



## Rylstone-Kandos district newsletter

# Community Capers

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Welcome to the December issue of Community Capers, volume 144. This is our last issue for the year. Happy Christmas everyone. Our next issue will be folded and distributed on Thursday, February 4. The deadline for this issue is Friday, January 22. News items, events, dates for the calendar etc. are inserted free. Send them to the editor, Brent Barlow, 38 Mudgee Street, Rylstone, NSW 2849 or phone Brenton 6379 1020. For details and prices on advertising, sponsorship etc., contact Brian Neaves on 6379 4092.

### Above the Clouds

**Wholesale Nursery -  
1710 Nullo Mountain Road  
Rylstone - 6379 6253**

Take Narango Road from the Hospital to Olinda fire shed & turn left into Nullo Mountain Road travel 17kms along & turn right at our sign

We would like to thank the local community for their patronage, enthusiasm and support over the past year for both Above the Clouds Nursery & Wollemi Tree Service.

The Nursery will be open by appointment only in December

**We hope everyone has a happy and safe festive season & a prosperous 2010**



**WOLLEMI TREE SERVICES**

Worried about your trees? We are your local, fully insured qualified arborists and tree surgeons. We bring 24 years of experience to solve your tree problems.

Tree removal, expert pruning, tree health & safety assessment, wood chipping, stump grinding, firewood and mulch. For a free quote call **Craig: 0428 436 046 or 6379 6253.**

### Another fabulous StreetFeast

This year's Rylstone StreetFeast was another fabulous day of fun and feasting with over 350 people from across the region and beyond sitting down to a gourmet lunch under the trees in Louee Street. For the first time, the food was cooked and prepared in a marquee on-site amongst all the action by Rachael McCarthy and crew. Visitors were able to enjoy the added bonus of delightful aromas wafting around them as they arrived. Local wine tastings were also a big hit again this year with five stalls set up and plenty of varieties to try. Bettina James, first time chairperson of the StreetFeast committee said it was such a relief when the early morning showers cleared and the sun came out.

"I really thought my first StreetFeast was going to be washed out. It's such a relief that it turned out to be a good day."

In fact, the weather was perfect for outside lunching and large groups of people took

advantage of food stalls and local cafés while enjoying the free entertainment provided. Organisers and visitors alike gave this year's event the thumbs up. It really was another unique party in the main street.



**GOURMET FEAST:** This table of long lunchers thoroughly enjoyed their day.

### Fire situation eases - thanks everyone for your help

After a horrendous few days of hot, dry north-westerly winds, a break in the weather helped firefighters and other personnel control the fire which threatened Rylstone and Kandos and burnt out many hectares of farming property. The fire made national news as volunteers from distant brigades converged on the district and joined local crews in a valiant effort to save homes and property. An emergency warning for the area was downgraded on Monday,

November 23 and residents who voluntarily relocated from their homes were advised that they could return home. Although the fire caused devastation to some properties it would have been much worse without the help and assistance of fire fighters and aircraft personnel from across the district and beyond. To all those people and their families, thank you so much for your acts of generosity and assistance.

### Wattle flat artist takes out \$1000 hill Top prize

This year's Hill Top Art Exhibition held in conjunction with Rylstone StreetFeast at St James Anglican Church Hall on behalf of the Rylstone-Kandos Parish was a very successful and enjoyable exhibition. During Friday afternoon, exhibition judge Janette Newman from Gulgong had a difficult time picking a winner from the wonderful variety and excellent work of many artists from across the region and beyond. She finally chose for the \$1000 prize a beautiful work by Wattle Flat artist Kathleen Evans.

Because of the difficulty in picking the winner Ms Newman then awarded two Very Highly Commended certificates to Kathryn Piniero with 'Boats of Eden' and Deborah Brown with 'Dusk at our place'. Five other artists were Highly Commended - Judy Kurtz 'Wetlands on the Outside', David Lake 'Opal Country', Peggy McGovern 'A Field of Daisies', Freda Surgenor 'Late afternoon at Hill End', and Anne-Marie Seve 'Branching Out'. Opening night was very exciting with a crowd of around 95 enjoying the delicious food presented by Tsunami Catering and wine provided by Rylstone Naked Lady Wines. The Peoples

Choice award went to the very popular 'Dusk at our place', painted by Deborah Brown while the Lansallos lucky door prize was won by the family of the first prize winner. During the evening, local auctioneer Neil Brodie, held a fast paced auction of 12 paintings donated by local and visiting artists. Over the weekend a steady flow of visitors called in to enjoy the exhibition.



**PRIZE WINNERS:** (l-r) Padre Mark Jenkins, judge Janette Newman, 1st prize winner Kathleen Evans, highly commended Judy Kurtz, David Lake and Anne-Marie Seve. (Absent - Freda Surgenor, Peggy McGovern, Kathryn Piniero and Deborah Brown.