

New superhero bursts onto scene

THE Stroogle may not be a superhero you are familiar with yet, but Blackwater born and raised Jenny Adler is about to change that.

Ms Adler makes up half of the team that has published a new children's book, 'The Stroogle', under its own publishing label, Daydream Press.

A fiction book, aimed at children aged between four and eight, 'The Stroogle' was written and illustrated by the other half of Daydream Press, Dr Cameron Stelzer.

Ms Adler, who has qualifications in business, met Dr Stelzer at a conference, and got chatting to him about his book, which was already written and illustrated.

Together they decided to publish the book, and set up their own publishing company, to allow themselves more control over their work.

After much hard work the pair has released the book, which introduces the Stroogle, a strange looking superhero, following his friendship with a plain brown mouse on the first of their adventures.

Ms Adler, who was born in Blackwater in 1981 and left the town to pursue tertiary study, said she always wanted to work with kids, but didn't know how it would come about.

"I did my work experience during school at the Blackwater Childcare Centre, where my mother worked, but I ended up studying business management and psychology," she said.

"I always knew I'd be involved with kids, but I didn't anticipate helping to publish books for them back then.

"When I met Dr Stelzer it sparked our common interest and passion for quality children's books and education."

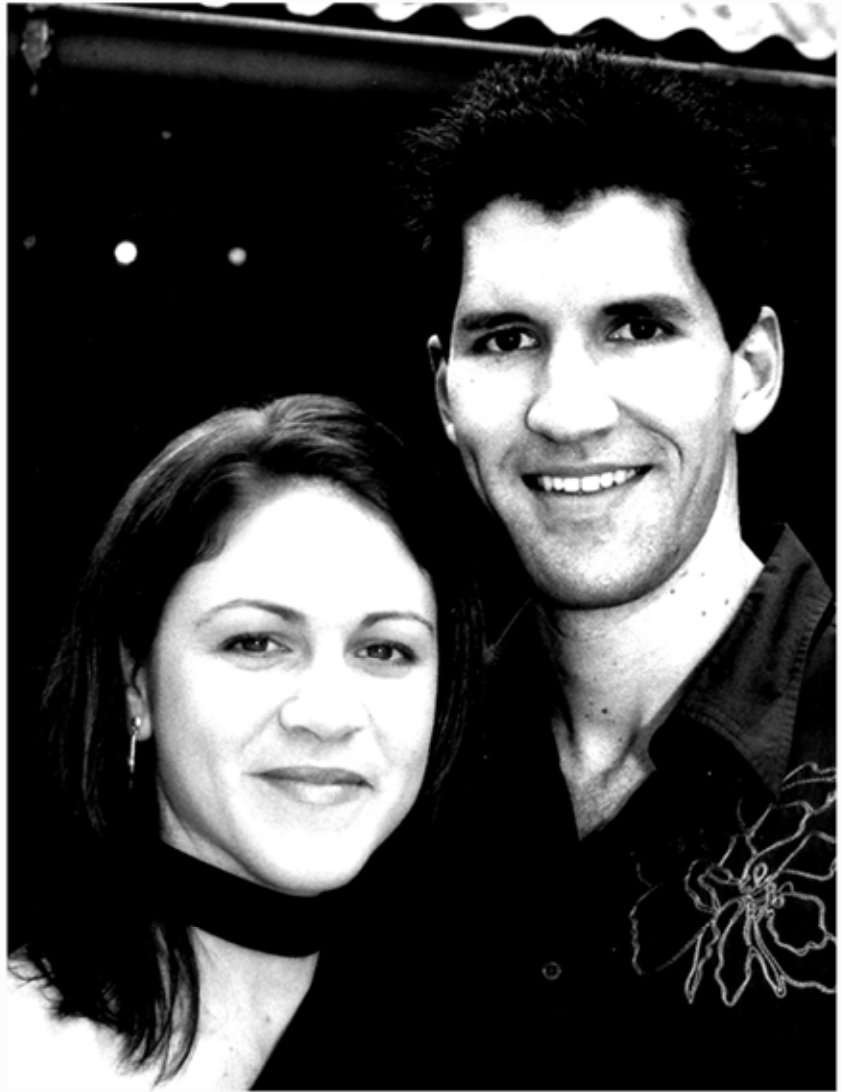
Ms Adler's parents still live in Blackwater, her mother is a former childcare worker and nurse at Curragh Mine, and her father is a worker at Curragh Mine.

She said she didn't get back to Blackwater as often as she would like, as her parents had a holiday home closer to Brisbane, where she currently lives.

However, she said she hoped work would bring her back there soon.

"We also run art and writing workshops in schools, and it would be great if we could bring them up to Blackwater," she said.

Blackwater residents can check out 'The Stroogle' at the Blackwater Newsagency.



■ **KIDS PUBLISHING:** Jenny Adler, who is Blackwater born and bred, has released children's book 'The Stroogle' with Cameron Stelzer, put out under their newly formed publishing company.