

Celebrities create great art for kids

A NIGHT at the Chocolate Factory to raise funds for the Kids Cottage and Ronald McDonald House has raised almost \$7000.

Television host and artist Graeme Stevenson who was in Junee to work with inmates at the Junee Correctional Centre helped eight local identities create four unique artworks to be auctioned off.

The Junee Licorice and Chocolate Factory was packed with artistic flair, with Mr Stevenson accompanied by artists Manual Petavrakis from the Art Shed and Meile Bachelor from Meile Art.

More than 90 people crammed into the chocolate factory to watch the creativity flourish, with each painting based on a photo taken in Junee.

Celebrities from Junee and beyond had 90 minutes to create their masterpiece, with the professional artists putting the finishing touches on each work.

At auction the four works of art raised \$6870, with a painting of the Old Junee grain silos going for \$1200 and another going for \$5000.



TALENTED TEAM: Artist Graeme Stevenson, with local celebrities Kree Nash, Jeremy Hutchings, Patrick Kenny and Jenna Pollard in front of the painting of Old Junee's grain silos which was later auctioned for Kids Cottage/Ronald McDonald House. Picture: Contributed
FINISHED PRODUCT (Inset): This painting of grain silos in Old Junee raised over \$1200 for Kids Cottage. Picture: Tilma Management