

49th Multi-class Nationals – Dalby - October 2010

This October the multi-class nationals will be held in Dalby, for the third time. The nationals were first held there in 1994 and again in 2004. Both those competitions were renowned for the great soaring conditions and the friendly reception given to the competitors and crew by the local community.

Like the 2004 nationals, the organising club will be the Darling Downs Soaring Club, which will build on its established reputation for well-organised and friendly competitions. Some of the organising team from 2004 will be back, plus some new faces.

It will be interesting to see how many competitors return from the 2004 event and how many will be able to claim competing at all three Dalby nationals!

Dalby has grown and changed over the last 6 years. The Dalby Town Council is no more as Dalby is now part of the amalgamated Western Downs Regional Council. With the change of council we have a new Mayor in Councillor Ray Brown from Tara. The region now covers much of the task area including the towns of Chinchilla, Miles, Tara and Wandoan.

Businesses in the region have begun to diversify from traditional markets in the agricultural sector into components, parts and services for the energy sector. The energy resources sector, which comprises coal, coal seam gas, coal seam gas water, ethanol and power station development, has the potential to triple the regions gross regional product.

With this growth has come increased demand for accommodation and there are 2 new motels in Dalby and many new shops and businesses. Accommodation can be at a premium and we suggest you book early. Dalby accommodation details are at http://www.dalby.info/html/list_detail.asp?Subcategory=Accommodation

The dates have been set - 4 -15 October 2010.

The competition website will be up and running soon and can be accessed from the DDSC website www.ddsc.org.au. In the meantime, if you require any further information please email info@ddsc.org.au.

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