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Gladstone's newest destination has arrived

Not even a downpour of rain could dampen the spirits of the 70 invited guests for the launch of Gladstone's newest destination, the Queensland Alumina Limited (QAL) lookout this morning.

The event marked the end of three months of construction to produce a whole new experience for visitors, with three interpretation shelters interlinked by boardwalks and ramps. Flowing through the shelters are 14 interpretation panels which take visitors on the journey of producing the world's most versatile metal, aluminium.

On opening the facility, Liz Cunningham, MLA, Member of Gladstone said that the lookout had a long history in Gladstone.

"For over forty years, the lookout has been a popular place to visit, both day and night and it is amazing to think how QAL and the harbour looked in the 1960's compared to how it is today." Mrs Cunningham said.

"There are limited opportunities to get so close to industry and this facility provides a welcoming environment for visitors to gain knowledge about the processes involved at the refinery, and also the history of the harbour and industry in our region."

QAL Managing Director Phil Campbell said the new facility was dedicated to Jack Vanholland, an 'industrial pioneer' in Gladstone during the 1960's.

"Jack Vanholland was the first permanent company representative in Gladstone following the announcement that QAL was coming to town, and the work that he did building relationships with the townspeople, set the foundation for our operations today."

"QAL has a long history of supporting the community in which we operate and we are proud of the strong relationships we have built. Since the early days, we have recognised the importance of providing access to our operations and we intend to continue that tradition well into the future,"

"The lookout provides a great opportunity to share information, not only about QAL's operations, but also Boyne Smelters and we hope that visitors to the facility will enjoy their experience of viewing one of the world's largest alumina refineries even more."

The QAL lookout was officially opened by Liz Cunningham, MLA, Member for Gladstone and QAL Managing Director, Phil Campbell, with the plaque unveiled by Robyn Vanholland, wife of the late Jack Vanholland and Tony Warren.

A community launch will be held this Saturday, 13 November with a live broadcast by SEA FM, a free sausage sizzle and plenty of giveaways including a weekend for two

to Heron Island. The event will be held from 10am – to 1pm, and everyone is welcome to attend. Following the launch, the lookout will remain open everyday from 7am until 7pm.

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QAL Managing Director Phil Campbell and Liz Cunningham, MLA, Member for Gladstone cut the ribbon to officially launch the QAL lookout.

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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