



Country Women's Association
Kandos Branch

KANDOS

Gardens Fair

Sat 7 & Sun 8 April 2018

... Every garden tells a story ...

Visit eleven open gardens

in and around Kandos, Rylstone,
Running Stream and Ilford
Saturday & Sunday 10am–4pm;
look for the red & orange flags

Guest speakers & demonstrations

including Gay Stanton, landscape designer;
Christine Corner, Crave Natural ... & more

Stalls, food & entertainment

including plants, produce, artwork, ceramics,
garden books, food & refreshments,
exhibits, musical recitals ... & more

Tickets at the garden gates

\$20 for all gardens or \$5 per garden
or buy tickets online at
www.visitmudgeeregion.com.au
or phone 02 6372 1020
(small booking fee applies)

More information

www.kandosgardensfair.com
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Saturday 7 April

10am–4pm: Eleven open gardens in and around Kandos, Rylstone, Running Stream and Ilford

10am: Welcome to Country at **The Convent, Kandos** (enter via the carpark off Dabee Road or Dangar Street, next to the Catholic church)

11am: Fresh flower arranging – demonstration by Geraldene Nutting at **Keewaydin, Running Stream**

11am: Seed sourcing with Dennis Grimshaw at **Pat's Place, Rylstone** (also at 3pm Saturday and 11am & 3pm Sunday)

12midday: the Japanese artform Kokedama – demonstration by Bonnie Farrell at **Hazelgrove, Kandos** (also at 12midday Sunday)

1.30pm: Dry flower arranging – demonstration by Geraldene Nutting at **Redbank, Ilford**

2pm: Creating a garden artwork with succulents – demonstration by Bonnie Farrell at **Hazelgrove, Kandos** (also at 2pm Sunday)

3pm: Seed sourcing with Dennis Grimshaw at **Pat's Place, Rylstone** (also at 11am & 3pm Sunday)

3pm: Maintaining and landscaping a country garden – talk by special guest speaker Gay Stanton at **St Veda, Ilford**

Music and poetry

Throughout both days, throughout the gardens, there will be performances and recitals: come and hear guitarist and songwriter **Pete Foerster**; harpist **Gwenda Davies**; singer **Diana Rawlinson**: Harmonies in the Garden; Kandos and Balmain **ukelele groups**; guitar duo John and Reg: **Unplugged**; Kandos High School band: the **Fruit Stickers**; country and folk band: **Bush Rock** as well as poetry recitals by **Gordon**. For performance times see www.kandosgardensfair.com or ask at the garden gates.

This event is dedicated to June Keetch – a tireless gardener and creative designer who loved to dig. She created and re-created many beautiful gardens and was a driving force behind the gardens fair. Although the idea of a garden competition was discarded many years ago, her garden was always the unofficial winner of the People's Choice award.

Sunday 8 April

10am–4pm: Eleven open gardens in and around Kandos, Rylstone, Running Stream and Ilford

10am–11.30am: Satellite event at Lue – traditional Chinese bonsai values and principles; demonstration and talk by Phillippe Tot, **Lingnan Penjing Academy**, Lue. Open Saturday & Sunday, 0404 157 822

10.30am: Fermented foods for the gut and garden – talk by Christine Corner of Crave Natural at **The Convent, Kandos** (also at 3.30pm Sunday)

11am: Seed sourcing with Dennis Grimshaw at **Pat's Place, Rylstone** (also at 3pm Sunday)

11am: Maintaining and landscaping a country garden – talk by special guest speaker Gay Stanton at **Lara, Rylstone**

12midday: the Japanese artform Kokedama – demonstration by Bonnie Farrell at **Hazelgrove, Kandos**

12.30pm: Developing a micro business from your love of gardening – talk by Christine Corner of Crave Natural at **The Convent, Kandos**

2pm: Creating a garden artwork with succulents – demonstration by Bonnie Farrell at **Hazelgrove, Kandos**

3pm: Seed sourcing with Dennis Grimshaw at **Pat's Place, Rylstone**

3.30pm: Fermented foods for the gut and garden – talk by Christine Corner of Crave Natural at **The Convent, Kandos**

Food and refreshments

Tea, coffee, light lunches and other food and refreshments (including Devonshire teas) will be available from many of the gardens on Saturday and Sunday: please see the garden descriptions for details.

