022 Potters Trail, an International Master Potters' exhibition will be held in

our Glencore Theatre from the 9th to the 15th April which will be open to paying guests as well as Clay Gulgong 2022 delegates.

Chester Nealie will have a pot on display in the Museum feature window, and his book 'Etched in Fire' will be available for purchase at reception (cash only).

Finally, the Gulgong Holtermann Museum is registered to accept both Discover NSW vouchers and Parents NSW vouchers, so step in and use your voucher this April to experience a special slice of Australian history.

**GULGONG HOLTERMANN MUSEUM**

*from glass plates to digital detail*

**OPEN DAILY 10am to 3pm**

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Group bookings essential

123-125 Mayne Street,  
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<https://holtermann.museum>



# KILDALLON EDUCATION CENTRE

**Kildallon is the name of the newly opened Community Education and Arts Centre located at 70 Court St Mudgee (the former TAFE site).**

The original building at that address was the residence of merchant William Kellett, who was born in Kildallon, County Cavan in Ireland. He had come to Mudgee in 1859 with the purpose of winding up an insolvent business, but he and Nicholas Rowell decided to form a partnership and rescue the failing Old Flagstaff Stores.

In time, William Kellett became a sole trader and had a grand house (Kildallon) built to reflect his success. Kildallon was occupied by the Kellett family until the 1940's when the Mudgee branch of CWA acquired the residence converting it to a girls' hostel. During that time, modifications were made to the existing building and additions were made to accommodate the girls.

In 1983 TAFE took over the site, adding yet more buildings behind the original building. TAFE operated there until 2018.

After years of lobbying by community groups, TAFE sold the Court St site in 2021 to Mid-Western Regional Council on the proviso that it be used by the community. Unfortunately, after years of being vacant, MWRC was required to repair a great deal of damage done to the buildings by vandals before the facility could open. Work is still ongoing but Kildallon is now up and running.

Mudgee District University of the Third Age (U3A), Mudgee Performing Arts Society and the Mudgee Concert Band are now based at Kildallon while Cudgegong Camera Club and Mudgee Readers' Festival are moving to the facility. Local music teachers are also operating at Kildallon.

Kildallon is managed by Mudgee Arts Council.

'Kildallon is a huge step forwards towards a bright future for the creative community of our region. Mudgee Arts Council is ecstatic to be able to begin offering facilities for the use of our community and we will continue to work towards improving and adding to the



## ***Kildallon past and present***

*Top: Kildallon about 1900 (courtesy of the Kellett family)*

*Bottom: Kildallon 2022*

facilities we can offer. There is huge potential in this site and we look forward to using it for our creative future" said Liz Halbisch, President of Mudgee Arts Council.

Rooms at Kildallon are available for hire by not-for-profit groups for meetings, workshops and, further down the track, conferences. Enquiries can be made to [mudgeeartscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:mudgeeartscouncil@gmail.com)

## **DONATION TO THE LOUISA LAWSON STATUE REWARDED**

**When local identity, farmer Barry Nott, downsized from his 250 acre property Cloudy Bay to a smaller 48 acres, he found himself in a position to further support the community he has lived in since 1975.**

Barry has been involved in the Show Society, RFS, Cudgegong Choir and many other community based organisations over the years, but he decided the Rotary Club of Mudgee's Louisa Lawson Statue project was a unique opportunity to make a visible and lasting contribution to Mudgee.


The \$1,000 he donated to the project will not only help place a beautiful piece of public art in a prominent position in Bill Cox Square, but also celebrate the ground breaking achievements of Louisa Lawson. The statue will employ a prominent Mudgee sculptor and create a further attraction for the tourists who contribute a substantial portion of Mudgee's income.

Barry has been rewarded with a unique medallion which is linked with the design of the life size bronze. This will be a lasting symbol of his part in Mudgee's history.

