



Country Women's Association
Kandos Branch

KANDOS Gardens Fair

Sat 2 & Sun 3 April 2016

'Successful gardening
in a harsh environment'

12 open gardens in and around
Kandos & Rylstone Sat & Sun 10am–4pm
Look for the red & orange flags

Guest speakers Costa Georgiadis,
Diego Bonetto & Fiona Ogilvie

Garden Market at Kandos Community
Centre Sat 2 April 10am–2pm; market stalls
in the gardens Saturday & Sunday

Tickets available at the open gardens and
Kandos town entrance: \$15/person for all events
and 12 gardens, or \$3/person for one garden

www.kandosgardensfair.com

Saturday 2 April

10am–4pm: 12 open gardens at Kandos, Charbon,
Coxs Creek Road, Cudgegong Road and Dunville Loop

10am: Welcome to Country @ Kandos Community Centre
followed by a brief welcome from our guest speakers
Costa Georgiadis, Diego Bonetto & Fiona Ogilvie

10am–2pm: Garden Market @ Kandos Community Centre
– plants, pickles, pies, produce and other garden goodies,
CWA tea & scones, coffee on the piazza, sausage sizzle

Entertainment at the Market: 10.30am Kandos Bellz
belly dancing; roaming ukelele minstrels

10.30am onwards: Costa in Kandos – Costa Georgiadis
visits the Kandos open gardens throughout the day

10.30am–12.30pm: Diego Bonetto tour – Wild weedy
walking tour around Kandos for 20 people – you must first
have purchased a Gardens Fair ticket (\$15); meet 10.30 at the
CWA Stall at Kandos Community Centre; first in first served

11am @ Wombat Gully: Carmel Spark demonstration
– Propagating native plants from seeds and cuttings;
Coxs Creek Road Rylstone

11am @ The Hall: Fiona Ogilvie talk – Tips & tricks
for successful gardening in a harsh environment;
23 Rodgers Street Kandos, entry via Jaques Street

**11am @ Kandos Railway Station: LK&R Line Gardens
Fair Tour** train arrives from Lithgow: kandosmuseum.org.au

12.30pm @ Kandos Railway Station: Brogans Run –
train trip to Airly via Brogans Creek and Carlos Gap Tunnel;
returns to Kandos 2.10pm; tickets: kandosmuseum.org.au

12.30pm @ The Convent: Kandos Bellz belly dancing;
entry via Dangar Street or Dabee Road Kandos

12.30pm @ Winton: Virginia Handmer demonstration
– hard cheese from goats milk; Coxs Creek Road Rylstone

2pm @ Wombat Gully: Jorgen Andersen tour –
Sustainable house; Coxs Creek Road Rylstone

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Saturday from 2pm Garden Market closes @ Kandos
Community Centre; market stalls in the gardens all weekend

2pm @ Horse Gap: Fiona Ogilvie talk – Creating garden
rooms to counter a harsh environment; Dunville Loop Bogee

**3.10pm @ Kandos Railway Station: LK&R Line Gardens
Fair Tour** train departs, returns to Lithgow

4pm @ Gallery 47: exhibition opening – Frances
Wiedersatz 'Snippets' garden paintings; 47 Louee St Rylstone

Light lunches, refreshments and morning & afternoon tea
available Saturday and Sunday in some of the open gardens
(see garden descriptions).

Sunday 3 April

Daylight saving ends Sunday 3 April

10am–4pm: 12 open gardens at Kandos, Charbon,
Coxs Creek Road, Cudgegong Road and Dunville Loop

10am onwards: Costa at Coxs Creek – Costa Georgiadis
visits the Coxs Creek open gardens throughout the morning

10am onwards @ The Hall: local potter Deb Stone –
an opportunity to play with clay; 23 Rodgers Street Kandos,
entry via Jaques Street

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Using autumn and winter to prepare a garden for a harsh
environment; Cudgegong Road Rylstone

2pm @ Wombat Gully: Jorgen Andersen tour –
Sustainable house; Coxs Creek Road Rylstone

2pm @ Hazelgrove: Mudgee Garden Club
get-together; 1857 Bylong Valley Way Kandos
(opposite Henbury golf course)

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About the Gardens Fair

The CWA Kandos Gardens Fair 2016 is a not-for-profit event organised by CWA Kandos Branch. Proceeds go to local charities and organisations. This is the 4th biennial Kandos Gardens Fair. Thank you to the many volunteer helpers.

