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O'Connell Wharf to close on Monday

Gladstone Ports Corporation (GPC) will officially close O'Connell Wharf on Auckland Creek to harbour traffic from Monday October 19.

The closure will allow work to begin on the refurbishment of the historic wharf.

GPC CEO Leo Zussino said work will begin on the removal of the concrete deck structure at the western end of the wharf.

"From Monday a small section of the car park adjacent to the wharf will be resumed to allow for equipment to be moved on to the site.

"At this stage no trailer boat parking spaces will be lost."

Mr Zussino said a section of the existing wharf and adjacent approach structure would be refurbished to provide a single berth as a "T" head shaped structure.

"In response to community requests we have included a floating pontoon system that incorporates a ramp to the downstream end of the wharf onto the pontoon to allow access for smaller vessels to pick up and drop off passengers," Mr Zussino added.

"The refurbishment of O'Connell Wharf is part of a master plan GPC is developing for the redevelopment and preservation of the precinct of the Eastern Shores of Auckland Inlet."

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