

Primary entry #45: Holy Spirit Primary Kurri Kurri



# HOLY SPIRIT SCOOP



The Mini Vinnies from Holy Spirit Kurri Kurri load up for the Winter Appeal.

Picture: Lorraine Pearce- Adams

## Mini Vinnies helping out those in need

By JYE ARCHBOLD

MINI Vinnies at Holy Spirit School has once again come together to help out the annual St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.

The Winter Appeal is a charity event for the homeless and disadvantaged.

The school community has contributed well over 30 bags of clothes and blankets for the disadvantaged in the community.

Mrs Adam, who co-ordinated the clothing drive, said, "Our community is very generous and most willing to help out others. It has been a very great effort."

The St Vincent de Paul charity was started by a Frenchman named Frederic Ozanam and a couple of his friends back in 1842.

The charity has now grown to be an international organisation.

The Mini Vinnies are very supportive of the notion of putting words into action and making sure that the disadvantaged receive necessary support and friendship.

Mini Vinnies has raised a lot of money for the poor and needy and they are looking forward to their next challenge.



For more information or to donate head to [vinnies.org.au](http://vinnies.org.au)

## Kurri's marvellous mural

By JEWELS O'KEEFE

A NEW and impressive mural has been erected near the Kurri Kurri and Heddon Greta M1 interchange.

The mural was situated in that spot to attract more visitors to the area.

Cessnock City Council and RMS agreed on the site as being the most suitable. There were some difficulties in choosing this site but the community and the RMS worked hard to find a location they both agreed on.

Once approval for the construction was given, Cessnock City Council and the RMS took roughly three weeks to construct the panel safely. Then artist Peter Sesselmann from Abermain took three months to paint the wonderful mural using a creative and interesting design.

Peter Sesselmann is well-known in the community. He has painted many other murals for the community including the mural on the new Happy Tooth dentistry, the Kurri Kurri Golf Club 'Sunrise', along with many other murals in the district.

The mural is a fantastic painting costing approximately \$27,000. The cost was met by the NSW Government and The Towns with Heart Committee along with in-kind and community support.

Local resident Rod Doherty said, "This is an astonishingly fantastic



Kurri Kurri's latest magnificent mural.

Picture: Jewels O'Keefe

mural which has brought a lot of excitement upon its construction and has had a lot of funding, support and effort put in to it."

The latest mural is designed to reflect the town's history and how active the town is.

The mural illustrates a variety of

aspects of Kurri life including its Aboriginal links, the annual Nostalgia Festival as well as the area's coal mining and aluminium history.



Resident Trish Kinsley awaits the opening of a new medical centre.  
Picture: Abbey Clarke

## Medical centre to open this year

By SEAN PAYNE

THE new medical centre in Lang Street Kurri Kurri is a community health care facility which will house six construction rooms, pathology and associated medical infrastructure. The cost of the new facility is around \$1.8 million and will be a great asset to the town.

Resident Trish Kinsley said, "The town will benefit

from this facility. There are more young people with families and they will need its services. The town is really growing."

It is estimated that by December, when it is fully operational, the centre could have around 25 to 30 employees. Funds for this project were made possible by the Commonwealth Government in 2007-2011. The government funded many new medical

super clinics across Australia. Kurri Kurri was seen as one area where new facilities were required.

"The population of the Kurri Kurri district is expected to increase exponentially over the next decade, so this centre is certainly needed," Cessnock councillor Rod Doherty said.

The site is close to the CBD, is on a bus route and close to the Hunter Expressway.

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