

Fuel for Thought

Time Flies

I don't know who first used the phrase 'Time Flies' but they were right on the money as far as I'm concerned.

It is hard to believe that we are already through one-third of 2014, the Easter break has come and gone, schoolkids are back in class for the second term, and we're fast approaching the month of May – where has it all gone?

The passing of time has been on my mind a bit lately – not only due to advancing years – but also because the end of April signals the time for another group of QER staff to leave the project.

I'd like to pay tribute to these people, and other colleagues who have left over recent months as QER completed its technology demonstration plant project. Even though they knew they would be leaving QER they have approached their work with good humour and the usual professionalism that has been a hallmark of operations throughout the course of the demonstration plant project.

They have been wonderful workmates and good friends, and it is hoped that we will be welcoming them back once we're able to proceed with the next stage of development, a small-scale commercial facility here at our Yarwun site.

To that end we continue to remain optimistic regarding efforts to attract an investor partner for the next stage, and in fact we will be conducting short runs of the facility's retort in coming weeks to highlight its performance to potential investors.

QER is determined to maintain our track record in communicating our plans and activities to the Gladstone community, either through regular updates such as the Fuel for Thought column (now running for more than four years), or more directly through involvement at community events and our facility's visitor centre.

We'll continue to provide updates as we look to develop our fuels-from-shale industry, which we believe can play a strong role in the future of the Gladstone region.



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