The Louisa Lawson Statue project needs to raise a further \$50,000 from government grants and community contributions. For more about this



*Rotary Project Director Chris Stephens presenting Barry with his Louisa Lawson Statue medallion.*

remarkable woman from Mudgee, and donate to the project, go to [www.louisalawson.org.au](http://www.louisalawson.org.au) or visit  [louisalawsonmudgee](https://www.facebook.com/louisalawsonmudgee)



# THE ARTS INSIDER

## Well, my fellow arts-lovers, isn't it wonderful to be out and about in the world again?

There was the opening of Sculptures in the Garden on 5 November and the highly anticipated Official Opening of Mudgee Arts Precinct on 12 November, after being delayed by the pesky State-wide lockdown. Both nights were unseasonably wet and wild but a huge success by all accounts.

By the time of publication it was rumoured that most of the region's politicians were going to descend on Mudgee for the Grand Opening, including the state Minister for the Arts, Don Harwin as well as Dugald Saunders and our Member for Calare, Andrew Gee, ahead of election year.

Even more exciting was hearing Ben Quilty would be opening Guido Maestri's exhibition - Ben is possibly Australia's biggest name in the contemporary painting world, well known for his tireless political campaigning and most recently raising over \$4.5 million for the people of Afghanistan displaced by the wars. He was also heavily involved in the opening of Ngununggula the new regional art gallery in the Southern Highlands.

Sculptures in the Garden 2021, now in its eleventh year, was tracking towards record sales this year which is astonishing considering the deluge we faced over the last two weekends.

Indeed, by the time I went through on the first Saturday, all of my favourites had already been sold! I suppose our inability to indulge in anything other than online shopping has led to this surge in retail therapeutic activities, and what is better than investing in some three dimensional art for our very green gardens?



Sculptures in the Garden has been working with Mid-Western Regional Council for quite some time now, and Mudgee has the benefit of having several sculptures as part of their public art collection, which are mostly exhibited in the Lawson Park along the Cudgegong River. Whilst some of the earlier collected works are a bit hit-and-miss, they now have some fine sculptures on show. The newest sculpture is John Fitzmaurice's 'Encounter' which has pride of place outside Mudgee Arts Precinct. The work pays homage to "the curious giants of the sea" and although it is a tenuous link to the region, the sculpture actually works really well here, juxtaposed against the highly linear design of BKA's ultra-contemporary new gallery building. The red colours of the walls is also reflected by the sculpture giving the forecourt much warmth, and is a really attractive welcome in to Mudgee from Gulgong.

The other new work that has been recently installed

at the gallery is Stephen King's 'Balancing the Books V', a single stringy bark tree trunk carved into stacks. It's a terrific sculpture which was Mid-Western Regional Council and Sculptures in the Garden Acquisition Prize in 2020. Eventually the sculptures along the Cudgegong will lead up to the precinct, so this will be another feather in the cap for the town and a real asset for the cultural tourist. The sculpture walk will be even more established once the building on the corner (the old child care centre) becomes the additional space for the arts precinct, comprising artists workshop spaces, scheduled for completion in the middle of next year.



## ART & CRAFTS MUDGEE

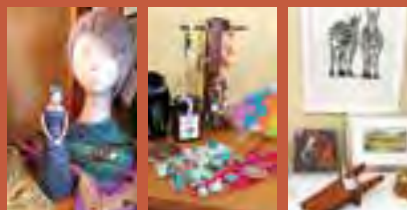


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# Rotary



## Club of Mudgee Sunrise

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Whatever your circumstance, we'd welcome you to join the Rotary Club of Mudgee Sunrise and engage with us through meetings, fundraisers and other fun events that we actively support within our community.

Our club has an equal mix of male and female members, is flexible and supportive! We offer individual or corporate membership. To find out more, please get in touch via email or visit us on Facebook.

### What do we do?

We meet Friday mornings 7-8:30am for breakfast at Parklands, however if you need to leave earlier to get to work that's understandable – a number of our members do so! At breakfasts, we discuss our service-related initiatives and regularly welcome guest speakers to share their experiences.

In essence, our club is about fun and fellowship!




Local projects we are involved in, though are not limited to, include: Monthly movies at the Town Hall Theatre; Mudgee Showground Carols; Annual Pride of Workmanship Awards; Rotary Australia's National Flood Appeal.

