



# Community Capers

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Welcome to the February issue of Community Capers, volume 145 and our first for 2010. Happy New Year everyone. Our next issue will be folded and distributed on Thursday, March 4. The deadline for this issue is Friday, February 19. News items, events, dates for the calendar etc. are inserted free. Send them to the editor, Brent Barlow, 38 Mudgee Street, Rylstone, NSW 2849 or phone Brent on 6379 1020. For details and prices on advertising, sponsorship etc., contact Brian Neaves on 6379 4092.

## Rylstone - Kandos Show

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The 72nd annual exhibition is brought to you by Centennial Coal, Charbon on Saturday February 27. A fabulous line-up of displays, exhibitions and entertainment will be on offer all day starting with horses in the main showground from 9am until 5pm, pony club musical ride, woodchop from 1pm, grand parade at 2pm, live music after 5pm, gumboot throwing for all ages, Jack Russell races at 6.30pm, Bushman's Contest at 7pm, steer ride at 8pm and fireworks display at 9pm.

On Sammy's Flat there will be yard do trials starting early, tractor pull, stationary engines and steam tractor, and the championship dog show nearby. In the main pavilion, judging will take place on Friday and will be open to the public from 6pm until 9.30pm and then open all day Saturday. Around the ground there will be Centennial Coal's marquee in front of the amenities building, all animal judging (sheep, cattle, poultry, birds etc) on Saturday morning, Rabobank ram sale at 12.30pm, trade stands, including a reptile display from 9am, bar facilities open all day, a wide range of food in various locations and sideshows.

In welcoming everyone to this year's show, president David Clarke said the 2010 show committee should be commended for their dedication, effort and enthusiasm. "I wish to thank all the exhibitors and competitors for

preparing and displaying everything that makes our show special. Thank you also to Mid-Western Regional Council for preparation of the showground. We are working with council to deliver an upgrade of facilities to this important public space. Finally, a big thank you to all our sponsors. The show could not continue and improve without their generous support. Special thanks to Centennial Coal, our major sponsor for 2009 and now the 2010 show. Good luck everyone, welcome to the show and have a great time."



**HIGH ROLLER:** The Bushman's Contest will feature again at this year's show. Teams of four in a relay will roll bales of wool, lift and roll large tractor tyres, carry bags of chaff and then wheelbarrow someone across the line. Get a team together and compete for a first prize of \$200 and second prize of \$100.

## Rescue Squad's complex - a monument to community support

The Rylstone-Kandos Rescue Squad's new Rescue Complex was officially opened on December 12, 2009. The shed was packed with people from across the district and beyond to inspect the new premises and pay tribute to squad members, volunteers and contractors who helped make the dream of the first class facility a reality. Senior Rescue Instructor and Master of Ceremonies, Bruce Fleming welcomed visitors and introduced guests including founding member and inaugural president Keith Grimshaw OAM, president of the NSW VRA, Gary Raymond APM OAM, State Member for Bathurst, Gerard Martin MP and Shadow Minister for Emergency Services, Hon Melinda Pavey MLC. Also in attendance was Patron of the NSW VRA and Past President, Ray Gill ESM OAM, Mid-Western Regional Councillors, Peter Shelley and Esme Martens and many former rescue squad members and their families. In his history of the squad address, former police sergeant, Keith Grimshaw said he was amazed by the eventual outcome.

"If anyone had said we'd be sitting in a complex like this 34 years ago when we first started I wouldn't have believed it," he said.

Melinda Pavey said she couldn't believe that a complex of this quality could be built for \$150,000. "In fact we all know that it can't, so I congratulate everyone at a local level."

Ray Gill also thanked the local community for its support. "This is a monument to that support," he said.

In response, Peter Shelley said Mid-Western Regional Council pledged ongoing MWRC

support to the local organisation. "If there's anything you need, please let us know."

During the afternoon, a number of VRA service medals were presented prior to the official opening of the complex by Gerard Martin MP. Mr Martin said our communities were very much built around volunteering. "I can't think of any group for the size of the community that does better than this local rescue squad. There is no better flagship for the NSW VRA than this Rylstone-Kandos group. On behalf of the government and the people of this area and beyond I declare this complex open."

Following the unveiling of the plaque, afternoon tea was served and visitors were taken on guided tours of the new state-of-the-art facility.



**UNVEILING THE PLAQUE:** (l-r) Rescue Squad Captain and Regional Co-ordinator Central West, Glenn Hinton, Rescue Squad President, Craig Martin, Gerard Martin MP, Hon Melinda Pavey MLC and President NSW VRA, Gary Raymond APM OAM.