

## Minutes from Community Forum #32, 12 December 2006, Bob Druitt Training Centre

**Forum attendees:** Bevan Newitt, Frank Bowen, Sam Ricciu, Errol Page, Kelvin Banks, Annemieke Grosser, Mike O'Neill, Johann van Zyl, Mellissa Case, Ross Greenhalgh, John Feddersen, Grant Firth, Melissa Russell, Brian Ross, Kevin Dyer (returning member), Ken Turley (guest), Michael Café (guest)

**Apologies:** Lew Fellows, Keith Massey, John Gollinelli, John Clark

### Agenda

5.45pm Plant tour commences. Bus will depart from Bob Druitt Training Centre

6.30pm BBQ and refreshments served

7.00pm Forum commences

- Welcome and Introduction – Ross Greenhalgh
- Standing items:
  - Complaints database – Melissa Russell
  - Environmental Projects update – Mike O'Neill
  - Community activities – Mellissa Case
- Discussion items – John Feddersen
- Odour program – Melissa Russell
- Community Notification register - Ross Greenhalgh
- Questions and answers – Ross Greenhalgh

### Minutes and actions resulting from meeting

Minutes / Action	By Whom	By When
<b>Welcome and introduction:</b>		
Feedback information from the Forum meeting will be published in the Port Curtis Post, The Observer and on the QAL website.	Mellissa Case (ongoing)	27 December
<b>Standing items:</b>		
<i>Complaints database – Mellissa Russell</i>		
Presentation on community complaints including alkali, dust, noise and odour year to date. 102 complaints have been received this year, with approximately 50% relating to odour.		
General discussion was held relating to dust, with a particular focus on coal and current issues in the city. It was brought to the attention of the forum that 92% of QAL's coal is fed directly from the train unloading station into the boilerhouse and not held in stockpiles.		
Tree Planting committee's goal of 2100 trees for 2006 was achieved. In 2007, another 2100 trees will be planted in the buffer zone between QAL and the community in addition to other specific plantings around the site.		

*Environmental Projects Update – Mike O'Neill*

Cascade chute was fitted on alumina loader late October. The chute has had a significant impact on dust emissions although is still undergoing fine tuning to achieve maximum results.

Fitting of the baghouse on Boiler 1 is due for completion in February 2007.

Environmental monitoring system is now on line, providing current readings from various environmental monitoring stations. Noise readings are still to be finalised.

The stack has been recently installed on the Package Boiler and work is on track for commissioning in January 2007.

Holding tank vent trial is currently being installed.

First trial tank cover currently being manufactured for the secondary seed surge tanks in Precipitation.

*Community activities – Mellissa Case*

Update on community activities presented.

Biennial Corporate and Community Issues survey was conducted in October. Results are currently being compiled by independent consultant and will be distributed in the new year.

Johann Van Zyl awarded Queensland Professional Manager of the Year at the AIM Management Excellence Awards.

All employees and contractors participated in Clean up QAL day.

QAL acquired approximately 1000 historical negative relating to construction and town development back to the early 60's. Some of the images will be displayed as part of an historic exhibition at the Gallery/Museum for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.

QAL manufactured a replacement time capsule for Toolooa State High School's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Employees who took part in the 42<sup>nd</sup> annual QAL/Yaralla Golf day raised \$315 for the Volunteer Marine Rescue

Employee payroll deductions recently underwent a review and 10 charities have been selected for the program. QAL has had the program in place for a number of years.

**Discussion items:**

General discussion was held on Greenhouse gas emissions, carbon trading, potential cogeneration project and thermal oxidiser operation. A presentation on the

operation of the thermal oxidiser will be presented at the next meeting.

Melissa Russell 21 February  
2007

### **Odour Program – Melissa Russell**

Results of a recent study on odour were re-presented, as was the plan of the engineering study to look at the feasibility of removing odour from identified sources. This engineering work has been resourced with internal QAL Engineers and external consultants. A number of options are currently being explored and a pre-feasibility study will be completed by Q1 2007. From the most suitable options selected, a feasibility study will be completed by Q2 2007, with a definitive study following on from the findings. Conducting the studies is a technical process that will take some time, however its intention is to find the best possible technological solutions. Progress will be presented in future forums.

### **Community Notification Register – Ross Greenhalgh**

QAL has a Community Notifications Register, which is activated following assessment guidelines in the Crisis Management Manual. Local businesses, schools and neighbours are included on the list.

### **Questions and answers – Ross Greenhalgh**

Nil

*Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 21 February*

*An invitation to meet with the Board of Directors will be sent at a later date.*

Meeting closed: 8.50pm

#### **Attachments:**

- Draft of advertisement (for comment)
- Complaints database – Melissa Russell
- Environmental Projects update – Mike O'Neill
- Community activities – Mellissa Case
- Odour program – Melissa Russell
- Community Forum Reference Sheet