Thank you to Ilford–Running Stream CWA, Rylstone CWA, Kandos Museum, Rylstone Public School and Rylstone & Kandos Volunteer Rescue Association, and to Deb Cooke, Dave Standfield and the garden owners.

Thank you to the Kandos Gardens Fair 2018 sponsors and supporters

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About the Gardens Fair

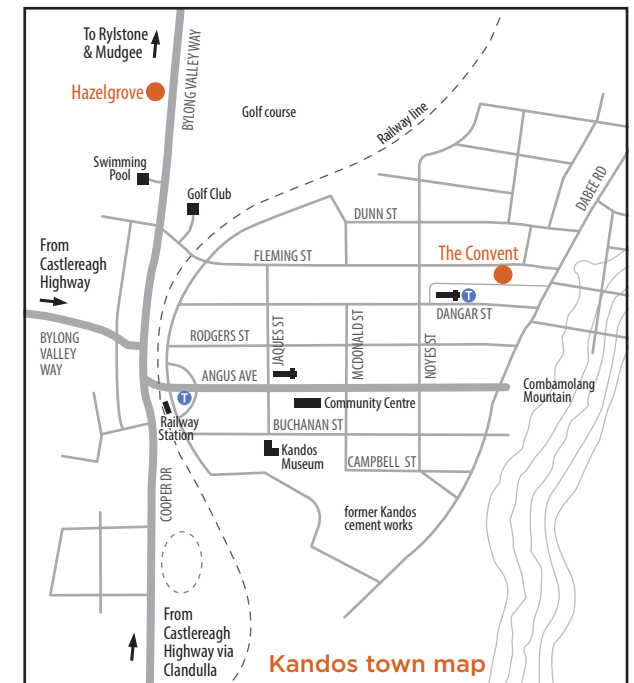
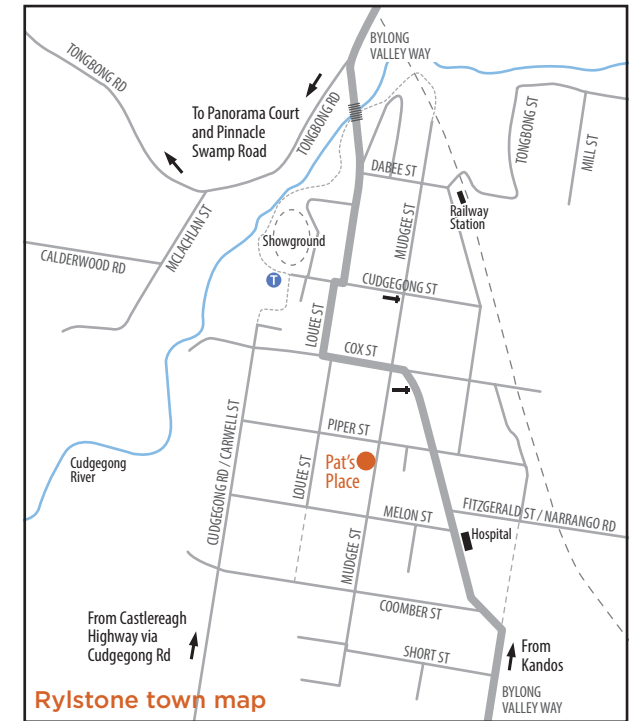
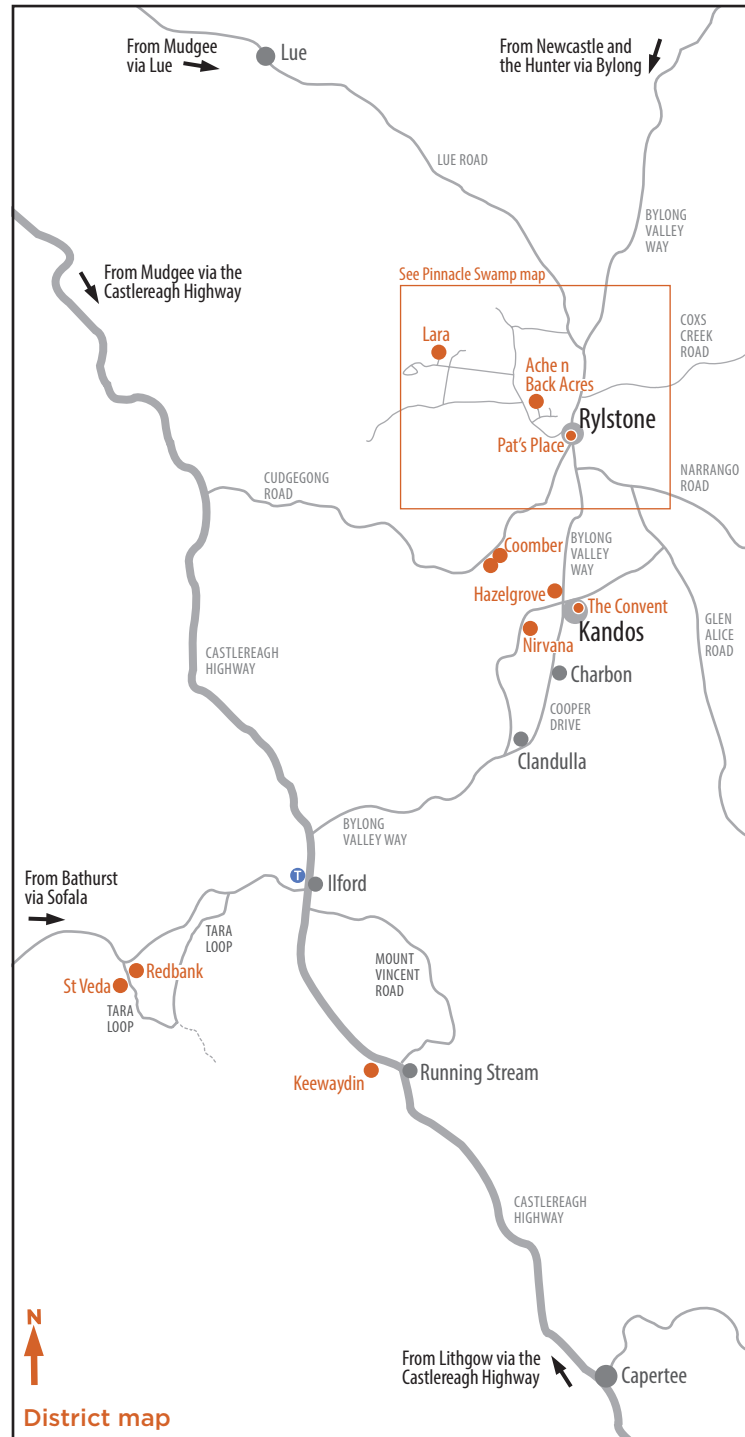
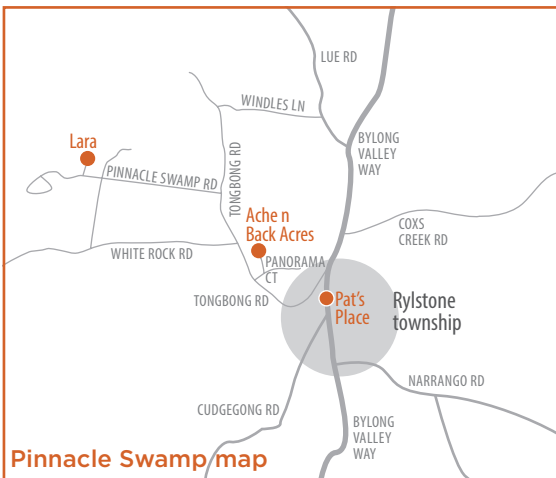
This is the 5th biennial Kandos Gardens Fair – a not-for-profit event organised by CWA Kandos branch. Proceeds go to local charities and organisations including the CWA.

