

## Supporting ChildFlight

The local Telstra ChildFlight support group received a visit from head office recently to thank them for their terrific fundraising efforts in the store they have been occupying since before Christmas. Regional Development Officer, Robbyn Brown said Kandos Rylstone is their most local support group from where they are based at Westmead. "This group has been doing a great job since they had their first meeting in March 1991. In that time they have raised \$159,228 – an outstanding result."

Mrs Brown said ChildFlight's focus at the moment is the replacement in March of one of their two helicopters

with a Bell 609 – a bigger and better machine with a tilt rotor, able to carry two patients – each with a parent. "This will directly benefit people in this area as the helicopter will be able to get over the Blue Mountains in any weather – something that we are unable to do at the moment."

The local support group's treasurer, Colleen Yates said they wanted to thank everyone who donated and bought goods from their store. Tickets in the Mother's Day raffle for a large bed size quilt are now available from the group.

## Radio barbecue

Community radio members from KRR and their families enjoyed an end-of-year barbecue under the trees at the Rylstone Showground before Christmas. It was an opportunity for presenters to meet up with other presenters and compare notes. All members of KRR are volunteers, and president of the group, Brent Barlow said it was a good way for the committee to thank everyone on behalf of the community for their dedication and commitment.

"Many of the programs really brighten up people's lives and inform them about what is happening in the district. We owe a lot to our volunteers," he said.

KRR holds two barbecues a year and both are free for members and their families. Community members are encouraged to join KRR. It's a good way to meet people even if you don't wish to become a presenter in the immediate future. Membership fees are just \$20 per person, \$50 for a family and \$10 concession or school age. Contact a committee member or call into KRR's

studio at 50 Angus Avenue for a membership form.



TALKING RADIO: (l-r) Regina Dinton, Katie Austin, Kathy Linton-Smith, Lisa Cernicchi and Robyn Reid.

## Mouse Races

The 22nd Annual Bylong Mouse Races are on Saturday, March 27. Get a mouse! Phone early to mid-February on 6379 8252 to get your mouse for the big day - only 80 mice available with a limit two per family. Cost - \$20 per mouse must be paid before the day. All money raised on the day is distributed to charities and causes throughout the local area. The Bylong community is proud to boast that over \$290,000 has been distributed since they began 21 years ago.

On mouse race day, gates open at 10am and the first race is at 11am. It's an 11-race program with all mice provided for the day's racing and trained for this

championship event, the races include ten heats, followed by the Bylong Cup to decide the champion mouse of the day. This year the committee is holding a "unique vehicle display" - basically if its got a motor, they will accept your entry. Prizes awarded for winner and runner up. Entry fee into the ground is only \$5 per person and kids under 12yrs free. Buses available from Muswellbrook, Denman and Sandy Hollow - phone 6379 8252 now to book a seat on the bus. Enquiries on 6370 8252 or 63798246 and remember, strictly no cats allowed.

## Gala equestrian weekend

The Rylstone Pony Club hosted a gala weekend of equestrian activities recently. On Saturday the Rylstone Sports Day was supported by many pony clubs from around the district and beyond with a roll up of over 60 riders. Denman, Coolah, Rylstone, Hargraves, Wellington, Dubbo, Bathurst, Mudgee, Gulgong, Nevertire and Wongarbron came to enjoy the fabulous Rylstone showgrounds. On the Sunday the club hosted the Zone 6 Showjumping Championships. Many of our

local riders won and placed in all the events so we can be proud of our local talent.

The club has two Swedish riders, Louise Ek and Marielle Andersson in its associate ranks, which is very exciting as these lovely ladies will be fabulous role models for the club. They are riding Janet Walk's warmbloods and we'll be seeing more of them around the district shows shortly, competing in the showjumping. Results of the championships are as follows:

A Grade: Champion – David Whittacker (Wellington) riding Murrabong Billy, Reserve – Georgie Mutton (Cudal) Ke Oki.

A Grade Ass: Champion – Cassie McCarroll (Mudgee) CC.

B Grade: Champion – Ali Henderson (Coolah) Bobby, Reserve – Heidi Noonan (Nevertire) Mr Gooch.

C Grade: Champion – Andrew Horden (Denman) Savannah, Reserve – Maddy Branks (Hargraves) Cloudy.

C Grade Ass: Champion – Louise Ek (Rylstone) Cudgegong Taprika, Reserve – Marielle Andersson (Rylstone) Cudgegong Tonto.

D Grade: Champion – Savannah Mealing (Mudgee) Barnett's Chandler, Reserve – Lucy Horden (Denman) Elmo and Freya Rushton (Wongarbron) Wicket.

D Grade Ass: Champion – Georgie Henderson (Coolah) Bemy Jo, Reserve – Kirralee Martin (Hargraves) Ammo.

E Grade: Champion – Victoria Birt (Gulgong) Songbird, Reserve – Liam Mulligan (Mudgee) Felix.

### New ring programs

This year's Rylstone-Kandos Show has an exciting new ring program of action, especially in the showjumping and sporting. The ring numbers are expected to swell this year with many of the riders from the local gala equestrian weekend vowing to return to support our local show. The Rylstone Pony Club is performing a musical ride for entertainment following the ring events. It should be very entertaining. The ring events commence at 9am with the showjumping at 11am. There will be excellent judges appointed to all rings, and a larger hack and pony ring.

## Auxiliary raises funds

Rylstone Hospital has been fortunate to receive a new oxygen concentrator purchased by the local Hospital Auxiliary worth approximately \$2500. The concentrator is a device that can deliver low concentrations of oxygen to those with chronic and long term respiratory conditions. An oxygen concentrator is an electrically operated machine, which draws in room air and pumps out a low flow of oxygen. This type of oxygen delivery is a safer and more economical delivery method for chronically ill people. Over the last six months the auxiliary has also purchased chair scales worth \$1895, a portable oximeter for \$945, a boot for wound management at approximately \$2000 and frames for photography art donated by Cheryl McCouat Photography. A spokesperson said thanks must go to all supporters of the hospital auxiliary and the hard working volunteers who raise funds for the local facility

## Show's ram sale

The Rylstone-Kandos Show Society along with sponsors Rabobank and Peter Druitt & Co are once again presenting the Rabobank Meatbreeds Flock Ram Show and Sale at this year's show. Last year's inaugural sale was a success and organisers are looking forward to another top sale. Judging gets underway at 9.30am on show day with the sale at 12.30pm.

## KRR sale rates

Community radio KRR provides garage-sale information for listeners. Please note that sales details need to be dropped in to KRR at least three days before the sale needs to be advertised. This will enable scheduling to take place. Garage-sale rates are \$10 per day and shop-sales or business-sales are \$25 per day.

## Clandulla sports

Mid-Western Regional Council and Mudgee PCYC held a mini-Olympics in Clandulla recently with some traditional and not-so-traditional sports being played. The kids participated in hockey, tee-ball, relay races and egg throwing competitions and after all the activities enjoyed a barbecue lunch cooked by the Clandulla Progress Association.



MINI-OLYMPIANS: Ashari and Kristyana Shereb showing off their winners' medals

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