

Fuel for Thought

Another Step In The Journey



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I know the saying goes 'there's a first time for everything' but I would never have thought it could apply to writing a newspaper column, and yet here it is.

As the incoming site superintendent for QER one of my new tasks is to replace our outgoing operations manager Chris Anderson in writing this column. They are big shoes to fill as Chris has done a great job in managing our operation here and building a strong relationship with the local community. I wish him and Caroline and their family all the best in the big city.

I've worked with QER since the company started here in Gladstone, with spells in Brisbane and Colorado and I'm thrilled to be taking on this new responsibility.

My small team and I will represent QER in Gladstone, manage the final stages of operations as the plant is put under care and maintenance, and keep it ready for occasional plant runs, such as when we're highlighting the technology to potential investors.

As readers of this column would be aware, QER is currently looking for investment to take our industry to the next stage of development – a small-scale commercial facility producing mainly ultra-low sulphur diesel. It is early days but we've had some encouraging interest from potential investors.

We strongly believe our industry can play an important role in providing greater fuel security for Queensland, and in the longer term Australia, by reducing the amount of fuels we're importing to keep our transport systems on the move.

As Gladstone residents we know how much our goods and services are dependent on transport fuels, and recent refinery closures here mean we must rely more and more on fuels coming from overseas.

If you want to know more about the role oil shale can play in addressing fuel security, and the technology we've developed to produce our 'rock to road' fuels, why not drop by our visitor centre on Landing Road, at Yarwun. It's open seven days a week from 9:00AM to 4:30PM on weekdays, and from 12 noon to 4:00PM on weekends and public holidays.



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