Raining ... cats & dogs

Raining? If it's raining, bring your umbrella.
Rain or shine – please leave your pets at home.

Public toilets

Please use the public toilets in Kandos, Rylstone and at the Ilford information bay. At the gardens, outside toilets are available at Redbank and Pat's Place only.



OPEN GARDENS:

RUNNING STREAM

Keewaydin – a panoramic parkland

Rae & Guy Sim, 6121 Castlereagh Highway, Running Stream

Travelling north-west towards Ilford on the Castlereagh Highway (from Capertee), Keewaydin's driveway is 1.5km past the Foxwood Farm café at Running Stream, on your left.

Rae and Guy Sim built their house and began planting this sweeping nine-acre garden 12 years ago. Guy is the structural builder and designer and you will see his handiwork in water courses, rock culverts, climbing frames, stonework, terraces and well-placed, eye-catching sculptural pieces. Rae is the green-fingered artist, designing, planting and nurturing a spectacular range of trees (deciduous, fruiting and native) and bushes; as well as perennials, bulbs, succulents and annuals in pots, beds and paddocks. Their garden continues to evolve, relying on spring water pumped up to two 22,500-litre tanks sitting near the highway. Meaning the spirit of the north-west wind, 'Keewaydin' has its origin in the story of Hiawatha.

Refreshments: Devonshire teas and light lunches by Ilford–Running Stream CWA Saturday & Sunday 10am–4pm

Demonstrations: Fresh floral arrangement by Geraldene Nutting Saturday 11am

Public toilets at Ilford information bay

ILFORD

Redbank – a meandering rural garden

Kaye Moore, 1004 Tara Loop Road, Ilford

Tara Loop Road, as the name suggests, has two entrances. Take the first entrance if coming from Sofala; the second entrance if coming from Ilford. Look for the flags.

Set high on a hill above the Ilford countryside, 'Redbank' is protected by an avenue of pine trees and has spectacular views to Coomber Mountain and beyond. Kaye and her husband Barrie (recently deceased) settled here in 1964, built their house and established a pastoral property that currently runs 1800 sheep and 30 cattle.

The garden surrounding the house is an ornate cottage garden with whimsical elements, and will reward careful scrutiny. Follow paths, wander, pause, smell and touch. Note the rich, fertile vegetable garden, the patio protecting rare plants, the various clematis climbing over structures. You will eventually come across Kaye's 50 or so chooks, mainly Isa Browns and White Leghorns, and if you walk out into the paddock you will see the breeding pen. Can you identify the amazing number of fruit trees including passionfruit, kiwi fruit, pomegranate, persimmon, Cox's pippin apple, lime and blood orange as well as numerous citrus, stone and seed fruit?

Refreshments: Tea, coffee and Kaye's ginger biscuits available upon request

Demonstrations: Dry floral arrangement by Geraldene Nutting Saturday 1.30pm

Market stalls: Honey Haven Garden Goods

St Veda – a garden in transition

Margaret and Bruce Mayo, 899 Tara Loop Road, Ilford

Tara Loop Road, as the name suggests, has two entrances. Take the first entrance if coming from Sofala; the second entrance if coming from Ilford. Look for the flags.

The property was a bush block purchased in the late 1980s as a weekend retreat from the city. In 1994 the completion of a weekend cottage led to the establishment of a garden. Garden beds were created by digging the compacted, rocky soil by hand with a mattock and a pinch bar. The beds were edged by rock collected from the property. The cooler climate enabled experimentation with numerous plants so that in the 'cottage' garden predominately deciduous trees and shrubs are accompanied by dahlias, irises, a variety of herbaceous perennials and annuals, bulbs and 200 roses. Paths wind between the garden beds, enabling internal vistas and views out to the valley. Wander through the small native garden beside a fire pit (recently constructed). In the adjacent paddocks, trees (still immature) have been planted and more garden beds are taking shape. Visit also the vegetable and fruit garden up past the sheds. Water is pumped from the dam to garden beds. Margaret and Bruce retired in 2010 and 'St Veda Cottage', their owner-built weekend home, has now been replaced by the galvanised-iron-clad house ('Chateau Mayeau') built almost entirely by Margaret and Bruce. Post-retirement arrival of a 50-horsepower tractor has enabled more ambitious landscaping to be started around the new home.

