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QAL EMPLOYEES RAISE FUNDS FOR CANCER RESEARCH

The achievement of Queensland Alumina Limited (QAL) employees being awarded the highest fundraising team at the recent Gladstone Relay for Life event, brings the total amount raised for the Cancer Council Queensland to over \$110 000 in the last four years.

The outstanding success of QAL employees' fundraising efforts for Cancer Council Queensland commenced with the second Relay for Life event in 2005. Raising \$11 000 through on site events and gate collections, the QAL Surf for a Cure team was named the highest fundraiser for the event. The trend continued in 2006 with the SLAM Cancer team also raising \$11 000 and received the same award.

QAL employees' support of Cancer Council Queensland continued in 2007 with Occupational Health Nurse, Steff Laws, as a Queensland Nurse of the Year entrant. Over \$77 000 was raised through a variety of on and off site events, which saw Ms Laws presented with a Special Merit at the state level Awards for her efforts.

This year QAL employees were back on track with their fundraising at Relay for Life with another \$11 000 raised and again receiving the highest fundraising award.

QAL Health Safety, Environment and Communities Manager, Ross Greenhalgh acknowledges QAL employees' efforts to voluntarily deliver the support and funds needed within the Gladstone community.

"Cancer has touched the lives of many people and this is an excellent example of employees supporting not only the local community, but also not for profit organisations that are working to make a difference," Mr Greenhalgh said.

"As the region's largest employer, QAL has a commitment to the local community in which we all live and work. Our employees are congratulated for their fundraising efforts which have benefited not only the Cancer Council Queensland, but also a number of other not for profit organisations locally and further afield over the years."

"Part of the fundraising success can also be attributed to the support of the various contracting companies on site, who have always been supportive of any initiative to raise funds for those in need. Their support is much appreciated," he said.

Cancer Council Queensland is an independent, community-based charity established to raise awareness of cancer and provide support to those affected. The ongoing

research and achievements of Cancer Council Queensland are made possible by the generosity of Queenslanders.

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