

Walking the Lake

Kurri Kurri Hurry Hurry

Correct as at 20th March, 2018

Overview and Track Information

Kurri Kurri has over 40 outdoor public murals that tell the stories of the people, events and places that shaped the area's unique character, culture and heritage. Each contains an image of a kookaburra, the emblem of Kurri Kurri. This easy, flat walk around the streets of Kurri Kurri will give us 1½ hours to see if we can spot them all.

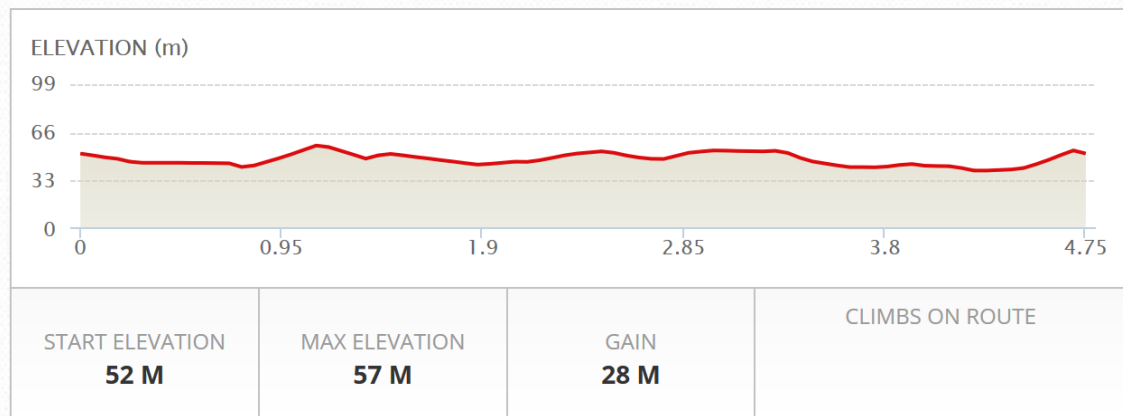
Meeting Point & Getting There

The meeting point is outside the Kurri Kurri Visitor Information Centre, 199 Lang St (see the picture opposite). Kurri Kurri is a 40km/30 minute drive from Morisset. There's lots of parking spaces along Lang Street or across the park in Barton Street.



Map and Elevation Profile

The mural location map is on the next page. The walk will begin and end at the Visitor Information Centre. This is a very flat and easy walk; visiting each of the mural locations generates a terrain profile of:



About Kurri Kurri

In 1886 Sir Edgeworth David, a government geological surveyor, uncovered the potential of the Greta coal seam. Mining began at East Greta in 1891, and more mines were opened in the early 1900s, supplanting the older pits at Newcastle where the Australian Agricultural Company enjoyed almost a monopoly.

By 1902 a new town was needed to service the rapidly expanding coal industry; the Stanford Merthyr and Pelaw Main communities wanted freehold land, not the insecure leasehold handed out to them as employees of the two collieries. On 25th October, 1902, the new government town and suburban lands of Kurri Kurri was proclaimed. The town was named by District Surveyor T. Smith who chose the name because he believed it meant 'hurry along' in a local dialect¹. The first lots were sold on 10th January 1903.

Kurri Kurri became a byword for coal mining in the Hunter Valley. Many of the town's most prominent buildings were built during the era of mining prosperity in the early 20th century.

In 1998, as the local coal mining industry was drawing to a close, Kurri Kurri and the smaller surrounding old mining towns which had sprung from the discovery of the Greta Coal Seam initiated a project named Towns with Heart, to create a reason for people to stop in the area and bring business to the towns. Part of the project was to depict the history of the Kurri Kurri in a series of murals throughout the area. The murals are a now magnet for tourists who enjoy wandering the streets and inspecting these huge works of vernacular art.

¹ It is actually an Awabakal word with a meaning similar to "the beginning" or "the first"

Walking Mural Map



Key Mural

1. Kookaburras
2. Butcher's Delivery*
3. Mine Entrance*
4. Abermain Newsagency
5. Mineworker
6. Stairway to Nowhere
7. Garage
8. Antiques
9. Heddon Greta Speedway
10. Drive-in
11. Toilet Block
12. Bickmore's Store
13. Friday Night
14. Koori Art
15. Schoolyard
16. Pay Office
17. Steam Train
18. Fire Station
19. Wedding
20. Campfire
21. Masonic
22. Ashes 2002
23. Workers
24. Working Underground
25. The Bullocky
26. Christian
27. Blacksmiths
28. Bowls
29. On the Buses
30. Picnic in the Park
31. Maypole
32. Spotters Tower
33. Milk Bar
34. Early Life
35. Timber Cutters
36. Time Tunnel
37. Bachelor
38. Werakata
39. Local Legends
40. No. 10 Locomotive
41. Australian Christmas
42. Rothbury Riot
43. Sporting Wall of Fame
44. Sewing
45. Sunrise
46. Jack Newton Golf
47. Galloways
48. Pipe Band
49. Anzac
50. Radio
51. History of Handwriting
52. Preschool Puzzle
53. The Back Burners
54. Car54 Where Are You?
55. Town Entry Mural

Artist

- Harley Kirkwood
- Cindy Staley
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- Cindy Staley
- Grant Franklin
- Graham Wilson & local youth
- Grant Franklin & local youth
- Cindy Staley
- Jeremy Kang
- Grant Franklin
- Cindy Staley
- Carly Leonard & Brian Standley
- Les Elvin & local youth
- Jennifer Lockhart
- Greg Slevin & Liz Wallis
- Phil Presker
- Jeremy Kang
- Cindy Staley
- Greg Slevin & Liz Wallis
- Grant Franklin
- Kim, Alexander & Charlotte Barker
- John Dorahy
- Sue Linton
- John Dorahy
- Chris Fussell
- Kim, Alexander & Charlotte Barker
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- Brian Standley
- Greg Slevin
- John Dorahy
- John Dorahy
- John Dorahy
- Sue Linton
- Astrid Hubert & local youth
- David DeCostaSilva
- Greg Slevin
- John Dorahy
- John Dorahy
- John Dorahy
- Chris Fussell
- John Dorahy
- Peter Sesselmann
- Peter Sesselmann
- John Dorahy
- John Dorahy
- Chris Fussell
- John Dorahy
- Frances Fussell & Marion Arent
- Sandi Walker & local preschoolers
- Marcia Maybury
- Keo Match
- Peter Sesselmann

*Currently unavailable for viewing, to be relocated soon.