**Special guest speaker Gay Stanton: Saturday 3pm
'Landscaping and maintaining a country garden'**

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Nirvana – place of happiness

Julie & Barry Denton, 1588 Bylong Valley Way, Kandos

Nirvana is on the outskirts of Kandos township, south-west of the avenue of poplars on Bylong Valley Way

Julie and Barry began to establish their garden five years ago. As you walk down the drive you will see a young arboretum on either side, which includes eucalypts, peppercorns, pines, deciduous and ornamental fruit trees. Walk across the spillway and rock bed (which was constructed to change a bog into a creek) and stroll around this large landscaped garden. You will discover many areas: a pine garden, cottage garden, acid-lovers, natives, fernery, courtyard, vegetable garden (with small worm farms, calcium collector and bird breakfast table), orchard and fruit garden. Though close to Kandos they have no town services and had to ensure a good water supply. After putting in two 22,000-litre tanks, they installed smaller tanks to collect water from every rooftop on the property. Two dams hold crayfish and 100 silver perch.

Markets stalls: Plants, shells and stones by Julie Denton; sculptural ceramics by Debbie Stone

Refreshments and fun: Smoothie bike with Dave Standfield

The Convent – a spiritual garden

Margot Palk, 78 Fleming Street, Kandos

Enter via the carpark off Dabee Road or Dangar Street, next to the Catholic church.

St Dominic's Convent was built in 1930 in grand Spanish Mission style as a purpose-built convent for the Good Samaritan nuns who taught at the school at the rear of the property. Recently in private hands, the garden is going through a renaissance. The once-spectacular garden, which celebrated roses, was demolished in the 70s and 80s and the grounds were bare and low maintenance at the time of purchase. Over the past four years, a Convent garden in keeping with the heritage of the building has been established. Over a hundred heritage roses, including climbers and ramblers, have been planted, along with many heirloom cottage plants. Expect to see flowering banks of salvias and sages mixed in with the roses. Raised vegetable beds have been added and fruit and olive trees, and many herbs can be spotted around the gardens of over half an acre. The paddock next door is an extension of the original garden and is in the early stages of becoming ...

... an edible garden. There's a lot to discover as you walk around the grounds including a rose-covered grotto in the front of the property. There are plenty of areas to sit and contemplate amongst the statuary. The Chapel will be open.

Refreshments: Devonshire teas and light lunches served by Rylstone CWA Saturday & Sunday 10am–3pm

Market stalls: Lizzy's Jams; Elizabeth McKay wearable art; CWA raffle and visitor information

Talks by Christine Corner from Crave Natural:

- Fermented foods for the gut and garden, Sunday 10.30am and 3.30pm
- Developing a micro business from your love of gardening, Sunday 12.30pm

Exhibition: knitted lace by Margot Palk and Gemma Braiding

Hazelgrove – a haven for wildlife and people

Bonnie & Peter Farrell, 1857 Bylong Valley Way, Kandos
Opposite Henbury golf course, just north of Kandos Pool

Starting with an almost bare landscape, Peter and Bonnie took into account drainage, soil, heat and frost in selecting and planting their two-acre garden. This has resulted in a flourishing mix of native, exotic, hardy and edible plants. They have created a waterwise environment through rainwater collection, extensive mulching and drip irrigation; and they source waste materials to fertilise their garden and create inspired garden art. Wander through the native garden at the front and an extensive parkland at the rear, including an elf garden, unusual paths, unique garden art and numerous ponds. Feel free to amble into the sheep and chook paddock where you can peep into the propagation room and hot house. Don't forget to visit the extensive vegetable garden plots, the orchard and frost-sensitive room on the southern side of the house. And when you are tired, rest on one of the many garden seats.

