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# KURRI KURRI

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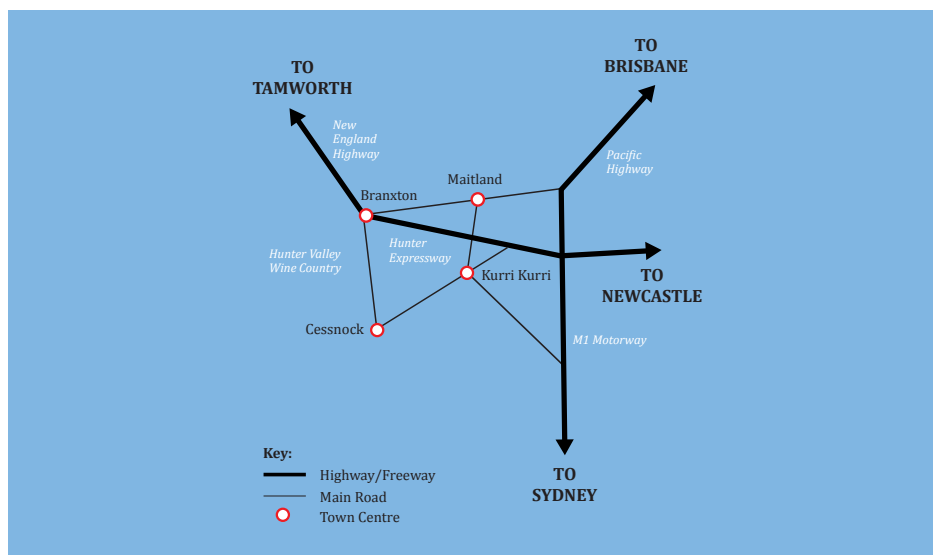
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# WELCOME

The community of the Towns With Heart area warmly welcomes visitors. We hope that you enjoy your stay and find time to visit some of our unique local attractions.

The area has the largest display of outdoor murals in mainland Australia and is home to the annual Kurri Kurri Nostalgia Festival.

## Where is Kurri Kurri?



Located just off the Hunter Expressway, Kurri Kurri is conveniently located 20 minutes from Cessnock and the Hunter Valley Vineyards, 30 minutes from Newcastle and Newcastle Airport, and 2 hours from Sydney CBD.

[www.visitkurrikurri.com](http://www.visitkurrikurri.com)

[www.kurrikurnostalgiafestival.com.au](http://www.kurrikurnostalgiafestival.com.au)

<https://www.facebook.com/KurriKurriTownOfMurals>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Kurri-Kurri-Nostalgia-Festival>

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## KURRI KURRI VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

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**Email:** [kurrikurritownofmurals@gmail.com](mailto:kurrikurritownofmurals@gmail.com)

**Web:** [www.visitkurrikurri.com](http://www.visitkurrikurri.com)

**Opening Hours:** 9am - 3pm

Open every day except Christmas Day & Good Friday

Located in the main street opposite Rotary Park, the Kurri Kurri Visitor Centre and Gift Gallery caters for visitors to the area with advice and information about local attractions, events and businesses. Staffed by friendly local volunteers, the Centre is open 7 days a week to assist with visitor enquiries.

A wide range of souvenirs, gifts, artwork and handmade items is available for sale. Pick up a Mural Map for a self-guided tour of over 60 outdoor murals.





"On the Buses"

## ATTRACTIONS AND PARKS

### **The Big Kookaburra, Rotary Park, Kurri Kurri**

Standing nearly 5 metres tall, constructed of recycled materials by artist Chris Fussell.

### **Richmond Vale Railway Museum** - See ad on page 9.

[www.richmondvalerailwaymuseum.org](http://www.richmondvalerailwaymuseum.org)

### **Sir Edgeworth David Memorial Museum** - See ad on page 9.

[www.coalfieldsheritagegroup.org](http://www.coalfieldsheritagegroup.org)

### **Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre**

[www.kurrikurriaafc.com.au](http://www.kurrikurriaafc.com.au)

### **Heddon Greta Drive-In**

[www.drive-in.com.au](http://www.drive-in.com.au)

### **Kurri Kurri Speedway**

[www.kurrikurrispeedway.org.au](http://www.kurrikurrispeedway.org.au)

**Rotary Park** in Lang Street, Kurri Kurri is the location for the Big Kookaburra and the Community Wall, providing picnic and rest areas for visitors and a starting point for mural tours.

