



Wharf Centres

Port of Gladstone

AUCKLAND POINT

It was during the mid-1920s that coal began to be exported from Auckland Point. This wharf centre has undergone many expansions in its lifetime and has handled various products. Today the facility boasts four wharves and handles cargoes such as petroleum products, gypsum, LP gas, sulphuric acid, magnesia, grain, containers and facilitates the berth for Gladstone's cruise industry which commenced in March 2016. The centre handles more than 2 million tonnes (Mt) of cargo annually. The facility is owned by Gladstone Ports Corporation (GPC) and operated by GPC and other users.



BOYNE WHARF

The Boyne Wharf was constructed to facilitate the needs of the Boyne Smelters Limited (BSL) aluminium smelter. The first vessel, MV Borgnes, utilised the wharf on the 27th April 1982, discharging 16,451 tonnes (t) of petroleum coke. The Smelter officially opened on 20th August 1982. Annually, more than 650,000t of cargo is handled through this centre including petroleum coke, liquid pitch and aluminium. The wharf centre is owned by GPC and operated by BSL.



BARNEY POINT

As the coal trade grew in the early 1960s, Thiess Peabody Mitsui Coal Pty Ltd showed an interest in utilising port land at Barney Point for the exportation of coal. Construction of the Barney Point facility was completed in 1967 with the first shipment of coal departing the wharf centre on 9th August 1967 aboard MV Sangoh Maru. The facility was purchased by GPC (then Gladstone Ports Authority) in November 1998. Other products including cottonseed, stone, nickel, woodchip and ilmenite have been exported through Barney Point, however coal was the primary export from this facility. Accepting ships of up to 105,000 deadweight tonne (dwt) fully loaded, the terminal had an annual throughput capacity of 8Mt. Barney Point Terminal (BPT) exported its final coal vessel and subsequently ceased coal operations on 20 May 2016. Its focus is now on calcite and woodchip. GPC operates this wharf centre.



CURTIS ISLAND

The South Eastern end of Curtis Island is Gladstone's Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) precinct, with three wharves separately owned and operated by three LNG proponents; Australia Pacific LNG (APLNG), Santos GLNG and Queensland Curtis LNG (QCLNG).

FISHERMAN'S LANDING

Following the interest of Queensland Cement Ltd to establish a clinker plant at Fisherman's Landing, construction of a single berth wharf was completed during the early 1980s. Reclamation continued in the area and a second berth was established in the late 1980s, followed by a third and fourth established by Comalco Alumina Refinery (now Rio Tinto Alcan Yarwun). Over 14.5Mt of cargo, which includes bauxite, alumina, caustic soda, liquid ammonia, sulphuric acid and cement products is handled through this facility annually. The facilities are owned by GPC and operated by GPC and other users.



SOUTH TREES

In 1962-63, Queensland Alumina Limited (QAL) announced their plans to construct an alumina refinery in Gladstone. It was after much discussion that the land at Parsons Point, which previously housed the meatworks, was purchased by Comalco to build the plant. QAL was officially opened on 3rd August 1967. The two-berth South Trees Wharf, which is owned and operated by QAL, handles more than 14Mt of cargo a year including bauxite, caustic soda, bunker fuel oil and alumina.



RG TANNA COAL TERMINAL (RGCT)

Following the confirmation from BHP Co Ltd that they had secured long term contracts for the sale of coking coal to Japanese Steel mills, approval was given for the construction of RGCT (then Clinton Coal Facility). The Clinton Coal Facility was officially opened in 1980. The first vessel, MV Iron Capricorn sailed from the facility on 24th April 1980 with 26,196t of Gregory coal onboard. The Clinton Coal Facility was renamed the RG Tanna Coal Terminal in 1994 in recognition of the efforts of the Port's then General Manager, Mr Reg Tanna (1933-2000). In its first full year of operation (1980-81), the terminal exported 4.3Mt of coal. Today over 100Mt is handled through the facility annually, which is owned and operated by GPC.



WIGGINS ISLAND COAL EXPORT TERMINAL (WICET)

The Wiggins Island Coal Export Terminal (WICET) is located at Golding Point, to the west of the existing RG Tanna Coal Terminal. Once fully commissioned, the multi-billion dollar industry-owned and privately funded terminal will see over 80Mt of coal exported, effectively doubling the capacity of the Port of Gladstone. WICET currently handles 8Mt of coal a year.

