

The Granite Belt Magazine Editorial Guidelines

Accuracy and clarity

1. Strives to ensure all factual material is correct in all news and elsewhere without being misleading and is without the obvious and incorrect use of opinion within reporting.
2. Upon discovering errors or inaccuracy within any reports of factual statements or misleading information, the appropriate course of remedial action will be instigated immediately and without fault or complaint.

Fairness and balance

3. All processes within the reporting of information are undertaken with a respect to the balance and fairness of every situation and that if an expression of opinion from the writer is necessary, it is accuracy, integrity and key facts that are proven within the text or with reference to another report.

Privacy and avoidance of harm

4. We hold the firm belief of never intruding on a person's right to privacy within reason within our best interest and the public's eye. We understand the damage it can cause to infringe upon a person's privacy and it is not within our intention to cause such damage.

Integrity and transparency

To avoid the gathering of information in a deceptive or unfair manner

5. It is not in our interest to retain information gathered under a deceptive and unfair manner that infringes upon a person's trust of the integrity of the writers. The only reasonable defence for that deception is for it to be within the public's interests beyond a reasonable doubt and forwards the community's perceptions rather than containing information for the self-righteousness of a singular individual.

Privacy

6. Upon deciding to collect personal information, our writers have the sensitivity of personal information in mind, not only for the benefit of the individual involved but other people connected to the process of gathering such information. All journalists are committed to the public interest and what such serves this best and so releasing sensitive information that will inevitably cause more harm than productivity and clarity is not within our interest nor frame of mind.