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CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS LOCALLY

Our editor sat down with Sally Callander of **SALLY CALLANDER LAW (SCL)** to discuss her favourite memories of Christmas and what she is most looking forward to this festive season.

What are your favourite Christmas memories from childhood?

My mum loves Christmas and has passed that onto me. We always put the tree up on 1 December, with champagne for Mum (and then me when I was allowed). As a Sydney sider, a trip to David Jones to see the Christmas windows and have a photo with Santa was a must. However, Christmas morning would have to be my highlight. Waking up to the magical morning of a house filled with family and gifts from the big man. Bliss.

Do you have any Christmas traditions?

To recreate some of the joy I felt as a kid looking at the Christmas windows at David Jones, we have Kirsty Orr come and decorate our front windows at SCL with Christmas drawings each year.

When we started having kids, we would visit David Jones for a Santa photo when we were in Sydney to see family. However, due to family moves and busy lives, we don't get to Sydney much anymore. I was stoked to find out that Mudgee Event Photos was doing Santa Photos this year. What a great offering to our community and what a fun experience for the kids. I would love this to be a yearly tradition for our family.

What are you looking forward to most this Christmas?

My kids' faces on Christmas morning. Usually, I'm the one waking them up in excitement.

As fun as the celebrating and excitement is, it's also such an important time of the year for our family to recharge. My husband and I have been very grateful that we have had businesses that have been able to continue through the lockdowns. However, the stress of running two-family businesses during a challenging year have left us craving some time together as a family without the pressures of work.

We are looking forward to taking a trip to the "seaside" (as my 3-year-old calls it) to see family and friends. We envisage lots of swimming, bike riding and BBQs by the beach. The goal: less screens and more ice creams!

I'm always looking for ideas for presents for family – do you have any?

After the year we've had, I think it's more important than ever that we show support locally. We will be shopping locally for our gifts this year. You can't go past Gorjus Mudgee for gifts for the kids. I've got my eye on some candy cane pyjamas for mine. I've been eyeing off a "Sunny Life" beach bag at Whatever Mudgee for myself for our holiday.

I picked up some gorgeous Australian tree decorations for my overseas family from Loft. If you need inspiration for table settings for Christmas day, head to Cedar Cicada – they have stunning glassware and serviettes. If you are stuck, everyone loves a hamper of local goodies. I usually get my hampers done at Mainly Mudgee, who stock an array of local produce.

Photo Credit: Mudgee Event Photos



REGIONAL INFORMATION

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AVERAGES IN DECEMBER

Temperature High: 28°C
Temperature Low: 15°C
Rainfall: 77mm

LOCAL LISTEN

Mudgee/Gulgong 93.1 FM
Rylstone/Kandos 97.9 FM
Mudgee/Gulgong MAGIC 87.6 FM



Notes from the Editor

Welcome to the 11th edition of the Mid-Western Mail. It feels great to be back just in time to celebrate Christmas and the summer holiday period. Despite a disruptive 2021 so many wonderful things have happened in our beautiful region, such as Mudgee being named Australia's Top Tourism Town for 2021. Congratulations to all the local tourism operators and businesses for their efforts and contributions to the industry. I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage all our readers to dig deep and support our regional businesses this Christmas by shopping for local gifts, produce and experiences for even the trickiest of family members and friends. And as always a huge thank you goes to our festive advertisers, without you this publication would not be possible - we are forever grateful for your unwavering support during such an uncertain year. Thank you also goes to our contributors with their interesting and diverse variety of articles. If you wish to share an article or advertise with MWM, don't be shy! Drop me an email at mwm@businessmudgee.com.au

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year. Enjoy!

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FROM MY DESK

*President of Business Mudgee,
Ali Broinowski*

Welcome to the first edition of MWM proudly brought to you by BUSINESS MUDGEE.



Business Mudgee are so thrilled to welcome Naomi Rouse (MWM Editor) to our team and look forward to building the magazine into a local icon, sharing news and interesting information about the comings and goings of our growing and thriving Mid-Western Region.

BM are grateful to Gulgong Chamber of Commerce for starting this wonderful publication and passing it to BM for the exciting future ahead.

SUMMER by *Kandos local, Robert Tompsett*

*I recall the smell of the spattering rain being green,
On a cool summer's night as it came through the screen.
And then the soft, soothing, surf sound of the breeze,
As it shuffled the decks of each leaf on the trees.*

*Faint calls from a cluster of night birds so sad and forlorn,
Till the chortling carol of the magpies took over at dawn.*

*As was previously predicted the new day had been hot,
Thick solid air filled each space, nook and cranny and every empty spot.
The mercury was pleading for mercy as such was its lot,
And all thoughts of that cool evening were quickly forgot.*

The Mid-Western Mail acknowledges the Wiradjuri people as the Traditional Custodians of the Country upon which we live, learn and work. We honour their Ancestors and pay our deepest respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

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ED Landscapes

"Thanks for your article in the MWM last month. We have been inundated with enquiries since it went to print. It was great to promote our services to your audience and it's really given us some good projects to kick off 2022 with. Thanks again."

- Les Edwards

Sally Callander Law

"I am proud to be one the businesses who advertise in the Mid-Western Mail. It is such a great publication and I feel like we are really lucky to have something of this quality in Mudgee. I've had people stop me in the street to discuss my column! It is definitely something that I will continue to be a part of going forward."

- Sally Callander

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DECEMBER

EVENTS THROUGHOUT OUR REGION IN DECEMBER & JANUARY

1 DECEMBER - 31 JANUARY

The Dawn Club exhibition, Henry Lawson Centre, Gulgong (open daily) See page 6

1 DECEMBER

Gulgong Holtermann Museum (open daily 10am-3pm) See page 8

1 DECEMBER

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

1 DECEMBER

Southern Cross Kayaking guided kayak tours, Ganguddy-Dunns Swamp (Daily 9am-11am)

1 DECEMBER

Yoga Seeds, Mudgee (Daily 11am-12pm)

1 DECEMBER

Cheese Tasting (free), High Valley Cheese (daily 10am-4pm)

1, 8 & 15 DECEMBER

Bookworms for 3-5 years, Mudgee Library (10am)

2 DECEMBER

Red Hatter Ladies meet (every Thursday) See page 14

2 DECEMBER

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

2 DECEMBER

Trivia Night Roth's Wine Bar, Mudgee (every Thursday 7pm)

2 DECEMBER

Pool Competition at the Woolpack, Mudgee (every Thursday night)

2 DECEMBER

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

3 DECEMBER

Mudgee Cup, Mudgee Race Course (12pm-6pm). See page 31

3 DECEMBER

RSL Sub-Branch meet, Gulgong RSL (1st Friday of every month 7.30pm)

3 DECEMBER

Almost Anything Emporium, Rylstone (every Friday to Sunday 10am-3pm) See page 10

3 DECEMBER

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

4 DECEMBER

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

4 DECEMBER

Park Run (every Saturday 8am)

4 DECEMBER

Mudgee Wine School, Lazy Oak Wines (every Saturday 10am)

4 DECEMBER

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

4 DECEMBER

Makers Market, Robertson Park, Mudgee (1st Saturday of every month 9.30am-1.30pm)

4 DECEMBER

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

5 DECEMBER

Mudgee & District Kennel & Obedience Club training classes, Victoria Park, Gulgong (every Sunday 10am) See page 33

5 DECEMBER

CPSA Christmas Lunch, Gulgong RSL (11.30am) See page 25

6 DECEMBER

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

6 & 13 DECEMBER

Toddler Time for 18 months-2 years, Mudgee Library (10am)

6 & 13 DECEMBER

Born to Read for 6-18 months, Mudgee Library (11am)

6 DECEMBER

Bigger Book Worms for 6-8 years, Mudgee Library (4pm)

7 DECEMBER

Magnificent Mudgee Business Awards 2021 (5.30pm)

7 DECEMBER

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

7 DECEMBER

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

7 DECEMBER

Pottery Classes, Brett Niven Ceramics, Mudgee (every Tuesday & Thursday 6-8.30pm)

7 DECEMBER

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

8 DECEMBER

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

8 DECEMBER

Nerd Book Club, Book Nest, Mudgee (2nd Wednesday of every month 4-5pm)

9 DECEMBER

Hot Air Ballooning (sunrise every Thursday to Monday)

9 DECEMBER

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

9 DECEMBER

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

10 DECEMBER

Service NSW Mobile Service Centre, Gulgong Memorial Hall

11 DECEMBER

Showground Carols, Mudgee (4pm) See page 6

11 DECEMBER

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

11 DECEMBER

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

11-17 DECEMBER

Mark Langley Horsemanship Clinic, Mudgee (8am-4.30pm)

12 DECEMBER

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

& JANUARY

12 DECEMBER

Cars n Coffee, Members Christmas Party, Club House

13 DECEMBER

Junior Book Bouncers 8-12 years, Mudgee Library (4pm)

13 DECEMBER

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

14 DECEMBER

Mudgee & District Kennel & Obedience Club's last class, AREC Mudgee See page 33

14 DECEMBER

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

14 DECEMBER

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

15 DECEMBER

Mudgee Library Online Book Group (3rd Wednesday of every month 7pm via Zoom)

16 DECEMBER

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

17 DECEMBER

The ELTON JACK Show Elton John Tribute Show, Club Mudgee (7.30pm-10.30pm)

17 DECEMBER

Meet & Greet Santa and Mega Christmas Raffle, Kelly's Irish Pub (6pm) See back page

18 DECEMBER

NSW School Holidays begin

18 DECEMBER

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

18 & 19 DECEMBER

Light Up Gulgong Christmas 2021, Community bus tours (8pm) See page 36

19 DECEMBER

Family Service with Christmas theme, St John's Anglican Church, Mudgee (11am)

19 DECEMBER

Nine Lessons & Carols, St John's Anglican Church, Mudgee (6pm)

19 DECEMBER

Lessons & Carols, St James' Anglican Church, Rylstone (5pm followed by refreshments)

19 DECEMBER

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

19 DECEMBER

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

22 DECEMBER

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

22 DECEMBER

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

24 DECEMBER

Children's Nativity Service, St John's Anglican Church, Mudgee (6pm)

24 DECEMBER

Christmas Eve Service, St Luke's Anglican Church, Gulgong (6pm)

24 DECEMBER

Outdoors Christmas Eve Service in church grounds, St James' Anglican Church, Rylstone (5pm followed by BBQ & pizza)

24 DECEMBER

Vigil, St Mary's Catholic Church, Mudgee (6.30pm & 8.30pm)

24 DECEMBER

Vigil, St John the Baptist Catholic Church, Gulgong (6.30pm)

25 DECEMBER

Christmas Day

25 DECEMBER

Mass, St Mary's Catholic Church, Mudgee (7.30am & 9am)

25 DECEMBER

Mass, St Dominic's Catholic Church, Kandos (9am)

25 DECEMBER

Christmas Eucharist, St John's Anglican Church, Mudgee (9am)

25 DECEMBER

Modern Christmas Service, St John's Anglican Church, Mudgee (11am)

25 DECEMBER

Christmas Eucharist, St Lawrence Anglican Church, Kandos (9am)

26 DECEMBER

Prayer, Praise & Proclamation Service, St James' Anglican Church, Rylstone (10.30am)

26 DECEMBER

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Mass, St Mary's Catholic Church, Mudgee (7.30am & 9am)

26 DECEMBER

Mass, St John the Baptist Catholic Church, Gulgong (10.30am)

26 DECEMBER

Mass, St Malachy's Catholic Church, Rylstone (11am)

1 JANUARY

New Year's Day

9 JANUARY

Swap Meet & Car Boot Sale, Mudgee Showgrounds (9am-2pm)

9 JANUARY

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

15 JANUARY

Farmers Markets, Robertson Park, Mudgee (3rd Saturday of every month 8.30am-1pm)

15 JANUARY

Mudgee District U3A 2022 Enrolment & Showcase Day (9.30am-12noon) See page 11

16 JANUARY

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

16 JANUARY

Cars n Coffee Meet, Mudgee Railway Station (8am-12pm)

17 JANUARY

CPSA Meeting, Gulgong Bowling Club (2pm) See page 25

26 JANUARY

Australia Day

1 FEBRUARY

Historic Homes of Mudgee talk, Oak Tree Retirement Village (2pm) See page 11

MUDGEE
Showground
CAROLS

Saturday
11 DEC
 GATES OPEN
 4PM

Rotary

Be entertained by Brad Myers, Jess Holland and Lauren Abend (from 'The Voice - Australia') as well as Choirs, Concert Bands, the Brothers 3 Music Academy and Dance Troupes galore...

