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About ICHCA – International Cargo Handling Co-ordination Association

The International Cargo Handling Co-ordination Association (ICHCA) is an international, independent, not-for-profit organisation dedicated to improving the safety, security, sustainability, productivity and efficiency of cargo handling and goods movement by all modes and through all phases of national and international supply chains. ICHCA International’s privileged non-government organisation (NGO) status enables it to represent its members, and the cargo handling industry at large, in front of national and international agencies and regulatory bodies. Its Expert Panel provides best practice advice and publications on a wide range of practical cargo handling issues.

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ICHCA Victoria luncheon

The Victorian chapter of ICHCA Australia will hold an industry luncheon in Melbourne on Tuesday 22 August. Guest speaker will be Andrew Adam, CEO of Oceania at DP World Asia Pacific.

The event commences at 12:00 and will be held at Four Points Sheraton Melbourne Docklands, 443 Docklands Drive, Docklands. For more details and bookings please visit: [ICHCA Australia Events - ICHCA Australia - ICHCA Australia Events | ICHCA Australia \(ichca-australia.com\)](#)

ICHCA SA luncheon

The SA chapter of ICHCA Australia will hold an industry luncheon in Adelaide on Thursday 14 September. Guest speaker will be Jon Whelan, CEO, Department for Infrastructure and Transport.

The event commences at 12:00 and will be held at Coopers Alehouse Gepps Cross, 560 Main N Road, Blair Athol, SA. For more details and bookings please visit: [ICHCA Australia Events - ICHCA Australia - ICHCA Australia Events | ICHCA Australia \(ichca-australia.com\)](#)

Open hatch ship operator G2 Ocean joins ICHCA

ICHCA International announces a new member from the ship-owning community. Gearbulk and Grieg Maritime joint venture, G2 Ocean is seeking to share with, and learn from ICHCA's extensive network to improve safety for those in both the shore-side and sea-going workforce.

In pursuing its primary mission to improve the safe working environment of all those handling cargo throughout the international maritime supply chain, ICHCA encourages all infrastructure owners and operators to engage in constructive dialogue. As such, the news of a new member of the status of G2 Ocean, which controls one of the largest fleets of open hatch ships in the world, is of considerable significance to the advancement of safety standards at the ship-shore interface.

"Once more the addition of a member to ICHCA which has an avowed commitment to safety and is proactively investigating the mechanics of day-to-day improvements is cause for celebration," said Richard Steele, ICHCA's CEO. "The fact that the additional member is a vessel owner of such size and influence in major maritime commodity trades is more reason for approbation."

IMO elects new Secretary-General

Arsenio Antonio Dominguez Velasco (Republic of Panama) has been elected as the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), to take effect on 1 January 2024 with a term of four years. The IMO Council voted to appoint Mr Dominguez Velasco during its 129th session in July. The decision of the Council will be submitted to the IMO Assembly for approval at its 33rd session later in the year. Mr Dominguez Velasco is currently Director of IMO's Marine Environment Division.

Mr Dominguez Velasco joined the IMO Secretariat in 2017, first as chief of staff to the Secretary-General Kitack Lim, before being appointed as Director of the organisation's administrative division. He was born in the Republic of Panama and graduated in 1988 with a Bachelor of Science degree from the Fermin Naudeu Institute in Panama. He went on to study naval architecture at the University of Veracruz, Mexico, graduating in 1995. Mr. Dominguez Velasco also holds an MBA from the University of Hull, and a Certificate of Higher Education in International Law and European Politics from Birkbeck University, both in the United Kingdom.

New logistics facility opens in the Port of Brisbane

Australian-owned, multi-state transport company, Malec, has moved into its new container storage and logistics facility on a 4.35-hectare site on Fisherman Islands under a 10-year lease agreement with Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd (PBPL). The new facility comprises a 750 m² workshop, 300 m² office, 38,200 m² of hardstand and a wash bay as well as 60kW rooftop solar, recycled water to the wash bay, stormwater collection and energy efficient fittings.

