

MEDIA RELEASE

Dalby Town Council
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Can Emergency Services Find You?

In the interest of improved public safety the Dalby Ambulance Service and Dalby Town Council are encouraging residents to ensure that properties are clearly addressed with visible house numbers.

With our local ambulance service now controlled by the state body, staffing arrangements can result in officers being located in towns they are not familiar. Sometimes limited local knowledge, coupled with non-continuous streets and insufficient house numbering, can cause costly delays.

"You never know when you'll need emergency services. So now is the time to upgrade house numbers to make the job of our emergency services more effective and ensure help arrives quickly," said Dalby Mayor Cr Warwick Geisel.

The Dalby Ambulance Service agree that house numbers clearly visible both day and night take the guesswork out of finding residences in an emergency.

"We encourage residents to check that their property number can be seen clearly, is unobstructed by trees, shrubs or grass and is visible at night. If they cannot see the number, then we can't either," said Officer in Charge Corrina Thompson.

While Council does not dictate a standard for urban property addressing, residents are encouraged to follow the guideline created for rural addressing. This specifies a rectangle sign 90mm (3.5inch) high by a minimum 50mm (2inch) wide depending on the number of digits in the address, with 75mm (3inch) high numbering on a reflective backing plate, located at the property entrance.

Council supplies rural residential property numbers and it is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain them. Lost, stolen or damaged rural residential numbers should be reported to Council immediately.

"Council has also responded to this issue and agreed that all new and replacement street signs erected in Dalby will now be numbered," said the Mayor.

For more information on appropriate property numbering please contact Council's Building Services on 4672 1162.

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Media Contact

To arrange a photo opportunity with the Mayor contact Corporate Services on 4660 1101.