

Fuel for Thought

Back to the Future

My first part time job as a teenager in Gladstone was a milk delivery run. This meant starting work at 3am in the morning, heading to the old PCD milk factory to load up with milk and dairy products and heading off to deliver around the suburbs of Gladstone. There's nothing quite like getting chased by the Blue Heeler that sleeps under the front steps or running flat out into a spiders web in the dark to then start dancing like Peter Garrett. Ahh those were the days...

I often think to myself that we should look to the past for an answer rather than the future and this is important when we look at resources. We recycled the empty bottles of milk daily, we fixed our TV and fridges when they broke and we walked a lot more. A trip to the local dump to recycle some green waste the other day highlighted to me how wasteful we have become with some of our valuable resources. Skips full of flat screen TV's, a battalion of fridges waiting for some kind of execution, furniture that no one wants. Certainly we have become more efficient in many areas but there are areas we can improve.

It is very important for all of us to manage our resources in a way that they are used responsibly and not wasted – turn the light off, combine your jobs when out in your car, repair rather than throw out, recycle, and walk if you can. This principle is very important to us here at QER. On site we re-use our storm water for several purposes, re-use our process water after treatment for moistening shale when processing and we recycle our waste metals and other materials. These are just a few of the many things that we do on site to ensure that we optimally utilise the Kerogen shale resource in our care. This is a key part of our mission to build and operate a safe, economically viable and sustainable shale-to-liquids industry in Queensland.



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