The new facility was delivered on a repurposed brownfield site. As part of the works and in line with PBPL's sustainability priorities, a substantial amount of demolition material from the existing site was sent for recycling or reuse. PBPL Chief Commercial Officer David Keir welcomed Malec to its new home and said the location would support the business to achieve significant operational benefits. "Malec first came to Port of Brisbane during a phase of significant growth and transition for the company. We worked to secure them a temporary site, while our teams worked together to design and deliver a purpose-built permanent home that's close to the action of the Port's quay line and terminals," said Mr Keir.

Managing Director Matthew Malec said, "We'd like to thank the Port of Brisbane, and everyone involved with this incredible project. This development is a testament to our ambitions and commitment to offer best-in-class facilities for our staff, customers and community."

New CEO at T-Ports

South Australian Port infrastructure company T-Ports welcomes a new CEO, Mr Nathan Kent. He brings specialist experience in optimising port assets and was previously a senior leader of Japan Post's Australian business, Toll Group. Most recently, Mr Kent has been responsible for Toll's Energy & Marine sector, a business unit specialising in private port operations, offshore supply vessels and contract logistics. Mr Kent will bring an in-depth understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing regional communities, with stakeholder experience spanning local government, corporate logistics customers, and marine and infrastructure operations.

As part of preparing the business for its next stage of growth, T-Ports thanks Scott McKay for his leadership over the last 12 months when he was appointed as the interim CEO to focus on supply chain optimisation. With this process coming to its natural conclusion, T-Ports have now appointed a long-term ports specialist CEO in Mr Kent to execute those initiatives. "I'm looking forward to cementing T-Ports' position in the marketplace and growing the many opportunities a business such as T-Ports presents to the wider commodity and export community," Mr Kent said.

IMO sets new target for GHG emissions

Member States of the International Maritime Organization, meeting at the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 80), recently adopted the *2023 IMO Strategy on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships*, with enhanced targets to tackle harmful emissions. The revised IMO GHG Strategy includes an enhanced common ambition to reach net-zero GHG emissions from international shipping close to 2050, a commitment to ensure an uptake of alternative zero and near-zero GHG fuels by 2030, as well as indicative checkpoints for 2030 and 2040.

IMO Secretary-General Kitack Lim said, "The adoption of the 2023 IMO Greenhouse Gas Strategy is a monumental development for IMO and opens a new chapter towards maritime decarbonization. At the same time, it is not the end goal, it is in many ways a starting point for the work that needs to intensify even more over the years and decades ahead of us. However, with the Revised Strategy that you have now agreed on, we have a clear direction, a common vision, and ambitious targets to guide us to deliver what the world expects from us. Above all, it is particularly meaningful to have unanimous support from all

Member States. In this regard, I believe that we have to pay more attention to support developing countries, so that no one is left behind."

IMO is the United Nations agency responsible for developing global standards for shipping and supporting countries to implement those rules.



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New appointments to TT Club board

Former chief executive of Maersk's APM Terminals Morten Engelstoft was recently elected as the new chairman of insurer TT Club. Ulrich Kranich is retiring from his position after sixteen years. Engelstoft is to take over as chairman of Through Transport Mutual Insurance Association (TTB) and TT Club Mutual Insurance (TTI). For 36 years he held various positions across three regions within Maersk before retiring in June 2023.

"TT Club remains the foremost specialist insurance provider to the majority of container shipping lines, a substantial number of terminal operators and a wide range of logistics and transport operators. I look forward to leading the boards and helping to guide the Club on its continuing path of providing essential cover and valuable loss prevention advice to a dynamic and vital global transport community," said Engelstoft.

Three new directors were also announced: Marika Calfas of NSW Ports in Sydney; John Chambers, currently the specialist director for insurance; and Miguel d'Orey of Orey Shipping in Lisbon. Ulrike Baum of Rohlig Logistics who has been on the board since 2016 has stepped down.

Founded in 1968, TT Club has more than 1,100 members, spanning container owners and operators, ports and terminals, and logistics companies, working across maritime, road, rail, and air.

New appointments at AMSA board

The Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government has appointed Captain Jeanine Drummond to the role of chair of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) board from Monday 3 July 2023 for a 4-year term. Captain Drummond is a current AMSA board member and holds extensive experience in the maritime industry. As an experienced harbour master, master mariner and maritime industry professional, Capt. Drummond has an extensive background across the maritime industry sectors, at sea, offshore oil and gas, and in the ports sector, both in operations and development, in Australia and internationally.

