

DAILY NEWS

Return to Rose City is a delight

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WARWICK has come of age.

This was the call made by former Rose City dweller and cofounder of Brumby's Bakeries Michael Sherlock, who visited town last week and was impressed with what he saw.

Now living in Brisbane, Mr Sherlock visited his hometown of 11 years to visit friend and business partner Marcus Barlow and to check out Mr Barlow's Regency Park Retirement Village.

"I left Warwick in 1991 and now, it's coming of age, there's a lot more development and energy," he said. "Warwick is at a gateway (from Brisbane) and it's a lot more forward thinking."

The property developer said he would like to see Slade Campus used for education.

"I used to be a school teacher and Warwick was famous for railways and education," he said. "Warwick has a chance to go back to its glory days."

Mr Sherlock supposed that if a rail link went in between Brisbane and Melbourne, Warwick would be the final stop before the Queensland capital and could develop the Rose City as a commuter base.

"I've always been impressed with Warwick," he said. "One of the things driving Warwick is Morgan Park and there's something on every weekend, bringing people to town."

"Rather than just being the Rose and Rodeo city, Morgan Park adds something a little extra to the town."

The father of two young children, aged three and six, now lectures as a keynote speaker at conferences and has a book on business tips due out next year.