**Peace Park** at Weston is a popular spot for families with picnic facilities, barbeques, playground, toilets, walking and bike tracks and plenty of carparking.

**Log of Knowledge Park** at Weston is a popular spot for families with picnic facilities, barbeques, playground, toilets, walking and bike tracks and plenty of carparking.

**Werakata National Park** located to the northwest of Kurri Kurri, great cycling and walking trails.

**Watagans National Park** located 1/2 hour south of Kurri Kurri, offers stunning wilderness and rainforest scenery, hiking circuits, bike trails, lookouts, picnic areas and campgrounds.

## MURALS PROJECT



There are over 60 outdoor murals in Kurri Kurri and the surrounding areas – magnificent public artworks that tell the story of the people, events and places that shaped the area's unique character, culture and heritage.

Visitors can book a mural tour with a fully trained local guide or take a self-guided tour of the murals. A handy mural map and guide assist visitors to locate the murals and on-site plaques describe the story behind each mural.

An image of a kookaburra, the emblem of Kurri Kurri, is contained in each of the murals. Some are easy to find and some are more difficult – the challenge is to see if you can spot them all!



"Galloways"



"Christian"



"Heddon Greta Speedway"



"Town Entry Mural"

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# ANNUAL EVENTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

## **Mulletfest**

Held in February at Kurri Kurri's Chelmsford Hotel - celebrating the mullet hairstyle.

## **Kurri Kurri Nostalgia Festival**

Held in the last weekend of March in Rotary Park and surrounding streets - celebrating all things rock n roll.

[www.kurrikurrinostalgiafestival.com.au](http://www.kurrikurrinostalgiafestival.com.au)

## **Anzac Day March & Ceremony**

The march is held in Lang Street and the ceremony in Rotary Park Kurri Kurri.

## **Abermain Eisteddfod**

Held in August/September, with categories including speech, drama, vocal, instrumental and dance.

## **Town of Murals Art Show**

Held annually in Spring, attracting a large number of high quality artworks across a range of categories. Original works are on public display and are available for sale.

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## **Rotary Craft Affair**

Held annually in Spring, an extensive array of handmade items by local crafters displayed for exhibition and for sale.

## **Kurri Kurri Community Festival**

Held in Rotary Park, Kurri Kurri in October and includes free entertainment, market stalls, performances by local school children and an outdoor movie.

## **Carols By Candlelight**

Held at Kurri Kurri Public School in December. Includes live entertainment, food, kids' activities, visit by Santa and fireworks.



## KURRI KURRI NOSTALGIA FESTIVAL

Held on the last weekend in March, the annual Kurri Kurri Nostalgia Festival is all about Rock n Roll, Classic Cars, Hot Rods, Fashion, Music, Dancing and everything good about the 50s and 60s. The weekend attracts large crowds of people from all over Australia to enjoy the atmosphere as the town is transformed into all the glory of a bygone era.

There's a Show and Shine with classic cars and hot rods, over 100 retro market stalls and food vans, lots of free entertainment, rock n roll dancing, best dressed competitions, kids' attractions and much more. Plus nightly events with lots of great rock n roll and rockabilly dances at local venues. The festival is free to enter and tickets to indoor shows can be purchased through the Kurri Kurri Visitor Centre.



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# HERITAGE AND HISTORY

The towns of the South Maitland Coalfields were established as a direct result of the discovery of the Greta coal seam by Professor Edgeworth David at Swamp Creek, Abermain in August 1886. On October 22, 1902 approval was given for the establishment of a new town on the coalfields to accommodate the growth in population that was taking place due to the coal mining industry.

The name of the new town was to be Kurri Kurri which is aboriginal for the very first or in the beginning. An army of surveyors descended on Kurri (which was the first town in NSW to be planned) with the first blocks being auctioned on January 10, 1903. The results of the auction exceeded all expectations with 74 lots being sold in just 110 minutes for a then record price of 13,036 pounds.