Local groups we have supported, though are not limited to, include: Mudgee Playgroup; Riding for the Disabled; Macquarie Homestay, Dubbo; MHERV – Men's Health Educational Rotary Van.

Interested in joining or knowing more about us?

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# LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL COMPETITION

A local firm, Mudgee Harvest Olive Oil has taken out an international award in the Extra Virgin Olive Oil competition in Los Angeles, in the United States.

Mudgee Harvest Olive Oil was the only Australian entrant to receive an award amongst other entries from around the world and achieved a bronze medal in their category. The Los Angeles International Extra Virgin Olive Oil competition is considered to be one of the most recognised and major olive oil competitions in the world and this year received some 517 Extra Virgin Olive Oil from 246 producers from the Northern and Southern hemisphere.



The partners said that they were delighted to receive the award this week on the back of having been receiving favourable comments on their product over the past few months. The olive grove is like little Tuscany, the sweet smell of orchards, grapes and freshly cut lucerne and olives harvested by the light of the silvery moon. Mudgee Harvest is a boutique operation by two men with completely different backgrounds who have come together to produce Mudgee Harvest Extra Virgin Olive Oil like no other.

"We put our success down to the wonderful soil quality and location of the olive grove. At harvest our fruit is processed within hours of being picked producing very high-quality Extra Virgin Olive Oil."

This is a great achievement for a small Mudgee firm and again has put Mudgee on the international map.

"After years of travelling the world covering the world's biggest sporting events, Mudgee Harvest would kick goals in any restaurant I have dined in. To think this gem has been produced in the Mudgee district adds to the already fine reputation for food and wine the area enjoys." - Ken Sutcliffe OAM

## UNDERGROUND LOVERS - THE THIRD 'F'

You might have noticed the odd mushroom or other strange fungus popping up in the garden or around town. This above-ground growth is the reproductive structure (fruit) produced by mycelium. The mycelium is the growing structure and you can't usually see it as it's underground and has fine branching tubes. Don't be deceived though - fungi are everywhere!

Alison Pouliot, natural historian and environmental photographer, Honorary Fellow at the Australian National University explains why fungi are so widespread: *'Australia is fungal utopia. Tens of millions of years of isolation from other land masses has fashioned a distinctive mycota (fungi of a particular location). The size of the continent along with its variable climate, countless fungal habitats and partners all contribute to its megadiversity. Fungal mycelia pervade soils. Fungus spores are omnipresent in air, water and human bodies, shaping environments as much as environments shape fungi.'*

And we need them! Although little known, the roots of almost every plant in the Australian landscape are intimately entwined with fungi. These relationships extend beyond trees to include every orchid and most shrubs and grasses. Beneficial relationships are the secret to success in our highly variable climate and nutrient-deficient soils.

Fungi not only help plants access water and nutrients, but also increase their resistance to drought and disease. They build architecture in soils, aerate them and allow water to gently percolate to deeper horizons. While often maligned by gardeners, the great majority of fungi are friends, not foes. We are in the midst of an exciting time as thinking and practices around the importance of fungi are changing. We are appreciating their role in underpinning the health and resilience of land-based ecosystems.

In the natural world it is not only the object itself that is important: it is the relationships and processes that deserve our attention. The third 'f' that requires our conservation efforts is underground. Yes, again, it is the connectivity between elements of the natural world that is fascinating and important.

Find out more about the natural world you live in: Mudgee District Environment Group (MDEG) [www.mdeg.org.au](http://www.mdeg.org.au) or contact: 0411 755 682





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We will be selling handmade poppies in red, white & purple and Anzac Biscuits. CWA ladies will be walking around also selling these goodies.

All proceeds go directly to the Mudgee Branch of the Legacy Widows. We will also get our younger members to lay a handmade wreath.







