

# AUSTRALIA DAY 2005

**DALBY TOWN COUNCIL**

19 January, 2005



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## **AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR AUSTRALIA DAY 2005**

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Warwick Geisel, is pleased to announce the following award recipients for Australia Day 2005:

Australia Day Citizen Award – Rilla Witt

Australia Day Young Citizen Award – Peta Land

Community Event of the Year – Dalby Beautification Association

Australia Day Sports Award – Lauren Potter

Australia Day Junior Sports Award – Dennis O’Keeffe

Australia Day Sports Administrator Award – Nevin Burton

Australia Day Cultural Award – Malcolm Wilson

Australia Day Junior Cultural Award – Luke Volker

Congratulations to the above community members who will receive Australia Day Awards for 2005 and to those persons who were nominated.

These awards will be presented at during the Australia Day Celebrations in Thomas Jack Park on Wednesday 26 January 2005.

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# AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

## NOMINATION PRECIS

### AUSTRALIA DAY CITIZEN AWARD

Persons who have made a noteworthy contribution during the current year and/or outstanding service to the local community over a number of years.

To be eligible, the person must be 25 years or older on 26th January.

NAME

**WITT, Rilla**

NOMINATION DETAILS

- Rilla works tirelessly within the community.
- Well respected member of the Catholic Church and many other different community groups
- Organises food for Arts Council productions
- Secretary Dalby Eisteddfod for approx 20 years
- Minute Secretary - Dalby/Wambo Care Association
- U3A
- Arts Council
- Singers
- Patron - Dalby Junior Choral
- Catholic Church - Liturgy Committee; Rosters; Eucharist; Music & Choir (Mass & Funerals); visits sick

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### AUSTRALIA DAY YOUNG CITIZEN AWARD

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To be eligible, the person must be under 25 years of age on 26th January.

NAME

**LAND, Peta**

NOMINATION DETAILS

- Fundraised and participated 'Spirit of Queensland Awards' for Royal Flying Doctor Service.
- Achieved Miss Charity 'Spirit of Queensland Awards'.
- Through her huge enthusiasm and work raised profile of Dalby and services.
- Nursing Sister at Dalby Hospital soon to complete her Post Graduate Course.
- Citizenship Awards.
- Excellence Awards.
- Participation in Cultural Pursuits Award.
- School Spirit Award.
- School Service Award.
- Active member Touch Football Association.
- Commitment to working and being an active community member of Dalby and District.

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### **COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Presented to the person or group who has staged the most outstanding community event during the year.

### NAME

### **DALBY BEAUTIFICATION ASSOCIATION**

### NOMINATION DETAILS

- Annually holds this event encouraging residents to establish and maintain a healthy, garden environment.
- One section encourages 'water-wise gardens'.
- Gardens professionally judged and awards handed out.
- Event and open gardens attract tourists to the area.
- 70 gardens are nominated throughout various sections with approximately 45 awards handed out.
- Improves overall appearance of Dalby.
- Encourage front and footpaths appearance gardens to improve appearance of Dalby.
- Encourage nominations with the presentation of small prize monies pennants and awards handed out at an awards night.

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# AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

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### AUSTRALIA DAY SPORTS AWARD

Persons who have a noteworthy record of achievement in Sport, or have made a significant contribution to Sport as a Coach, Official or Administrator.

To be eligible, the person must be 18 years of age or older on 26 January.

NAME

**POTTER, Lauren**

NOMINATION DETAILS

- Represented town, community, school, region and state as a sporting ambassador.
- Vice-Captain Dalby Pheonix Touch team, which won Twba Open Women's A Premiership.
- School representation - represented Qld - team won Australian Championships.
- Awarded Twba Touch Women's Player of the Year
- Member Qld Origin Touch Team
- Member SQ Razorbacks Team - National Touch League
- Member Qld Schoolgirls - National Champions
- Member Darling Downs School Touch - State Champions
- Dalby State High School Volleyball - Silver Medal - Qld All Schools Cup
- Dalby State High School House Captain 2002
- Dalby Inter-Year Program - DIP Leader 2002
- Level 1 Touch Referee
- Organised and participate in Dalby SHS Biathlon

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### AUSTRALIA DAY JUNIOR SPORTS AWARD

Persons who have a noteworthy record of achievement in Sport, or have made a significant contribution to Sport as a Coach, Official or Administrator.

To be eligible, the person must be under 18 years of age on 26 January.

### NAME

**O'KEEFFE, Dennis**

### NOMINATION DETAILS

- 3<sup>rd</sup> National Primary Schools Swimming Championships.
- Sideline member Queensland team.
- Represented Bunya and Darling Downs District swimming titles.
- Represented Darling Downs in State Primary School Basketball Championships.
- Shadow squad member State Primary School Basketball Championships.
- Captain Dalby Junior Rugby Union under 12 team.
- Selected representative Junior Rugby Union Darling Downs team touring New Zealand.
- Represented as school level Rugby League, AFL and athletics.
- Member Darling Downs Achievers Swimming Squad.
- Proficient guitar player.
- Member Dalby District Swimming Club.
- Member Junior Rugby Union Club.
- Member PCYC.

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### AUSTRALIA DAY SPORTS ADMINISTRATOR AWARD

Persons who have a noteworthy record of achievement in Sport, or have made a significant contribution to Sport as a Coach, Official or Administrator.

To be eligible the person must be a duly appointed coach, official or administrator

NAME

**BURTON, Nevin**

NOMINATION DETAILS

- Member Dalby Cricket Association.
- Past Secretary Dalby Cricket Association.
- Current Treasurer Dalby Cricket Association.
- Canteen facilitator Dalby Cricket Association.
- Dedication and support given to Association for many years.
- Member Dalby Touch Football Association.
- Referee Touch Football.
- Treasurer Dalby Touch Football Association.
- Organises canteen facilities at Dalby Touch Football Association.
- Major instigator installing irrigation at the Dalby Touch Football Association fields.

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**AUSTRALIA DAY CULTURAL AWARD** Persons who have made a noteworthy contribution to the cultural life of the local community or an outstanding achievement in cultural activity (ies).

To be eligible, the person must be 18 years or older on 26th January.

NAME

**WILSON, Malcolm**

NOMINATION DETAILS

- Avid naturalist and made a major contribution to Dalby's natural history.
- National and International reputation in ornithology (bird studies).
- Founding member and led numerous bird studies for U3A since inception.
- Instrumental in designating tourist bird trails within Dalby District.
- Contributed numerous fossils and specimens to Queensland Museum, Pioneer Park Museum and Lake Broadwater Natural History Association.
- Foundation member Wildlife Preservation Society.
- Instrumental in having Lake Broadwater gazetted as an Environmental Park.
- Provided information for Australian Bird Atlas.
- Secretary Lake Broadwater Natural History Association.
- Member Queensland Wildlife Preservation Society.
- Member Birds Australia.
- Involved numerous field searches collecting data for Aboriginal history.

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NAME

**VOLKER, Luke**

NOMINATION DETAILS

- Age group winner 4 categories – Dalby Eisteddfod.
- Outstanding efforts in Junior Choral Society.
- Active participant in High concert, stage band and school production.
- Donates large amount of time to play at community events.
- Plays piano for Anglican Church.
- Play piano for Dalby Players 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert.
- Play piano for Ningana.
- Play piano for many school events.
- Sings in carols and concerts.
- Assists in musical arrangements for school and other productions.
- Consistently plays piano voluntarily for many community functions.
- Member Junior Choral Society.
- Member Dalby School Band.
- Member of Anglican Church.

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