

## **QAL's Community Forum - Progress Update #30**

On Wednesday 12 July 2006 members of the QAL Community Forum gathered for its second meeting for the year. Below is a summary of the meeting.

### **Community complaints**

Presentation delivered on community complaints including alkali, dust, noise and odour year to date Reported year to date is better than previous year with dust complaints significantly reduced.

### **Revegetation update**

700 trees were planted on 10 May 2006. Next tree planting date will be 26 July 2006 when 720 trees will be planted. Interested participants can register with QAL Community Relations on 4976 2448.

### **Environmental improvement projects**

Update on capital environmental improvement projects provided. By August, 6 out of 7 boilers will be fitted with baghouses.

### **Community activities**

Update on community activities presented. 18 first year apprentices were officially welcomed on 17 May. Fourth year Fitting & Turning Apprentice Brent Stiller was named QAL Apprentice of the Year. QAL has again partnered with Ergon Energy to sponsor a Solar School in the Gladstone region. This year, Toolooa High School will be the recipient of a solar installation.

### **Odour program**

Map of site was displayed to show the reduction of odour, particularly in digestion where thermal oxidiser now operates. Feasibility study to prioritise emission sources for control is in progress.

### **Port Curtis Integrated Monitoring Program (PCIMP)**

QAL is an active member of PCIMP, a collaborative approach to monitoring Gladstone's harbour health with 14 members from government, industry, and research institutions.

### **Calcination/Demolition update**

Calcination demolition site cleaning is underway with final processing of materials. Demolition of QAL's lime kilns will be complete by end of July.

*The QAL Community Forum continues to be a useful medium for the mutual sharing of information between the refinery and its neighbours. Forum information can be found at [www.qal.com.au](http://www.qal.com.au) or by telephoning QAL Community Relations on 4976 2448.*

*QAL encourages the use of the 1800 181 110 Community Hotline to provide feedback about the impact of its operations.*

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