

Power station demolition is back on track

Demolition of the old Dalby power station in Marble St is set to begin next month to make way for the \$28 million rebuild of the Dalby Central electricity substation.

Plans for the new higher-capacity facility were on display at the Dalby Shoppingworld on Wednesday.

Ergon Energy's general manager operations Dave Heberlein said the design process had been complicated by contaminated soil found on the site as a result of past activities.

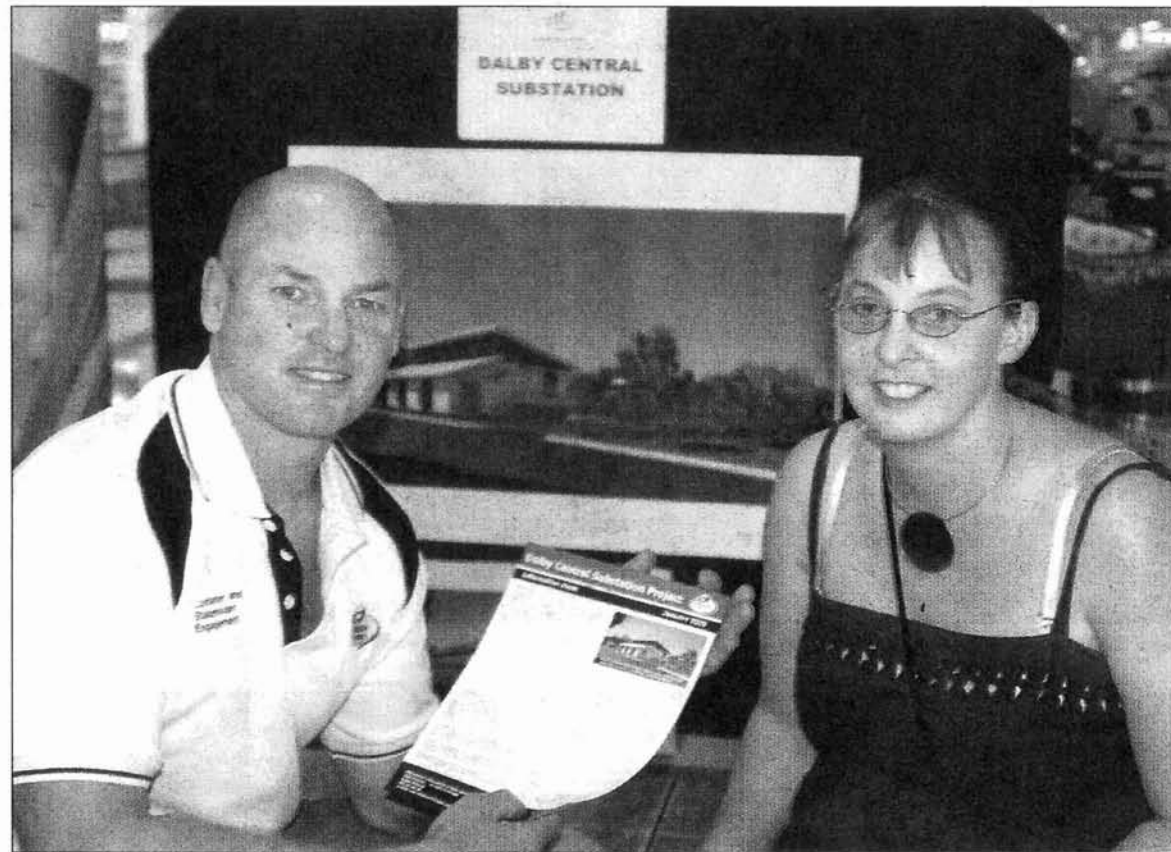
Mr Heberlein said the old powerhouse warehouse structure would be removed from the site, after initial hopes of retaining the old building and using it to house part of the equipment were

dashed when engineers discovered significant structural problems, unstable foundations, possible asbestos issues. The building could not be brought back to current Australian building standards.

Ergon and the Environmental Protection Agency have developed guidelines to make sure there will be no damage to the nearby Myall Creek during the demolition.

Queensland energy minister Geoff Wilson said the Dalby Central substation upgrade comes on the back of similar energy substation upgrades at Greenbank and Mundubbera.

Mr Wilson said the work would provide more than 100 new jobs for the town.



Ergon's Andrew Fox shows Margi Missingham the plans for Dalby's new power sub-station.

"A wide range of skilled labourers will be employed to demolish the existing structure, clear the site and construct the new substa-

tion," he said.

The new substation is expected to be commissioned by the end of 2009.

Ergon Energy is working with the Friends of the Myall and Greening Australia on landscaping plans for the new substation.