No pets – please leave your dogs at home.

Raining? If it's raining, bring your umbrella.

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LK&R Line Kandos Gardens Fair Tour & Brograms Run:
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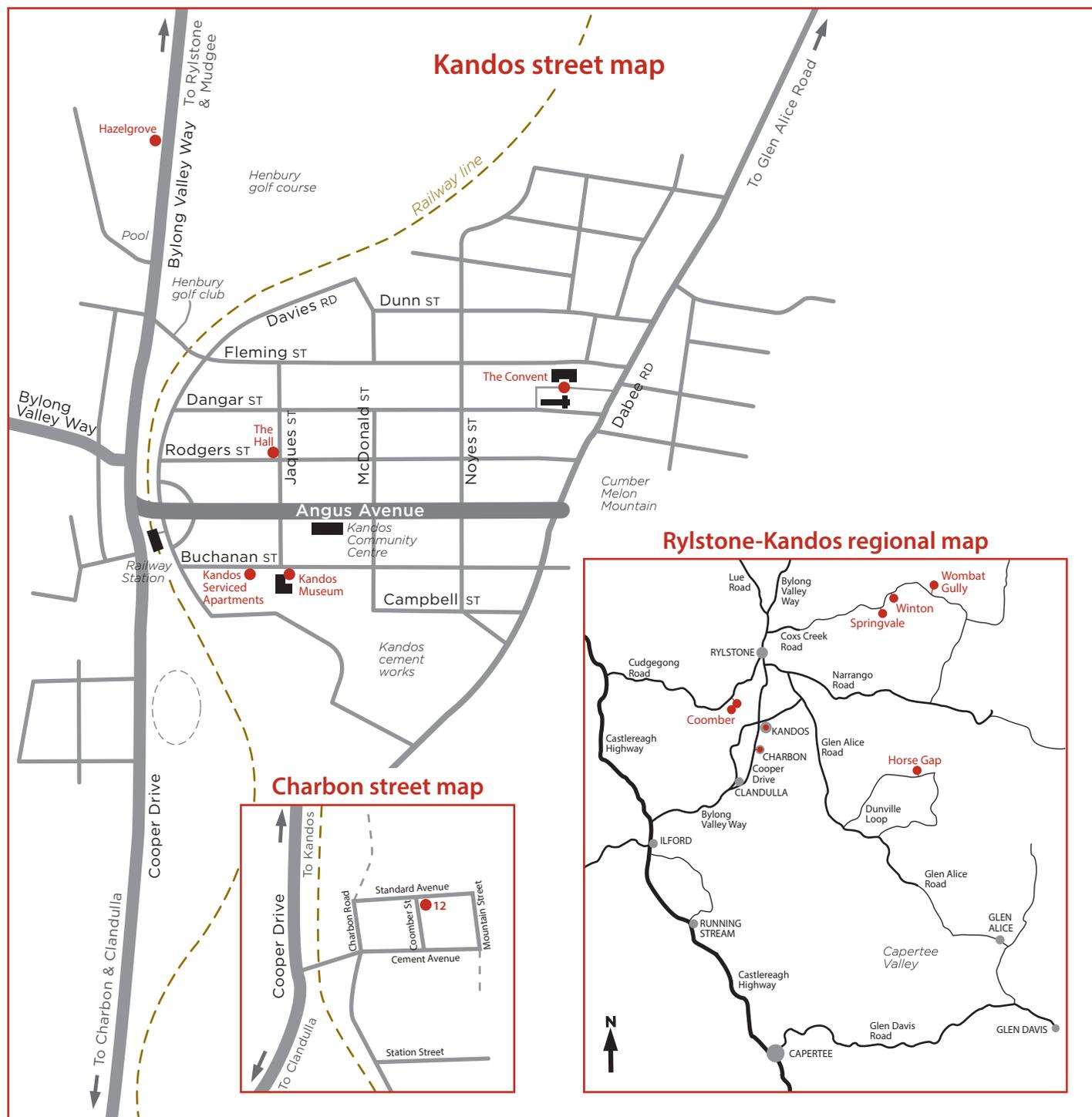
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Open gardens: Kandos

