

Primary entry #59: Holy Spirit Primary Kurri Kurri



HOLY SPIRIT SCOOP



CHAMPION: Tammin Glover with her recent trophies.

Picture: Annette Glover

Student rides her way to a winning grin

By EMILY HODGSON

TAMMIN Glover, an 11-year-old from Holy Spirit Kurri Kurri, is riding high on success. She has recently become a dressage, hacking and jumping state champion.

Tammin started entering competitions when she was about seven years old and has been competing for the past five years. She has entered about 200 competitions, winning about 170.

Tammin is willing to take her horse-riding career further than it already is because she has a strong passion for horses and has competed since she was little.

When Tammin competes in shows and competitions, she always rides Jimmy – a 13-hand liver chestnut Koorana pony.

Tammin has lots of determination – she also won this year's Junior 2013 NSW RDA dressage championships.

Even though Tammin was born with cerebral palsy, this has not slowed her at all and it helps build her physical strength.

At this year's championships, there was doubt whether Tammin would be able to keep her foot correctly placed in the stirrup but Tammin took on this challenge and achieved her goal.

She is a great example of achieving your goals, no matter what.

By EVE CROLE and LARA ASPINALL

A HUGE \$1.7 billion dollars has been spent on the M1 link road near Kurri Kurri. Funding for the road was provided from both federal and state government coffers.

At the start of the Hunter Expressway project, much had to be cleared and in the process many Aboriginal artefacts were discovered.

These were treated with great care and respect.

The project is now drawing to a close and is looking good so far. The connection is meant to be ready by December this year.

Excitement is building and celebrations are planned for the big open day.

There are many people who work on-site to make the link road happen.

While building the road there have been very few injuries because of the high safety regulations that construction company ABI Group employ.

The road will reduce travel time from Newcastle by around 28 minutes. The



number of vehicles using the New England Highway between Newcastle and Branxton will be reduced by up to 30,000 a day.

It's very exciting for the locals to see the progress on the project.

The funding was only

announced in May 2009 and construction started in August 2010. The major part started in April 2011 and is close to finishing.

Many citizens who use the surrounding roads are looking forward to its completion.

The bulk of the funding, \$1.5 billion, was provided by the federal government and the NSW government contributed up to \$200 million dollars.

A Roads and Maritime Services spokesperson said, "This has been a huge

TAKING SHAPE: The Hunter Expressway is set to be ready for cars to use by December.

project and it will bring many benefits to the area".

An additional roundabout opened in May 2013 to help with local traffic needs in Stanford-Merthyr.

The spokesperson went on to say "the roundabout is going to be very useful for Stanford Merthyr and Kurri Kurri residents, as many people will be coming to and from many different areas".

Another Roads and Maritime Services worker said "the F3 has turned out just the way we wanted it".

The 40-kilometre expressway will deliver a four-lane link between the M1 near Seahampton, and the New England Highway, west of Branxton. It is the largest infrastructure project currently under way in NSW.

Celebrating 50 years of worship

By NATALIE OLIVER

HOLY Spirit Parish celebrated the church's 50th anniversary on June 4.

The church was designed by architect John Gannon, who prepared many plans for church buildings throughout the diocese.

Bob Black, of Edgeworth, was the builder and it cost approximately \$90,000.

In 1963, Bishop John Too-

hey, 40 nuns and three Marist brothers, blessed and dedicated the new church of the Holy Spirit.

Father Martin Joseph Brennan was one of 22 priests who served in the Holy Spirit parish.

Kurri Kurri's first Catholic church was built in 1905, with a school built in 1908 and convent the following year. The original church and school were destroyed

by fire in 1928, and the second church and school built in 1929.

Parishioner Patricia Kinsley said "that the Holy Spirit church had a lovely Mass to recognise this important occasion".

The Holy Spirit Parish Church also recently purchased a statue of Mary MacKillop, which has been placed on the right side of the church.

GOLDEN: Mrs Chapple and Mrs Kinsley outside Holy Spirit Church Kurri Kurri.

Picture: Joel Holly-Madden



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