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GPC's unequalled commitment to Gladstone youth employment

Gladstone Ports Corporation is leading the way in supporting the youth of Gladstone kick start their career.

In what has been a record intake year, GPC has formally welcomed 21 new apprentices and trainees to the workplace.

CEO Leo Zussino said that with this record intake of apprentices and trainees, GPC now has 68 apprentices and trainees working at the port.

"This represents 10% of the port's workforce – an unequalled commitment to the skilling of our youth," Mr Zussino added.

"GPC is proud to have three Indigenous apprentices and one stevedore trainee in this year's intake."

Mr Zussino said GPC had paid particular attention to encouraging Indigenous youth to apply for traineeships at the port as part of the GPC Board approved Reconciliation Action Plan and targeted Indigenous Employment Programme.

"This year the port takes on four diesel fitting, two mechanical fitting and four electrical apprentices, one plumbing apprentice, two horticultural trainees, one parks and gardens apprentice, one rigger/scaffolder trainee, one warehouse trainee, one computer aided drafting trainee and one administration trainee," Mr Zussino said.

"The group also includes three new stevedoring trainees who will complete a 12-month traineeship unique to the port."

"It's a unique set of skills specific to the port and gives them a great base to learn and grow as they work through their traineeship."

Learning and Development Coordinator Greg Seeds said GPC offers an outstanding training program producing highly skilled apprentices and trainees.

"Each apprentice and trainee is assigned a Mentor and Accountable Supervisor who will provide guidance for the duration of their training," Mr Seeds said.

"Our apprentices will gain excellent on the job experience as they participate in a quarterly rotation, working in various areas of the port.

"This gives them the opportunity to work with different teams and supervisors and provides them with a well rounded understanding of the port's operations.

"We always strive to produce highly capable and quality tradespeople who will go on to have a long and successful career in their chosen trade. "

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