The township experienced rapid population and commercial growth. The majority of employment in the region was provided by the growing coal mining industry, which began to decline in the early 1950's with the last major coalmine (Richmond Main) closing in 1967. As employment opportunities within the industry began to diminish a large number of workers gained employment within Newcastle's BHP Steel Works. Employment opportunities in the town were greatly enhanced with the opening of the Osti clothing factory in the 1960's and the Alcan aluminium smelter in 1968.

Today the township of Kurri Kurri is home to a proud and active community, one which has won over 27 community or town based awards in recent years including State Tidy Towns Winner. A new chapter in the life of the town was written with the opening of the Hunter Expressway in 2013 which has resulted in a significant decrease in the travel time to Newcastle (30 minutes) and Sydney (90 Minutes) and an increase in visitors and population.

## Population

7,617 - Kurri Kurri (including Pelaw Main, Spion Kop and Stanford Merthyr)

7,111 - Neath, Abermain and Weston

2,993 - Cliftleigh and Heddon Greta

*(Source: 2016 Census)*



## RICHMOND VALE RAILWAY MUSEUM



**262 Leggett's Drive, Richmond Vale, NSW 2327**

**P** 4018 7230 | **E** [rvmrinfo@richmondvalerailwaymuseum.org](mailto:rvmrinfo@richmondvalerailwaymuseum.org) |

**www.richmondvalerailwaymuseum.org**

Richmond Vale Railway Museum is located in an attractive bushland setting off Leggetts Drive Richmond Vale, approximately 4km south of Kurri Kurri. It is the only operating heritage railway north of the Hawkesbury.

Trains run on the first three Sundays of each month and every Sunday during School Holidays. Gates open at 9.30am. Special events are held during the year. The museum is a family-friendly location. In addition to the historical displays, the site offers unlimited full-sized train rides (after entry), miniature train rides, child-accessible signalling activity, historic films, picnic tables, canteen and souvenir shop.

## SIR EDGEWORTH DAVID MEMORIAL MUSEUM



**Cnr Greta & Deakin Streets, Kurri Kurri**

**P** (02) 4937 4418 | **E** [brianandrews1@bigpond.com](mailto:brianandrews1@bigpond.com) | **www.coalfieldsheritagegroup.org**

Located in the grounds of Kurri Kurri High School, the Sir Edgeworth David Museum is open from 1pm to 4pm on Wednesdays, Sundays and Public Holidays.

Visitors can inspect over 5,000 individual items on display including household items, photographs, magazines, newspapers, books, documents, maps, sporting equipment, mining, farming, agriculture, military items, musical instruments, radios and televisions as well as Aboriginal artefacts.



# ACCOMMODATION

The Hunter Valley Hotel Academy in the bushland grounds of the Hunter TAFE at Kurri Kurri offers a range of accommodation.

There is motel style accommodation located in Kurri Kurri, including the Station Hotel Motel. Many of the local hotels offer affordable accommodation as well, such as the historic Abermain Hotel.



For a relaxing stay in a country setting, there are a number of B&Bs close to Kurri Kurri.

## RV Parking

There is a RV rest area off Allworth Street in Kurri Kurri, with 12 RV parking bays, 8 car parking spaces, street lighting, an RV dump point, serviced by a sealed roadway and located within walking distance of the main street.

## STATION HOTEL MOTEL



**26 Coronation Street, Kurri Kurri, NSW 2327**

**P** (02) 4937 1007 | **E** [admin@stationatkurri.com.au](mailto:admin@stationatkurri.com.au) | **www** [www.stationatkurri.com.au](http://www.stationatkurri.com.au)

Gateway to Hunter Wine Country. Only 90 minutes out of Sydney. A 20 minute drive to the heart of NSW's major wine producing area and other tourist attractions including some of the country's best known golf courses.

Friendliest pub in the universe with a bistro serving the best pub grub in the area. Affordable accommodation available in modern motel rooms with Wi-Fi, LCD TV's, A/C, microwave ovens, tea and coffee making facilities. Kurri Kurri Rotary meets here every Tuesday night.

