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# Officeworks Wangaratta marks store opening by supporting local community groups

Officeworks is helping residents in Wangaratta achieve their big ideas by opening the doors to its brand new store on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December – a development that will create 26 jobs in the local community.

To demonstrate Officeworks' ongoing commitment to local charities and community initiatives, the team is donating \$2,000 each to <u>RSPCA Wangaratta</u> and Wangaratta Riders, who are currently raising funds for cancer charity, <u>Tour de Cure</u>.

Officeworks Managing Director, Mark Ward and newly appointed Store Business Manager, (Stephen Bull, will present the cheques to RSPCA Wangaratta and the Wangaratta Riders alongside Rural City of Wangaratta's Chair of Administrators, Alsa Fox, at the store's official opening ceremony on Thursday 17th December at 9.45am.

The new Officeworks store will offer local residents and businesses a comprehensive range of technology and furniture products, office supplies, an extensive range of Print & Copy services, as well as the retailer's recently launched Mailman parcel delivery service.

Officeworks Wangaratta will also give residents regular opportunities to be inspired and learn new skills with a schedule of helpful 'How To' classes in-store on weekends; while kids can get creative at Ollie Kids' Club workshops held during school holidays.

The store will be open until late weekdays, allowing locals to enjoy longer trading hours, as well as FREE WiFi access and FREE Meeting Room hire, for business, school or recreational gatherings.

Stephen is looking forward to welcoming local customers into the new store and introducing them to the wide range of products, great service and everyday low prices that have been helping Australians achieve their big ideas for more than 20 years.

He said: "We've received a very warm welcome from residents since announcing we are opening our doors in December. Our team of friendly staff will be on hand to inspire and encourage our customers with their projects, big and small. We are also keen to develop long-standing relationships with Wangaratta's businesses and residents in the coming months."

Visit the team at Officeworks Wangaratta at 12 Parfitt Road, Wangaratta). To find out more about Officeworks, visit <a href="www.officeworks.com.au">www.officeworks.com.au</a>.

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#### About Officeworks:

Established in Richmond in 1994, Officeworks is Australia's leading retailer and supplier of office products and solutions for home, business and education needs. With three easy ways to shop - in store, online or by phone, you'll be sure to find exactly what you need with our widest range, when you need, and all at the lowest prices. Plus, you'll enjoy friendly expert advice and helpful services. Named Power Retail's Top Online Retailer of 2014, Officeworks offers customers more than 20,000 products on its new and improved website, which is its largest trading store, and operates a national call-centre and a team of expert account managers to cater for micro, small and medium business customers. As part of the Wesfarmers' group, Officeworks has an extensive national footprint operating more than 155 retail stores and employing more than 6,000 team members. Together with Bunnings, Officeworks forms the Home Improvement and Office Supplies division within Wesfarmers. Join Officeworks' online communities on Facebook Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. For content visit Officeworks' Work Wise hub which offers big ideas for working smarter or its Work Style hub for inspiring ways to work.