



Gladstone Ports Corporation

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Future Directions Indigenous Liaison Group provides valued link

NAIDOC week is a time to celebrate and recognise the culture of Indigenous Australian's with this year's focus being the Spirit of the Tent Embassy 40 years on.

The embassy was a powerful symbol of unity providing a voice for Indigenous people.

Partnering with the indigenous community to enhance opportunities, share knowledge and gain feedback is of significant importance to Gladstone Ports Corporation (GPC).

One of our valued initiatives in our Indigenous Affairs program is the Future Directions Indigenous Liaison Group (FDILG), established in 2008, which provides a valued link between GPC and the Indigenous community.

The FDILG meet once a month and aims to maintain a strong relationship between the Port and the region's Indigenous community.

Chairperson Lee-ann Dudley said the group focuses on developing career pathways for Indigenous youth, resolving issues of concern, considering the impact of port growth and raising cultural awareness through training for current and future employees.

"We also work to build a sustainable partnership with the future generation of Indigenous leaders in Gladstone for the long-term by providing a solid platform for that transition to future generations," Ms Dudley said.

"Through this partnership many great initiatives have been developed and implemented including the recent redevelopment of the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

"This plan aims to empower our Indigenous community by creating a culturally safe and appropriate work environment where each individual can contribute, learn and grow."

In addition to the FDILG, monthly community consultations are held with Indigenous community representatives to provide input and discuss the initiatives included in GPC's Reconciliation Action Plan.

Photo: GPC and Indigenous community representatives celebrate GPC's Reconciliation Action Plan.



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