## HUNTER VALLEY HOTEL ACADEMY



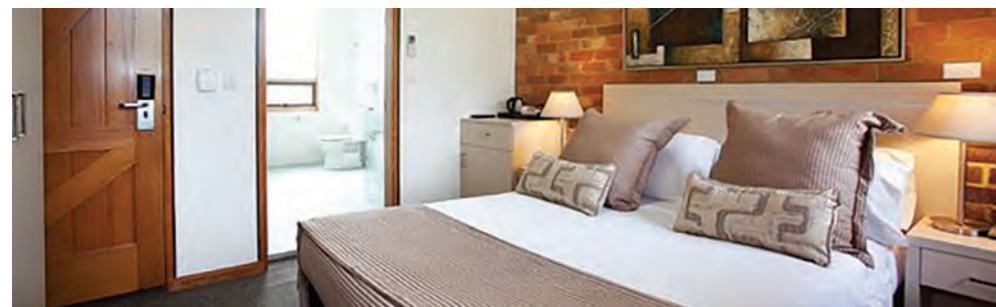
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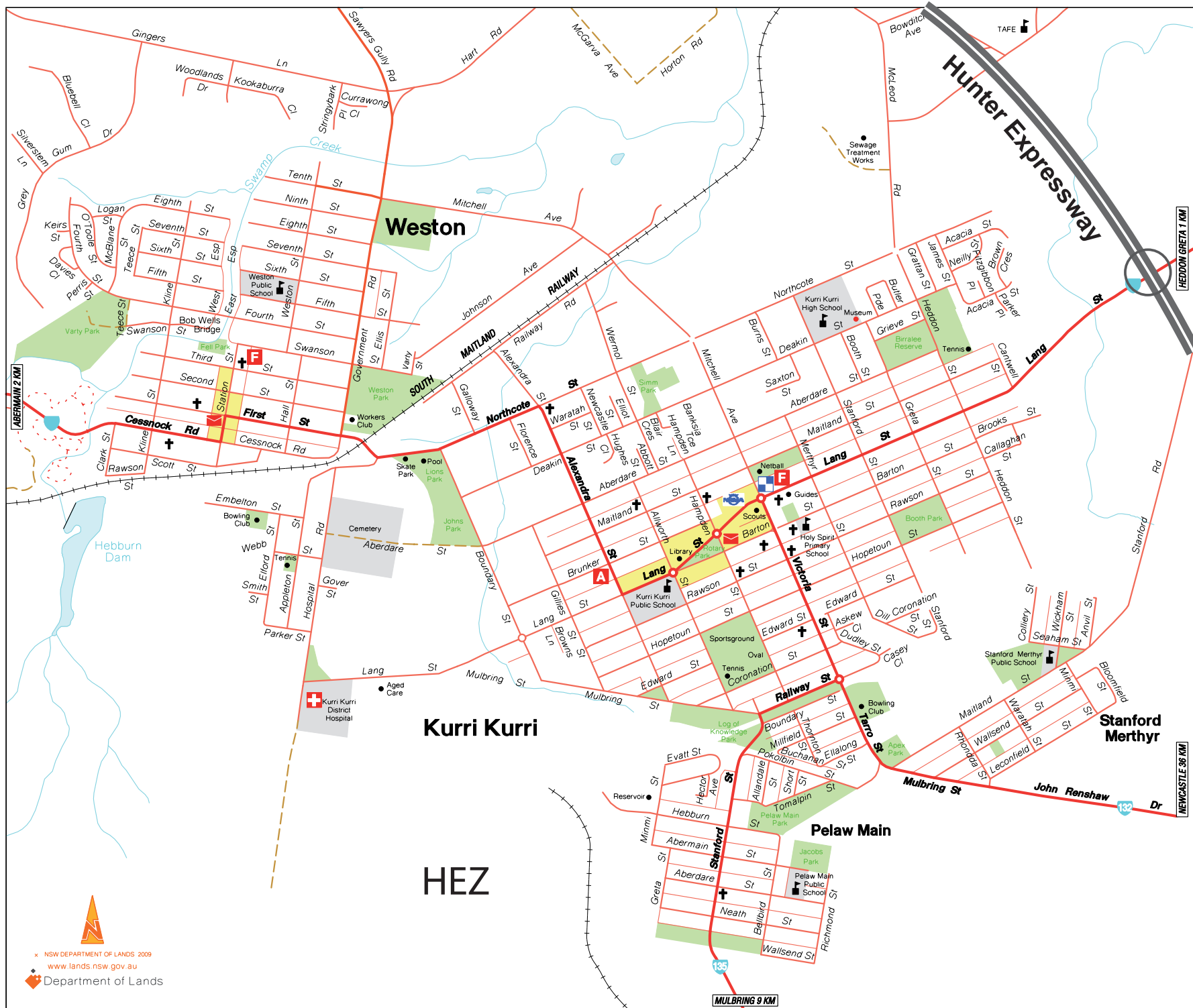
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Located at the gateway to Hunter Valley Wine Country, the Hunter Valley Hotel Academy is set in the tranquility of 200 hectares of natural bushland. We are located within 15 minutes of the Hunter Valley's best wineries and attractions including the iconic Lovedale Road.

