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Don't let Mosquito's breed in your backyard!

Recent summer rain has made the town lovely and green but it also brings to life a familiar pest - the mosquito.

Notorious for spreading diseases, Mosquitoes pose a genuine health risk and Dalby Town Council's health and environment team urge residents to help minimise the mosquito problem.

"Council is actively patrolling public areas such as stormwater drains spraying larvicide to stop the breeding cycle, however this is only part of the solution," said Council's planning and environment manager Todd Summerville.

"Residents can also attack the problem by regularly emptying containers holding water in the backyard to reduce the breeding environment available to mosquitoes.

"It's well worth the effort, in our local region mosquitoes that breed in containers are likely culprits responsible for the spread of the debilitating Ross River Virus."

While it may be impossible to prevent all mosquitoes from breeding, the Council and the community working together can make the problem more manageable.

All residents can help to reduce mosquito breeding grounds and stay safe from these pests by following this simple checklist:

- Tip out water from containers that may be a place for mosquitoes to breed like buckets, pot plant saucers and drums.
- Inspect your property and ensure mosquitoes are not breeding in rainwater tanks.
- Use a good quality personal insect repellent when outdoors and if it's not too hot, try wearing long sleeve clothes.
- Try and avoid any outside activity around dusk and dawn, as this is when mosquitoes are most likely to strike.
- Check insect screens around the house are in good order to keep mosquitoes outside.

Residents can contact Council's health and environment team for more information on 4672 1151.

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