

Get hooked on Gladstone's Big 6

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Keep an eye out at the Boyme Tannum Hook Up this weekend for a tent full of Gladstone Ports Corporation (GPC) employees in brightly coloured hats promoting Gladstone's Big 6.

Gladstone's Big 6 is an education and awareness program celebrating the iconic species of the Gladstone bioregion and their habitats.

GPC, Safety, Environment and Risk General Manager, John Sherriff said that the program aims to engage and educate the community about the species that inhabit our local waterways.

"The program is built around six tribes, Shorebirds, Turtles, Cetaceans, Fish, Dugongs and Crustaceans, key groups of animals that locals and visitors to Gladstone are likely to come across, and is aimed at school aged children." he said.

"This demographic is our future, and it is important that we educate them on these species as it will be their role to ensure the species longevity in our waterways.

"We would also like to remind those out on the water over the weekend to be mindful of these species and go slow for those below."

GPC will be onsite at the Hook Up all weekend to share this program with the community and sign children up to receive a hat, factsheets and activities based on their chosen tribe.

The initiative forms part of GPC's Biodiversity Offset Strategy, which was developed in response to a condition of approval for the Western Basin Dredging and Disposal Project.

GPC is proud to support the Hook Up through its Community Investment Program.

If you can't make the Hook Up but are interested in Gladstone's Big 6 visit www.gpcl.com.au/Big6

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