

Fuel for Thought

Commitment, Energy and Innovation

Recently a friend (and former work colleague) took it upon himself to celebrate his birthday by walking a Marathon distance at Spinnaker Park while raising charity for the Mission to Seafarers and Roseberry House. This got me thinking about how innovative, committed and energetic people in our community are. There have been several local events recently (Feast on East, Under the Trees Music Festival, Multicultural Festival, BAM, Crow St Creative) all of which require not only a tremendous amount of human effort and innovation but also resources (energy, machinery and equipment) to make them successful. Without these, our community would be much worse off. Much like the people in our community, QER is also committed to doing our bit by helping to secure our future energy needs so that we may continue to thrive and enjoy doing the things we love to do.

In this context, we also had the pleasure of hosting work experience student Tara Hannigan in QER's Resources and Environment group. While friends were at the beach or relaxing by a poolside, Tara sacrificed a week of her holidays to join us and assisted with managing the rehabilitation of historic drill sites, working on assessing opportunities associated with renewable energy in CQ, and providing input into our safety management system – a critical component of QER's day to day operations.

Tara's placement was facilitated by the Queensland Minerals and Energy Academy (QMEA). QMEA's Oresome Internships program is a partnership between Government and industry which aims to help the students join the dots between their studies and the world of work, make contacts in their fields of interest, and give them confidence in their subject choices and studies.

Developing skills and confidence in our young people is a privilege, and we welcomed the opportunity to host Tara and participate in QMEA's program. We trust that Tara gained some useful insights into what it's like working in a small resources company focussed on developing Queensland's kerogen shale deposits.

We want to thank Tara for her efforts and trust that she has enjoyed her time with us. We hope that the insights gained will be useful in helping to guide her future studies and career path and wish her all the best!



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