

# Making a town we all can be proud of

## EDITORIAL

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LOOKING after our town is everyone's business – for lots of reasons.

If we have a town that is well looked after, tidy and with no graffiti, more people will want to come here to live and visit.

If we have a town where everyone pitches in to help, then people will be less lonely and will meet more people and be happier.

If we have a town where everyone is proud of what we have, then everyone will respect our town and the great things we've got.

If we have a town where people feel safe and happy, then no one will want to change it or damage it.

If we have a town where people know each other, they will stand up for each other and there will be no bullying.

If we have a town where kids and parents all do things together, then there won't be a problem with teenagers wandering the streets.

If we have a town that does lots of things together, then the old and the young will get to know and care for each other.

If we have a town that people care about, then they will want to volunteer to help with jobs that make the town better.

If we have a town that shares things, then we will be held stronger together.

If we have a town where kids and adults spend more time together, then more kids will do the right thing rather than choosing to do the wrong thing.

If we have a town where everyone gets involved in something, then all of the volunteer organisations will have lots of members.

If we have a town where everyone cares for the environment, then it will be a healthier and more beautiful place to live – not just for humans but for all creatures.

If we have a town that people love to live in, then we would all want to help the police keep it safe and report any bad or unsafe behaviour.

If we have a town that looks after all its public places, then more families will want to make their home here.

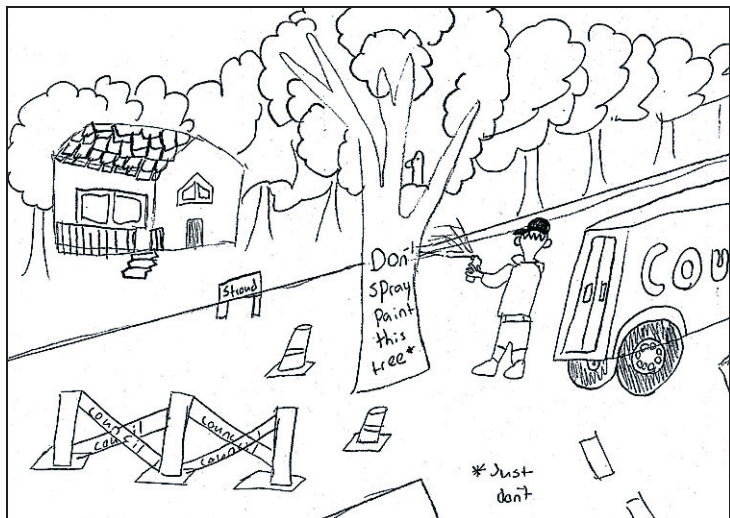
If we have a town that has lots going on, then kids and adults won't have time to be bored.

If we have a town where everyone keeps an eye on each other, then people will know when something's wrong.

If we have a town where everyone gets together, then we can share each other's ideas for making our town better.

Our town could be – and have – all of these things.

A good start would be for everyone in our town to follow Stroud Public School's values to be responsible, respectful, caring and fair.



Cartoon: Thomas Field



**FLIGHT PATH:** The Westpac helicopter landing was a highlight at the Bucketts of Care event in Gloucester.

## Caring comes in Bucketts

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IN the strong tradition of caring found in small communities, all schools in The Bucketts Way Community of Schools came together for Education Week to celebrate the volunteers and service organisations that help in our communities.

More than 600 students participated in the Bucketts of Care day held at Gloucester Recreation Centre on August 1.

It featured many volunteer groups such as Rotary, Lions, Bucketts Radio, Gloucester RSL, Quota, Country Women's Association, Gloucester Patchwork, Gloucester Council, Gloucester Physical Culture and

Gloucester Activity Centre.

SES, NSW Police, NSW Rural Fire Service, NSW National Parks and Wildlife, Riding for the Disabled and the Gloucester Show Society also captured the students' interest.

There were many exciting moments, from the landing of the Westpac helicopter to NSW Fire and Rescue's display showing what happens when you pour water on an oil-based fire. The noise and flames certainly made their point.

Gloucester High School students catered a morning tea to say thank-you to everyone and students ran sports activities.

A musical performance by the high school students was also appreciated by the volunteers.

## Market is a melting pot of products

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THE Stroud Heritage Growers and Artisans Markets has become a very popular meeting place for residents on the last Sunday of every month.

The market is held at Stroud Showground from 8am to noon and provides the opportunity for local growers to display and sell their produce.

It also offers the chance for local artisans to sell their home-made products.

The freshly picked produce includes seasonal fruit and vegetables, honey and mushrooms. Hedge plants, native plants and seedlings can also be found there.

Local artisans sell wood-turned products, candles, timber furniture, patchwork quilts and handmade craft. A number of parents from local schools have stalls at the market and it is a great meeting place for families.

From time to time the market has various competitions such as pumpkin growing and cake baking. One of the students from Stroud Public School, Emma Field, has her recipe for pumpkin scones on the markets' website.

If you are driving up the Bucketts Way to Stroud, make it on the last Sunday of the month to support the growers and artisans of our community.

## Sporting glory evades team, spirit does not

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DESPITE intensive pre-match training, Stroud Public School's soccer team bowed out in round one of this year's small schools soccer competition.

Team coach James Harris and manager Gail Campbell worked hard with the team to prepare them for the matches, training twice a week in the lead-up to the contest.

The team travelled to Gloucester on June 6 to

test their skills against Barrington, Booral and Lansdowne public schools.

Stroud lined up against Booral first and lost 4-2.

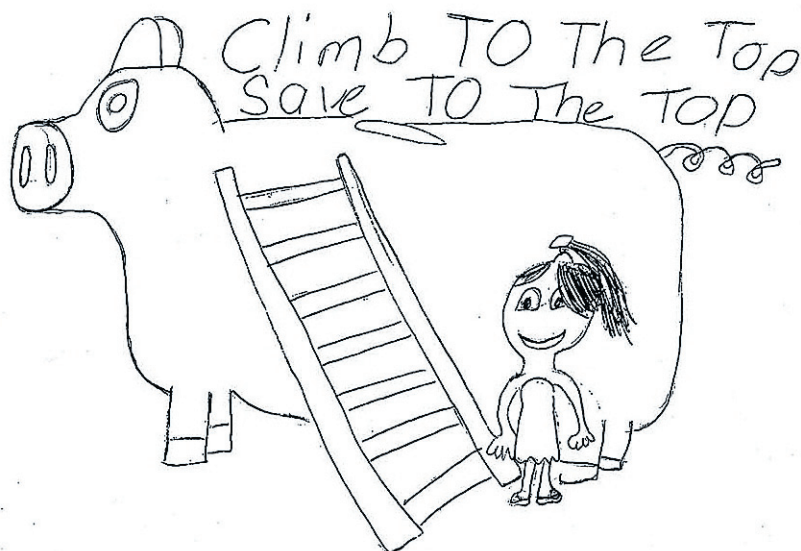
The Stroud team was disappointed but rallied against Lansdowne, who were beaten by Barrington. Again Stroud went down 2-0 but were gallant in defeat.

All games were played in a spirit of great sportsmanship, with Barrington going on to be the champions of the day and moving through to the next round.



**GOOD SPORTS:** Stroud Public School soccer team with their coach, James Harris.

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