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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 Australia Annual General Meeting results

The ICHCA Australia Ltd Annual General Meeting was held last Friday (27th May 2022) at the NQBP offices in Brisbane. Following an election, the following directors were elected unopposed:

**Chairman:** John Warda

**Deputy Chairman:** Peter van Duyn (Company Secretary)

**Finance Director:** John Warda

**Directors:** Sallie Strang, Michael Simms, Darren Fursman, Jonathan Lafforgue, Adam Holland and Marcus John

Laurence Jones will continue as alternate Director for Marcus John. Jamie Bradford and Gary Campbell chose not to renominate for the positions of Director and alternate Director, respectively.

## ICHCA Logistics Long Lunch

Last Friday, the logistics industry in Brisbane came together to hold the second ICHCA Logistics Long Lunch. After the success of the initial Long Lunch in 2021, the second event was even better, with more than 160



*The lawn at the Museum*

guest from 70 companies attending. After the recent heavy rainfall, the sunshine was very welcome on the banks of the Brisbane River at the Queensland Maritime Museum.

ICHCA Australia Chairman John Warda gave a short overview of the importance of ICHCA Australia, (affiliated with ICHCA International), where its members, drawn from a wide business sector, strive to improve the safety and effectiveness of the handling and movement of goods in the national and international transport supply chains.

Over the last 50 years the Museum has collected, preserved, and shared over 60,000 objects. Museum



*Captain Kaspar Kuiper addressing the guests*

Chairman Captain Kaspar Kuiper gave an overview of its activities and made a passionate plea for more funding to ensure that the museum can stay open. The recent Covid pandemic has depleted its coffers and has resulted in a scaling down of urgently required maintenance work which is mostly done by volunteers.

Managing Director of Blue Water Shipping (a sponsor of the event) Steven Lofaro commented on the healthy state of project cargo in and out of Australia. Bluewater Shipping is a Danish company which has been around for 50 years but has only recently begun operating in Australia.

The idea of the Long Lunch, which ran from 1pm to 4 pm, is to provide attendees with networking opportunities. By the time the lunch finishes, there is an excuse not to return to work and some choose to stay and continue lively discussions over a drink. This is particularly attractive on a Friday afternoon when one can enjoy great food and a few drinks with industry colleagues and friends.

Nearly \$4,000 was raised for the Museum through sponsorship and a raffle. Event organiser Darren Fursman from NQBP and an ICHCA Australia Director commented that many people thought that the

Museum was a very suitable location to hold a shipping-related event and has tentatively booked the Museum for next year's Long Lunch.

ICHCA would like to thank the sponsors of the event – Blue Water Shipping and BBC Chartering.



## **Teresa Lloyd to leave MIAL**

Teresa Lloyd will soon finish her long-standing role as Chief Executive Officer at Maritime Industry Australia Ltd (MIAL). Teresa has represented the industry for almost 20 years. During that time, she has led with conviction, an unwavering dedication to get things done and proudly represented current and former members.

Most recently, she secured bipartisan support to arrest the decline of Australian flagged ships. Soon to be legislated, this will have a profound and long-lasting impact on our industry and nation's security. Teresa will finish at the end of June before taking a new role with Carnival Australia. Angela Gillham, the current deputy CEO has been appointed as the new CEO from 1 July.

## **ALC appoints new board members**

The Australian Logistics Council (ALC) has elected six board members at its recent annual general meeting held in Sydney as part of its annual forum. The six new appointments made by the ALC came from some of the corporate members – Amazon, Australia Post, DP World, HERE Technologies, NTi and Toll Global Express. The ALC board includes senior representatives from across the supply chain as the ALC continues to focus its efforts on delivering enhanced end-to-end supply chain safety.

## **ICHCA and TT Club to launch safety village at TOC Europe**

With the support of the Terminals Operators Conference (TOC) Europe, TT Club and ICHCA are emphasising their safety message by launching an inaugural Safety Village at the upcoming TOC and exhibition in Rotterdam between 14th and 16th June. The first of its type, the exhibition space will be dedicated to how innovation can lead to a safer supply chain. Recent widespread disruption to global supply chains and the consequent pressures on freight transport capacity and cargo handling facilities requires a corresponding focus on safety measures throughout the system.

As the success of the TT Club Innovation in Safety Award programme (operated by ICHCA International) has proven, there have been numerous ground-breaking innovations with multiple applications aimed at reducing safety risks. However, the two organisations are keen to raise awareness of the need for continuous development of the ways that we manage safety. Featuring a meeting area and presentation facilities, the TT Club Safety Village will be the venue for workshops and panel sessions throughout the three days of the TOC Europe event. It will also provide opportunities for companies to showcase their innovative safety devices, processes and products. All activities are aimed at championing safety in the supply chain and developing new solutions to managing risks.

