

# Fuel for Thought

## Telling the Forest from the Trees

Well Ecofest is behind us for 2015 and what a fantastic event it was again this year.

Thanks to all those who stopped by our stand. We enjoyed the opportunity to get to know you and talk about what we're up to out at QER.

It seems that the QER 'library bags' (or maybe sports bags, shoe bags, utility bags?) we gave away were a big hit with the kids.

The guessing competition was good fun too. We asked people to guess how many trees there are in one hectare of established mine revegetation. There were many different methods employed and the strain on many faces was clear as people delved into the recesses of their minds for those maths principles. 361 people had a guess. Guesses ranged from 30 trees per hectare to 1 million! The magic number was...(drum roll)...**833**! We calculated the number from actual survey data, but it kind of makes sense when you think about it. A hectare is 100m x 100m...and if all the trees were planted in straight lines (they're not, by the way), that would be around 29 rows x 29 rows. Each row would be, on average, just under 3.5m apart...which if you look at the pictures, seems about right.

We are pleased to announce that the winner was **Evan Thompson** – with a guess (or maybe a calculation?) of 850. We will contact Evan to send through the prize – a fabulous lunch and Eco-Cruise on those iconic pink amphibious LARC's at 1770.

Thanks a lot to the Gladstone Regional Council who sponsor the event which is great for the community and brings together a wonderfully diverse group of people who share a love for the fantastic natural environment in which we all live.

We look forward to participating again next year and hope to see you there!



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