The Academy offers a wide range of accommodation to cater for all travellers, with free on-site parking available to all guests. With dedicated staff and new amenities you can be assured your stay will be one to remember.

Our Deluxe rooms are air conditioned and feature an ensuite, TV/DVD, mini fridge and personal safe. Business and corporate travellers will delight in the facilities including work desk and free Wi-Fi, with early breakfast available on request.









The Kurri Kurri Hotel

## ICONIC HOTELS

Kurri Kurri boasts magnificent historic hotels which have significant cultural and historical links to a time when the nearby coalmines employed thousands of men and pubs were the social, political and economic heart of the community.

Constructed between 1903 and 1914 three reflect the unique style and design of architect James Warren Scobie of Pender Brothers Maitland (The Kurri Kurri, Station and Chelmsford Hotels). Whilst the Empire was the work of Sydney based Architects Sherrin and Hennessy.

### The Kurri Kurri Hotel

This Hotel occupies one of the most commanding sites in Kurri Kurri opposite Rotary Park in Lang Street and is visible from as far away as Abermain and Gillieston Heights. By far the grandest of the town's hotels, construction began on April 6 1904 by Mr Audet under the supervision of Architect James Warren Scobie. The cost of construction was 4100 Pounds.

The hotel opened on April 10 1904, an event that was widely reported in both local and Sydney newspapers. The hotel contained 52 apartments, billiard room, main dining room, an upstairs dining room and four parlours. Another feature was the lead lights imported from Canada. Further extensions occurred between 1909 and 1915 with additional bedrooms being added to the third floor and the verandah extended to the northern side of the building.

The first licensee was Mr John Jones who remained until 1905 and was succeeded by Mr William Thompson. The verandah of the hotel was often utilised as a venue for speakers addressing often large crowds gathered in the street below. The most notable example of this occurred during the 1928 Lockout when speakers from the various local Mine Union Lodges addressed a crowd of over 5000 miners.

## REGAL ITALIAN BISTRO



**180 Lang Street, Kurri Kurri, NSW 2327**

**P** 0435 812 224 | **E** carlodenigris@hotmail.com | **www.regalitalianbistro.com.au**

Housed in the historic Kurri Kurri Hotel, this little slice of Italy offers delicious, fresh, authentic, exciting and affordable Italian food.

Our chefs do a growth rotation from Italy so we offer the latest and most authentic cuisine. Cordial hospitality the way only the Italians know how.

Take your tummy to Italy! Dine in or takeaway, open 6 days (closed Tuesday).

## CHELMSFORD HOTEL



**126 Lang Street, Kurri Kurri, NSW 2327**

**P** (02) 4937 1064 | **E** chelmsfordhotel@bigpond.com

Bistro serves lunch and dinner, with daily specials.

Great venue for groups and families, with outdoor seating available.

Weekend entertainment. VIP Lounge, TAB, Keno and late trading license.

Home of Mulletfest.



# ICONIC HOTELS

## The Chelmsford Hotel

Located on the corner of Lang and Victoria streets this Hotel also has a commanding position within the town and like the Kurri Kurri Hotel is visible from many miles around. The last of the Hotels to be built in the town, construction began on January 20 2013 and was completed by New Years Day 2014. The construction work was undertaken by Pilgrim Brothers of Maitland under the supervision of Architect James Warren Scobie. The cost of construction was 6400 Pounds. The Hotel consisted of 50 Apartments, a dining room, billiards room and stables. The Chelmsford Hotel unlike the other Hotels was lit with electricity which was supplied to the township from the power house located at Stanford Merthyr Colliery.

