

TIME TO GROW TIME ON HIS HANDS

AXXIS Technology, Talbragar Street, Dubbo

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On a bad traffic day, it takes local IT businessman Mathew Dickerson four minutes to get to work instead of the usual three! "If I choose to ride my bike to and from work, it takes about seven minutes. I get home in time to see my family and play with my kids," he said.

Mathew is a local man who saw the potential in his home town to start and grow a business. "I grew up in Dubbo but went to university in Sydney and actually worked there for a while," he said.

But as they say, home is where the heart is. "I missed home and moved back to re-evaluate my life. I ended up starting a business without really meaning to ... it just went from there," he said.

AXXIS Technology, an IT infrastructure business, is Mathew's main business and has offices in Dubbo and Orange. Mathew also owns a mobile phone retail outlet

in a busy shopping mall. With extra time on his hands, Mathew has had three books published and regularly performs presentations to audiences in the US, Europe and NZ. Mathew said Dubbo's proximity to Sydney via road and air helped meet the requirements of his business. "If I need to meet with my Sydney clients, I am just an hour away. Dubbo offers some 155 flights a week, to and from Sydney," he said. "I've even been known to fly down to Sydney for a business lunch!" he said.

Mathew also gets involved with the local community as a local government councillor. He is also known for his charity work and cheering his girls on in sport.

"I feel a real connection with the local community and that's the beauty of living in a regional City," he said. "As a businessman with a growing family, Dubbo allows us to have it all - lifestyle, a house with land and time to do the things we love to do."

