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MEDIA RELEASE

GAWB seals deal on Goondoon Street purchase

The Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB) today announced they are the new owners of the Centrepoint Building at 136 Goondoon Street, Gladstone.

Chief Executive Officer, Mr Jim Grayson, said the purchase settled on Tuesday and would allow GAWB's office based staff to all be collocated in one building in the Gladstone CBD.

"Currently we have staff in a number of locations with some working out of dongas," Mr Grayson said.

"These arrangements were never intended to be permanent and the working environment is not as efficient as if all staff were located in the one place.

"GAWB has been looking for a while to secure its long-term accommodation needs, but during the construction boom could not identify a building that met our specific requirements at the right price.

"Over the years we investigated a number of options such as extending on our current facilities, building or purchasing an existing office and the Centrepoint Building came out on top."

A large portion of the Centrepoint Building has been vacant since Maritime Safety Queensland moved out three years ago followed by APLNG in February 2016.

Mr Grayson said the 35-year-old Centrepoint Building would meet GAWB's long term requirements including potential to expand the volume of scientific analysis it undertakes in Gladstone and to invest into a state of the art control room to support initiatives around automation of the network.

There are several casual tenants renting office space within the building and shopfronts on the ground floor, which GAWB is looking to maintain into the future.

Mr Grayson said GAWB staff would move into the Centrepoint Building over several months and that the existing building at 147 Goondoon Street would be sold at a future date.

"Until relocation into the Centrepoint Building, GAWB will maintain its presence at 147 Goondoon Street and all deliveries and enquires should be directed to this address" Mr Grayson said.

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