

Fuel for Thought

A Fond Farewell



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I must say I haven't been looking forward to this column, as it is the final one I will be writing as QER's site operations manager.

As part of the company's decision to wind back operations at our New Fuels Development Centre at Yarwun

I am heading back to QER's Brisbane office to immerse myself in the engineering work we're conducting for the next stage of our project, a small-scale commercial facility.

I've thoroughly enjoyed the past 11 or so years in Gladstone and both my wife and myself have some wonderful memories of our time here. Our two children were born in Gladstone, we've made lots of very good friends and I have absolutely loved the outdoor lifestyle this city provides and promotes.

Added to all of that, the experience of managing a project as important and exciting as QER's technology demonstration plant has been the highlight of my career so far and while I will miss it, and more importantly the people I've worked with, I'm looking forward to the challenges associated with the next stage of developing an oil shale industry in Queensland.

Funnily enough I am being replaced in Gladstone by another Anderson (albeit with slightly different spelling). Bruce Andersen, who has lived in this part of the world for more than 30 years, will be taking over responsibility for the plant, and for communicating QER's plans and activities in future Fuel for Thought columns.

Bruce will be heading up a small on-site team tasked with maintaining the facility, and overseeing operations on the occasions when the plant is started up to highlight its operability to potential investors. He'll also be QER's representative in the Gladstone community.

We continue to be encouraged by the initial reaction from a number of potential investors, and hopes remain high that QER will be able to progress development of a commercial shale-to-liquids facility in Gladstone.

For anyone wanting to learn more about our project QER's visitor centre on Landing Road at Yarwun remains open seven days a week.



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