Santa arrives at 5pm and the family-fun goes on until the fireworks-finale at 9pm!

Please note: Entry is via Nicholson St and NSW Legislation requires all 16s and over to show proof of COVID vaccination upon entry.

Enquiries to: carols@mudgeesunriserotary.org.au



THE DAWN CLUB EXHIBITION

The Dawn Club, an exhibition by Fiona MacDonald, will open at the Henry Lawson Centre, Gulgong on the 1st December 2021 at 11am to 31st January 2022.

'Lawson was a writer of men,' writes Catriona Moore of Sydney University, 'specifically bushmen. The city was a place to be avoided for its wives and its wowsers: those who tamed men and denied their pleasures. Yet up close, Lawson's stories and poems are more nuanced than the simple Bulletin stereotype. Lawson's predilection for authentic representation tapped into an emerging, distinctively modern Australian womanhood. Lawson's early admiration is embodied in stories like 'The Drover's Wife' (1892) – depicting a tough and reflective woman who seems to be embedded in the very land itself, and whose resourcefulness was in synch with the progressive ferment of the times.'

Fiona MacDonald's research into the archives of the Henry Lawson Centre showed her the influence many women had had on the life and career of Henry. A chance find of an obscure theatre playbill became the inspiration for the works in the exhibition. Dozens of hand printed tea-towels depicting portraits of the women who impacted Henry (and then so much more) will hang across the Henry Lawson Centre's hall.

Catriona Moore again writes that 'Fiona MacDonald rinses conventional literary wisdom to restore a female

perspective that is usually overlooked. . . . They evoke the domestic realm, but each woman depicted exasperatedly tells us that she is not simply one of Lawson's women, but a person in own her own right'

Dawn Club is an initiative of Orana Arts' HARd program that connects artists and museums to tell stories to the world.

Henry Lawson Centre
 147 Mayne Street, Gulgong
 (02) 6374 2049
 Open 7 days



Don't Forget... DINE & DISCOVER NSW

The NSW Government has launched Dine & Discover NSW to encourage the community to get out and about and support dining, arts and recreation businesses.

NSW residents aged 18 and over can apply for 4 x \$25 vouchers, worth \$100 in total.

2 x \$25 Dine NSW Vouchers to be used for dining in at restaurants, cafés, bars, wineries, pubs and clubs or for takeaway meals.

2 x \$25 Discover NSW Vouchers to be used for entertainment and recreation, including cultural institutions, live music, and arts venues.

The vouchers:

- can be used 7 days a week, including public holidays
- can be used at participating NSW businesses that are registered as COVID Safe
- are valid to 30 June 2022.

Apply for your vouchers online at www.service.nsw.gov.au or call **13 77 88**

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Kandos
Kandos Museum

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Club Mudgee
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Paragon Hotel
Kai Sun Restaurant
Golden Dragon
Café 89
The Parking Lot Café

Muffin Break
The Winning Post Motel

Gulgong

Post Office Hotel
Prince of Wales Hotel
Centennial Hotel
Gulgong RSL Club
Gulgong Bowling & Sporting Club
Phoebes Restaurant
Thai to You

Rylstone

Pepino's Mexican Restaurant
The Rylstone Club
Rylstone Hotel

Lue

The Lue Hotel



RESIDENTS URGED TO SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESS AND 'GO LOCAL FIRST'

The region's business and tourism industry bodies are joining forces with Council to urge residents to spend locally and support small businesses affected by lockdown.

Council is partnering with Business Mudgee, Gulgong Chamber of Commerce, Rylstone Kandos Chamber of Commerce and Mudgee Region Tourism to reinforce the message of the renewed 'GO LOCAL FIRST' campaign. The campaign will highlight the crucial role small business plays in the nation's economy and the continued need for Australians to GO LOCAL FIRST to support those small businesses as the Delta variant of COVID-19 wreaks havoc with the ability of small businesses to keep trading.

Local consumer data revealed that residents of the Mid-Western Region spent \$42.6 million outside the region in the December 2020 quarter. If 10 per cent of this

amount (\$4.26 million) was instead spent locally, it would create 34 new jobs and provide a major boost to the region's economy.

Mid-Western Regional Council Mayor, Des Kennedy said now more than ever it is so important to spend locally. "We know so many small businesses are doing it tough right now as we mark almost five weeks in lockdown. So I urge anyone who has the means to, please spend locally wherever you can on goods and services," Cr Kennedy said. "By spending locally you are supporting a local business owner to keep trading, to keep employing locals and to help our economy emerge from lockdown."

Mudgee Business President, Ali Broinowski said: "Local businesses have been closed in order to protect our community, and now we are encouraging our community to protect and support our businesses by purchasing locally first every



time. If there is a local business which provides the goods or services you need - please support these first."

Gulgong Chamber of Commerce Secretary, Paul Fookes said: "Small businesses are the backbone of our economy and by shopping locally we can ensure local employment and a stronger community."

Rylstone Kandos Business Chamber, Secretary Margot Palk said: "It's powerful to keep money in our towns. If you spend it with a local business, they're likely to spend it locally too. This can have such a great impact on so many businesses and individuals."

The GO LOCAL FIRST campaign will be rolled out on outdoor, radio, and digital advertising. For more **information on the campaign visit www.golocalfirst.com.au**

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We can't wait to see what the future holds for MixiBlu and the best part is... you are invited along for the journey! Peace, love and coconuts x x x



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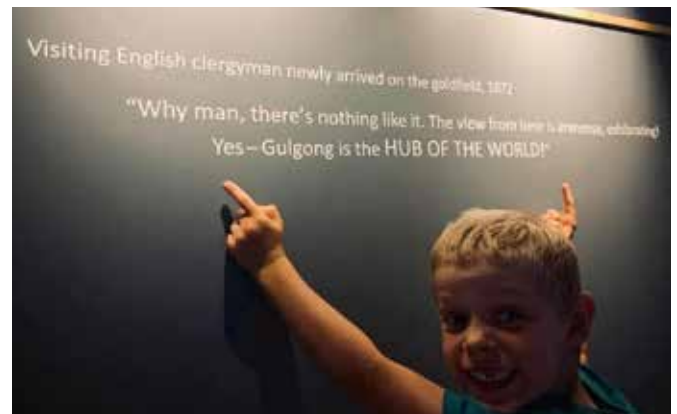
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GULGONG HOLTERMANN MUSEUM – WE ARE BACK!

The Gulgong Holtermann Museum will be re-opening on the 1st December 2021 and our volunteers are looking forward to welcoming visitors once again.

We will be opening the Museum within the COVID requirements set out by the NSW Government that include QR Code registration. Until the 15th December 2021 we will also require all visitors to provide proof of vaccination prior to entry.

The new Gulgong Holtermann Museum Interactive Street Trail app, that includes a selection of Holtermann photographs and their locations, will be



available from the 1st December. This is an excellent outdoor activity that has the added advantage of offering a COVID safe option to viewing the Gulgong Holtermann Collection. The use of the trail for the day of your visit is included in the entry price.

OPEN DAILY 10am to 3pm
123-125 Mayne Street, Gulgong
P: 02 5858 4002 E: mail@holtermann.museum

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BUSINESS FOCUS

Tell us your name and your role within the business?

I am the owner, designer and lead jeweller at Cheree Edwards.

Did you have to do any training for your job? If so, what/how long?

In 2011 I commenced a Diploma of Jewellery & Object Design at the Design Centre Enmore (DCE). This course gave me a good grounding in design and the skills to translate a brief into a piece of jewellery or an object. After its completion, I wanted to improve my manufacturing skills and commenced the Certificate III in Jewellery Manufacture at the DCE and a jewellery apprenticeship with a Sydney Jeweller. My formal studies were finalised in 2016, but there is still so much I would like to learn.

How long have you been in business in the region?

In 2017 I started doing local markets under the name 'A Piece of Work'. When lockdowns stopped markets in 2020, I transitioned to commissions and bespoke designs with a focus on fine jewellery. Feeling I'd moved on



from 'A Piece of Work', I rebranded to Cheree Edwards.

What's your favourite thing about your business?

When a design comes together, and the client is happy with the finished product.

Why did you decide to open a business in the region?

I left Sydney in 2017 and was keen to slow down and have a break in my hometown while I decided what to do next. I found the greater community welcoming, supportive and discovered that I was happy living and working in the region, and 5 years on, I'm still here.

What do you love most about the region?

Nature. Ganguddy, the Capertee Valley, Bylong Valley Way and

everything between – they are all landscapes I grew up around, but I never truly appreciated the vast beauty until I returned with a new perspective. I feel very fortunate to live on Wiradjuri land and to have the Wollemi National Park literally down the road!

Any funny/interesting stories over the years?

As an apprentice I had to make a ring and earrings with someone's wisdom teeth and molars. It was a memorable job for all the wrong reasons.

Where are you situated? How can our readers find out more?

I live in Kandos, but often travel to meet my clients to discuss their jewellery needs. People can follow me on social media and email me with any enquiries big or small.



Cheree Edwards is a designer and maker of fine jewellery.

Cheree combines time-honoured jewellery manufacturing and hand skills with computer aided design, rapid prototyping and 3D printing. Services include creating bespoke jewellery, including engagement and wedding rings, redesigning pre-loved jewellery, cleaning and repairs.

As a designer and maker, Cheree's mission is to create heirlooms to be passed through generations and that represent the character and spirit of the wearer, chronicling emotion and sentimentality.

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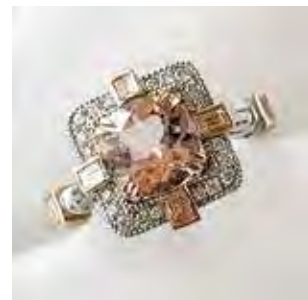
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\$20 discount on jewellery cleaning in December (applies to rings only).

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THE ARTS INSIDER

So much going on in the Wide World of Mid-Western Art!

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 statewide 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

DRAGONRIDGE POTTERY

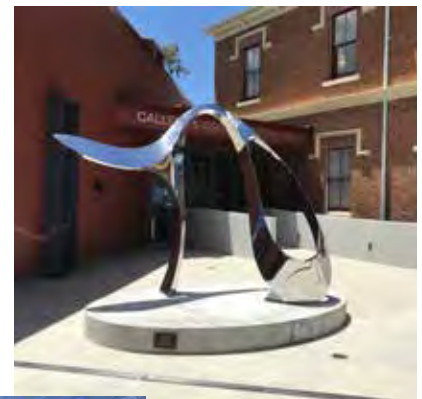
Rylstone Potter, Sue Foldhazy, moved with her family to the Rylstone area in 2000 for work as a schoolteacher at the local high school. Sue decided to follow her love of pottery and started a ceramic course at Tafe. After 8 years of part-time study she started showing and selling her work. She has exhibited in many exhibitions in Rylstone, Mudgee, Gulgong and Dunedoo.

