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### **David takes out top State Training Award**

Queensland Alumina Limited's (QAL) Electrical/ Instrumentation Contract Coordinator David Smith, was recognised at a State awards ceremony last week for his commitment to training excellence.

David received the prestigious Manufacturing Trainee of the Year award at the Manufacturing Skills Queensland Industry Training Awards held in Brisbane. David was one of three state finalists in the section, honouring high-achieving individuals who were completing studies in the manufacturing area. QAL was also a finalist at the awards, represented in the Large Manufacturing Employer of the Year category.

David received the award for work undertaken during his Diploma of Management and Certificate IV in Frontline Management, which he was working on for 21 months before graduating in February this year. David commenced the studies in 2008, six months into his employment at QAL, following a major transition from electrical trade work in Melbourne's construction industry to the contract coordinator role at QAL.

QAL based Frontline Management Course Facilitator Cheryl Hopkinson said David took his studies in his stride and really benefited from everything taught in the modules.

"David was really dedicated to his studies and this award is testament to the quality of his work, in which he received distinctions for all modules. It's great to see students who have completed the Frontline Management course at QAL be recognised by the industry at this level," Cheryl said.

David said he is proud to receive the Trainee of the Year award, though he was humbled by the experience.

David and QAL Digestion Field Training Officer Michael Hogg are also currently entrants in the Queensland Training Awards - Student category for their work in the Frontline Management course.

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**General Manager, Vertical Horizonz Australia's (sponsor) Warren Dennis, QAL's David Smith and Member for Waterford Evan Moorhead (representing the Minister for Education and Training)**

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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 \$400 million directly to the local economy.

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