The Minister also appointed two new board members: Michelle Taylor, is the current President of the Maritime Law Association of Australia and New Zealand (MLANZ) and a partner at Sparke Helmore Lawyers. Michelle comes to the AMSA board as an accomplished lawyer with more than 25 years' experience as a litigator. Michelle specialises in maritime and transport law.

Dean Summers was the National Coordinator for the International Transport Federation (ITF) and worked with the Maritime Union of Australia before his retirement. As a former seafarer, Dean is passionate about seafarer living and working conditions. Dean's appointment reinforces AMSA's position on seafarer welfare and safety. Jennifer Clark has been Acting Board Chair since the completion of Stuart Richey's term, Jennifer will continue in her position as Deputy Chair. AMSA management and board secretariat would like to thank Jennifer for her passionate work in supporting AMSA over this period.

Car carrier disabled due to fire

Car carrier *MV Fremantle Highway* has been disabled in the North Sea since Wednesday last week due to a fire on its car decks. The ship was abandoned after the fire started in one of the car decks and spread across the vessel. The ship was sailing in the North Sea traffic separation zone on its way from the Port of Bremen to Singapore. One of the 23 crew members was killed, and several others injured during the evacuation.



The cause of the fire is still unknown, but the ship carried nearly 4000 vehicles, including 500 electric vehicles. After the fire subsided, salvors were able to board the vessel and attach a tow line. The ship is currently being towed across the shipping lanes to an area north of the Dutch island of Schiermonnikoog. The fate of the ship will be considered based on assessments of the damage of both cargo and the ship.

Source: *Kustwacht Nederland*

Another issue is that the vessel has 1600 tons of fuel oil on board which could cause significant pollution if leaked. There have been several fires on car carriers recently and the investigation and report, by Panamanian and Dutch authorities, of this latest incident is being eagerly awaited by the industry.

Vale Dave Shennan

David Shennan, a well-known figure in the maritime industry in Victoria, Australia and the UK, died recently at the age of 71, six months after a cancer diagnosis. Before moving to Australia in 2008, Mr Shennan had a distinguished career in the maritime industry in the UK including in the Royal Fleet Auxiliary for 20 years, as a pilot at Portsmouth for 10 years, pilot manager and harbour master at Harwich Haven Authority for 10 years, and as a lecturer in ship-handling.

Mr Shennan moved to Victoria in 2008 and served two stints as harbour master at the Port of Melbourne. He also served as harbour master at the ports of Geelong and Portland. Mr Shennan was passionate about improvement of safety standards in the maritime industry, and he was an enthusiastic mentor. He was a mentor to three people who went on to become harbour masters in Victoria.

AMSA bans vessel

AMSA recently banned a second Briese Heavylift GmbH & Co vessel from Australian waters due to safety violations, including failures of the safety management system and defective equipment. AMSA issued the 180-day ban to the general cargo ship *BBC Pearl* after a port State control inspection in Cairns found multiple safety management system failures, a defective emergency generator, and defective fire dampers. The vessel was detained in Cairns for four days due to serious deficiencies before proceeding to Port Hedland where the banning notice was issued. The ban marks the second in a month for a vessel belonging to Briese Heavylift GmbH & Co, following the 90-day ban issued to the *BBC Weser* in early June.

AMSA said the operator has a history of poor performance and has received multiple warnings that future safety violations would lead to strict enforcement action. In banning the *BBC Weser*, AMSA noted that one in five Briese Heavylift ships had been detained in Australia since May 2021, a detention rate that is over three times higher than the average for ships visiting Australian waters. AMSA Executive Director of Operations Michael Drake said that the safety violations on the *BBC Pearl* were alarming as they posed a real safety risk to the seafarers on board. "The defective emergency generator would render the vessel helpless in the event of a main power supply failure, and this is the second time the *BBC Pearl* has been detained for a defective emergency generator," Drake said. "These are clear violations of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea."

