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QAL Apprentice of the Year Announced

Queensland Alumina Limited (QAL) announced its Apprentice of the Year at an official ceremony last week.

Fourth year Electrical and Instrumentation Apprentice, Brenton Dau was announced as the QAL Apprentice of the Year. In addition, fourth year Fitting and Turning apprentice Brendan Scanlan was awarded the Central State Fuels Apprentice Award at the ceremony.

QAL Managing Director Phil Campbell said the Awards are a way of rewarding exceptional QAL apprentices and acknowledging the value they give to the business.

“Our apprentices are very dedicated to their trades and take pride in the quality of training offered to them, so understandably the high calibre made the decision of awarding an Apprentice of the Year quite difficult,” Mr Campbell said.

“A panel assess the fourth-year apprentices on diligence to safety, strong workmanship, cooperation, comprehension and initiative and Brenton proved superior performance in all of these areas. He particularly showed great drive to take on additional internal and external training and found the balance to excel in both his work and studies.”

Brenton, who will complete his apprenticeship at the end of next year, said the Award meant a great deal to him.

“Receiving the Award is a real bonus to gaining my apprenticeship and it is great to be recognised for your efforts during the five years of training.”

“The best thing about having an apprenticeship is that it is a good launching pad to get into the workforce and at the end, you also have a trade behind you. This combined with the Electrical Engineering degree which I am currently undertaking, will provide me with both a hands on and practical knowledge of my trade and set me up well in my future career.” Mr Dau said.

Brenton won a trip for two to New Zealand and a visit to QAL owner’s operations, New Zealand Aluminium Smelter, where he will go on a tour of the site and meet a

selection of operations personnel. In addition to this experience, Brenton also receives \$750 prize money.

Since QAL's commissioning in 1967, close to 740 apprentices have been skilled at QAL learning a variety of trades including electrical, instrumentation, fitting, boilermaking, and refrigeration. QAL is one of the state's largest apprentice employers with 73 apprentices currently on site.

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About Queensland Alumina Limited:

Queensland Alumina Limited (QAL) commenced operation in March 1967 with an annual production rate of 600,000 tonnes of alumina. Today QAL is one of the world's largest alumina refineries, producing 3.95 million tonnes of the world's best smelter grade alumina per year. With an average workforce of 1050 employees, QAL is the region's largest employer and annually contributes approximately \$200 million directly to the local economy.

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