

Minutes from Community Forum #28, 1 March 2005, Bob Druitt Training Centre

Forum attendees: Betty Gosschalk (new member), Susan Huther (guest), Lew Fellowes, Beven Newitt, Frank Bowen, Sam Ricciu, Kelvin Banks, John Feddersen, Keith Massey (new member), Annemieke Grosser, Grant Firth, Melissa Russell, Johann van Zyl, Ross Greenhalgh, Joey Parsons

Apologies: Mike O'Neil, Frank Barker

Agenda

- Welcome and introduction – R Greenhalgh
- Feedback from Forum meeting with QAL Board – J Feddersen
- Standing items
- Discussion items – J Feddersen
- Kiln demolition/calcliner update – R Greenhalgh
- Red Mud Dam Project – M Russell
- Odour program – M Russell
- Questions & Answers – R Greenhalgh
- Meeting close at 9.00pm

Minutes and actions resulting from meeting

Minutes / Action	By Whom	By When
Welcome and introduction:		
Feedback information from the Forum meeting will be published in the Port Curtis Post, The Observer and on the QAL website.	Joey Parsons (ongoing)	25 March
Annual Forum/Board Meeting		
On behalf of Forum members, John Feddersen commented on the recent Forum/Board meeting. Commented that the meeting was productive and that the Board recognised the progress being made. Board thanked all Forum members for their cooperation and patience in working together.		
Johann van Zyl also commented that the Board recognised that odour still remains a primary concern for Forum members. Board agreed that QAL will present an action plan in six months time . Johann van Zyl also commented that QAL has agreed to work with other industry representatives to target the coal dust issue in Gladstone.		
It was agreed that the annual Forum/Board meeting will continue.		
Standing items:		
<i>Complaints database – M Russell</i>		
Presentation on community complaints including alkali, dust, noise and odour year to date. Reported that 2005 results showed a significant decrease in the overall number of complaints to previous years.		
QAL was recently certified to ISO 14001:2004. QAL was certified to ISO 14001:1996 in 1999, however the new		

standard ensures QAL complies with the new, more stringent objectives and requirements.

Tree planting committee update – M Russell

Following the final tree planting session in December last year, 2005's goal of 3000 planted was achieved. Three sessions for 2006 are planned this year with the overall aim to plant 2100 trees. Once finalised for next session is confirmed, issue invitation to forum members by mail.

Joey Parsons

Early April

Presentation from Forum # 23 to be reissued to Forum members

Joey Parsons

With minutes

Environmental projects update – R Greenhalgh

Update on capital environmental improvement projects provided. Once Boiler 5 baghouse is complete, middle stack will be the first with two baghouses installed. Alkali emission reduction projects progressing with the second moon buggy ordered. Membranes to also be installed on the top of the secondary surge tanks and primary feed tanks to eliminate alkali misting. Trial currently underway and if successful, membranes are to be installed on all secondary surge tanks and primary feed tanks tanks by the end of the year.

Community activities – J Parsons

Update on community activities presented. Official event in November last year to mark 100 million tonnes of alumina. In November also, QAL was recognised as one of the nation's top four training providers when it was short listed in the Australian Training Awards. In February this year, QAL launched a new partnership with Queensland Health and opened the Gladstone Men's Resource Centre at QAL Community House. The Centre aims to encourage men to adopt healthier lifestyle choices and be proactive in maintaining their health.

Discussion items:

Fatality investigation

An update on the investigation was requested – no further information could be provided.

Coal dust

Discussion regarding coal dust in Gladstone and whether or not, specific sources can be identified from samples.

Dust samples

Brian Ross has requested a copy of a report from a sample he submitted some time ago. Joey Parsons to confirm with Brian the date the sample was submitted.

Joey Parsons

16 March

Hydrate trucking

Discussion regarding the reliability of QAL's calciners given the recent hydrate trucking project. Calciners are experiencing problems with their refractory however, it is anticipated that by later in the year, all three units will be reliable.

Alumina shipping

John Feddersen raised suggestion that a presentation could be delivered to Fourm members on the journey of alumina once it leaves QAL. QAL agreed to develop an article for inclusion in external newsletter Refining Moments. Joey Parsons to develop article.

Joey Parsons

21 March

Property values

Discussion from Sam Ricciu and Keith Massey on the value of properties which have been impacted from QAL operations.

Complaints procedure

Discussion regarding an increased number of complainants who are unhappy with the level of customer service from Pacific Claims. Joey Parsons to discuss with Ian Appleton and Peter Odgers to develop course of action.

Joey Parsons

24 March

Kiln demolition/calcliner update – R Greenhalgh:

Demolition is progressing well with over 76% now complete. In February, QAL's three calcination stacks were also removed.

Lime kiln demolition is also progressing with the electrical demolition work completed. Mechanical demolition contract has been awarded and the project will be complete in June this year.

Red Mud Dam Project – M Russell

Presentation delivered on QAL's 50 year strategy to increase the life of its red mud disposal area. Project will adopt 'upstream' construction method which will utilise the existing dam footprint. Project approved by QAL Board in February this year and construction will begin in a couple of months.

Odour program – M Russell

Odour survey has identified next round of odour sources to target. Challenge is to develop technology that will separate the odour bearing non condensable gases from steam. Investigations are underway.

Two destratification units will be installed at the Red Mud Dam in April to assist in the elimination of odour.

Questions and answers - R Greenhalgh:

Brian Ross enquired about expansion plans. QAL confirmed discussions are continuing with owners.

Next meeting scheduled for 26 April 2006.

Meeting closed: 8.40pm

Attachments:

- Draft of advertisement (for comment)
- Meeting agenda
- Complaints database
- Tree planting update

- Environmental projects update
- Community activities update
- Kiln demolition/calcliner update
- Red Mud Dam project
- Odour program
- Community Forum Reference Sheet