The Hotel (which was named after Baron Chelmsford, Governor of NSW from 1909 until 1913) opened for business on January 18 2014. The first publican was Mr George Charlton who remained in that role until 1923.

## The Station Hotel

Located at the corner of Coronation and Victoria Streets, Kurri Kurri, the Station Hotel was the first of the town's hotels to open for on February 19 1904. The site had been purchased at the Kurri Kurri land sales, held on October 22 1902 for 120 Pounds. The construction work was undertaken by Mr M Audet under the supervision of Architect James Warren Scobie at a cost of 3000 Pounds.

Originally called the Kurri Kurri Hotel (and changed a short time later to avoid confusion with the current Kurri Kurri Hotel) it consisted of 32 living rooms, dining room, toilets, bathrooms and a spacious cellar. The building was originally lit with acetylene lighting.

The Hotel was the primary source of accommodation for travellers and visitors to Kurri Kurri who arrived by steam train at the nearby South Kurri Railway Station and was a favourite watering hole for miners employed at the nearby Stanford Merthyr Colliery.

The first publican of the hotel was Mr Robert Robinson, who remained in that role until 1907 when he was succeeded by Mr James Browning. The hotel was purchased by Tooth and co in 1923. An interesting part of the hotels history is that during the 1950's the publican of the hotel was colourful Kings Cross identity Abe Saffron.

## The Empire Hotel

Located in Railway Street, Spion Kop opposite the Log of Knowledge Park. Construction by Southan Brothers of Waratah began in April 1903 and was completed a year later on April 6 1904 at a total cost of 3500 Pounds. The hotel opened for business on April 8 1904. The first Licensee was William Milgate who remained Licensee until April 1906.

The Hotel was tied to Tooth and co and consisted of 17 living rooms for accommodation, a dining room and stables. It was virtually a de facto hotel for the residents of Pelaw Main and a favourite watering hole for the miners employed at the nearby Pelaw Main Colliery.

## Other Historic Hotels

Aberdare Hotel, Cessnock Road, Weston (1905)  
Abermain Hotel, Charles Street, Abermain (1905)  
Criterion Hotel, Cessnock Road, Weston (1903)  
Denman Hotel, Cessnock Road, Weston (1912)  
Heddon Greta Hotel, Main Road, Heddon Greta (1903)  
Neath Hotel, Cessnock Road, Neath (1914)

## ABERMAIN HOTEL



**27 Charles Street, Abermain, NSW 2326**

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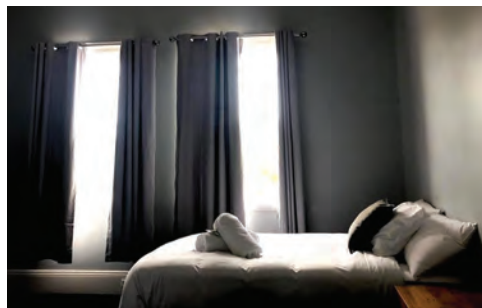
**Restaurant, Hotel and Event Venue in a beautiful heritage building.**

The atmosphere is unmistakably friendly and laid back. The hotel boasts a friendly public bar with a great selection of local and imported beers and wines, a cosy dining room with a delicious seasonal menu, and a stunning beer garden for everyone to enjoy.

The hotel also has ten Hotel rooms, perfect for a romantic weekend getaway or a fun filled weekend with friends and family.

Our lovely beer garden and hotel rooms make us the perfect venue for your next event. We provide fabulous options for private & corporate events.

Live music on weekends, free and easy parking, pool table and jukebox.



# DINING

Cafes, Coffee Shops and Take Aways can be found in Kurri Kurri, Weston, Abermain and Heddon Greta. Kurri Kurri is renowned for great bakeries and pie shops.

Major fast food outlets are also available in Kurri Kurri, including KFC in Barton Street.

