

Fuelling the green industry to be best enviro business

Seed for idea was planted during sailing days

by John Hammond

OZ Future Fuels beat more than 400 businesses to be named winner of the Large Environmental Business category at this year's Sunshine Coast Excellence in Business Awards.

Directors Allan and Gerardine Lear consider it a great achievement, which was only made possible by their talented staff.

The Landsborough-based leading hydrocarbon waste recovery, refining and recycling company offers mining industries, councils and waste producers effective full-cycle waste management solutions.

In a previous life, when they were around-the-world sailors, Allan and Gerardine witnessed large amounts of ocean pollution.

This planted the seed for Oz Future Fuels to take hydrocarbon waste and re-use it.

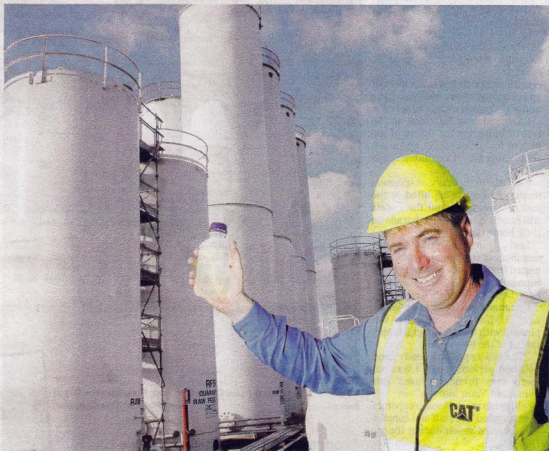
Six years down the track, Oz Future Fuels now works with two of Australia's largest businesses, Xstrata and Wesfarmers, assisting waste recovery, recycle and reuse programs.

The company employs about 35 staff including tradesmen building the transportable plant and equipment, the on-site plant operators and office and management staff.

One of its projects closer to home currently under construction is a recycling recovery centre in the Narangba Industrial Estate.

It will be used by Moreton Bay regional industries.

Allan believes climate change re-



Oz Future Fuels director Allan Lear with the oil the company turns into fuel.

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duction goals have contributed to widespread environmental commercialisation, which is a promising future for green tech companies

such as Oz Future Fuels.

Gerardine said partnerships with AusIndustry would further commercialise green technologies such as a

transportable full-cycle hydrocarbon integrated biomass system which potentially could produce synthetic fuel.