**Organising your pantry, especially if you have a large family is an essential activity. With the cost of living at an all-time high and continuing to increase, it is vital to know what is in your home, what you need to purchase and how to protect your most valuable resource - your time.**

Here are three key reasons why organising your pantry right now is a must:

- 1. Knowing exactly what you have in the pantry** is vital to your weekly shopping budget. Purchasing unnecessary doubles can blow out your allocated funds.
- 2. Waste is never ideal**, regardless of the environment, a tidy pantry means you can see everything you own, and the used by dates. You know those tins that have travelled with you from your last house and are now at the back of the pantry in this one. Those are what we are referring to!
- 3. Organised shelves** also provide a safe place for younger family members to help with cooking or making healthier snack choices, as well as decrease the time you spend when preparing dinner looking for the herbs in the very back corner cabinet!

Now we know what you're thinking, yes that would be so lovely, but who actually has the time to do that?

Well the good news is Perfectly Sorted does. Our professional organiser Jen will work with you to ensure your pantry ticks all the boxes of effective, neat and tidy. Don't try to squeeze another task into your busy week!

## GET READY TO TURN BACK TIME

At the end of daylight saving on Sunday, 3 April 2022 for those of us living in NSW, VIC, SA, Tasmania and the ACT the clocks will be put back one hour at 3am, meaning we will enjoy an extra hour in our night, so an extra hour of sleep. The term 'fall back' is used in many countries so we remember to turn our clocks back one hour. Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour earlier on 3 April 2022 than the day before. There will be more light in the morning.



CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS

Thanks to that extra hour, "falling back" isn't nearly as disruptive to our bodies as putting the clocks forward at the beginning of daylight saving. The body's circadian rhythm, our built-in time clock, operates on a slightly longer than 24-hour cycle, so being able to extend our day is much easier than it is to shorten our day. The body clock is used to a little bit of extra time.

While it can take up to a week to feel back to normal after the beginning of Daylight Saving Time in October, in March it usually takes only one night.

Falling back may even help us to sleep better. After the time change, it will get dark earlier, which could prompt us to go to bed earlier, especially after the long, well-lit summer evenings that encourage us to stay up much later. It will be lighter in the mornings, so make it easier to get up to do some exercise to start the day well.

Source: Sleep Health Foundation



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## THE MERRY MAMZELLES

by Pam Bellhouse

February was busy for us and all our venues were in Mudgee, we visited The Oriental Hotel, had lunch at The Courthouse Hotel and celebrated Cadbury's 100th Birthday in Australia with Cadburys Chocolate of course. I have mentioned previously that wonderful things happen in our Chapter and this was another instance where one of our Ladies, who like most of us is somewhat partial to chocolate enabled us to indulge.

Our last function for February was The Newhaven Park Country Championships Race meeting at Mudgee, a few of us attended and it was a fabulous afternoon, no bets but picked a few winners on paper. And several Mamzelles were successful exhibitors at the Gulgong Show covering a wide range of interests – jams, jewellery and quilting.

March is always really special month for the Merry Mamzelles, we picnicked in the Park - Lawson Park that is and we have visited The Soldiers Café at Club Mudgee for morning tea. The Mudgee Show was great this year and the Mamzelles were again successful, this time with quilts and roses.

March is also our Chapter's birthday month and once the Mid-Western Mail goes to print, we will have celebrated our fourth birthday in style on St Patrick's Day this year at Kelly's Irish Hotel in Mudgee, so not only will we have worn our purple hats (because in our birthday month – Chapter & members, we reverse our colours) but sported something green as well for St Pat.

St Patrick's Day this year falls on a Thursday, which is also the day the Merry Mamzelles – Mudgee Red Hatters Mamzelles meet weekly for morning tea or Lunch. St Patrick's Day, as you know, is the Feast Day of St Patrick – the Patron Saint of Ireland, he, according to Google, was born in the west of Britain - does that make him Welshman? How Irish is that.

The Irish were among the first European settlers to settle in Australia, and the free settlers came by choice but convicts transported to Australia as guests of his Majesty were given no choice, their destination was determined by British Courts. Today about 30% of the Australian population are thought to have some Irish ancestry which provides us with an annual opportunity to celebrate & appreciate our Irish heritage, culture and traditions in a very Australian way.