Most of the local clubs and hotels have restaurants and bistros, including:

- Station Hotel
- Chelmsford Hotel
- Abermain Hotel
- Heddon Greta Hotel
- Kurri Kurri Hotel
- Denman Hotel
- Neath Hotel
- Weston Workers Club
- Kurri Kurri Bowling Club



## KFC



**103-105 Barton Street, Kurri Kurri, NSW 2327**

**P (02) 4937 5910**

Open 7 days: (Closed Christmas Day)

Sunday to Thursday 10am to 10pm

Friday and Saturday 10am to 11pm

KFC Kurri Kurri celebrated its 10 Year Anniversary in February 2018 and recently saw the restaurant undertake a major upgrade in the dining room to keep it fresh and appealing for the many valued customers who visit us.

## ANGELS CAFE



**199 Lang Street, Kurri Kurri**

**P (02) 4937 3290**

Open 7 days from 8am to 3pm

Located within the Kurri Kurri Visitor Information Centre, offering great food and exceptional customer service.

All day breakfast, lunch, morning and afternoon tea available. Group bookings and functions can be catered, by arrangement. Specialising in gluten free menu.

## KURRI KURRI BOWLING CLUB



**3 Tarro Street, Kurri Kurri, NSW 2327**

**P (02) 4937 1676 | E [info@kurrikurribowlingclub.com.au](mailto:info@kurrikurribowlingclub.com.au) | [www.kurrikurribowlingclub.com.au](http://www.kurrikurribowlingclub.com.au)**

Food. Family. Fun.

Enjoy live music every Saturday night. Kookaburra's Brasserie and Grill offers an extensive budget conscious menu, as well as weekly specials.

Two children's play areas. Bingo every Monday and Friday morning and Thursday evening. Cash housie Wednesday morning. Two children's play areas. Social Bowls. Function and Event packages.



## WESTON WORKERS CLUB



### 1 Government Road, Weston

P (02) 4937 1101 | E [info@westonworkers.com.au](mailto:info@westonworkers.com.au) | [www.westonworkers.com.au](http://www.westonworkers.com.au)

Building Community Strength.

- Situated 15 minutes from the Hunter Valley Wineries, 10 minutes east of Cessnock and just to the west of Kurri Kurri on the Maitland to Cessnock Road
- We currently have over 3,500 members
- Our Miner's Lamp Restaurant provides great Australian and Asian Cuisine, daily specials and kids meals
- We can cater for functions between 50 – 300 persons
- We provide assistance to the local community wherever possible with substantial sponsorship for local sporting bodies and charitable organisations
- We provide free weekly live entertainment, bingo, raffles, social darts and regular members' promotions
- We also offer fully licensed club facilities, a variety of dining areas and a relaxed and friendly environment



## SHOPPING AND RETAIL



The main shopping area in Kurri Kurri has all of the retail facilities that a visitor will need, including supermarkets, chemists, banks, hairdressers, newsagent and post office.

You will also find something different in the collection of boutique clothing, giftware, florists and antique shops.

The Gift Gallery in the Kurri Kurri Visitor Information Centre stocks local produce, an array of handmade giftware and souvenirs, including the Mural Book and DVD.

Weston, Abermain and Heddon Greta all have local retail centres as well.

## GIFT GALLERY



### 199 Lang Street, Kurri Kurri

P (02) 4936 1909 | E [kurrikurritownofmurals@gmail.com](mailto:kurrikurritownofmurals@gmail.com) | [www.visitkurrikurri.com](http://www.visitkurrikurri.com)

Open 7 days from 8am to 3pm

Open 9am 3pm, 7 days a week (except Good Friday and Christmas Day)

A wide range of gifts, souvenirs and artwork is available, including the highly popular Mural Book, containing images and details of local history depicted in the murals.

Kurri Kurri, Big Kookaburra and Kurri Kurri Nostalgia Festival souvenirs. Beautiful handmade items by local crafters and locally sourced produce for sale.



# KURRI KURRI WALKS

## Kurri Kurri Mural Walk

The Kurri Mural Walk provides visitors with an opportunity to take in some of the area's 63 murals all of which showcase the rich and diverse history and culture of the region. The walk can be completed at a leisurely pace and is predominantly flat with plenty of toilets, cafes, bakeries and coffee shops on your journey. Don't forget to pick up your self guided tour booklet from the Visitors Information Centre.

