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#### **Employees Recognised for Years of Service**

With over 500 years of service between them it was certainly a night full of special recognition.

A total of 18 employees were acknowledged for their longstanding dedication to Queensland Alumina Limited (QAL) at the refinery's final Service Awards Dinner on Friday night.

Employees celebrated between 25 and 35 years of service and were each rewarded with a special gift in appreciation of their commitment to their workplace.

QAL's 2009 Service Awards functions have now come to an end and the 198 employees recognised this year achieved an impressive combined total of 2 965 years of service.

QAL Managing Director Phil Campbell said that while many companies struggle to recognise employees with such longstanding commitment, he is very proud that QAL has been able to continue this tradition for so long.

"Our employees are the lifeblood of our operations and I am very pleased to witness this level of commitment spanning over so many years," Mr Campbell said.

"These long-serving employees offer a depth of experience that is not only vital for QAL's business to prosper, but it is also invaluable in providing our less experienced employees with the best mentoring possible."

This event was the fourth and final Service Awards function for the year. The celebrations included two informal social functions for employees celebrating five to 10 years of service and two dinner functions for employees celebrating over 20 years of service.

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*Caption: Noel Wales (30 years), Peter Bletchly (30 years), Jeff Dyer (30 years), Managing Director Phil Campbell, George Skiba (35 years) Alan Scherer (30 years), Ron Power (35 years) and Jim Gregory (35 years)*

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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 one of the region's largest employers and annually contributes approximately \$300 million directly to the local economy.

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