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### **Australia Day Award recognises QAL's Community Involvement**

Queensland Alumina Limited (QAL) was awarded the Gladstone City Council Australia Day Community Event of the Year Award for their 40th Anniversary celebrations.

Gladstone Mayor Peter Corones said QAL's 40 Year Celebrations were chosen from the nominations received based on their significance to the City of Gladstone and the community and stakeholder involvement in the events and the planning process.

The celebrations, held throughout the month of October 2007 marked a significant milestone for both QAL and the community. In celebration, QAL organised a number of events including a historical exhibition at the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery and Museum, an employees picnic and weekend of events focussing on past and present employees with a cocktail evening, formal dinner, a harbour cruise and mystery tour.

Over 3000 people attended the various events, the highlight of which was a formal dinner where four past and present Managing Directors addressed the audience with stories from their QAL and Gladstone experiences.

QAL also published a commemorative book '*When QAL Came to Town: Living Through the Construction Years 1964 – 1967*' which tells the stories of the early days of Gladstone and QAL through the eyes of twenty very different people.

Member for Gladstone, Liz Cunningham presented the award to QAL Managing Director Johann van Zyl.

"Thanks to the dedication of QAL's event organisers, the company celebrated another milestone with the Gladstone community," Mrs Cunningham said.

"For all these reasons and many more, it is with great pleasure I present the Queensland Alumina Limited 40 Year Celebrations with the Gladstone City Community Event of the Year Award."

Managing Director Johann van Zyl said whilst providing an important testimony to mark the anniversary of the refinery, the celebrations also provided an everlasting legacy to the people in our community that made Gladstone and QAL what it is today.

“It is heart-warming to witness the passion and enthusiasm within the community for QAL. We are very grateful to receive such tremendous support and also to receive the award,” Mr van Zyl said.

“QAL is very proud to have been such a significant part of the Gladstone community for the past forty years and we look forward to continuing that relationship well into the future.”

Copies of the commemorative book ‘*When QAL Came to Town: Living Through the Construction Years 1964 – 1967*’ by local historian Bronwyn Roper are available from the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum and QAL Community Relations. To obtain a free copy of the publication, please contact Community Relations on 1800 181 110.

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QAL Managing Director Johann van Zyl accepts the Gladstone City Council Community Event of the Year Award from Member for Gladstone, Liz Cunningham