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Another milestone achieved at Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct

Construction crews at the Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct have ticked off another milestone with bulk earthworks completed for Stage 1b.

The completion of earthworks marks the first major milestone of Stage 1b, which broke ground in August this year following the completion of Stage 1a.

Gladstone Region Councillor Darryl Branthwaite said a variety of machinery was used to complete bulk earthworks for Stage 1b.

"Construction company Paynters undertook the earthworks which included the use of a 20-tonne and 30-tonne excavator, tub grinder, dozer, grader, three 10-metre tipper trucks and a water truck," Councillor Branthwaite said.

"This machinery, along with hard-working ground crews, moved approximately 10,000 cubic metres of soil during this construction phase.

"The earthworks were also run off GPS technology, removing the need for survey pegs."

Cr Branthwaite added that progress on Stage 1b – including the construction of building foundations, laying of road base for the internal carpark and shaping of parkland amphitheatre features – was well advanced.

The Precinct's next milestone is expected to be completed by the end of next month and includes the installation of several in-ground services including power, telecommunication, stormwater and sewer infrastructure.

Stage 1 of the precinct is funded by the Australian Government's Regional Jobs and Investment Package, Gladstone Regional Council and the Gladstone Foundation, in partnership with The Salvation Army.

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