**Steps:** 4,700 | **Distance:** 3.8 km | **Time:** 60 Minutes | **Grade:** Easy

### Highlights

- Many of the area's murals are located within easy walking distance of the commercial centre of town.
- Each mural has a plaque attached which provides commentary on the mural.
- Each mural also contains a Kookaburra (see if you can locate them all).
- A free mural guide is available at the Visitor Information Centre, located opposite Rotary Park in Lang Street.
- Consider having lunch in one of the town's iconic hotels or morning or afternoon tea at one of our warm and welcoming coffee shops, cafes, or bakeries.

## Iconic Pubs Walk

**Steps:** 4,800 | **Distance:** 3.7 km | **Time:** 60 Minutes | **Grade:** Medium (large hill included)

### Highlights

- This leisurely walk commences and returns to the Visitor Information Centre located in Lang Street, passing the Kurri Kurri Primary School, Rugby League Ground (affectionately known as the Graveyard by locals), Tennis Courts and of course each of the towns iconic Hotels.
- Along the way you will pass a number of Kiosks containing numerous historical photos of the township, its people and the mines which are well worth viewing.
- Log of Knowledge Park located opposite the former Empire Hotel contains refurbished

replicas of the original Logs of Knowledge which were utilised as a daily meeting place for the local miners and their respective families and as such are an important part of the rich history and culture of the towns.

## Maybury Peace Park Walk

**Steps:** 3,400 | **Distance:** 2.7 km | **Time:** 40 Minutes | **Grade:** Easy

### Highlights

- Located at Chinamans Hollow on Cessnock Road, Weston.
- The park footprint covers what was formally the site of a large Chinese Market Garden.
- Named in recognition of Mr Jeff Maybury a local Alderman and Community Advocate who petitioned council to convert essentially a wasteland into a magnificent community facility.
- The walk is mainly upon concrete paths and passes through some magnificent bushland, wetlands and adjacent to the iconic Chinamans Hollow Cricket ground.
- The park has plenty of toilets, a childrens' playground and wide open spaces for recreational activities. BBQs and undercover picnic tables are also provided at no cost.

## Kookaburra Trail Walk

**Steps:** 4,100 | **Distance:** 3.3 km | **Time:** 50 Minutes | **Grade:** Medium

### Highlights

- An easy bushwalk which meanders through part of the site occupied by the former Pelaw Main Colliery following roughly the path of the old Pelaw Main to Weston railway easement.
- You are likely to encounter some of the abundant wildlife of the area such as Kookaburras, Kangaroos and reptiles such as blue tongue lizards and Lace monitors.
- Strong footwear and long pants are recommended.

## Rotary Park Walk

**Steps:** 1,000 | **Distance:** 1.0 km | **Time:** 40 Minutes | **Grade:** Easy

### Highlights

- An easy, informative and short venue, one which is packed with surprises and information about the history of Kurri Kurri and its surrounds.
- The walk commences at the Western end of the park near the Kurri Community Centre (formally the Kurri Kurri Co Op Store) with many points of interest:
- The historical photograph kiosks (initiated by Kurri Tidy Towns Committee) containing photos of the town back to 1904, including photos of the town's prominent sports persons.
- The community wall commemorates via a collection of brass plaques the history of the families and organisations of Kurri Kurri.
- The Giant Kookaburra which is constructed from car body panels. The eyes are aircraft landing lights.
- The Hill 60 memorial acknowledging the contribution by local Miners part of the tunnelling corps responsible for the large mine exploded under the German trenches near Ypres, Belgium in 1916 (the greatest man made explosion prior to the atomic era which was heard as far away as London).





# HUNTER VALLEY

## VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

***Proudly supporting Kurri Kurri***

***Mainland Australia's largest Mural Town and home of the Nostalgia Festival!***



Plan and book your adventure or special event. Find new experiences and places to visit with the help of the passionate and knowledgeable Hunter Valley Visitor Information Centre team.



Let us **inspire** you...

We can provide you a guide to What's On, and upcoming events and concerts. Discover lots to do over the school holidays, and learn how to entertain the whole family.

We have last minute accommodation deals and can assist with bookings or recommendations of where to visit, dine or taste.

Come and browse our amazing gift shop, stocked by over 80 local small businesses. We have a huge range of art, gourmet products, handmade artisan goods and souvenirs!



**Open Monday to Saturday 9am- 5pm.  
Sunday & Public Holidays 9am - 4pm**  
*Open every day except Christmas Day.*



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