

# Dr John Powell

**Wimmera Mallee Pipeline Project Director, November 2002–October 2004**

Dr John Powell came to the Wimmera to manage the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline Project in November 2002.

He brought almost 30 years experience in the Australian oil and gas industry, particularly in the areas of project management and pipelines, to the Wimmera Mallee role. His passion for the project and his Wimmera Mallee community was obvious from day one.

John's family lives in the Beaudesert Shire in south east Queensland, where they remained while he commuted to the Wimmera Mallee. He estimates that he commuted more than 300,000 kilometres by air, and 80,000 kilometres by road during his two years as pipeline project director.

As project director, John oversaw the project in its entirety. He was responsible for technical engineering, environmental and cultural heritage studies, government liaison, developing the interim business case and community consultation. He was based in the Horsham 'PIPE-IT' office in Darlot Street, travelling all over the Wimmera Mallee to discuss the



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project with councils, landowners and interest groups.

His greatest enjoyment during his time as project director was being involved with the visionary and passionate leaders in our community.

"These people recognised how important the pipeline project was to the growth of the Wimmera Mallee region and the long-term future of the generations to come," he said.

John returned to Queensland in late 2004 to manage the Southern Regional Water Pipeline project, bringing water from Wivenhoe dam to the Gold Coast. He has recently been appointed as project director of the Western Corridor Recycled Water Scheme, which will take Brisbane's waste water to industrial and agricultural customers to the west of the city.

Further information is available by contacting the Horsham Piping It Office on 1300 659 961 or dropping into the office at 42-44 Kalkee Road.