

Fuel for Thought

Ecofest a Great Success

Ecofest was a great success again this year. Thanks to all the organisers, sponsors and to the community for turning out in numbers.

Thanks too to all those who participated in QER's guessing competition. We asked people to guess what percentage of Queensland's diesel imports could be replaced by production from a full scale commercial QER kerogen fuels plant right here in Gladstone. Of course there are many assumptions that go into such a calculation, so we worked out an answer beforehand and sealed it up – like the Oscars, but hopefully without the controversy!

We worked out that a 75,000 barrel per day plant would produce about 3,462.24 million litres of diesel per year (along with some other fuel products). Queensland's current annual diesel use, according to Australia's Chief Economist, is about 6,156.7 million litres per year. If 85% of Australia's fuel is derived from overseas, as outlined in a recent study, then we would need to import about 5,233.19 million litres of diesel per year. This means that amazingly, a kerogen fuels project in Gladstone could replace 66.16% of the import derived fuel.

Congratulations to the family who won with a guess of 66.71%. The winners asked to remain anonymous. We hope you thoroughly enjoy your trip to Heron Island, one of the natural jewels of our region.

Ecofest is a great event in the Gladstone calendar and we look forward to supporting it again next year.



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