



## Sky's the limit to freedom

DICK Nell (pictured) was one of life's great adventurers.

If he wasn't flying his favourite Tiger Moth or Stampe through the skies, he was taking off on a motorbike with the love of his life, wife Margarette.

Mr Nell, well known aviator, businessman and all round gentleman, passed away last Monday, aged 81.

Tributes have flowed for the engineer who could turn his hand to almost anything, including photography, art, sculpture, writing, hang gliding and water skiing.

Always one to live life 'on the edge,' Mr Nell took out numerous aerobatic flying championships and was a respected aviator.

As with his flying, he thought outside the square and transformed lives as a result. Just recently he told his family he'd figured out the meaning of life.

Mr Nell was farewelled at a private service last Thursday.

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# Powerful discontent

By LOUISE THROWER

## Gas plant's approval sparks anger

A DALTON resident has vowed to continue the fight against a gas fired power station, approved last Thursday.

Phil Waine says he's "gutted and disappointed" by the Planning Assessment Commission's (PAC) decision but will challenge key consent conditions.

AGL was given the go ahead for the \$1.5 billion plant, 4km northeast of Dalton, but with tighter conditions than those recommended by the NSW Planning Department.

These included a reduction in capacity from 1500Mw to 1000Mw, the plant's shut-down if AGL exceeded noise and air emission levels, a groundwater plan incorporating compensation for affected landowners and establishment of a community consultative committee.

Burrinjuck MP Katrina Hodgkinson said she was pleased the PAC gave "strong consideration" to Gunning and Dalton resi-

dents' concerns."

But Mr Waine said while community action achieved more stringent conditions than other plants, like Uranquinty's, people were "still upset it was going ahead at all."

"A lot of the issues we raised have not been addressed to our satisfaction," he said.

"...There will be a massive amount of noise and dust and with us only having a

hotline to AGL, we're not terribly confident anything will come of it.

"The plant's management and enforcement is up to them and they're not going to 'dob' themselves in."

He claimed noise limits were significantly higher than that allowed under the Industrial Noise policy.

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