

Pilot vessel “Takoko” to arrive in Gladstone later this month

10 May 2017

Hart Marine launched the Gladstone Ports Corporations (GPC) new pilot vessel “Takoko” in Port Philip Bay today (10th May 2017) and will be conducting sea trials in Victoria prior to its delivery voyage to Gladstone.

Takoko, meaning Sea Hawk in the traditional language of the Gooreng Gooreng peoples, will join the existing fleet of 4 pilot vessels which service the Port of Gladstone, Port of Bundaberg and Port Alma (Rockhampton).

Pilot vessels are vital to the pilotage service, being used to transport Marine Pilots to ships which arrive off the Ports prior to port entry and berthing.

The Takoko is a Pantocarene designed self-righting pilot vessel delivering a higher level of safety and ease of operation whilst reducing operating costs.

The \$3 million pilot vessel Takoko is anticipated to arrive in Gladstone towards the end of May.

The vessel will support Gladstone Marine Pilot Services, a wholly owned subsidiary of GPC.



Caption: Takoko launched in Port Phillip Bay.

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