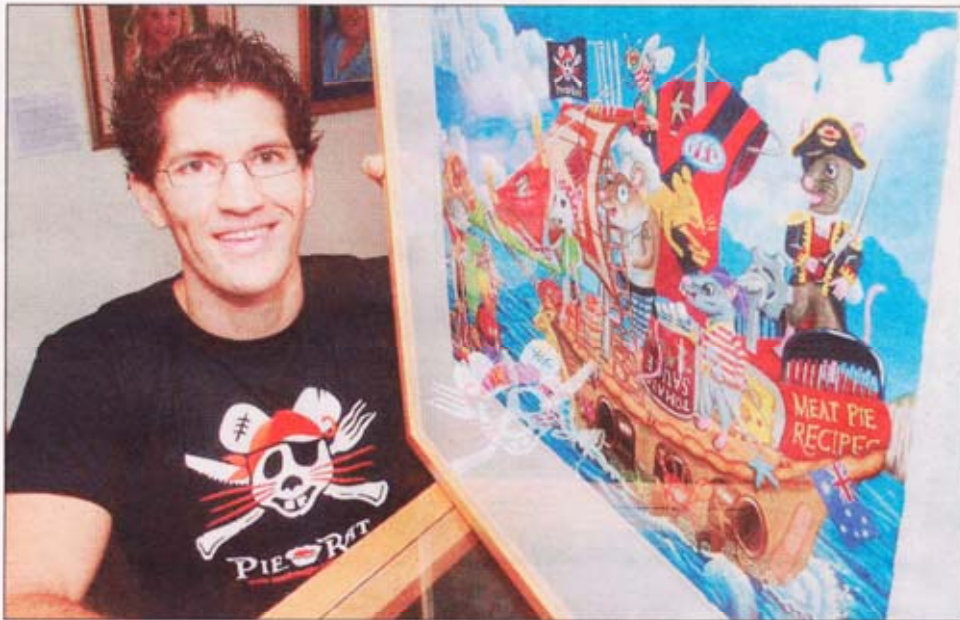




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Stroogle sails in



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■ His view ... artist Cameron Stelzer and his work *The Stroogle Sails the Seven Seas*.

A SPRINGWOOD illustrator is offering an inside look at the creation of his fourth book with a collection of watercolour pictures at Logan Art Gallery.

Dr Cameron Stelzer created each painting for his children's story *The Stroogle Sails the Seven Seas*.

Gallery cultural services program leader Annette Turner said the book followed the adventures of

the Stroogle character.

"With his garden gnome friends and a friendly mouse (he) sets sail for hidden treasure, overcoming the fearful pie-rats along the way," she said.

The exhibition also includes preliminary sketches and character studies developed by Dr Stelzer as he planned and created his story.

"The artwork will bring enjoyment to both the

young and the young at heart," Ms Turner said.

She said the exhibition, which finishes on April 18, would feature challenging activities for youngsters, such as counting gold coins hidden throughout the illustrations.

■ Logan Art Gallery is open 10am to 5pm, from Tuesday to Saturday. It is on the corner of Wembley Rd and Jacaranda Ave, Logan Central. Phone 3412 5519.