The name 'Dragonridge Pottery' is made up of her love of Dragonflies and Rhodesian Ridgebacks who have been her constant studio buddies over the years. She has a well set up studio in the garden of her home in Rylstone, where she produces both functional and

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.


John Fitzmaurice
Encounter, 2020
316 polished
stainless steel
250 x 320 x 160cm



Stephen King
Balancing the books V
Stringybark
500 x 50 x 50cm

decorative ceramics in stoneware for the kitchen and table, and sculptures for the garden. Sue finds that clays diversity keeps her inspired and she enjoys the variety of techniques and materials available.



Sue is a founding member of Almost Anything Emporium and is often found working there. Call in and say hi to Sue and she can explain the not-so-simple art of potting! The Almost Anything Emporium, 18 - 22 Louee Street, Rylstone is open Friday to Sunday 10am to 3pm.  [almostanythingemporium](https://www.facebook.com/almostanythingemporium)

A PLEASANT AFTERNOON

Many moons ago the Wiradjuri people gave the name of Moothi, meaning "Nest in the Hills", to the site of the lovely town where we now reside or have the pleasure of visiting. We now call this "Nest in the Hills" the town of Mudgee.

Rebecca Redfern, Village Manager of Oak Tree Retirement Village, has approached well-known historian and author, John Broadley (pictured),



author of "Historic Homes of Mudgee", to give a presentation on the history and development of Mudgee region and town, the second oldest European settlement west of the Blue Mountains after Bathurst. The presentation is to be held in the Community Centre at Oak Tree Retirement Village, Mudgee, on Tuesday 1st February 2022 at 2.00 pm. At the conclusion of the presentation, afternoon tea will be served.

The organisers hope that interested people will take advantage of this talk and come along with their friends to enjoy hearing about some of the history that helped the Mudgee region become a centre well known through the state for the production of fine wines and food and particularly for its hospitality.

It would be greatly appreciated if a gold coin could be donated at the door. All funds received will be going to the Mudgee Historical Society.

For catering purposes, and to ensure that COVID regulations at the time are followed, please register your interest by telephoning Rebecca on 0437 796 603.

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2nd PRIZE WINNER OF 2021 NORMAN McVICKER LITERARY SHORT STORY COMPETITION

Local resident, Raynor Heath is a 17 year old from Crudine who is currently completing her HSC. With a love of reading and writing, Raynor

told MWM her favourite topics are philosophy, history and world literature which has led to her gaining early entry to the Australian National University next year to continue her tertiary education.

She was inspired to write her story based on her interest in the Russian author Vladimir Nabokov and the concept of the male gaze. She researched the history of the novel 'Lolita' and the theories surrounding gender and sex. She decided to enter the 2021 Norman McVicker Literary Competition when she saw it on social media and decided to give it a shot - here is her story:

A STUDY OF NABOKOV

You know Nabokov became a professor of butterflies later in life. It's true. The study of butterflies is called Lepidopterology. In antiquity they translated this to *λεπίδας* (scale) and *πτερόν* (wing) to a neat *λογία* (logia). Neat, charismatic and academic. Rolls off of the tongue really.

The trouble with the study of butterflies however, is the cruelty. You take a small, winged insect. It's lifespan is already so short, and you cut the fate cord. Short, abrupt and clean. You pin it to the wall, meticulously sticking little pins through its gossamer wings. You take the very quality that makes a butterfly, itself. It's essence is captured in your hands, and you place it high in a shadowbox in your study. You tap away at your typewriter, aggressively, looking at the butterfly and smiling. You think you did such a good job, a little lady butterfly trapped in a box.

It's beauty is always preserved but its purpose never fulfilled, the same with the larvae you line your walls with. In glass jars their development is halted in phenaldehyde. It's a foetus, still clothed in its womb, an aborted biological vision. Sartre would say that this larvae is no longer a larvae, its essence of what it is supposed to be has been taken. The same as the butterfly, once its wings have been taken. It is no longer a butterfly merely a version of a butterfly. A little stunted insect.

Then I must wonder, is a woman still a woman if she is placed in a box, her wings pinned and the shadow box eclipsing her purpose? I'm not so sure anymore. Nabokov gave Dolores Haze her shadow box by calling her Lolita. Placing her away from childhood, her identity and her purpose as a child. Was it Nabokov that clipped her innocent wings? Or was it Humbert Humbert? I'll find out, I think, I just have to read on. It travels really, to the tip of the tongue to the roof of the mouth, Lepi-dopter-ology.

I believe I discovered how gore and 'womanhood' was explicitly linked in the summer of the early 60s. America was hostile then. The Cuban Missile Crisis making my mother grip her chair, black kids were only just joining Universities and Walmart was created. Already it was clear to see how savage nature was. The pollution of

mankind was everywhere and yet to avoid sticky fingers, carpets were lifted and the dust was brushed under. It was also the first time I had begun to menstruate. Three red splotches had confirmed the terrible event. With shaky hands I went to my mother, her nervous temperament increasing with each word I uttered.

In a flourish of anxiety she explained to me the 'mechanics of a woman', glossing over details and instead suggesting I pretend to be sick the rest of the week. I began to cry. I had no idea why this event, as bloody and awful as it was, was to change me. I didn't want to be changed, in fact childhood had suited me just fine. It seemed absurd to me that this should strike me and later I would reflect on how naive I was. I wondered now if I had to become gentler, stop wearing shorts and become, god forbid, a mirror image of my mother. The soft smiles of women on the television and the clicky heels of women on the sidewalk would be my new companions. Suddenly my organs would be turned inside out every so often, just so I could one day house a child.

Girls who were my age didn't look like me in movies, they were curvaceous and sultry. The movie, that one with the girl in the heart shaped glasses. I remembered seeing it with my father. She was prepubescent, in a bikini on her lawn and a lollipop dangling from her lips. My father had sat, his eyes glazed and his suit crumpled from walking me to the theatre. I wondered how he saw this girl, who was supposed to be the same age as me. Did I see him wet his lips? Did I see him shift? Maybe, he didn't realise she was the same age as me in the movie. I now recall that that movie was Lolita. The Kubrick version, the one with Sue Lyon who was 14 at the time. I remember at the time I was impossibly disgusted at the Humbert Humbert who snatched a young Lolita. I spoke to my father about this as he put his hat back on to step outside the theatre after the movie had ended. I asked why that was allowed, he was so much older than her, and to be stolen like that? Father stood there. He contemplated. Then replied, 'Well, honey, see the way she was dressed, the way she acted, she was askin' for it'. I had stopped mid walk, then asked again. She was my age though Daddy, besides they got people to dress em' like that. Father shrugged and continued to walk.

I had been subjected to a cruel reality of the 60s and still today, there was something that distracted from the truth. It was the beauty of the butterfly, a biological and inherent trait. It was a trait not chosen by the butterfly that attracted the professor and that decided the fate of the beautiful butterfly. To pin the butterfly's wings, until it is immobile is when the truth is revealed. That the butterfly was not the rare seductress of the winged world, rather it was just a butterfly. To gaze at the butterfly, the professor directing its wings, it can be seen as anything. But if looked at very, very closely the butterfly is a child, new from its larvae. That is the truth of a savage nature, the beauty covers the ugliness. Butterflies in the eyes of the ancient Greeks were tough with their scaled wings. To primate ears though, it travels really, to the tip of the tongue to the roof of the mouth Lepi-dopter-ology.

THE BOOK NOOK

by Mid-Western Regional Council Libraries

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

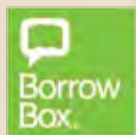
Libraries will close at 12 noon on Thursday 23 December and reopen on Wednesday 5 January 2022. Library staff would like to wish our community a very Merry (and book-filled!) Christmas, and we look forward to seeing you again in the New Year.

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Ruby slippers, munchkins, winged monkeys, and a horse of a different colour. The Library will transform into the Emerald City over December and January, so immerse yourself in the magical world of *The Wizard of Oz* by registering for our Summer Reading Program or by joining in on a few of our school holiday activities. Follow the yellow brick road to our Facebook and Eventbrite pages for details!

SUMMER HOLIDAY READING

Whether you are going away these holidays or relaxing at home, don't forget our online branch is always open for all your summer holiday reading needs! Now is the perfect time to attack your 'to-be-read' pile. So install our BorrowBox, Axis360, Libby or Indyreads apps – access our extensive range of eBooks, eAudiobooks and digital magazines, download titles online, and read them offline. Access for free with your library membership card from the library website. Let us help you get set-up in time for the holidays



MUDGE LIBRARY BOOK GROUPS

Afternoon Group – Second Thursday of the month, 2:30pm (in-person)

Evening Group – First Tuesday of the month, 6:00pm (in-person)

NEW in 2022! Online Group – Third Wednesday of the month, 7:00pm (via Zoom)

Our book groups meet each month from February to November. Please contact the Library on 6378 2740 to check whether a spot is available.

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4th Wednesday of the month

Intermediate/advanced: 4:30-5:30pm, Ages 6-14
2nd Wednesday of the month

Adults (any skill level): 5:30-6:30pm
3rd Thursday of the month

Session dates and bookings at:
mwrclibrary.eventbrite.com

BOOK REVIEWS

The House in the Cerulean Sea
by T.J. Klune

Linus Baker is a Case Worker at the Department in Charge of Magical Youth. He is quiet, solitary, and committed to following every rule and procedure in place. One day Linus is unexpectedly summoned by Extremely Upper Management to travel to Marsyas Island Orphanage where six dangerous children reside. Linus needs to assess the welfare of the children under the care of the enchanting Arthur Parnassus, while also determining whether or not they're likely to bring about the end of days. A heart-warming, wholesome, whimsical fantasy novel, *The House in the Cerulean Sea* is about the profound experience of discovering an unlikely family in an unexpected place – and realising that family is yours. Available in print from the Library.



The Four Winds
by Kristin Hannah

Kristin Hannah is known for her heartbreaking and exciting historical fiction novels. "The Four Winds" takes place in Texas in 1934 during the Great Depression and an insufferable drought. Elsa must make a choice to stay and fight for the success of her land, her home, and her community or take a chance and head to California in the hopes of a better life. This is a story of the search for the American Dream, one of a painful and shocking journey that is likely to pull tears from many readers.





BOOK WEEK

Hargraves Public School students recently celebrated Book Week with all staff and students getting into the spirit of the occasion. Due to Book Week falling in the 'Learning from Home' period, we decided to wait until we were all back together again to celebrate. A variety of colourful book characters enjoyed our celebrations.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Hargraves Public School staff and students joined with the community for a Remembrance Day Service at the Hargraves Memorial on November 11. The service was led by Mr David Nelson and the Year 6 students with

a guest bugler from Sydney. All students laid a cross and a poppy to remember our local soldiers who lost their lives during WW1.



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MERRY MAMZELLES

For several months, like everyone else, the impact of COVID had limited our get-togethers to just a few (five ladies in fact) to outdoor settings until recently when whilst being mindful of the need to be vigilant of being double vaxxed, to wear masks and mastering sign in procedures, we were finally able to meet in indoor venues again.

So, since then we had a Halloween lunch at Carol's, and played Croquet (a first for some of us) in the paddock. This was one of our shared events, where husbands and partners were invited. The course was set by Carol, Pam and Chris and won by another Chris, who got away to a good start slowed for a time while the rest of us caught up then went on to win. We played by Rafferty's Rules of course.

