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#### Tour the Region's industry giants

The weekly free industry tours at QAL will take a new direction this year, with the introduction of "Mine to Market" tours, combining QAL and Boyne Smelters operations.

On average, around 1 500 visitors tour the refinery each year as part of the organised tours. With the combined tours commencing in March, there will be an increase in seating available with the use of a bigger bus to transport visitors to both of the sites.

Managing Director Phil Campbell, said the combination of the tours made it possible for visitors to explore the refining and manufacturing process together, providing a greater understanding of alumina production and the end product aluminium.

"The tours will now combine two of the biggest – with QAL as one of the largest alumina refineries in the world and Boyne Smelters being the largest smelter in the southern hemisphere," he said.

"Our retiree tour guides will continue to lead the tours and impart their many years of knowledge gained from working at QAL with the visitors. This partnership has proved to be very successful, not only for visitor engagement, but also the QAL retirees club, which is provided with support from QAL in return for the provision of the tours."

Retiree tour guide Clive Hall said he enjoyed taking the weekly tours and was looking forward to the combined tours which would provide a larger audience for his monthly banter.

"I think that the visitors really enjoy the opportunity to hear first hand the history of the organisation and many are amazed that after working for QAL for 35 years, I still keep coming back for more!"

"It is a great opportunity for us to remain part of QAL, which was and will continue to be, such a large part of our lives. There is of course the added bonus of meeting people from all over the country and hearing of their adventures which makes retirement even more fun!"

The weekly tours will recommence on 5 March and are held every Friday until the end of November. Tours can be booked through GAPDL on 4972 4000 and are provided free of charge.

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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 one of the region's largest employers and annually contributes approximately \$400 million directly to the local economy.

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