



Reverend Tom Bower is our long awaited Rector and we are so very pleased to welcome him and his wife Lyn.

Reverend Tom has supplied us with some background information to help us to get to know a bit about them before they actually take up the reins.

Both Tom and Lyn were both born in Toowoomba (by coincidence just two weeks apart). So yes they are almost locals!

Tom grew up on his Dad's farm at Mywybilla about nine miles from Cecil Plains. He went to school at Nangwee and then onto Cecil Plains until Year 10. He stayed and worked on the family farm until he was twenty. After the farm was sold, Tom moved to Toowoomba, where he and Lyn were married at St James Church.

Tom has had a variety of life experiences as a result of contrasting work places, from a shop assistant at Brady's Menswear to a State and Commonwealth Meat Inspector. He has also worked at the Toowoomba Education Centre and at Suncorp Call Centre.



Lyn's area of expertise is in Early Childhood. She has taught in Toowoomba, TAFE and lectured in Early Childhood at USQ. Lyn has been very successful in her career, having offered Workshop Presentations at Conferences, and had several of her works published. At one time Lyn was vice president (Qld) of Early Childhood Australia.

Tom and Lyn have two adult married children Suzanne and (young) Tom. Both have successful careers, Tom as the National Training Manager for a multinational online provider and Suzanne is with the Immigration Dept spending time in such places as Christmas Island!

Tom trained at St Francis Theological College becoming an Ordinand attached to Aspley-Albany Creek and St John's Cathedral. He was Deaconed and moved to Redcliffe Parish where he spent almost two years as Deacon and Priest.

Now, hopefully we will have Tom and Lyn with us for a long and happy time at Dalby and his 'old stamping ground' of Cecil Plains. Welcome to you both.