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NEW CHAPTER FOR PORT'S ORIGINAL WORKSHOP

Gladstone Ports Corporation's (GPC) Flinders Parade workshop has undergone a rapid transformation, from an empty, rundown shed, to a fresh and modern home for its Parks and Gardens team.

It was the original workshop for the Gladstone Harbour Board, at a time when Auckland Point was the organisation's only operating port.

GPC's Building Services Superintendent Henry Ward says it is wonderful to see the precinct given a fresh lease on life.

"The building lay dormant for a number of years, but GPC's East Shores development gave us the perfect excuse to give it a facelift," Mr Ward said.

"The history of the port is engrained in its walls, floors and character, so we're thrilled to have been able to give it a polish and use it once more."

The project was a terrific training tool for GPC's young apprentices, who were in charge of the electrical works.

GPC also prioritised local businesses for upgrading the roof, floors and paintwork.

Gladstone Seamless Flooring's Bob Roest and his team spent more than four weeks reviving the original floors.

"It's more than 80 years old so you can imagine what this would've looked like before we started," Mr Roest said.

"But we've had some wonderful comments now that the hard work is complete."

Dave Roberts from Roberts Painting and Decorating says the works have made a big difference.

"It's incredible to compare the before and after photos," Mr Roberts said.

"We feel very proud being part of the transformation of such a historical building."

GPC's Parks and Gardens team have now moved into the revamped workshop, giving them access to water, power and a dedicated office and maintenance area.

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GPC employees with Dave Roberts (Roberts Painting & Decorating) and Bob Roest (Gladstone Seamless Flooring)



GPC apprentices Josh Baxter and Will Mazzer.

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The Parks and Gardens team move into the Flinders Parade workshop.



Part of the original workshop.

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