We have visited the Soldiers Café at Club Mudgee on several occasions for morning tea and also attended their Melbourne Cup Day function.

We celebrated Mamzelles's birthdays for August, September and October in style by having Birthday Cake with candles etc. and a fantastic lunch at "Our Chow" Café at Burrundulla Winery at Mudgee.

That's us for now! *Happy hatting and lots of chatting, Pam*



A LIFE'S PASSION DELIVERS GOLD

Hill End-based historian and researcher Malcolm Drinkwater has delivered yet another exceptional documentary experience with his recent release, *After the Rush - Evolution of a Goldfield*. Through two disks (DVDs) Malcolm's mellifluous voice takes us on a 48 chapter journey, summoning the living past as he covers the evolution of the people and life in Hill End.

Malcolm's research is gold standard, and he has left no stone unturned, or hand scrawled note unread in revisiting assumed truths of the times.

'My aim here is to, with friends, summon the living past, and in doing so set the record straight, to account for the way it was. Not the way it has, in some cases, been misinterpreted,' notes Malcolm.

Malcolm has nurtured genuine relationships with his interview subjects and been rewarded with a quality to the truth-telling that is rich and complex, and most notably, based on lived experience.

'[Through the series] ... we interview first-hand remaining participants to share their stories and lifestyle that is now alien to most.'

In Malcolm's words, the documentary production... 'resulted in a 4 & ½ hour, 48 chapter epic relating all manner of life in and on a goldfield, pre and post gold rush.'

Malcolm Drinkwater is no ordinary man: he lives in the small town of Hill End, owns and operates Hill End History Museum, is a passionate self-taught researcher on the history of some of Australia's best-known goldfields, their characters and way of life, and is a published author and documentary film-maker.

Few people can match his lifelong passion for and commitment to in-depth research in his area of interest, Hill End, its goldrushes and gold fields. So well researched is his work, that others have crafted books and published works of their own using his unearthed rare findings, photographs, records and written materials. However, nowhere else can you be certain that his meticulously collated research interprets an accurate account of the period.

It is this depth of knowledge, clear passion for sharing history and accessible story-telling that sets Malcolm's work apart. The new DVD is insightful and enjoyable and joins his three other books and in-depth DVDs in a fascinating library on colonial history and gold rush life.

DVDs

After the Rush - Evolution of a Goldfield (2021) 4.5hrs covering European migration, gold rushes their influence on infrastructure expansion, a highlight on Chambers Creek, river camps, rabbit and fox industries, through to bushcraft and more recent times.

Gold and B. O. Holtermann (2019) over 1hr, A straight

to the point documentary unveiling the secret of how and where to find gold, the history behind the world's biggest piece of gold and much more. Jam packed with every aspect about gold – from the creation of deposits to deposits in the bank.

The Golden Days Revisited (2020) 70mins, revision of the original 1985 produced *Golden Days*, this version revisits material and uncovers new sites not previously promoted.

Books

Hill End Gold, first published 1982, now in revised and expanded 3rd edition - Focus on a complete history of gold, complemented by geology, mining methods and photographic records, using Hill End as an example of the rise and fall of an Australian gold town, highlighting four gold related world records, and the World's largest single mass of gold.

The German-Australian Called Holtermann, first published in 1985, revised 2017 and now revised 3rd edition 2019, with foreword by John Holtermann.

Hill End Hearsay, first published in 2010, now in a revised 3rd edition (2016) a fascinating introduction to life now and in the past, in Hill End.

All are available for purchase from www.historyhill.com.au and Ebay.

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EVOLUTION OF A GOLDFIELD

MALCOLM DRINKWATER

By Malcolm Drinkwater

Hill End was full of characters that made growing up a fun and wonderful experience. Along with friends, Malcolm summons the living past and in doing so sets the record straight through interviews with first hand remaining participants who share their stories about a lifestyle that is now alien to most.

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11TH YEAR OF SCULPTURES IN THE GARDEN

Mudgee and regional NSW's most renowned outdoor sculpture exhibition, *Sculptures in The Gardens'* winning acquisitions were announced by selection panellist and local Councillor, Sam Payne, in front of a crowd of exhibiting artists and Friends of Sculptures in the Garden.

The three major acquisitions will be added to the Lawson Park Sculpture Walk in Mudgee – the largest public art display in regional NSW. The winners included:

HARRIE FASHER from Portland who took out the major \$25,000 Sculptures in the Garden and Mid-Western Regional Council prize with 'Ahead' (top two photos)

NICOLE O'REGAN of Sodwalls won the \$10,000 Friends of Sculptures in the Garden prize for her work 'Pensive' (both lower left photos)

FRANCOIS JAGGI from Armidale was awarded the \$5,000 Moolarben prize for his piece 'Runner' (lower second from right photo)

ALAN KUCZYNSKI from Seaforth won the \$5,000 Buchanan Artistic Merit Acquisition Prize for

'The Great Escape' which will be placed in the grounds of the Mudgee Hospital. (lower right photo)

Over 280 sculptures were on show with artists hailing from across Australia, the breadth of talent who entered the event this year was of exceptional quality and demonstrated the exhibition's reputation as the leading sculpture event in regional Australia.

Sculptures in the Garden is a not-for-profit event, with ticket sale proceeds going directly to the Mudgee Support Group for Guide Dogs NSW/ACT. The partnership has raised over \$175,000 for the charity over the last decade.

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CHERRY RED

As the Summertime Season rolls into the southern hemisphere and into Mudgee & Surrounds, so too does the desire for us to CELEBRATE THE SEASON!

Our summertime style has never before been so defined, speaking to us of FREEDOM, FUN & FEMININITY. We are all stepping out beyond the confines of our comfy house wear and embracing what feels like a new era in fashion. Our collections are full of joy and optimism with bright colours becoming centre stage. As we all begin to socialise and travel, the many VARIED AND VIBRANT COLOURS, and eye-catching prints have quickly become the must have pieces. We reach here toward bright yellows



and mangoes which resonate with the summer season so perfectly as it shouts freedom and fun. These colours really fill the summer resort-wear wardrobe as it sends out vacation vibes. Orchid pinks and light lilacs are other joyful colours for the season. These shades are seen as positive colours creating a big impact for the summer. Shades of green have

also made a return to Summer Celebrations this year. We speak here of all shades being, apple green and soft green alongside sage and mint greens.

To pare back these bold, summertime colours, we're embracing a palette of NEUTRALS. These help to compliment and balance our wardrobes and ourselves. Colours such as pearly whites and sandy beiges allow us to form a narrative and a flow to your wardrobe and your style.

All these colours will help you make a statement and shine through your High Summer Style.

With the resurrection of the day time and night time party scene we are seeing an element of BANG ON BOLD styles and silhouettes. Ladies are rediscovering the absolute joy and excitement of dressing up and going out again.

And can we just say that DRESSES are playing a key role in our Celebrations for Summer and the Holidays! We are seeing a move toward elevated party dresses and feminine silhouettes as dresses of all lengths are being explored - mini's, midi's and maxi's. For the holiday season we see the return of the soft floaty dress styles with body skimming styles as well as figure enhancing shapes. Floating freely and softly into summer.

Fashion labels are now more than ever incorporating these gorgeous, rich colours with effortless styles we can all wear, dressing up & feeling comfortable to take us seamlessly from day to night.

We'll all be enjoying a little fashion fun this summertime!
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YOUR SPRING-CLEANING CHECKLIST, SORTED

by Ali Broinowski, *Perfectly Sorted*

The start of a new season brings a breath of fresh air, and with the warmer months approaching it's a great time to get stuck into spring cleaning and organising projects. From the kitchen to the bedroom, my handy spring-cleaning checklist will have your home spotless!

FOR ALL ROOMS

Test your smoke detectors and change the batteries. Use a pillowcase to clean ceiling fans – simply slip the opening over the fan blade and pull the dust off. This way, the dust will stay inside the pillowcase, not all over you!

Wipe down baseboards and check for mould, and clean windowsills and tracks.

If you can, give your curtains a wash or a good vacuum.

BEDROOMS

Empty your bedside and dresser drawers and give them a thorough wipe down. Keep your items organised by adding simple dividers or some boxes. Old shoe boxes work a treat.

Swap out winter clothes for summer in your wardrobe. Buying some matching, velvet hangers is a

great way to make your closet look uniform and neat, with the bonus of stopping your clothes from slipping off.

Rotate your mattress and strip-clean your bedding. You'll thank us later!

LAUNDRY

If you've been eyeing off pretty glass containers to decant your laundry products, now is the time to try it out. If that's not your style but you want to get more organised, pop your containers onto a tray or bin.

Your cleaners need a clean – it's time to get behind your washer and dryer and empty both their lint traps!

KITCHEN

Sort out the food in your pantry. Holding on to that packet of Persian fairy floss you'll never use? It's time to go. Check the dates your pantry goods and shuffle any soon-to-expire items to the front to use first.

Empty out your fridge and defrost your freezer if it's in need. Give all the surfaces and bins a good wipe down. If you're finding it hard to sort your jars and sauces, invest in a lazy Susan for ease of access.

So there you have it – check these off your list and you'll be enjoying a fresh, clean home for summer.

PERFECTLY SORTED'S ALISON BROINOWSKI NAMED 'OUTSTANDING BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR' AT 2021 WESTERN NSW BUSINESS AWARDS

Perfectly Sorted founder Alison Broinowski (Ali) has been named Outstanding Business Leader of the Year at the 2021 Western NSW Business Awards.

The award recognises Ali as an inspirational business leader who demonstrates outstanding entrepreneurial spirit, strategic business direction and innovative ideas. Ali said it was an honour to win the accolade up against other outstanding business leaders in the region.

"Winning this award confirms that what I do as a leader and business owner is working. I try to treat people how I would like to be treated and believe that making Perfectly Sorted a great place to work where the team has autonomy, and a work-life balance is at the core of the business's success to date," Perfectly Sorted founder Ali Broinowski said.

"Our people enjoy what they do and work well together, which directly impacts the experience clients have with us. I want to thank them – they are a particularly exceptional group of people who allow me to be the best I can be."

Ali founded home organisation, styling and relocation business Perfectly Sorted in 2018. A long-time Mudgee resident and entrepreneur, she is also the president of Business Mudgee and an active member of the community who is dedicated to helping others in the community. Prior to launching Perfectly Sorted, Ali worked as a consultant pharmacist and serviced clients in their homes across regional NSW who often didn't have access to the care they needed.

The judges for the Western NSW Business Awards said they were impressed with Ali's experience and involvement as both a business and community leader.

"The judges commented that it was fantastic to see how Ali has overcome and navigated all the recent challenges and highlighted her impressive leadership and community assistance approach," Business NSW regional manager - Western NSW Vicki Seccombe said during the virtual presentation.

Ali goes on to represent the region as finalist at the State Business Awards where winners will be announced at an event in late November.

"It's nice to be recognised at such an early age for the business. There are so many amazing regional businesses, to represent regional and Western NSW is a great honour. I'm looking forward to meeting nominees from the other regions at the State Business Awards," Ali added.

About Perfectly Sorted

Founded in 2018 by entrepreneur Ali Broinowski, Perfectly Sorted is a home organisation, styling and relocation business based in Mudgee. Ali is a true tree



change expert, and her dedicated local team help make busy lives easier when it comes to moving or selling your home, decluttering or simply adding a touch of style. Perfectly Sorted has a must-visit store full of stylish treasures in Mudgee.



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SKILLING FOR RECOVERY FEE-FREE TRAINING

Hundreds of fee-free training courses are now available for school leavers, young people and job seekers, as part of the NSW Government's Skilling for Recovery initiative.

