

MEDIA RELEASE

Dalby Town Council
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MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Folks, what a fantastic year it has been for Dalby!

Our commerce and industry continues to grow from strength to strength with the expansion of many established firms as well as the introduction of numerous new businesses.

If our strong property market is any indication, it seems the rest of Australia has discovered the benefits of the 'tree-change'! There are a record number of new subdivisions going ahead in and around Dalby to house the steady stream of new residents.

The outstanding success of our residents in the areas of sporting, social and cultural achievements has also helped to promote Dalby nationally. It's very rewarding to have Dalby recognised in such a positive light, so congratulations once again to those individuals.

There is no doubt that Dalby is well and truly on the map with recent developments in the region creating a lot of interest.

The energy industry alone has coal and gas fired power stations under construction, coal seam gas extraction from underground reserves, and the Ethanol Plant scheduled to begin construction next year.

Other major developments include expansions at the Christian School and Karingal Nursing Home that are nearing completion and the Shoppingworld complex in Cunningham Street expected to open in the second half of 2006.

What better way to end 2005 than with recent rains to green the town and ease water restrictions. Lets hope that 2006 brings good seasons to Dalby and the surrounding Wambo Shire.

I would also like to take this opportunity to once again thank all the volunteers and service club members who work tirelessly for the betterment of our town. Our community couldn't do without the valuable services they deliver.

A big thank you to our Council staff for their efforts throughout the year - it has been a busy one. We're on track and within budget to achieve our targets and I hope the community can see the town progressing.

Finally on behalf of my fellow Councillors, Council staff and my wife Beth, I extend best wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. We look forward to working in partnership with the community in 2006.

Warwick Geisel
MAYOR OF DALBY