

# Barbecue, cricket order of the day

CAPRICORNIA resident Tim Griffin spent his Australia Day under a dreary winter sky in Wales, but still enjoyed watching his cricket over an Aussie-style barbecue.

The engineering professional was presented with the prestigious Medal of the Order of Australia in the General Division at an Australia Day ceremony in London on Thursday.

The former Central Queensland University council member felt humbled and honoured when Richard Alston, High Commissioner for Australia, presented him with the award at a formal reception at Australia House at the Strand in London.

Described by many as a "people's person," Mr Griffin was recognised by his peers within the local, national and international engineering profession and for his contribution to both his profession and the Rockhampton and regional community.

"Encouraging and providing opportunities for young regional people to pursue a career in engineering and technology and contributing to the development of regional Queensland has been rewarding in itself," Mr Griffin said.

Mr Griffin was instrumental in establishing North Rockhampton High School as a technology hub which saw students represent Queensland in the national finals in November, 2006.



**HONOURED:** Tim Griffin was presented the Order of Australia medal in London.

He celebrated Australia Day with his wife, Kelsey, and two daughter's Ashleigh and Rebecca in Cardiff, Wales.

"A few fellow Aussies and us plan a barbecue - weather permitting - and watch the cricket in between talking to our friends and families in Australia," Mr Griffin said earlier this week.