The NSW Premier announced JobTrainer courses come from a \$320 million committed to delivering 100,000 fee-free training places across the state. Enrolments are now open for in-demand skills leading to career pathways in areas such as aged care, nursing, trades, IT, community services, logistics and accounting.

As part of this Skilling for Recovery initiative, school leavers also have the unique opportunity to experience a range of skills to find out what suits their passions using the Summer Skills program whilst some Year 12 school leavers are still deciding what they want to do next. The Summer Skills program will cover a range of industries including agriculture, construction, conservation, fitness, engineering, coding, communication and digital literacy.

JOBTRAINER (NSW)

You may be able to study a free or low-fee course through JobTrainer if you are: out of work; receiving an income support payment; or aged 17 – 24. Find free courses or search for training providers that are delivering JobTrainer courses in NSW. You can also browse a list of in-demand occupations in NSW. For more information or to browse courses by industry, visit education.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/jobtrainer

SUMMER SKILLS

If you are a NSW Year 12 school leaver in 2020, you might be eligible to study a free course through Summer Skills, an initiative of NSW. Participants need to register by 31 December 2021. Courses should be completed by 30 April 2022. For more information, visit education.nsw.gov.au/skills-nsw/skills-initiatives/summer-skills

YOUNG AUSSIES URGED TO 'GET OUTTA TOWN' AFTER LOCKDOWN' FOR A ONCE IN A LIFETIME GAP YEAR EXPERIENCE



As regional travel opens this week, young Australians are being encouraged to get outta town after lockdown for a new type of GAP Year filled with fun, new friendships and skill development opportunities in their own backyard.

Social enterprise Thankful's Australian initiative, Thankful4Farmers is calling on young people to try a new type of GAP Year across rural and regional Australia. Highlighting the once in a lifetime experiences waiting for them and the great opportunity to make a real difference, the New GAP Year is encouraging young Australians to GoAndPick or GoAndPour in regional Australia.

To help young Australians wanting adventure, the organisation has launched a new website and platform www.newgapyear.com.au connecting them with job opportunities in rural and regional Australia and haseverything they need to plan and map out their GAP - whether they want to GoAndPick, GoAndPour for a week, a month or a whole year.

The New GAP Year launches as there is a skilled labour shortage across regional Australia, particularly in agriculture and hospitality industries. The agriculture labour shortages are causing crop losses and tens of millions to be lost to the local economy with fruit and vegetables continuing to rot in fields. An issue that is having a knock-on effect beyond the farmgate to all Australians with the Consumer Price Index showing retail fruit and vegetable prices rising by around 5% in June 2021 due to a shortage of pickers. The September 2021 Quarterly update for Horticulture from the Department of Agriculture also shows that prices will remain high in 2021-22 due to labour shortages.

"There are so many amazing people and places waiting for them across regional and rural Australia," says Thankful CEO, Kim McDonnell who is behind the initiative. "As well as great ways they can earn money and learn new skills while exploring."

"We know young Aussies are dreaming of adventure after a hard year. We also know they are the highest unemployed group, suffering the most with mental health and wellness. This really is a great opportunity for them to have fun, make new friends, earn money and get outta town after lockdown."

"At the same time, they will be 'doing good' by providing a helping hand to rural and regional communities and ensuring every Australian family can access the fresh and delicious produce this country produces. They will be connected with fee free courses to help future-proof skills, explore new interests and trial in-demand industries."

"COVID border closures have caused seasonal labour shortages across Australian farms with many producers not knowing where to go to or how to attract seasonal workers. The skilled labour crisis and the growing impact of climate change compound the challenges currently facing farmers."

"So by connecting producers and employers in regional communities to young Aussies looking for an amazing adventure, we hope to help address the labour shortage issue and deliver a once in a lifetime experience filled with fun, new friendships and skill development opportunities."

"The New GAP Year platform is a labour solution for producers and other employers in rural and regional communities which estimates the agriculture labour shortage alone is around 24,000. And with the lost crop register exceeding \$50 million in March, already many producers are worried about the 2021 harvest and destroying produce because of the inability to harvest."

"Thankful4Farmers is committed to helping regional and rural Australia and we wanted to help address this growing issue with a practical and meaningful solution, which will enables them to find seasonal workers they need and focus on what they do best - producing fresh and healthy produce for every Australian family every day."

The Thankful4Farmers New GAP Year platform (www.newGAPyear.com.au) has partnered with Training Services NSW to deliver free training courses for young people, job seekers and school leavers as well as jobs marketplace, Tree to deliver a comprehensive solution. The website has everything people need to plan and map out their GAP in regional and rural Australia.

For further information visit: www.newgapyear.com.au



Simon Staines VOTE #1 YOUR INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE



What was it that made me consider standing in this year's Local Government Election?

As a Mudgee Region resident for 40 years and fortunate to have been involved in many wonderful opportunities here, it's always good to give back to the community that has supported me, and now I feel is the time.

What do I feel I can contribute?

1. I'm someone who has friends across a broad spectrum of our community and am acutely aware of issues that are important to many.
2. I understand the workings of local government having spent 10 years in customer service and on committees both council and tourism and Mudgee Fine Foods.
3. I am a very good listener and can advise and follow up your concerns.
4. I will endeavour to make council more welcoming and inclusive; supporting you in your approach to council: representing your interests in council decision making
5. Furthering employment support for people with disabilities.

What would be some of my commitments to the region?

A GREENER COMMUNITY (using evidence based decision making)

- ✓ Greater uptake of electric/hybrid vehicles in the council fleet
- ✓ Increase rooftop solar on council buildings
- ✓ Support community greening initiatives; parks and gardens
- ✓ Protecting the natural environment

MUDGEE REGION COUNCIL

- ✓ Time for a change in name to better reflect where we are?

ADDRESSING OUR SKILLS SHORTAGES

- ✓ Upskilling our region and finding ways to attract and keep a highly skilled workforce to maintain and grow our business base

FUNDING OUR FUTURE

- ✓ Using our huge resources of community expertise to work with council for the betterment of all

HERITAGE MATTERS

- ✓ A beautiful region maintained

BUILDING OUR FUTURE

- ✓ Arts and Tourism
- ✓ A plan for each of our towns and villages
- ✓ Rural roads upgrades for all users
- ✓ Making our region more accessible for vehicles, pedestrians, cyclists, wheelchairs and prams

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NRMA FUTURE OF TRANSPORT CHALLENGE FINALISTS

Brooke Rayner, Harry Ehlen and David Luke's team, SMCS Technologies, has been shortlisted as one of four finalists for the NRMA Future of Transport Challenge for 2021.

Students in iSTEM investigated the major transport issues facing Australia, in particular the Mudgee region, and used a human-centred design process to create products or services to address that need. SMCS Technologies investigated ways of improving the sustainability of transport in regional areas and pitched their solution for increasing the uptake of electric vehicle technology.

Brooke, Harry and David will pitch their idea live via zoom at the Youth Eco Summit at Sydney Olympic Park. We are very proud of their achievements and wish them all the best.



PINK UP MUDGEE

Thank you to all the staff and students who proudly wore pink and donated money today in support of Breast Cancer Awareness month and raising funds for the McGrath Foundation.



Vote 1 GROUP A Above the Line

OR Vote 1 MARTENS Esme below the Line and 4 other candidates

My qualifications and experience give you the confidence to know your vote is going to a proven performer:



Farmer, ex Shire Engineer/Town Planner for 28 years, Councillor for 15 years, financial manager and estate manager, disability support worker for DADHC.

Qualifications

- Bachelor of Civil Engineering and Economics UQ
- Construction Management UNSW
- Diploma Front Line Management, corporate focus
- Vert Qual JG Engineer/Town Planner

Awards

- AM For Service to Local Government and Community
- Lifetime Achievement Award, Local Govt 2014

ACHIEVEMENTS 2016-2021

- Fairer rating system for farmers for one year
- Increased funding for roads, gravel resheeting and sealing
- Sewering of Village of Charbon
- Council part-funding a Group Home at Kandos and purchase of charity shop at Kandos
- Supported major water and sewer projects
- Supported funding to purchase Holterman Collection building, Gulgong
- Volunteered and supported grants to many community organisations
- Support and provision of a cultural centre for Mudgee and library for Rylstone
- Represented Council on coal CCCs and wind farms
- Organised and ran functions during Seniors Week and presented awards

Proposals for 2021-2024

- Continue to lobby for: fairer rating system, more expenditure for roads including sealing, hydrotherapathy pool for new swimming complex, sewer scheme for Clandulla, Land Use Strategy revised to permit a greater choice of housing development
- Support good development but not at expense of rate payers
- Support open communication and re-establishment of Village/Town Forums
- Encourage Council to establish affordable housing on council held land stocks
- Encourage job opportunities in agriculture and tourism

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GULGONG GOSSIP

Dear Readers of the Mid-Western Mail,

The Gulgong Chamber of Commerce has had great pleasure in instigating this community magazine for all to contribute. It gives us even greater pleasure to be able see it continue in the hands of Business Mudgee who we all know well that they will continue the tradition of getting information out to the community about the community. Please support Business Mudgee and your community as the magazine flourishes.

As you read this issue, you will be thinking about Christmas and getting together with your loved ones. The Gulgong Chamber wishes you all a very merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

When you have your visitors over the festive season, please bring them to our wonderful town of history, Gulgong, where there is much to see and explore.

Located within 30 minutes' drive from Mudgee, you will find a charming historic gold mining town with strong links to poet and author Henry Lawson. With over 130 heritage buildings, it's great to experience Gulgong by walking through the town along Mayne and Herbert Streets.

QUICK HISTORICAL FACTS

- The discovery of gold saw the gazetting of the Gulgong goldfield in 1866.
- Gulgong town was surveyed in 1870 and gazetted in 1872 when there were reputedly 20,000 settlers in the area.
- The family of Henry Lawson arrived in the area in 1871.
- Approximately 15 000 kg of gold were mined in the Gulgong fields between 1870-80.



SOME ATTRACTIONS NOT TO MISS

- The Prince of Wales Opera House
- The Greatest Wonder of the World, The American Tobacco Warehouse and The Holtermann Museum
- The Henry Lawson Centre
- Gulgong Pioneers Museum
- Gulgong Gold Experience
- Gulgong District Soldiers Memorial

With thanks,

Gulgong Chamber of Commerce



GULGONG COMBINED PENSIONERS AND SUPERANNUANTS ASSOCIATION

Firstly, a reminder that the Pensioners' Christmas Lunch will be held on **Sunday 5th December at the Gulgong RSL Club, commencing 11.30 am.** Bookings (which are required for COVID-19 planning) to Jan Robson on **0407 901 584**. Cost \$15 per person.

Looking forward to seeing many Pensioners, Superannuants, friends and family. In 2022, our first meeting will be held at the Bowling Club Monday 17th January commencing 2.00 pm. Can members please bring a plate. New members always welcomed.

December is a spiritual month for a lot of faiths. The Executive acknowledges members of all faiths, wishing each and every person a holy, peaceful and fulfilling festive season and a very happy new year. We advocate for pensioners and superannuants in the Gulgong, Mudgee and surrounding districts.