Demonstrations: Kokedama 11am and making garden art from succulents 2pm Saturday and Sunday

Market stalls: Garden art and plants; Kandos Museum tea towels

Refreshments: Coffee, tea, hot chocolate and water from the Kandos Museum Ute Café

RYLSTONE

Pat's Place – set in stone

Pat Amos, 83 Mudgee Street, Rylstone

This garden is of interest for its structural features as much as its plantings. Note as you enter, the 30cm thick stone wall on 10cm footings, which Pat built herself. The back stone section of the house was built in the 1890s and of even greater historical interest is the beehive well (learn more from the sign). Wander along granite paths which take you to the boundaries of the garden, over a bridge, beside a fishpond, beneath arches and under trees (pin oaks, Manchurian pears and Chinese elm). Honeysuckle, star jasmine, wisteria and grape vines, soften roofs and walls. Pieces of whimsy hide among the plants. Pat has chosen hardy plants and waters her garden using well water and recycled household water.

Market stalls: Dennis Grimshaw heritage and heirloom seeds; mosaics; Rylstone Olive Press olive oils and tastings; plants.

Light refreshments available.

Ache n Back Acres – picture perfect

Karen & Shane Price, 25 Panorama Court, Rylstone

Just north of the bridge over the Cudgegong River in Rylstone, take Tongbong Road and head up the hill

Shane and Karen began this house and garden 12 years ago on 23 acres of uncleared land on the outskirts of Rylstone. Their colourful garden provides a lovely softening frame for the house. A water garden of large pots on a granite base dominates the circular driveway. Several wisterias hang over trellises, and are complemented by a number of weeping bushes and an avenue of pink and white standard iceberg roses. Closer to the house are garden beds constructed with large boulders and holding annual and perennial plantings. Garden art, water features and rare and unusual plants abound. Water for the garden is collected in a large garden tank at the back of the property and gravity-fed to the gardens. They also use recycled water from a bio septic system.

Market stalls: Dragonridge Pottery by Sue Foldhazy; Mudgee Iris Farm irises and water plants, Jackie Kain

Refreshments: Hot food and drinks from the Rylstone & Kandos Volunteer Rescue Association

Lara – a rock garden with a Dutch flavour

Johanna & Geoff Marr, 260 Pinnacle Swamp Road, Rylstone

Continue along Tongbong Road past Panorama Court – approx. 10 minutes drive north-west of Rylstone township

Much of Johanna's garden is literally growing on rock, so her achievements are all the more spectacular. She has used a range of clever techniques including built-up beds and river stone; garden ornaments, pots and hanging baskets; grasses and succulents. Climbing roses and wisteria adorn the verandahs. Native plants attract assorted wildlife. Her garden includes introduced species such as lipstick maple, tortured willow, Manchurian pear and crabapple. There is an assortment of fruit trees and flowering bushes as well as a vegetable garden. Note the solar-powered fountain and bee hives.

Market stalls: Irises and sedum plants, Burmese craft

Refreshments: Tea, coffee, slices, cakes and Dutch treats

Stall and short demonstrations: Pat Tilling mosaics

Special guest speaker Gay Stanton: Sunday 11am 'Landscaping and maintaining a country garden'

Coomber Homestead and Guest House – two classic Australian country gardens

5 minutes south-west of Rylstone on the Cudgegong Road, between Rylstone and the Castlereagh Highway

Steve & Tracey Evans, 487 Cudgegong Road, Rylstone

It's no surprise the Homestead 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 five 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'. Across the paddock and past the shearers' quarters, the Guest House garden sits beautifully in the farming landscape, providing 360° views of hills and fertile paddocks. Many of trees here were planted by Tim and Helen Evans in the 1960s: pin oaks, lindens, English elms, liquidambar and plane trees.

Refreshments: Morning and afternoon teas by Rylstone Public School;

Market stalls: Joan Schultz garden art;

Grew Some Plants by Charlie and Lisa Page