



## Gladstone Ports Corporation

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### PREPARING FOR THE SCUTTling OF EX-HMAS TOBRUK

Gladstone Ports Corporation is counting down to the historic scuttling of ex-HMAS Tobruk, after nearly two years of preparations at the Port of Bundaberg.

The iconic ex-navy ship has been berthed at the terminal since December 2016, undergoing the transformation from wreck to reef.

GPC CEO Peter O’Sullivan said the Port feels fortunate to have had a front row seat to the process.

“Congratulations to the Queensland Government, Bundaberg and Fraser Coast Regional Councils, as well as the team involved in preparing ex-HMAS Tobruk for scuttling, for their commitment to preserving the ship’s legacy,” Mr O’Sullivan said.

“We all look forward to exploring the vessel from a different perspective - beneath the ocean’s surface - once she’s resting off Hervey Bay.”

GPC is urging maritime enthusiasts keen to view the scuttling, to be mindful of the process and their surroundings, by following some simple rules:

- ⚓ Keep your vessel outside of the 500m exclusion zone. This will be policed and fines issued if breached.
- ⚓ Refrain from using drones. The scuttling will be a drone-free event.
- ⚓ Keep an eye out for marine life, including whales. If you spot any, radio on channel 68.
- ⚓ Tune into Marine VHF Channel 68 for updates. The scuttling may take up to one hour, but spectators will be told when the scuttling is entering the final five minutes. This will be a prime opportunity for photos.

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