VOTE GROUP A

(1)

Above the line

OR

Below the line – Choose 5 or more candidates

DON'T DO BOTH



1. **THOMPSON Percy**
2. **MARTENS Esme** Independent
3. **ARMSTRONG Dennis**
4. **CHADWICK Graham (Chad)**
5. **WESTAWAY Anthony (Buzzy)**
6. **MULLEN Tom** Independent

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A VOTE FOR US IS A VOTE FOR YOU

- Council open accountable to the public
- Bring back Village Forums & Meetings with Gulgong, Rylstone, Kandos, Mudgee
- Improvements for streets & footpaths
- More funds for road improvements
- Extra graveling program, extension bitumen
- Reduce costs for juniors for sporting fields
- Lobby for improved health facilities
- Reduce vandalism in conjunction with local authorities
- More events and activities for all ages
- Support appropriate development
- Increase in Bushfire Disaster Funding
- Bring Passenger Trains to Mudgee & Gulgong
- Improving town water quality
- No solar farms on the edge of towns

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Meet the friendly and enthusiastic team driving effective education at Kandos Public School in 2021.

Staff have been engaged in high-impact professional development to meet the needs of all students through evidence-based and engaging classroom practice. The implementation of InitiaLit has been at the forefront of improving reading and writing data in K-2 Literacy this year. The consistent instruction of MiniLit, MultiLit, Dr Tessa Daffern's Triple Word Form Theory and targeted intervention has also been a driving force in improving literacy skills school-wide. This year, phonics, phonological awareness and comprehension has been enriched with the purchase of new decodable texts and quality literature resources.

Focussed and explicit mathematical activities are being delivered daily across the whole school that are differentiated and cater for all learning needs. Numeracy is highly regarded as a pathway to the future and Kandos is providing mathematical picture books, targeted early numeracy, digital game-based learning and tasks that focus on working mathematically.

Kandos Public School is part of the pilot Remote Access Gap technological infrastructure rollout that has allowed staff and students to use the latest technology in classrooms. Student have access to engaging STEAM activities and the newest software and hardware inclusive of a computer lab, iPads and digital game-based learning. In conjunction with this rollout,

Kandos Public School is supported by Sporting Schools and participate in regular swimming lessons and tennis coaching which are development pathway supporting total beginners and future high-performance athletes.

Kandos Public School is currently in partnership with Food Bank Australia, providing a daily breakfast for all students. Social and emotional groups that build resilience, friendships and positive relationships are facilitated by the on-site and full-time chaplain. Individual check-in times and group support is available to help students with goal setting and their own personal learning. Each and every classroom has a Student Learning Support Officer (SLSO) with individual programs being implemented inclusive of speech, Occupational Therapy and Itinerant Support and Hearing services. With nearly forty staff (not all pictured), Kandos Public School strives for opportunities to enrich student learning.

During Level 3 Covid-19 restrictions, Kandos Public School have been committed to offering virtual excursions, on-site theme days and special 'virtual' visitors including past student and now children's author, Penny Harrison.

We have a committed P&C who strongly support the school through fundraising for school resources and equipment.

NB. Photos taken pre-lockdown during school photographs in Term One.

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VOTE #1 GROUP H Above The Line



Hi, I'm Buzz Sanderson. You may already know of me through my involvement with Kandos Museum, KKR 98.7 Community Radio, the Rylstone & Kandos Business and Tourism and as a board member of of Mudgee Region Tourism.

I am privileged to lead a diversified, community-dedicated team with a proud track record of delivering for their community and the whole Mid-Western Region.

1. **Buzz Sanderson** - Chartered Engineer
2. **Samantha Madell** - Disability and Age Care
3. **Mitchell Clapham** - Grazier
4. **Peter Monaghan** - Farmer and retired Structural Engineer
5. **Rob Duffy** - Businessman and Tourism expert

What do we stand for?

- ✓ Diversifying and strengthening the economy;
- ✓ Building capacity in farming, the technical sector and visitor economy to embrace the opportunities of the 21st Century;
- ✓ Preserving and protecting our heritage, foster arts, culture and music;
- ✓ Strengthening communities through improved services and amenities;
- ✓ Preserving and protecting our environment; and
- ✓ Improving Council services for all of the Mid-Western region.

Vote for change - change your vote. Vote #1 Group H Above the Line.

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KANDOS RYLSTONE SWIMMING CLUB

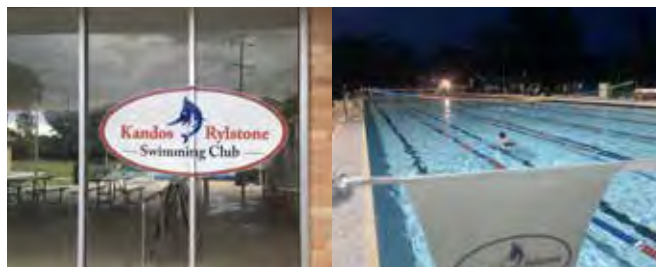
Our club has a long history which we are proud of, starting in 1962 when the Kandos Memorial Olympic Pool was constructed. Our club has run every season since and are currently in our 59th season.

We are a club run by a committee of volunteers. We strive to give local kids experience in a lifesaving skill, by developing their confidence and strength in swimming, while having lots of fun!

We meet every Wednesday Night at 6pm offering a range of races from 15m through to 200m in each of the four strokes as well as the 200m Individual Medley, Our Season starts in October, and we run through to the end of March, our Presentation Day is held at the end of the season. We welcome anyone who can swim 15m to come along and join our club.

Our goal is for the swimmers to have fun and enjoy the social and competitive aspects of swimming, and to focus on individual improvements each week.

We are lucky enough to have 2 Coaches who have completed the Competitive Swimming and Stroke Correction course which enables us to run Squad Training for our 33 and 50m swimmers, focusing on fitness, skill and technique. Squad runs two training sessions on a Wednesday afternoon 4:30 to 5pm for the 33m and 5pm to 5:30 for the 50m swimmers, you



need to be club registered to take part in this fantastic opportunity.

Club nights are great fun, and everyone can be involved, from time keepers, to starters, marshalling or helping with the setting up/packing up or even having a go and learning the ropes of the computer programs. New faces are always welcome.

If you are interested in joining our club you can us via Phone, Email or Facebook:

Renee Murray - Club President on 0429 705 702

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 Kandos-Rylstone Swimming Club



MUDGEE 200 YEARS by Ned Dickson

From the rattle of the cast iron gates at the Mudgee goal and the chattering of wagon wheels on the hard mud streets to the gentle toll of the town's bells and the trickling of the Cudgegong River, these have all been sounds of Mudgee's past. A town steeped in history. Oozing with stories from the past. Bursting with significance. Mudgee's history is something striking that should be shared.

2021 marks 200 years since Europeans entered the Cudgegong Valley; the ancestral lands of the Mowgee clan of the Wiradjuri Nation. This is greatly significant and was acknowledged throughout the month of November. 'Mudgee 200 Years' was planned by a local committee to recognise our history.

Sponsored by Family First Credit Union Mudgee and Graham Huxley of 'Huxley Homes', the focus of the event was a static display in Mudgee's CBD. A limited amount of merchandise such as caps, stubby holders and bumper stickers are for sale until sold out. These can be purchased at Mudgee Newsagents, Family First Credit Union, Kayt Dickson Clothing Alterations and Mainly Mudgee Gifts. Poster's advertising 'Mudgee 200 Years' were displayed in shop fronts throughout Mudgee.

Large banners were on display at the Lawson Park Hotel, Kelly's Irish Pub, Mudgee Museum, Mudgee Business Park and St John's Anglican Church. On the

20th of November at 12pm St John's Anglican Church, St Paul's Presbyterian Church, St Mary's Catholic Church and Mudgee Public School rang their historic bells 200 times in unison. While the bells rang vintage cars and old horse-drawn wagons were on show in Church and Market Streets. Descendants of James Blackman gathered at Blackman Park. It was a fabulous way to acknowledge Mudgee's significant history and to bring the community together.






All merchandise designs were completed by Pencil Pop Design. Posters and stickers were printed by Lynx Printing and banners were printed by Mountain Signs. A huge thank you to all that participated in the Mudgee 200 Years celebrations. It was a truly momentous period that will hopefully be remembered until the 300-year celebrations!



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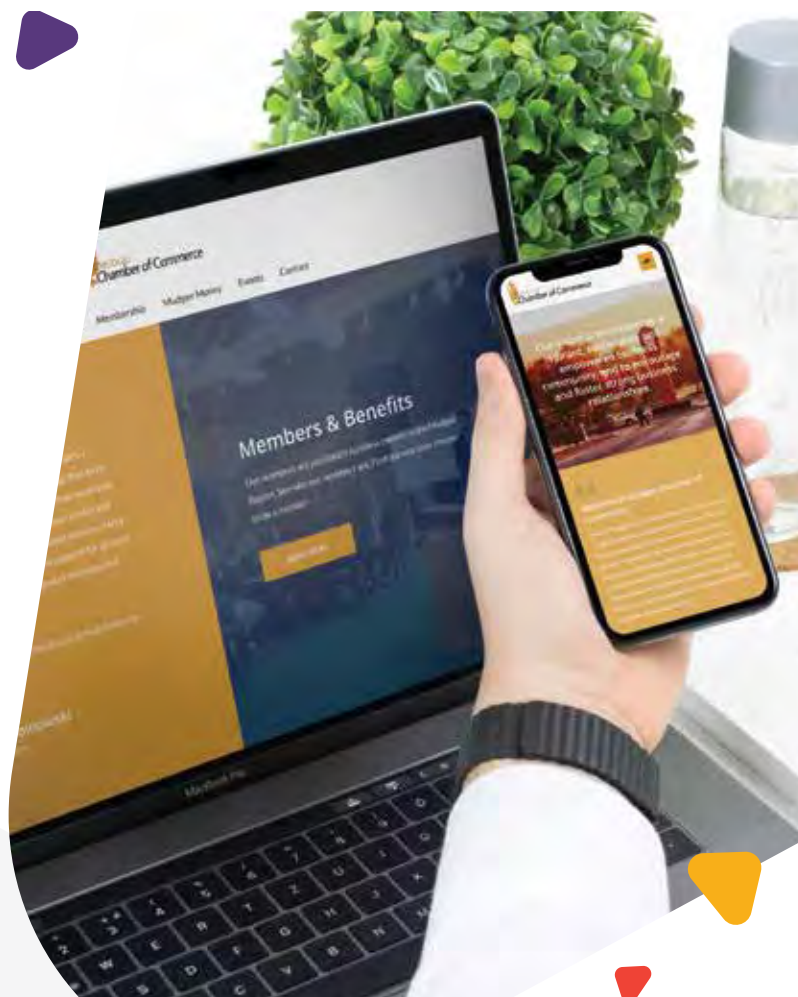
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LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE by Andrew Palmer, The Property Shop

I am sure like most people; Christmas has snuck up on you this year as we continue to shake off the effects of the Covid lockdown.

This Christmas it is more important than ever to shop local to help our business's make for all the lost time throughout the year. If you are struggling for present ideas consider a Mudgee Money Gift Card which can be redeemed at over 55 local businesses including shops, cafes, hairdressers, beauty salons and restaurants. It's an easy present and keeps the money in town.

It's great to see visitors flocking back to our Region now that people can travel freely again. With Mudgee being named as Australia's Top Tourism Town for 2021 we are expecting even more people to discover our region and what a magical place it is to live.

For many, the Mudgee Region is at the top of their shopping list which has been reflected in the exceptional growth we have seen across our property market in 2021. Most analysts have the average growth at 15% across the market, however there many examples where the results have been significantly higher. For example, 180 Kurtz Lane at Cooyal was purchased in 2020 for \$690,000 and sold in November via an on-line auction for \$1,302,000.

Residential land, rural lifestyle properties and homes in close to the CBD are in very high demand. I'm proud to draw your attention to Gables on Lawson, 4 brand new luxurious properties currently under construction by Master Builder Hayes Construction. The opportunity to secure brand new, high quality freehold property in a CBD location like Gables is almost unheard of and we recommend you register your interest with us as soon as possible – www.gablesonlawson.com

On behalf of our team at The Property Shop, I'd like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.



