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GPC welcomes funding announcement for Auckland East Shores Project

Gladstone Ports Corporation has welcomed the announcement by Premier Anna Bligh that \$10 million will be included in this year's budget for the Auckland East Shores development.

Chairman Ian Brusasco said the allocation of \$10 million from the state government will ensure the development of Auckland Point into a world class precinct.

"The funding has been allocated to facilitate early works," Mr Brusasco said.

"As a result Stage One of the consultation process can start in October this year."

Mr Brusasco said the master plan included public space along the waterfront of Auckland Creek, as well as restaurant and café area overlooking the old slipway, a water play area, and barbeques.

"Also included in the draft master plan is a boardwalk stretching from in front of the old Players nightclub to O'Connell Wharf, with pontoons strategically placed to allow for the keen fisher-people of Gladstone to safely prawn and catch fish.

"The draft master plan is now available on GPC's website."

Mr Brusasco said the \$35 million development has been financed by the WICET.

"The development of the inlet of Auckland Creek will provide an exceptional place for the residents of the Gladstone region to experience the wonderful vistas of our harbour," Mr Brusasco said.

"GPC has included an interpretative centre on the old Player's Nightclub as well as a new centre for the Maritime Museum.

"As part of the Maritime Museum's new centre, the HMAS Gladstone will be housed at its own pontoon adjacent to the Museum, and will be open to the public."

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