Port of Melbourne updates PCEP

The Port of Melbourne (PoM) is seeking feedback on its updated Port Capacity Enhancement Program (PCEP). In September 2022, PoM started collecting feedback on three technical reports as the key drivers of the project. Since this time, a robust engagement program has captured feedback from stakeholders which has been used to inform the technical analysis.

In addition, in May 2023, PoM worked with subject matter experts Deloitte to produce a new Trade Demand forecast to ensure consistency with other regulatory processes affecting PoM operations. This data and the Q2 2023 Vessel Order Book have been used to inform an update of the Ship Fleet Forecast.

Current versions of the reports can be viewed by clicking the links below:

- Port of Melbourne Future Containership Fleet Analysis, 2023-2050, GHD (*July 2023*)
- Trade Forecasts, Port of Melbourne, Deloitte (*June 2023*)
- Port of Melbourne Container Capacity Review (*engagement on the January 2023 report has remained open since February 2023 and this report will be finalised subject to feedback on the ship fleet and trade forecasts.*)

For the purposes of informing the PCEP cost benefit analysis, PoM now seeks stakeholder feedback to verify that the most appropriate and relevant data has been included in the reports prepared by Deloitte and GHD.

Updates from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

BMSB info sessions

Representatives from the Department will be conducting two virtual Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) information sessions in August 2023, accommodating European and North American time zones. An invitation has been sent to all offshore treatment providers who have engaged with the Department to become approved under the offshore BMSB treatment providers scheme, as well as treatment providers in neighbouring countries and those conducting treatments on goods subject to BMSB measures.

The Department encourages Australian import industry participants with contacts in these regions to provide advice of these meetings and encourage attendance. All attendees must pre-register and are welcome to join either of the events. Details and a link to register are found below. For further information regarding BMSB information sessions please email bmsbtreatments@agriculture.gov.au.

To register to attend the BMSB season industry information sessions click here: [DAFF \(agriculture.gov.au\)](https://agriculture.gov.au)

DCCC meeting

The latest DCCC meeting was held on 6 July 2023 in Canberra. Peter van Duyn represented ICHCA Australia at the meeting. If you would like more information, please contact Peter.

Establishment of the NACC

The National Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2022 (NACC Act) came into force on 1 July 2023. The NACC is an independent Commonwealth agency responsible for investigating corrupt conduct in the public sector. The NACC is a whole of government initiative covering all government agencies and their providers, including the Department. Any public official acting dishonestly or in a biased way may be investigated by the NACC. Any individual acting in a way that may cause a public official to act dishonestly or in a biased way may be investigated by the NACC. Any individual can report actual or suspected corrupt conduct to the NACC via their [website](#) from 1 July 2023.

Authorised officer responsibilities: Under the NACC Act, authorised officers (AOs) are defined public officials. This means that AOs who engage in corrupt behaviour may be investigated by the NACC. AOs also hold reporting responsibilities if they suspect or become aware of corrupt conduct.

Exporter responsibilities: Exporters act as public officials by way of presenting goods to AOs for inspection. This means that if exporters engage in corrupt behaviour they may be investigated by the NACC. Exporters have the responsibility to act in a way that does not influence any other public official to act dishonestly or in a corrupt manner. Exporters have the responsibility to report any suspected or actual corrupt conduct.

Establishment responsibilities: Owner/operators of export registered establishments have responsibilities associated with preparing and storing product in a manner that adheres to legislative and importing country requirements. Public official duties will be carried out within export registered establishments creating a responsibility for establishment employees to ensure they do not act in a way that could adversely affect a public official's honesty or impartiality in their official capacity. Establishment employees who suspect or witness corrupt conduct have reporting responsibilities.

It important to note that any individual who acts in a way that may cause a public official to act dishonestly or in a biased way may also be reported and may be investigated by the NACC. Reporting parties do not

need to prove that corrupt conduct has occurred, and they may choose to report anonymously. Additional information on the NACC can be found on the [Attorney-General's Department website](#).

IPPC meeting

The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) and the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry recently hosted an *International workshop on pest risk mitigation of sea containers and their cargoes and the facilitation of international trade* in Brisbane. The outcome of this workshop could have far-reaching consequences for the global container supply chain. ICHCA Australia's Peter van Duyn participated in this workshop. If you like more information, please contact Peter.

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