



## Media release

### A 'Lucky guess' while at the QAL 50th historical display won community members quick cash

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Last week Queensland Alumina Limited (QAL) celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. More than 700 people participated in free community tours and the employee open day saw more than 1100 family and friends visit the Plant.

As part of the celebrations a jar was filled with bauxite balls and both community members and QAL employees were invited to make a guess of how many bauxite balls they thought were in the jar.

Bauxite is a red pebble like material sourced from both Weipa and Gove. It is shipped to QAL and the alumina is extracted from the bauxite through a process called the 'Bayer Process'.

Over 500 people submitting guesses with the winner being Jim Harrison who guessed four bauxite balls off the correct number which was 3883. Followed in second place were community members Rob Menerey and Rebekah Vanis. In third place came QAL Field Training Officer Bill Allen who was working as a volunteer on the bus tours during the family fun day. Bill has been a QAL employee since 1986.

Bill said, "The most enjoyable part of the 50 year celebrations for me was speaking with the previous QAL workers about their experiences. It was like Remembrance Day for me. I also really liked the QAL history display in the Gladstone regional Art Gallery which I believe is still open for the community to view."

Second place winners Rob and Rebekah made their guess while on a QAL community tour. Rob said, "It was really good to go through both QAL and the historical display, I enjoyed it a lot". The tours went from the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery through QAL and also into the onsite historical display showing mile stones throughout the 50 years.

Rebekah said "I work at Cement Australia so it was really interesting to see another industry in Gladstone up close. While I was there I walked through the historical display there was so much to see. That is where I made my bauxite guess and it is funny I came close because I honestly just guessed."

The winners have been awarded a certificate and a gift voucher.

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**Picture 1:** Winner of the QAL 50<sup>th</sup> Bauxite Ball Guessing competition Jim Harrison



**Picture 2:** Bill Allen receiving his award for 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in front of the new QAL 50 year monument



**Picture 3:** Guests and employees enjoying the QAL onsite historical display





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