



Join in the big parade

EVERYONE loves a parade and yesterday was no different as hundreds lined Auburn St for the annual Lilac Festival procession.

Lieder Theatre actors decked out in colourful costumes and stilts, the Make a Wish Foundation, scary scarecrows and their imaginative makers, women of yesteryear promoting Goulburn's 150th birthday, horses, dogs and a line of familiar faces helped make up one of the festival highlights.

Locals showed no sign of waning interest in the 61-year-old event, as they watched the procession and attended a packed program over the weekend.

The sun shone on the parade, in contrast to wild weather that plagued markets and the opening ceremony on Saturday.

Organisers were happy with the turnout and were yesterday looking forward to next year's festival, for which they already have two Lilac Queen candidates.

Among those taking part in the procession were Chloe Smith, holding Kaden Fenwick, Sophie, Heidi and Jayde Britton.

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Danks but no thanks

By LOUISE THROWER

NEW councillors will be put to their first true test tomorrow night over the proposed demolition of CBD heritage. With heritage conservation a key pre-election issue, the incumbents will be asked to match words with action regarding Magnet Mart's expansion.

Planners have recommended the development application, seeking demolition of a two-storey terrace at 310 Sloane St, be refused. They are calling for a "higher qual-

Magnet Mart plan hits heritage hurdle

ity design" in the historic precinct.

If endorsed, it would be the second time Council has sent proponent Paul Donoghue back to the drawing board; in March councillors voted to defer the matter, pending a detailed replacement design. Back then, they agreed with planners, seven votes to two that a shade sail structure and a parking area to replace the ter-

aces were "not the best design outcome". Crs Margaret O'Neill and Denzil Sturgiss voted against.

Councillors had also deferred the item in February for more information.

The DA has been with Council for almost two years, much of that time awaiting more detail.

But it's also been a point of controversy

among councillors, under pressure to conserve CBD heritage since approving demolition of two nearby historic cottages.

With three new faces on the team - Crs Alfie Walker, Sam Rowland and Robin Saville - Goulburn Heritage Group at least is hoping for just as much scrutiny.

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