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Port of Gladstone is officially Queensland's largest trading port

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During the 2016-17 financial year, the Port of Gladstone handled 120.4 million tonne (Mt) of trade surpassing Hay Point as Queensland's largest port.

It was also a record trade year for Gladstone Ports Corporation (GPC) with its three ports, Bundaberg, Gladstone and Rockhampton handling 121.2Mt of cargo, 4.5 million tonnes higher than the 2015-16 financial year.

This record was achieved despite the detrimental impact on trade of ex-tropical Cyclone Debbie which caused port closures at both Rockhampton and Gladstone and disruption to production at several coal mines.

The Port of Gladstone has an increasingly diverse trade mix dominated by coal exports (69Mt), aluminium trade volumes (26Mt) and LNG exports (19.4Mt).

Gladstone Ports Corporation Chairman, Leo Zussino stated that the rising trade volumes result from past efforts to increase Gladstone's coal and industry trade volumes.

"The GPC Board is once again focussed on seeking out new major industry and trade opportunities to help stimulate job opportunities in our Region and trade growth through our Ports".

"I am confident that with a renewed focus on exploiting the trade opportunities that exist in our resource rich hinterland and with our dedicated State Development Areas in Bundaberg and Gladstone, the Gladstone Ports Corporation can continue to fulfil its role as the major facilitator of economic and trade growth for Central Queensland" Mr Zussino concluded.

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