

## Media release

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### **QAL trainee Kye O'Reilly selected as regional finalist in the Queensland Training Awards**

Queensland Alumina Limited's (QAL) Kye O'Reilly has been selected as a regional 'Trainee of the Year' finalist in the Queensland Training Awards.

Kye started working as a QAL trainee in April 2017 in the Raw Materials section of the refinery. He finished his traineeship in September 2019 and then started an Electrical and Instrumentation apprenticeship within the business. During his time as a trainee operator, Kye developed many skills to assist him with his career at QAL and beyond. His work included looking after the transfer of bauxite from the wharf up to the plant, loading alumina into ships, general duties, such as hosing and replacing damaged rollers on belts, and operating heavy machinery such as bulldozers and front-end loaders to manage stockpiles.

Reflecting on his employment at QAL, Kye said "I have been fortunate to have worked with a great team and developed many skills that are transferable across all types of work. QAL is an amazing workplace to gain heavy industry experience.

"The company offers so many opportunities to learn about any type of work you may be interested in. QAL has many long-serving employees who gladly share their expertise in their fields. I was fortunate enough to be a part of a great crew who trained me in safe work practises and how to be an effective team member."

To apply for the training awards, Kye had to complete his Certificate III in Process Plant Operations. He was required to detail his experiences and why he chose to do the certificate and was then interviewed online by the training award judges.

The regional Queensland Training Awards winners will be announced this Friday and, if Kye is successful, he will move into the state finals.

Click below to view the central Queensland regional finalists;

<https://desbt.qld.gov.au/training/qta/winners-and-finalists/regions/cq-winners-finalists>

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*Photo taken by Brenda (Strong Images) - Queensland Training Awards Regional finalist Kye O'Reilly at Queensland Alumina Limited*