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## Kick Start Your Career

Most university students don't experience the practical side of the career for which they're studying until well into second year. That's why Chris Land appreciates the 'hands-on' work experience he undertakes with Dalby Town Council as part of the education bursary he was awarded earlier this year.

"I've just finished my first year at Griffith University studying a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Health and I'm now back at Council until uni starts again in February.

"I work with Council's planning and environment manager Todd Summerville and under his supervision have done a variety of work.

"Projects like researching micro-chipping compared to annual registration of dogs and cats. Attending health inspections of food premises, and assisting Council comply with Environmental Protection Agency guidelines for its landfill operation.

"It really helps putting the theory I've learnt into practice - it answers a lot of questions."

Chris strongly encourages local students interested in studying a discipline oriented towards local government to apply for Council's 2006 Education Bursary.

"You'll not only gain valuable work experience, but be paid for the time you work. It's also an excellent networking opportunity because you get to meet industry peers that you'll be working with in the future.

"Then there's the fact that you're guaranteed a job for 12 months when you graduate - another great incentive," said Chris.

Next year Chris looks forward to building on his knowledge and practical experience by taking on new projects with Council as he advances through his degree.

Applications for the 2006 Education Bursary should be lodged with Council on or before 8th February 2006. For more information visit Council's website [www.dalby.qld.gov.au](http://www.dalby.qld.gov.au) or contact corporate services on 4672 1101.

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## Photo Caption

Dalby Town Council planning and environment manager Todd Summerville oversees the work of 2005 Education Bursary recipient Chris Land.