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December's 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 Marina whose passion for horses has allowed her to travel the world, live in cities and the bush, but never have a lie-in.

Tell us what you do, where you work and how long you have been in this type of work.

I am a track work rider. I have been track work riding since I was 18 years old when I left school. I am originally from France and worked there for 5 years before I moved to Australia where I already had a job with trainer David Payne in Rosehill, Sydney. I was there for 6 months before moving to Mudgee and started to work for Gooree Park. I then worked for trainer Gayna Williams in Mudgee who sponsored me for my permanent residency. I now work for trainer Brett Thompson in Gulgong.

Tell us what a typical day looks like in your job.

Working in the racing industry means you have to be an early riser. Generally you have to start work anywhere between 4am-7am depending on the track. I also have my own horses who need to be fed before I go to work! Once at work generally you are required to clean out stables, ride the horses then finish the stable chores and carry out any of the treatments needed for the horses. There will often be an afternoon shift, consisting of cleaning out the stables again, feeding and watering the horses and changing the horse rugs depending on the season. Sometimes we are needed to take the horses to the races and strap them (get them ready for the race).



How did you get into track work? Did you study? What qualification/s did you need?

I started riding track work at the age of 17 in my free time for fun. At the time, in France you could do track

work on a voluntary basis. I did this for a year and when I left school I decided to do it as a full time job. I asked the trainer and he offered me a job.

Why did you move to the region? What do you love most?

I moved to the region to extend my working holiday visa and loved the region and the people. The people were warm and welcoming and I made some great friends. There is always things to do such as markets, concerts, wineries, football games and of course the races!

What advice would you give anyone wanting to become a track work rider?

I would recommend anyone wanting to become a track worker be motivated, dedicated, not frightened to see the sunrise and not mind working long days. However there are many opportunities and possibilities in the racing industry to evolve and grow your career. I have particularly liked the fact it has enabled me to travel, doing what I love. There are plenty of jobs, trainers are always looking for reliable riders.



EXPLORER CADETSHIP LEADING THE WAY

Applications are now open for the Thoroughbred Industry Careers (TIC) Explorer Cadetship for 2022, a 12-month program of stud and stable horsemanship and industry training.



The Explorer Cadetship is the only entry-level education program of its kind and has quickly cemented its place as the pre-eminent pathway in Australia, providing training in both the thoroughbred racehorse breeding and racing sectors, giving participants a holistic view into one of Australia's largest industries.

As well as a three-month 'boot camp of theory and practical learning (whilst residing at WSU's Hawkesbury Campus), cadets complete nine months of paid work placements with several leading employers including Godolphin, Chris Waller Racing, Arrowfield Stud, McEvoy Mitchell Racing, Lindsay Park Racing, Adrian Bott and Gai Waterhouse, who, in conjunction with the Australian Turf Club, are the founding stakeholders of TIC. Program applicants do not need to have a background in the industry or an equestrian background to apply.

Run by Chief Executive and founder Lindy Maurice, TIC is a not-for-profit organisation that funds the cadetship program. Since its inception in 2019, just under 90 students have been through TIC programs, with an 89% success rate.

An avid supporter from the outset, Godolphin Managing Director Vin Cox and Mudgee local is excited by the growth of the program and its provisions to the industry's long-term staff shortage crisis. "Despite our size and the contribution our industry makes to this country's economy, our industry was, and still is, in need of a program like the Explorer Cadetship to assist in opening the doors and attracting new people," said Cox. "As an employer, it is comforting to know that thanks to their experiences with the program, we're getting a well-rounded employee who also appreciates the fantastic opportunities they are presented. The graduates are a testament to Lindy and her team, and I know I'm not the only employer eager to employ Program graduates."



2021 Program graduate Bella Anderson completed her work placement with auction house Magic Millions and was recently recruited by Racing.com as a Mounting Yard Analyst and Presenter. Numerous other graduates have also gone on to secure other life-changing roles in the industry.

Applications for the 2022 February intake of the Explorer Program can be made via:

tbindustrycareers.com.au/overview

The program is open to young people across Australia (18-24yrs), with or without industry or horse experience and applications close at the end of December 2021.

THE MUDGEE CUP

To witness country racing at its finest, you need to head to the Mudgee Cup at Mudgee Racecourse on Friday 3rd December 2021. Lovers of horse racing, fashion or just a great day out, come together trackside for what is renowned as both a social and racing highlight.

Regular race going locals mix with friends, family, colleagues, and many visitors from across the country who flock to the track for a great day of racing and entertainment. The Cup itself is run under handicap conditions over 1600m, and boasts an amazing \$75,000 prize pool too, ensuring the owners, horses and jockeys are just as excited about the day as the punters. A full 7 race program rounds out a premium day of racing and live music, fashions on the field and many other fun items of entertainment on the day ensure a great time is had by all.

Rich with horse racing history since 1842 and long being well recognised as a social hub, the Mudgee Race Club hosts 8 race meetings annually, bringing quality racehorses, owners, and jockeys together for a well-regarded contemporary country racing experience.

Tickets are selling fast for The Mudgee Cup, but are still available at www.123tix.com.au and enquiries can be made through racingmudgee@gmail.com or 0428 649 065. The latest up to date information on The Cup and each race meeting throughout the year can be found on Mudgee Race Club's new website, www.mudgeeraceclub.com.au and of course on their socials - Facebook and Instagram #mudgeeraceclub.

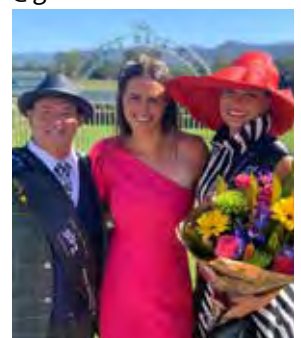


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NO KIDDING! GOATS DEPLOYED AS HAZARD REDUCTION GRAZING TRIAL UNDERWAY

You heard right – the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) have recruited goats to undertake a Hazard Reduction grazing trial to evaluate its effectiveness and to continue important mitigation works to further prepare this fire season.

The honorary firefighters have been sourced from local farmers – Dry Creek Farm – who are leasing the goats to the NSW RFS to graze an area in fire-prone areas across the state's west. The goats are expected to help reduce the fuel load in the key high-risk areas, including Clandulla and Lue, with similar hazard reduction grazing trials being undertaken in Werris Creek and across the Far South Coast. NSW RFS Inspector Troy Gersback said the grazing trial arose in response to the NSW Government inquiry into the 2019/2020 fire season.

“The NSW RFS is continuing to explore a range of other hazard reduction techniques to better understand the effectiveness of different practices in various circumstances, this includes grazing,” Inspector Gersback said. “The NSW RFS is always keen to learn more about how we can improve and enhance the ways we can better prepare areas ahead of fire season. “These goats provide an alternative to burning which is heavily reliant on favourable weather. The four legged firefighting crews will be reducing the fuel loads rain, hail or shine.”

Identification of the hazard reduction grazing sites have been done in consultation with local NSW



RFS Brigades, the community and Bush Fire Risk Management Plans for the area. “We would also like to extend our thanks to Crown Lands and Local Land Services Central Tablelands for their support with what the NSW RFS is working to achieve through this trial.” Inspector Gersback said.

With fire season upon us, the community are urged to get their property fire season ready – it is easier than you think. Simple steps they can undertake to get their property fire-ready include:

1. **TRIM** overhanging trees and shrubs.
2. **MOW** grass and remove the cuttings. Have a cleared area around your home.
3. **REMOVE** material that can burn around your home (e.g. Door mats, wood piles, mulch)
4. **CLEAR** and remove all the debris and leaves from the gutters surrounding your home.
5. **PREPARE** a sturdy hose or hoses that will reach all around your home.

Image: Superintendent Paul Whiteley (NSW RFS – Manager Preparedness – Area Operations), Michael Blewitt and Billie Johnstone (Owners – Dry Creek Farm), Inspector Troy Gersback (NSW RFS – A/District Manager – Cudgegong District)

MUDGEESWIM CLUB

Mudgee Swim Club
meets every Tuesday at 6pm at the Mudgee Pool. We are a family-friendly club and encourage members of all ages and swimming abilities to join. We are non-competitive which means we do not award 1st, 2nd, 3rd in races - swimmers


compete against themselves trying to improve their own time each week. We have 16, 25, 50 & 100 metre races. The younger ones can have an older member assist them, if they are not a super confident swimmer.

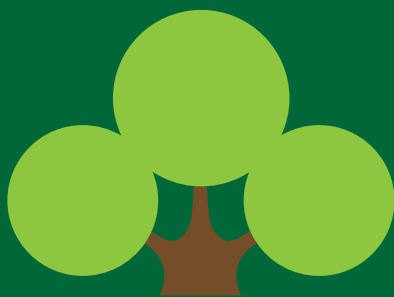
We also run a canteen each week, which gives mums and dads the night off from cooking.

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RDA – Riding Develops Abilities

Mudgee Centre operates on the Mudgee Showground every Wednesday of school terms. We offer horse related activities for people with a disability. This helps riders to gain confidence and independence and improve their co-ordination and balance. 2021 Riders come from Gulgong Public School, Mudgee Public School and Lifeskills Plus. But this year had restricted year due to the Covid Pandemic and we are looking forward to have a fantastic 2022 to commence in March 2022.

HOW HORSE RIDING HELPS

- The horse is a social creature that really bonds with humans, the horse immediately returns kindness and affection. Bonding has been found to be basic to the development of communication.
- Riding involves all of the muscles in the body and in addition stimulates body systems.
- Horse riding can be a new experience which is invigorating and exciting allowing our riders to be participants and not just observers.
- So many other benefits such as improving memory and concentration.

RDA Mudgee is celebrating 10 years of returning to Mudgee in 2011 and with the support of Peabody Energy/Wilpinjong Coal providing RDA Mudgee with a Shed and a place to call home at the Showground. This



will enable us to run a program without any weather interruptions through the year.

We are a not-for-profit organisation and run totally by volunteers and we're always looking for more volunteers to carry out training days prior to our starting day in March 2022. Volunteering with RDA is such a rewarding experience to see how our riders achieve fantastic milestones through the year. Our riders never cease to amaze us.

If you would like information regarding Riding for the Disabled Mudgee Centre:

Email: mudgee.rda@hotmail

Call: Diane 0407 288 070 or Tracy 0488 727 085

 **Riding for the Disabled Association NSW
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MUDGEE & DISTRICT KENNEL & OBEDIENCE CLUB

Merry Christmas from everyone at the Mudgee & District Kennel & Obedience Club! It's certainly been another interesting year for us, with Covid yet again throwing a spanner in the works.

Lucky for us though, not even Covid can diminish our love for our dogs, and if anything, for some of us, it has meant spending even more time with them, as we were restricted to home base.

There were times during the year when the club needed to suspend classes, but when we returned, it was great to see that members had been keeping up their training at home. Even though the classes are a great opportunity for dogs to get used to being around other dogs, we concentrate on training their humans, to give them the tools to then train their dogs. We are lucky enough to have our fantastic Chief Instructor, Helen Stanford pass on her valuable knowledge and experience to help out the various people that come to our club for an assortment of reasons. So whether you are just wanting to have your fur buddy a little better behaved, or are thinking about showing or trialling, Helen can help. Of course, she also has a number of very experienced offsidars to help her out.

As we are now getting into the warmer weather, we will be wrapping up for the year. In Mudgee, at AREC,

the last class will be held on Tuesday 14th December. In Gulgong, at Victoria Park, our Sunday sessions will wrap up a little earlier. Date yet to be confirmed, so please keep an eye on our facebook page for updates.

