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Aspiring to a spire

A DEVELOPMENT application for a spire to complete the original 1871 design of Sts Peter and Paul's Old Catholic Cathedral has been lodged with Council. If approved, the copper-gold coloured spire should be in place for Goulburn's 150th birthday (as a city) next year.

LEIGH BOTTRELL reports page 3



CROWNING GLORY: Parish priest of Mary Queen of Apostles parish, Fr Dermid McDermott, looks over architect Andrea Stombuco's original plans for a spire on Sts Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral. The spire is finally set to become a reality. Photo: Tom Sebo.

Effluent hits fan

By DAVID BUTLER

Saleyards plan angers residents

SALEYARDS owner and Kattle Gear managing director Bill Vowles reckons he's got the solution to an effluent problem more than 10 years in the making.

The company has lodged a Development Application (DA) with council to truck the waste water to a rural-residential property out on Painters Lane, 12km south of Goulburn, where it will be used as fertiliser for hay,

which the saleyards will then sell as fodder.

But local residents are concerned that their clean, country living is about to be disturbed by pools of stagnant effluent.

Robert France, who recently moved to the area with his family, told the *Post* it's a quick fix to a longstanding problem. He's concerned that residents along Painters Lane will now bear the

costs of years of inaction from Goulburn Mulwaree Council on the matter.

"Council has a vested interest in approving this (facility) in that they need to get rid of this problem and pass it off onto someone else," he said.

"Rather than upgrade the existing facility ten years ago, they've decided to sell off the problem to someone else."

Mr France also commented that the proposed waste management facility was contrary to council programs aimed at attracting treechangers to the area.

The effluent issue has caused friction between council and Kattle Gear in recent time, as a result of conditions established when council sold off the saleyards in 2000.

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Childcare takes a hit

THE Federal government's childcare reforms are causing plenty of headaches, local providers say. If it's not the mountain of paperwork, it's the new staff to child ratio that will impact.

River Heights Childcare Centre says it has no choice but to raise fees to cope. TOM SEBO reports,

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Fee hike on the nose

DEVELOPERS and homeowners are up in arms over proposed infrastructure charges in the Ducks Lane area.

A plan would see owners pay \$36,000 to \$41,000 to develop a block. Local real estate agent Peter Mylonas says it is simply unacceptable.

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