



**MEDIA RELEASE
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**HEAD TO COUNTRY WEEK FOR YOUR CHANCE TO BE MORTGAGE FREE
\$1 LAND GRAB**

Richmond is a town in North West Queensland half way between Townsville and Mount Isa offering residential blocks for just \$1.00.

Richmond Shire Council chief executive Michelle Clarke today said the council has been looking to resolve the land and housing shortage for a number of years and is now ready to move forward. She said, we've modeled our land campaign on the Dalby Town Council's successful \$1 blocks in Jandowae in 2001.

Michelle said, Richmond offers country living at its best. We have big skies and wide open spaces that make for a relaxed, hassle free environment. Imagine giving up the queues, traffic jams and running to a public transport timetable for a leisurely stroll to the paper shop, parking right out the front of the supermarket and having your groceries put in your car for you. You can go home for lunch, drop by the school to see your kids at play and literally save 2 hours a day that you might otherwise spend travelling to and from work.

If you like gardening, there are no water restrictions in Richmond as we have a plentiful supply from the Great Artesian Basin. The town boasts lush green lawns and parks and a recreation lake for swimming, water sports and picnics. We have a school from Prep to Year 10 with distance education available up to Year 12 and a day care centre for ages 6 weeks to 5 years.

Mayor of Richmond, John Wharton AM, said Council wants to encourage people to move to Richmond but in reality what we are really offering residents and non residents is the opportunity to be mortgage free or at the very least reduce their mortgage. Blocks are between 600m² and 800m² on a sealed road frontage with water, sewerage and electricity. When asked what the catch is, Mayor John Wharton said, 'You just have to build within 2 years and move to Richmond to live in your dwelling for at least one year, if not, then the land goes back up for grabs.'

There are only 7 blocks available in Richmond's \$1 land grab and applications close 10.00am October 6th, 2008. An application form with terms and conditions can be found on Council's website at www.richmond.qld.gov.au.

More land is up for sale in Richmond with a land auction of 30 x 1 acre rural residential allotments at market price on 18 October at 9.00am. For industrial land and general enquiries contact Council on (07) 47413277 or email enquiries@richmond.qld.gov.au.

Catch up with the Mayor and CEO of Richmond Shire at Country Week 19-21 September at Site No. D6 at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre South Bank.