We'll give our dogs a break from classes over most of summer, but will be resuming in February, most likely in the second half of the month. So if you've been thinking about joining up, we'd love to see you. Why not check out our facebook page now, give us a like, and you'll be kept up to date on our classes.

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Bill Kempton (Careers Advisor) and his family have a long and successful association with Mudgee High. His parents and some uncles and aunts attended the school. One of his aunts was school captain in 1942. Bill himself was a 'prefect' in 1976. His siblings and his own children also attended Mudgee High. His daughter Hannah (2008 graduate) and son Jack (2011 graduate) have embarked on careers in the medical and protective service fields respectively. During his time at Mudgee High, Bill has assisted generations of students to earn their secondary education.

After teaching Science and Agriculture in Sydney, Bill began his role of Careers Advisor at Gulgong High before transferring to Mudgee High in 1991. Bill considered the role of Careers Advisor as a privilege, enabling him to be, even if only in a small way, part of a young person's career decision-making process. Assisting in facilitating vocational learning opportunities for students in order for them to derive positive educational outcomes has been a source of great satisfaction for Bill.

As well as the traditional careers programs, Bill

has introduced students to new initiatives such as SBATs (School-based apprenticeships and traineeships), EVET (Externally Delivered Vocational Education) and recently to remote on-line learning. All have presented new opportunities and challenges for students in ever evolving tertiary and workplace environments.

Bill believes that the provision of work experience has been, and continues to be, one of the more beneficial school programs available to students. It provides a 'snapshot' of a career path a student may be considering, hands-on experience and valuable contacts for obtaining employment. Bill has witnessed many students successfully attain part or full-time employment through work experience.

When asked if the job of Careers Advisor ever grew boring, Bill's answer was "no"...because even though teaching can be tough at times, it is the sharing in the successes of students who have striven to achieve their best which makes it all worthwhile.

Bill will take leave in 2022 with the possibility of subsequent retirement. He plans to spend time with his wife and pursue his interests and hobbies.

"I know I will always reflect on my time at Mudgee High School with fondness, particularly working with the people, staff, students, parents, and the wider community, who make Mudgee High School a standout amongst NSW Public Secondary Schools."



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Merry Christmas!

On behalf of my family and staff, I wish you a safe and peaceful festive season. *Andrew*

MUDGEE ARTS PRECINCT - NOW OPEN!



The doors of the Mudgee Arts Precinct have officially been thrown open! I was delighted to be able to attend the celebrations recently.

Congratulations to the Mid-Western Regional Council on this terrific project. The centre is a wonderful addition to the town, and I encourage people across the region to start planning a visit!

I'm proud that the Australian Government was able to contribute \$1.5 million towards the Precinct's construction and fit out as part of the **Building Better Regions Fund**.

Fittingly, the opening exhibition **Stories from Homedale** features the works of Mudgee-born artist Guido (Guy) Maestri. The Archibald Prize winner is renowned for his contemporary landscapes.

Aboriginal art from the Gora Singh Mann Collection is also featured at the Arts Precinct. Mr Mann is a well-known local philanthropist who has been collecting art for more than 50 years and has generously loaned the Mudgee Arts Precinct a selection of works by some of Australia's most acclaimed artists.

Above Left - L to R: Ben Quilty, Dugald Saunders MP, Ken Sutcliffe, Lizzy Galloway, Guido Maestri, Don Harwin, Andrew Gee MP, Sam Paine Deputy Mayor - Mid-Western Regional Council and Luke Sciberras.

Above Top Right - L to R: Lizzy Galloway, Mr Gora Singh Mann, Mrs Ellie Singh Mann, Andrew Gee MP and Michael Bourke. Bottom right - Andrew with artist Luke Sciberra



DIXONS LONG POINT CROSSING UPDATE

I was out at Dixons Long Point between Mudgee and Orange recently to walk and inspect a section of the route that has been revised to address cultural heritage issues. Representatives of local Indigenous groups had previously raised concerns about some parts of the proposed route. As a result, a section of the project was revised.

I joined representatives of the Wellington Valley Wiradjuri Aboriginal Corporation, the Murong Gialinga Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation and the Orange Local Aboriginal Land Council to walk the new route. I'd like to thank all involved for their very positive engagement and for teaching me so much about the Indigenous history of the area. There is now consensus that the new route is more appropriate.

I would also like to thank the Mid-Western Regional Council and Ray Kearns for the tremendous amount of work they have done on the project to date. Special thanks also to landholder Mark for being so welcoming. It is much appreciated.



L to R: Brad Bliss - Wellington Valley Wiradjuri Aboriginal Corporation, Andrew Gee, Doug Sutherland - Orange Local Aboriginal Land Council, Dr Jodie Benton - OzArk, George Flick - Murong Gialinga Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation, Ray Kearns - Mid Western Regional Council

We will now proceed with getting the necessary approvals so that we can put a drilling rig on site to do geo-tech work, ahead of putting a contract in place.

The Australian Government has committed \$29.8 million towards this project of strategic importance. It will have far reaching implications in terms of tourism, jobs and economic productivity. The whole Central West region will benefit for many generations to come.

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\$192,026 IN FEDERAL FUNDING FOR AREC

The Australian Rural Education Centre (AREC) is known as the home of the Mudgee Small Farm Field Days, along with a raft of other events - from livestock sales and animal competitions, to formal dinners and fashion parades.



I'm thrilled to announce that AREC will receive

\$192,026 in Federal funding to upgrade its kitchen facilities and install air conditioning units inside the pavilion. These upgrades will mean more events and functions can be held at the site, to ensure AREC's long-term viability, and significantly boost the local hospitality and tourism sectors. This funding is part of Round 5 of the Australian Government's **Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF)**.

Above: Andrew with AREC General Manager Cassandra Stanford and AREC Chairman James Sullivan.

HONOURING SERVICE AND SACRIFICE ON REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day marks the anniversary of guns falling silent on the Western Front in the First World War.

Each year, our nation stands in silent reflection for one minute to honour and remember those Australians who have lost their lives in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

As Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Defence Personnel, I was honoured to represent the Prime Minister of Australia and lay a wreath at this year's official Remembrance Day ceremony at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

I would like to thank the Mudgee RSL sub-branch for kindly placing a wreath at the foot of the Fallen Soldiers Memorial in Mudgee on my behalf (pictured).

Lest we forget.



TURBO CHARGING MID-WESTERN TOURISM

The Mudgee Regional Tourism Corporation has been granted \$40,000 under Round 5 of the Australian Government's \$1.38 billion **Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF)**. This funding is in addition to the \$1.5 million Australian Government grant for the establishment of the Mudgee Arts Precinct and Visitor Information Centre.

The first \$20,000 grant is for a **Mudgee Region Industry Engagement Strategy** which will support the changing tourism environment and local business partners guide future growth of the organisation and the visitor economy.

The second \$20,000 grant will be used to fund the **Mudgee Region Wellness Sector Strategy**, to pave the way for the development and promotion of wellness tourism experiences in the district. This is sure to be popular in the post COVID-19 environment!

Above: Andrew with Lianne Murphy, Acting CEO at Mudgee Regional Tourism Corporation.



REGIONAL BANKING TASKFORCE TO VISIT CENTRAL WEST

I welcome the recent establishment of a long-overdue Regional Banking Taskforce as I have been very vocal in Federal Parliament about the impact branch closures and service reductions are having on people in the Calare electorate.

I'm also very pleased the newly formed Taskforce will leave the big cities and venture west to talk to those most disadvantaged by these closures. I recently spoke in Parliament reiterating how important it is that the Taskforce's members hear from loyal businesses, community organisations and individuals most affected by regional banking closures.

The Taskforce will assess the impact of bank branch closures on regional communities. It will also explore avenues to ensure banks continue to adequately service rural centres.

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MUDGEE WOMBATS PRESENTATION



The Mudgee Wombats Rugby Club wrapped up an eventful season recently with a combined presentation day held at Jubilee Oval.

The Central West competitions were cut short in the middle of the final series. However, minor premiers, second grade were declared premiership winners. The 14s were also minor premiers and most of the other teams were still involved in finals when the season was terminated due to Covid restrictions.

The Clubperson of the Year award went to the hard-working John Carters, while the Senior Clubperson award went to Helen Blackmore and the Junior Clubperson award went to Lachlan Humphreys. The Club Supporter of the Year was won by the affable barman and groundskeeper, Eric Brown. The Roslyn Lee Shield for Contribution to Women's Rugby went to Angela Littler, our first female member to represent NSW Country. The Best and Fairest awards went to Scott Hedrick (1sts), Tom Purcell (2nds), Sam Brown (Colts), Campbell Holgate (16s), Rolleston Smith (14s), Lachlan Humphries (12s)

The highlight of the day was the induction of Keith Fraser as a life member #18 of the club by life member, Bruce McGregor. Keith has been involved with the club for about 30 years since his son Bill began to play. He has always been a valuable asset to the club with his hard work and dedication to any task he took on. Most recently he has been the team manager for all the senior teams, setting the benchmark in the Central West for game day management. He has always been a passionate supporter of the Wombats and fully deserves this special recognition.

The Mudgee Wombats have a well-earned reputation for being a family friendly club that welcomes people of all ages and abilities. Information regarding the Wombats can be found on their website at www.mudgeerugby.com or facebook ([mudgeerugby1874](https://www.facebook.com/mudgeerugby1874)) or Instagram ([@wombatsrugby](https://www.instagram.com/wombatsrugby)).

Registrations for 2022 will be opening early in the new year. Get in early and don't miss out on what should be a great year for the Wombats at the new Glen Willow facilities.

Photos:

(below left) Leo Hanson, Joshua Goodlet, Flynn Sutherland – Under 6 best and fairest

(below right) Junior Clubperson Lachlan Humphreys with President Jeff Hands



(top left) Angela Littler and Ros Lee

(top right) Senior Clubperson, Helen Blackmore

(above) Clubperson of the Year, John Carters

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KELLY'S IRISH PUB

KELLYS TEAM WISHES YOU ALL A GREAT HOLIDAY SEASON



Enjoy the last days of the year with your friends & family over a nice meal, a glass of local wine and some great live music.

- **Live Music** with talented local singers & rock bands every Friday & Saturday - from 9pm 'til late!
- **Beer Garden** with a massive kid's playground at the back (so Mum & Dad can relax)
- **Kitchen Open all day**, every day with amazing chef specials

SAVE THE DATE: Friday 17th December from 6pm

Our annual "Meet & Greet with Santa" and Mega Christmas Raffle (20 Hams) to enjoy for Christmas

Bookings & Courtesy bus: 6372 1842



Balcony Bar

CHRISTMAS CATCH UPS

The Silly Season is on! And what better place than the Balcony Bar to catch up with your friends or co-workers before the end of the year. The Balcony Bar is the perfect place to organize your party while enjoying the best views you can find in the C.B.D. Contact our amazing team, choose one of our function areas, the food & drink package which suits you best and...RELAX... we will take care of the rest.

Get in touch with us: kellysirishpub.com.au/functions

Mudgee Cocktail Bar

Every Thursday 6-9pm (\$10 Cocktails & \$7 Pints)

Friday & Saturday: 4pm-Late

THE MUDGE WINE SHOP

EAT, DRINK LOCAL & BE MERRY

Let's toast to this festive season with the best wines and bubbles of our region. Come down to the Mudgee Wine Shop to get your favorite local wines and produces to enjoy with your friends & family over the holidays.

- 10% off any 6 mixed wines
- 15% off any 12 mixed wines

New range of summer craft beers available

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(10am-10pm on Sunday)**

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