Happy Hatting and Chatting for now!





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### THE MID-WESTERN REGION SURE PUTS ON A SHOW!

You just can't beat a country show! They bring together our communities and showcase all that's great about regional Australia. It was a fantastic turn out at this year's Mudgee Show (below left), as well as the Rylstone/Kandos Show (below right). It's been a tough few years for our region and I want to thank the Show Societies, the Committees and all the volunteers for their continued support and dedication to keeping country shows alive and thriving. I thoroughly enjoyed each event and look forward to next year!



### MUDGEE PULLS OFF A GREAT WEEKEND!

More than 9,200 fans turned up to Glen Willow Stadium to watch the Dragons take on the Bunnies in the NRL Charity Shield. The ground was in great nick thanks to the efforts of Josh, Phil (pictured in yellow) and their team.



Bringing the NRL to the region is a great boost for our local economy and it's terrific that we have the infrastructure and community support to do it! I am proud that the Australian Government has provided over \$11.4 million to the Glen Willow Sporting Precinct - it is a wonderful asset to the Mid-Western community!

The following day there were plenty of smiles and colourful outfits at the Central Districts Country Championships race meeting! Congratulations Mudgee Race Club on a job extraordinarily well done!

### FAMILIES BENEFIT FROM HIGHER CHILD CARE SUBSIDY!

Quality child care is essential for the growth and vibrancy of our country communities. That's why I am delighted that the Australian Government is increasing the **Child Care Subsidy (CCS)** for families with more than one child aged five or under in care. **It means out-of-pocket childcare costs will significantly ease for families with multiple children. On average, families will be \$2,260 a year better off. The subsidy goes from 85% to 95%.**

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## NEW \$40 MILLION MEDICAL SCHOOL AND RESEARCH CENTRE OFFICIALLY OPEN!

Students from the Mid-Western region now have the opportunity to study medicine closer to home with the official opening of the CSU Medical School!

The new medical school is a partnership with Western Sydney University and is

already benefiting our local students, with several Calare residents among those selected as part of the first cohorts to study the five-year Doctor of Medicine Joint Program.

The vision to bring the school to our region started more than a decade ago. It was based on the fundamental principle of equality: that country people should have the same access to medical services as people in the city, and that country students should have the same access to educational opportunities as their city cousins. We also know that when students undertake training in a regional or rural areas, they are more likely to choose to live and work in the bush once they are fully qualified.

This medical school is something that we desperately needed and was worth fighting for. It was one of those campaigns that took a long time, and it was one of my hardest and toughest fights. But together we made it happen! I'm proud the Australian Government provided capital works funding of \$22 million from 2019 to 2022 to help establish the



centre and an additional \$18 million for the joint institute for Regional, Rural and Remote Health and Medical Research.

I've had the privilege of meeting many of the students enrolled in the first intake. They all have country backgrounds, and a clear idea of the role they want to play in the future of regional Australia. It is an honour to have these young Australians training here!

I would like to sincerely thank everyone in the Mid-Western area who helped with our campaign in ways great and small. This new medical school shows that our country communities can do anything!

*Pictured: Andrew with Medical students Miranda Eyb and Jamil Khalfan and CWA members Deborah Marr and Audrey Hardman*

## LOCAL FLOOD SUPPORT AVAILABLE FROM THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT

While there's understandably been a lot of focus on the flood crisis closer to the coast, our region hasn't escaped the unprecedented rainfall unscathed. Last week I went to assess the damage. The Lithgow region, Hartley, Olinda, Nullo, Wallerawang and the Capertee Valley have all been hit hard!

The area was scarred by the Black Summer bushfires and now water, gravel and sand are rolling down the mountains causing major damage in heavy rains. Freshly planted crops have been destroyed and large tracts of land and soil have been washed downstream. Roads have been badly damaged.

It's the last thing these local families need after their land was so badly damaged by those devastating fires.



