

Fuel for Thought

Looking Forward

The other day I saw one of those anniversary lists which appear at the beginning of each year and saw that it is 20 years since the release of the movie Jurassic Park.

It was a bit of a shock to realise that it has been two decades since that movie hit the screens.

Other listings for 2013 which stood out included the 100th anniversary of the crossword, it is 50 years since the assassination of JFK, and it was in 1963 that the Beatles released their first album Please Please Me – so I guess we can look forward to hearing plenty of the Fab Four's music this year.

Here at QER we've not long ago celebrated the first anniversary of producing oil from our technology demonstration plant, and marked the occasion with another milestone – production of raw diesel.

We have continued to run over the Christmas/New Year break, continuing to focus on gaining efficiencies from our technology, as maximising economic viability is a critical element of our industry's longer-term prospects, particularly when development costs are so high in Australia.

At the moment we're looking forward to producing our first batches of ultra-low sulphur diesel, which we'll be testing in a series of truck trials, and we're confident the performance of our fuel will compare very favourably with conventional diesel.

Apart from producing fuels our facility's other primary objective is to demonstrate our technology to the local community, and we hope to welcome increased numbers of visitors to our site this year.

As an aside, we had 11 snake sightings around the plant in 2012 and we're hoping it is a good omen, as 2013 is the Chinese Year of the Snake.

Finally, from all of us at QER, all the best to you and your families for the year ahead.



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