The Hall – a courtyard garden

June and Brian Keech, 23 Rodgers Street (entry via Jaques Street)

A little over five years ago this small courtyard garden was a rough, uneven patch of kikuyu and weeds, 'a west-facing gravel pit' according to the owners. This is a genuine example of 'successful gardening in a harsh environment' – a captivating, easy-care garden which is full of interest.

Being keen salvage hunters June and Brian levelled the area and erected the workshop and gazebo using recycled materials. The brief for the garden was water efficient, low maintenance and no lawn. A small rainwater tank supplies drinking water.

The majority of plantings were 'potted-up' from the owners' previous garden and chosen for their hardiness, diversity of foliage and variety of shapes and colours. Succulents, agaves and other desert plants sit happily amongst hardy trees and shrubs from the Mediterranean region. Prominent throughout is garden 'art', all of which has been salvaged from tips, swap meets and throw-aways and reinvented. June and Brian have recently purchased an adjoining cottage and are in the process of amalgamating the two gardens.

Saturday 11am: Fiona Ogilvie talk – Tips & tricks for successful gardening in a harsh environment.

Sunday from 10am: local potter Deb Stone.

The Convent – a spiritual garden

Margot Palk, 78 Fleming Street (entry via Dabee Rd or Dangar St)

This garden has seen many changes since the Convent was built in 1929. Originally it was carefully tended by the Good Samaritan nuns, the parishioners and, on Friday afternoons, the school boys. It hosted wonderful roses, formal garden beds and clipped hedges. After becoming a Presbytery in the 1970s it evolved to become low maintenance, losing many of its original features.

Now in private hands, the gardens are being restored to do justice to the gracious Spanish Mission building. Though in the early stages of renovation, the gardens pay homage to the nuns' love of roses as well as reflect a productive and useful country theme with vegetable beds, fruit trees and herbs. A keen but amateur gardener (who has not grown produce before) is rising to the challenge of establishing a productive yet relaxing country garden in a unique setting. The restored Grotto is a distinctive feature.

The Chapel will be open. Light lunches, tea & coffee available.

Exhibition: 'Cobwebs in the Garden': knitted lace by RAS Champions Margot Palk and Gemma Braiding.

Saturday 12.30pm: Kandos Bellz belly dancing

Kandos Serviced Apartments – a terraced town garden

Mary Kavanagh, 16 Buchanan Street

With remarkable Kandos views, this is a low-maintenance ornamental garden featuring white offset with pink. This garden without lawns was designed and planted in the past four years.

Gum trees shade the western wall of the buildings and provide shady retreats. Winter blooming white irises and summer blooming white iceberg roses ensure floral interest all year round.

Mary's garden design complements the two modern, serviced apartments she has built on this steep site. She was inspired by the idea of creating an urban creek bed to deal with site drainage.

Stalls: white irises, 'grass heads', after-garden wear.

Sparkling spring water available.

Kandos Museum – a volunteer garden

22 Buchanan Street

In keeping with the recent refurbishment of the museum, the garden has been re-landscaped. The retaining walls have been constructed using limestone from the quarry. Many original plantings remain including a grove of magnificent Eucalyptus and *Isopogon dawsonii* or Nepean Cone Bush (named after James Dawson, town surveyor) augmented with new plantings of local natives. David Austen roses called Jude the Obscure bloom along the front fence. A heritage climbing variety of Crepuscule roses tumble down the sun-catching stone terrace at the front of the building. The garden has impressive views of the countryside around Kandos.

