

Not all winning flowers are real



In 2019 the Goulburn Argyle Garden Club decided to enter a float in the local Lilac Time festival parade. Ideas were tossed around and the plan to decorate a vehicle with paper flowers was born. So meetings were held at which members learned how to make big fluffy flowers from two ply serviettes. Then COVID popped up its ugly head and the festival got cancelled.

But in 2022 the festival was on again and the club decided that entering a float was back on. So more flowers were made, a flat bed ute borrowed and the preparations started. First out came the chicken wire, some seats, a table and a dog statue. Next many members came bearing all their paper flowers. It was amazing how quickly hundreds of paper flowers were attached to anything on the ute that did not move.

On the day of the parade, additional shrubbery and lots of real lilac flowers were added to ready the float for the big show. Our two member princesses mounted their coach and away we went. The crowd oohed, aahed and cheered as we drove slowly down Goulburn's main street. The weather gods smiled on us and the paper flowers made through it unharmed.

The next day members met again to pull their hard work apart and all the flowers and decorations were packed away for another time. Then while we were all enjoying a well deserved morning tea, we heard the news. Our float had won the first prize and \$250 for the club coffers.

Too many members participated or helped in other ways to be individually named, but to all those that made the Goulburn Argyle Garden Club a winner, well done and CONGRATULATIONS.

