

“The Pioneer”

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STROUD INTERNATIONAL BRICK AND ROLLING PIN THROWING CONTEST

“50th” Anniversary



(Local Identities – Lyndell Davey & Don Russell in 1976)

Stroud International Brick & Rolling Pin Throwing Contest is an annual event held between the four townships of Stroud in the world - Stroud in Gloucestershire, England; in Oklahoma, U.S.A.; in Ontario, Canada, & here in NSW, Australia.

The first Contest - with Brick throwing only - was held in 1960 between Stroud, U.S.A. & Stroud, England, when it was discovered that both towns had Brickworks in common, & it was felt that this would be a novel way to cement relations between the two towns. In 1961, having realised the existence of 2 other Strouds, in Canada & Australia, the contest involved the four countries, again with Brick throwing only. At the suggestion of Stroud, Australia, it was decided to introduce a rolling pin throwing contest for the women in 1962. It is interesting to note that all rolling pins used in the contests since that time have been made in this area & shipped overseas. Competition bricks are especially made 5 lb. Bricks, & the rolling pins are 2 lb. in weight, & both are generally thrown in a discus style. The current Brick throwing record is 142'6", & the rolling pin throwing record is 156'4", held by England & U.S.A. respectively. Note that Imperial measurements are used to conform with the other countries. Principal competition involves 6 person teams with points scored 10 to 1 by the top 10 individual throws. Gold, silver & bronze medals are awarded to the first 3 places in each event. Team points are then compiled, with a trophy being available for the winning team.

Our day here in Stroud, Australia commences with a street procession through the main street to the Showground, where all festivities take place. The Contest is officially opened at 12 noon. As this year marks the **50th anniversary** of the Stroud Australia event, the Official Opening ceremony will, on this occasion be performed by the original Chairperson of the Brick throwing Committee – Mr Lance Chapman.

After the opening ceremony, a programme of events is conducted. These items vary from year to year in an endeavour to provide an interesting and varied day's entertainment for all attending. While this programme is taking place, elimination heats are being conducted, & the International teams chosen. The culmination of the day is the International team event at 3.00 p.m. Australia's results are then telephoned to America, where results on an International level are compiled, & telephoned back to participating countries. All types of refreshments are available on the ground on the day, as well as many & varied market stalls & amusements for the children.

This is really a fun day full of enjoyment for the whole family, and will be conducted on Saturday the 17th July this year, commencing with a huge street procession at the earlier time of 10.30 a.m.

Special Thanks go to Judy Pereira (committee member for approx 38 years) for providing this article.

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SOLD...



44 Berkeley St, STROUD

\$320,000

4Bdm brick and tile home on approx. 1669 sqm block. Features open plan kitchen/dining and lounge areas. 3 way bathroom. Slow combustion wood fire, split system air conditioners plus ceiling fans. Lovely bay windows overlook the decked entertainment area and the fully fenced back yard full of fruit trees. Lock up garage and large garden shed.



77 Cowper St, STROUD

\$415,000 plus GST

2 x separate commercial sites. (Freehold-buildings for sale only) In the heart of Strouds main street shopping strip. Both with excellent tenants. Separate 2Bdm residence at rear with huge potential and could be easily filled with a tenant due to the lack of rentals available and the constant enquiries received. Set on 297sqm site.



"Nevermore" 37 Terreel Rd, WARDS RIVER

\$489,000

Charming 2 Bdm weatherboard home on approx 28 acres. Home includes combustion wood fire and split system air con. 2 x lge dams. Wards River meandering through. 4 Bay machinery shed, 3 bay garage, 2 car carport, teenagers retreat or granny flat. Cottage set amidst stunning gardens with mature trees.

NEW LISTINGS...



31 Berkeley St, STROUD

\$230,000

Hardiplank home on approx 658 sqm corner block. 3 x spacious bdms with 4th bdm or office. Large lounge room, galley style kitchen and dining area. Double lock up garage plus carport. Close to shops, schools and facilities. Town water and sewer connected. Rural outlook to rear of property.



4 Church St, STROUD

\$255,000

2 to 3 Bdm weatherboard home on approx 961 sqm corner block. Extra study room. New stylish and modern kitchen & bathroom. Open plan kitchen/dining area. Old style features abound with pressed metal ceilings and wall panels, ceiling roses and solid timber doors. In the heart of stroud village but in a quiet area. Views over the surroundings hills from your fenced back yard. Various shedding. Town water and sewer connected.



63 Old Coach Rd, LIMEBURNERS CREEK

\$380,000

3 Bdm brick home on approx 2697 sqm block. Large open plan kitchen and family area. Formal dining and lounge rooms. Floating timber floorboards throughout living areas. Bedrooms with built ins, ceiling fans and new carpet. RCAC. New colorbond roof and guttering. Large single lockup garage and new double carport. Native gardens in backyard with bushland setting beyond. Only approx. 20 minutes to Medowie & Newcastle Airport.



Lot 21, Alderley Lane, BOORAL

\$395,000

Approx. 100 acres of partially timbered property. Boundary fully fenced with post & wire. 2 x dams, plus creek along boundary. Access to electricity. Gravelled road. Views looking over the valley. Various suitable areas available to build your country home. Quiet location.



3 Bridge St, STROUD

\$435,000

This one has the lot with a spacious 4Bdm brick & tile home set on a very private 1.2 acres. Lamans Creek meanders along the boundary. The home features modern open plan kitchen/dining and family rooms. Separate formal lounge & dining rooms. Slow combustion fire, split system air con & ceiling fans. Main & ensuite placed at one end of home for privacy. Attached double garage. Various shedding & chicken coop. No through street. Town water & sewer.