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**Future directions drive GPC's Indigenous Liaison Group**

The Gladstone Ports Corporation (GPC) Future Directions Indigenous Liaison Group held its first monthly meeting today, following recent Board approval of its Terms of Reference.

The group is made up of members from the Gladstone community and was established to advise GPC on how to maintain strong relationships with the local indigenous population.

With a focus on ensuring the indigenous community shares in the benefits and prosperity the Port of Gladstone generates, the group will concentrate on areas such as the development of clear career pathways for indigenous youth, increased collaboration on issues of concern and growth within the port, and cultural awareness training for current and future GPC employees.

Today, the group also discussed the future of GPC's Flinders Parade buildings, which have been handed over by the Corporation, to be used as a multipurpose community centre.

The buildings were the original Gladstone Harbour Board offices, but in recent years have been used predominantly as maintenance facilities.

Liaison Group members see this contribution from GPC as being of long term community benefit, setting a leading example in the area of indigenous community support.

A community engagement forum will be held in the near future to discuss potential projects and uses for the centre.

Liaison Group Chairperson, Lee-Ann Dudley can be contacted on (07) 4976 1649 for further information.

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.photo attached – Liaison Group members take a tour of GPC's Flinders Parade buildings which will become a multipurpose community centre.

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