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### **GPC's indigenous training program recognised at Expansion Project celebration**

As Australia's indigenous communities commemorate their heritage and culture during this week's NAIDOC celebrations, Premier Anna Bligh today congratulated Gladstone Ports Corporation (GPC) on the success of its indigenous training program at the official opening of the RG Tanna Coal Terminal (RGTCT) Expansion Project.

The Local Indigenous Training Initiative (LITI), introduced by GPC in 2006, has provided permanent employment for 13 out of 15 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) youth including 9 apprenticeships.

GPC Operations General Manager Craig Walker said the LITI, aimed at creating long term employment and training opportunities for local ATSI youth, was targeted at host employers engaged in construction and projects-such as the RGTCT Expansion Project.

"With support from the Queensland Government, local employment company People Resourcing, Mentor Wally Ingra, and local associated construction companies, our LITI participants have been provided with genuine on the job training and guidance ensuring ongoing employment," Mr Walker said.

The program's success has also motivated a second phase, with new regional projects embracing the program, to provide further opportunity for the local indigenous community.

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