**Australian Government Disaster Funding is now available for individuals, businesses and councils in these affected areas.**

The funding includes, but is not limited to, immediate assistance for essential emergency needs, grants for household contents and for structural repairs to homes. **For more information please contact Service NSW on 13 77 88 or my office.**

There is also assistance for primary producers, small business, not-for-profit organisations and local Councils. **For more information please contact my office, the Rural Assistance Authority on 1800 678 593 or NSW Treasury on 02 9228 4380.**

*Pictured: Andrew at Glen Davis which was isolated by floodwaters.*

## BUSHFIRE FUNDING MAKING A REAL DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITIES

I spent the Christmas Eve of the Black Summer bushfires at Glen Alice in the Capertee Valley (and also Mudgee Fire Control) supporting fires and community members. The Capertee Valley was surrounded by fire on three sides!

There is no town water in Capertee. One thing the Capertee RFS brigade was crying out for during the emergency was a bulk water tanker to support local fires.

After the fires, the RFS wasn't able to deliver a new tanker, but by working with the local Capertee and District Progress Association

we got the job done! The Association was successful in securing funding for a brand new Category 6 water tanker thanks to an Australian Government **Black Summer Bushfire Recovery** grant of \$500,000! It will be a community owned tanker to support firefighting in the district for years to come. Bushfire recovery takes years, and this grant builds on numerous previous funding rounds. As an RFS member myself I can say that this state-of-the-art tanker will truly be "the firey's friend".

It's another great example of our communities working together for an outstanding result.





# April

## COMMUNITY CAREER

by Naomi Rouse

**Each month we ask a member of our community to talk about their work in our beautiful region. This month we talk to Harry Hall who is an exceptionally talented Professional Coach – I can vouch for the fact he makes organising a group of 9-year-olds look easy!**

**Tell us your job title, where you work and how long you have been in the job.**

I am a football coach for Beragoo Sports as well as Head Coach & Technical Director at Mudgee Gulgong Wolves. I have been in Mudgee since March 2021.

**How did you get into Professional Coaching? Did you study – what qualification/s did you need?**

I started out as a volunteer coach back in 2013 when I took my little brother's under 11 team. I realised I liked coaching so I took it up as a profession in 2014 when I spent 4 months in Mexico City coaching for West Ham International Academy. In 2015 I spent a season coaching for Yoogali SC in Griffith NSW.

After returning to the UK I proceeded to complete a number of coaching badges and youth modules to develop as a coach and gain more knowledge of what's needed to coach at a higher level. I had the opportunity to coach football full time in England. This allowed me to take players on experiences all over England as well as Europe to compete against the best academies in the World. I have also delivered football tournaments at Manchester City and Liverpool FC to over 160 teams of the best talent in England.

In 2019 I completed my UEFA B Licence which has opened up so many more opportunities as this is on the Elite Coaching Pathway.

**What brought you to Mudgee?**

I met Christopher Clegg in November 2020 who told me about a mentorship through movement program he wanted to create here in Mudgee to make sport more accessible for everyone. So in March 2021 I left Sydney to come to Mudgee. So far we have delivered football at the inclusion games in Dubbo & Orange. We have now launched a 3v3 games program in the Central West and started a full time football program here in Mudgee.

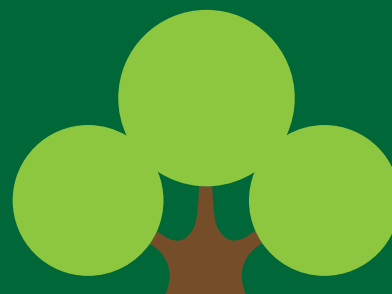
Alongside this we, along with so many others, volunteer a lot of our time to create the best football club possible at The Mudgee Gulgong Wolves. We are working hard to make this the best sporting club in our region. Hopefully people can start to see the direction the club is moving and how it's accessible for everyone in the community both young and old.

**What advice would you give anyone wanting to get into Professional Coaching?**

The advice I would give anyone looking to get into professional coaching is go and volunteer for your local club first. Gain experience coaching players of different abilities and different age groups.



Don't look at junior sport as winning and losing but look at it as a development for players. Make every hour of coaching the best hour of a child's week. Ask a lot of questions along the way to keep learning as well as go on coaching courses and meet more people.