Kandos Museum is housed in the former Methodist Church built in 1919 in the Spanish Mission style – possibly the earliest of its kind in eastern Australia. There are two murals on the walls of the museum; the most recent was created during the Cementa15 Contemporary Arts Festival. It depicts a Dabee woman and man, Peggy and Jimmy Lambert, and was created by Djon Mundine working in collaboration with descendants of the Lamberts.

Saturday: Zensational Coffee organic brew available.

(Museum entry not included in Gardens Fair ticket.)

Hazलगrove – a native parkland

Peter and Bonnie Farrell, 1857 Bylong Valley Way (opposite Henbury golf course)

This beautiful parkland retreat of one and a half acres is a haven for wildlife. A mixture of native and hardy introduced species have been chosen for texture and colour and placed to suit soil and drainage, demonstrating a lovely mix of native and exotic in a waterwise environment. Bonnie and Peter are meticulous in their maintenance and enjoy the process of developing their garden. The raised home veggie garden is constructed from recycled water tanks and provides produce for delicious eating and home processing. There is a small hothouse for propagating seeds for veggies and native plants.

Stalls: pickles and jam, treasure table, plants and seedlings, leather goods.

Sunday 2pm: Mudgee Garden Club get-together.

Charbon village

The village of Charbon is 5 minutes drive from Kandos.

From Kandos, take Cooper Drive and turn left into Charbon, over the railway line.

Rhonda's garden – a tree-changer's paradise

Rhonda Shumack, 12 Standard Avenue, Charbon

Rhonda describes herself as a novice gardener but demonstrates how to establish a thriving country cottage garden on a small budget. Taking tips from gardening programs and cuttings from other passionate gardeners, she has established a sustainable garden in her own piece of paradise, purchased less than a year ago. Three Isa Browns thrive on scraps in their kit-built pen and chicken run (made from recycled materials). She has re-established the lawn, planted fruit trees and assembled a compost heap, vegetable gardens and rockery. Most of her vegetables, flowers and shrubs are now grown from seeds and cuttings. A pergola and garden setting are a central focus and there are several shady retreats to enjoy a cup of tea and watch the birds.

Rhonda's garden will host a plant and craft stall (including terrariums, sun hat kits, hanging baskets). Bottled water available.

Coxs Creek Road

The three open gardens along Coxs Creek Road are about 25 minutes drive from Rylstone. Please note there is some dirt road. Drive to the conditions and take care to avoid wildlife.

Springvale – a sculpture garden

Ludwig Mlcek, 1164 Coxs Creek Road
(11.6 km along Coxs Creek Road)

With a backdrop of mature Kurrajong trees, rocky outcrops and rolling hills, Ludwig's garden and courtyard is an enthralling outdoor assembly of contemporary sculpture on a grand scale.

Ludwig is an accomplished professional sculptor who works in metal, stone and timber. In collaboration with Rylstone Sculptures Inc., Ludwig initiated and convened the October 2015 Rylstone Sculpture Symposium. He has participated in the famous Bondi 'Sculpture by the Sea' on three occasions. You will be able to glimpse but not enter Ludwig's impressive workshop studio.

His garden, which is also home to a miniature pony, features a converted meat house (now an accommodation unit) with an intricately carved wooden door. There is a stone fruit orchard and vegetable gardens.

Over the weekend Ludwig will offer occasional walking/talking sculpture tours. Sculptures for sale. Sausage sizzle, tea & coffee.

Winton – a pioneer garden

Virginia Handmer and Geoffrey Payne, 1442 Coxs Creek Road
(14.4 km along Coxs Creek Road)

Step back in time to a garden planted in the late 1800s by the Mills family who opened up the valley to European farming. There are a number of very old trees including lilac, quince, peach and pear. Interesting features include a bath growing water chestnuts, an aviary, a pond with carp and water lilies, vegetable gardens, ducks (Indian Runners) and goats (Virginia makes hard cheese).

