

Case mounts for shops

By LOUISE THROWER

A NEW supermarket and speciality shops at Marys Mount would not severely impact on Goulburn's CBD, a study has found.

Moreover, the city and surrounds' population, estimated to grow by 5300 in the next 20 years, can support the development, authors conclude.

The finding is another step towards Ganter Constructions' plans for the corner of Marys Mount and Crookwell Roads.

The company wants to build a 3200 square metre supermarket and 12 speciality shops, covering a further 1300 square metres.

Directors argue Marys Mount, with its eventual 2000 residential lots, can sustain the development.

Already the builders are preparing to market 73 of their planned 210-lot subdivision next door.

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NOT AMUSED: Lieder Theatre director Chrisjohn Hancock contemplates the massive clean-up of fine fire retardant sprayed throughout the lighting system and the building during a break-in last Saturday night.

The lowest act

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THE Lieder Theatre is counting the cost after vandals broke into the building and apparently tried to set fire to the building over the weekend.

President Pauline Mullen estimates at least \$10,000 worth of damage, including broken windows, damage to electrics and clean-up of a superfine fire retardant powder throughout the theatre.

"We're peed off and feeling flat because with this happening, we can't function as a theatre," she

told the *Post*.

Director Chrisjohn Hancock believes the offenders intended to set fire to the building but were disturbed.

The intruders entered either through a window they broke or the front door between 11.30pm Saturday night and 12.40am Sunday.

Some 25 cast and crew were enjoying a party in the reception area following final performance of 'The Rabbit Hole.'

The offenders took a fire extinguisher and sprayed the majority of the back stage, theatre seating,

took several items from a tool box and walked upstairs where they broke a window with a drill.

Along the way, the perpetrators poured turps into a bowl and dipped rags into it.

"We think that was the start of them trying to set fire to the place but they didn't get very far. They were obviously disturbed," Mr Hancock said.

They rifled through a first aid kit, broke a large wardrobe window, walked upstairs with a cricket bat and broke another rear window. Police believe the intruders broke an upstairs window and

a metal grill before leaving via an awning.

A Lieder member was alerted to the damage when he walked into the foyer and noticed billowing white 'smoke' emerging from the fire extinguisher.

The cast and crew did not see anyone and have appealed for any passersby to report information to police. At one point they threw three sombreros from a window.

Officers have taken fingerprints and other forensic material for investigation.

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