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## MUDGEE GULGONG WOLVES FC GEARING UP FOR A BIG SEASON *by Edward George*

As the summer draws to an end already junior and senior players of the Mudgee Gulgong Wolves are back in pre-season training preparing for what could be a highly successful year for the club both on and off the field.

Registrations are open for both their juniors and seniors (male and female) and early numbers are strong. Links for registration are on the club website [mgwfc.com.au](http://mgwfc.com.au) and on their facebook page.

The club has held their trails for their representative teams for the Western Youth League, and they are looking to have teams in all age groups, both male and female. Some squads are still looking for additional numbers, and players are encouraged to contact the secretary if they are interested in training with these squads.

The junior competition on a Saturday will run each Saturday starting the 7th May, with the Minirosos catering for children aged 3-5 and the main junior competition covering those aged 5-14, with those players aged 15-18 encouraged to train with and play in one of the senior teams.

On the seniors side of the club things also continue to grow and the club is looking to have 3 or 4 men's grade teams and hopefully 2 senior ladies sides.

The club's Western Premier League team has been training hard and with their new recruits, they are ready for a tilt at finals football this year, and are also eyeing off a Cup run in the FFA Cup.



Off the field there is also a great deal of activity, as Mudgee welcomes A League football back to town again with the Central Coast agreeing to a 3 year deal to play a game each March in Mudgee. The opportunity for players of all ages to see professional football live and up close in our own backyard will hopefully prove inspirational to many. There will also be coaching clinics for the players and coaches off the back of these teams being linked with the club.

For all the latest news on the Wolves keep an eye on our facebook page and on the website. Families and fans are encouraged to come out to the home games and cheer on your Mudgee Gulgong Wolves. Hopefully we will see many of them moving up and playing for the senior teams in the next year or so.



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## GOOLMA PUBLIC SCHOOL



### GARDEN TO PLATE AT GOOLMA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Every second Friday the wonderful Mrs Jean Ellis, our school chaplain and long standing Goolma resident, helps our students to prepare delicious and healthy meals and snacks. Everything is made from the freshest ingredients, most of which comes from our school gardens and grounds.

Last week our chooks laid the eggs, our gardens supplied the cherry tomatoes and zucchini, and Mrs Ellis helped our students to make a very yummy quiche. We all really enjoyed a slice or two.



### MUDGEES SMALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to Izakk and Bob who cleaned up at the Mudgees Small Schools Swimming Carnival. Izakk was awarded Junior Boys Champ and made the 50m freestyle relay team for both Zone and Western carnivals. He placed 1st in all his individual races. Bob achieved a 1st, 2nd and 3rd placing across his three individual events. For the 3rd year in a row Goolma PS was crowned MSSN Champion School. Well done boys. Legendary effort and results.







## St Matthew's students recently kicked off the 2022 sporting year with our Primary and Secondary Swimming Carnivals.

Huge congratulations to all of our students who attended, competing in a range of competitive and novelty events. Students enjoyed a fun-filled day at the pool and demonstrated incredible sportsmanship. Congratulations to the following students who were named Age Champions:

### Junior Primary Champions:

Artie Keightley and Monique Bennetts

### 11 Years Champions:

Jameson McGeachie and Eadie Faulkner

### Senior Primary Champions:

Archer Rayner and Emerson Colley

### 12 Years Champions:

Nate Ellis and Mabel Keightley

### 13 Years Age Champions:

William Letham and Poppy Fitzgerald

### 14 Years Age Champions:

Harper Rayner and Edie Keightley

### 15 Years Age Champions:

Alastair Neaverson-Smith and

Phoebe Copps

### 16 Years Age Champions:

Samuel Reid and Sienna Pettitt

### 17 Years and Open Champions:

Tommy Durrant and Charlyse Thompson

As part of our beginning acknowledgement of the season of Lent, we sold pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. Money raised will support our fundraising efforts with Caritas Australia and Project Compassion. Thanks to everyone's kind support, we managed to raise \$558!