The original section of Winton is a slab house built in 1870. The 'new' section was built in 1900 using stone, hand-cut from the valley by Mr Babbage, who built the historic Bridge View Inn in Rylstone. Winton was the former school teacher's house and telephone exchange. The house will be open on the Saturday. Note the Stranger's Room and pressed metal ceilings. The garden will be open both days.

Saturday 12.30pm: Demonstration – Making hard cheese.

Wombat Gully – a native and rose garden

Carmel Spark and Jorgen Andersen, 115 Coxs Creek Trail
(17 km along Coxs Creek Road)

Wombat Gully is a sustainable house and conservation property. You will find lots to entertain you, including a native plant nursery and native gardens, a formal walled rose garden, vegetable garden and chook house and an artist's studio.

The poured earth house has 40cm wide walls which provide insulation and indoor temperatures of 20 degrees (without air conditioning or fans!). Solar power is used exclusively and there is a composting toilet. Note the fire retardant plants and a fernery. Also the art work and other artistic features, including mosaics.

Saturday & Sunday 11am: Demonstration – propagating native plants from seeds and cuttings. Saturday & Sunday 2pm: Sustainable house tour. Devonshire teas available.

Native plant nursery – plants for sale.

Dunville Loop, Bogee

Horse Gap – an Australian country garden

Horse Gap is about 25 minutes drive from Rylstone or Kandos. Take the Glen Alice Road (15 minutes) and turn off into Dunville Loop (a further 7 to 10 minutes). Please note there is some dirt road. Drive to the conditions and take care to avoid wildlife.

Jim and Merran Dunn, 555 Dunville Loop Road
(top end of the loop)

Most of this garden was planted by Jim and Merran over the past 40 years including a 40-year-old wattle at the entrance. It is the outlook (a surrounding landscape of paddocks, hills and sandstone cliffs) as well as the garden, which establishes this as an Australian country garden. It mainly features native plants, including a patch of bush, with yellow box, Blakeley's red gum and a grove of grey gums.

Some unique elements include a dry stone wall which was the inspiration for the Lizard Garden, and the 'Wedding Rock' (three weddings have been held in this garden). There is a secret sunken paved garden with a still pond and peep hole and a water feature with ferns and gold fish. A fully enclosed orchard with raised vegetable garden and chook run completes the productive area.

Jim and Merran's house was built in 1938 entirely of concrete from the footings up.

Saturday 2pm: Fiona Ogilvie talk – Creating garden rooms to counter a harsh environment.

Plants for sale: mostly trees plus some hardenbergia, bottle brush and native clematis.

Cudgegong Road, Rylstone

Coomber Homestead – a classic Australian country garden

5 minutes from Rylstone on the Cudgegong Road, between Rylstone and the Castlereagh Highway

Steve and Tracey Evans, 487 Cudgegong Road, Rylstone

It's no surprise this garden won The Sydney Morning Herald Garden Prize in 1967. Sweeping lawns dotted with well-established trees, such as golden elm and desert ash, are bordered with lush garden beds (planted three years ago) to provide a gentle, shady retreat. An edge of Elina roses – a subtle cream – frames the house. This garden is being renewed in a grand style. One can imagine a table set with white linen and Royal Albert 'country roses'.

Morning & afternoon teas and lunch will be provided by the Rylstone Hospital Pink Ladies, as will the produce table.

Sunday 11am: Fiona Ogilvie talk – Using autumn and winter to prepare a garden for a harsh environment.

Windy Hill Nursery.

Alex Schiebner sculptures.

Drive to the next garden where there is plenty of parking.

Coomber Guest House – another classic Australian country garden

Steve and Tracey Evans, 487 Cudgegong Road, Rylstone

This garden also has the charm of an English country garden, with sweeping lawns under shady trees bordered by colourful garden beds. The original trees were planted by Tim and Helen Evans in the 1960s: pin oaks, lindens, English elms, liquidambar and plane trees. The garden sits beautifully in a farming landscape providing a 360° view of soft hills and fertile paddocks.

The guest house provides attractive accommodation for 12 people and has a pool, cubby house and chooks.