On Ash Wednesday, Primary participated in a Liturgy and Secondary in a Mass. It was the first time in nearly 12 months that the primary and secondary students could come together liturgically to celebrate an important day on our calendar. Lent begins the 40 days leading to Easter when we attempt to grow closer to Jesus through

prayer, fasting and giving.






Thank you to all those students who assisted with ministries during these celebrations and to Fr Owen and Fr Thao who lead the celebrations.



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**The installation of new play equipment at Lue Public School is the result of a nearly two-year-long journey for our small school.**



As part of a COVID-19 program by the NSW Government, our school received enough money to buy and install the new equipment as long as we could ourselves raise \$45,000, 30% of the overall cost. The state government contributed the remaining \$105,000.

Our school was able to raise our share thanks to

groups and businesses like Moolarben Coal who gave \$5,000, the Kandos Charity Shop who gives \$6,000 to the school every year, constant donations from our small, but very dedicated, P&C and also intrepid residents who share their empty cans and bottles every week for our school to take to the local return and earn station in Rylstone. Sometimes I come in on a Monday morning and I've got boxes of cans, which we then take to the recycling place in Rylstone. \$1,800 was raised last year by just recycling bottles and cans. We also use the recycling as a way for the children to improve their math skills as well. We have our goal and we graph how much we've got, and how much more we need to get to the goal.

The new playground equipment was designed to obviously provide fun and engaging outdoor play for all students but also really supports students with disabilities and occupational therapy requirements.

I wonder what we will update next?

## KANDOS HIGH SCHOOL



### CONGRATULATIONS IGA KANDOS!

What a fabulous day the students and staff have had at Kandos Pool. It was great to see so many spectators from the school community join us to watch Year 12's Charity Relay. This is the first time that this event has occurred, and we are hoping to make in an inaugural annual event.

To enter this race, organisations had to donate \$100 and nominate a charity to receive the donation if their team won. The idea being that the more involvement from local business, the greater the prize money to be donated.

This year we received donations from the School Canteen, R & K Engineering, Kandos Rylstone Pharmacy, Ahmedi's IGA Kandos, Cudgong Valley Vets, NSW Police Force and Year 12 students. Their nominated charities included the Leukemia Foundation, Flood Relief, and the Rylstone Hospital Auxiliary.

This event was run completely by the Year 12 students, they took over the starting gun and the microphone. Year 12 would like to thank everyone that participated and supported the event including their Year Advisor Mrs Reynolds; and Mr Vaughan for creating the trophy.

Although the race appeared close at the beginning, the IGA team consisting of their staff members Ryan Moore, Jordan Sant, Brayden Moore and Tegan Godwin brought the race home and our local community were the winners on the day, with the combined proceeds of \$700 to be donated towards the Rylstone Hospital Auxiliary.





## The children at Rylstone Kandos Preschool have been very busy in the garden this month.

The children have been planting new plants, weeding the garden, and removing the plants that have seen better days. This has led to many discussions and investigations of bugs and insects that live in our garden.

The children in the Possum and Koala class found out that bees like our peppercorn trees, the centipede, and slugs like hiding under our rocks in the dry riverbed and if we look very closely, we can see some spider webs high in the gum trees. The children are looking forward to St Patrick's Day, when they can plant some sweet pea seeds in our garden beds. We will be waiting a while for the flowers; however, we are excited to watch them grow and provide some food for the bees.

In the Echidna and Platypus classes this month the children have been investigating the many colours and shapes that make up the preschool environment. The children have seen 6 different shades of green and blue in the classroom. This has led to an investigation of colour mixing and working out the more black or white that is added to a colour the darker or lighter it becomes.

We also celebrated International Women's Day on Tuesday 8th March. We had a special morning tea for our staff and the children were shown some of the

amazing women role models in our community and what they do for us all at Preschool.

We are a community run preschool, and we rely heavily on community donations, this month we have been extremely fortunate to receive donations of paper cups & lids, ribbons, fabric, shelving, and paper. We cannot thank the community enough, this has enabled us to build, experiment and discover new ways of learning to use these fantastic resources.



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