## Automation on the US West Coast

Negotiations between employers and unions on the US West Coast began recently. The Pacific Maritime Association (PMA), the employers' organisation that represents the terminal operators on the West Coast, is positioning itself as modernists held back by luddites, while the union, in an open letter, has appealed to Americans to back dockers against "foreign plunderers".

In the letter, International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) president Willie Adams espoused the value of his 22,000 members: frontline workers that kept US commerce working throughout the pandemic. According to the union it was these same dock workers that ensured record numbers of containers were moved through the ports as demand rebounded. The union claimed: "The ILWU takes great pride in the fact that 2021 delivered the movement of more than 26 million containers (TEUs) along the West Coast and marked the largest volume of cargo ever moved through the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach in a single year."

For its part, the PMA has fired its own pre-negotiation salvo claiming that automation is the key to more efficient and sustainable growth at the ports. A recent study commissioned by the PMA raised concerns that congestion and delays at the port of Los Angeles, which handle 40% of US imports from Asia, will see freight shifting to East Coast terminals. Studying two automated terminals at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, the report says that automated terminals process cargo faster, with some 44% greater throughput per acre than non-automated terminals. In addition, due to growth, more jobs with higher skillsets were required at the automated ports to handle the increased volumes between 2015 and 2021.

The report argues that automation brings health benefits to workers as well as the local communities that live and work in and around the ports, by reducing emissions through using electrified equipment and offering rapid turnaround times for diesel powered trucks. "Automation is a global trend and the hallmark of the world's most advanced ports," concluded the PMA report. If the negotiations are to be successful following what has been a pandemic of biblical proportions, both sides need to show that they are able to achieve a very credible compromise.

## Management changes at the Port of Melbourne

The Port of Melbourne has announced it will undergo a shift in executive leadership in the coming months. Craig Faulkner, CEO of the Kimberley Ports Authority, will resign from his current position on 10 June to take up the role of executive general manager (EGM) operations at Port of Melbourne. Mr Faulkner will commence work at Port of Melbourne on 20 June. This coincides with the retirement of Keith Gordon, Port of Melbourne's longstanding EGM operations. Port of Melbourne CEO Saul Cannon thanked Mr Gordon for his contribution to the port over the past 17 years.

"Keith has spent many years in senior port roles around Australia before his time here and has made a significant contribution to the maritime logistics sector throughout his career," he said in a statement. Kimberley Ports Authority chair Reece Waldock said the KPA board accepted Mr Faulkner's resignation "with regret" after two years and nine months with the port authority.

## Leadership development scholarships for women

Women in transport and logistics can now apply for a leadership development scholarship from Women & Leadership Australia. Providing world-class leadership development programs for women at all stages of their careers, Women & Leadership Australia brings together the latest in leadership theory and practice with a focus on applied learning, building networks with a flexible, part-time delivery.

Scholarships are now available through Women & Leadership Australia to encourage more women to enhance their impact at work and beyond, and to support the development of women leaders at all levels. Partial scholarships of \$1,000-\$5,000 will support participation in one of four courses designed for women in non-leadership roles through to senior leaders.

Applications close on 9 September 2022 and more information is available from:

<https://www.wla.edu.au/transportlogistics.html>

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## Bi-partisan shipping policy now a reality

Australia relies on a viable shipping industry for critical supplies such as fuel, medicine, and fertilisers to grow food. With just 13 large-scale ships and increasing global unrest, Australia is vulnerable to being cut off from the rest of the world. The announcement in May by the Coalition Government will see for the first time, bi-partisan support to increase Australian flagged ships. This bolsters national security, provides confidence to the shipping industry, and will see more jobs across the maritime sector.

Maritime Industry Australia Limited (MIAL) CEO Teresa Lloyd said the Government's commitment to arrest the decline of Australian flagged ships signals just how vital the industry is to our national security. "For several years, we have been calling on both major parties to expand Australia's commercial fleet above critical levels to ensure our country can receive critical supplies such as fuel and medicine," Ms Lloyd said. "In absence of having our own ships, we have come to rely heavily on overseas ships who are ultimately beholden to countries they are owned by. While we will always use foreign ships, we must also gain a foothold in the international commercial shipping sector. That's why we need Australian flagged ships and that's why today's announcement by the Coalition is significant for our country, our security and our future." Ms Lloyd said for it is the first time in Australian shipping history that we have bi-partisan support on adjusting tax settings equal to those in other countries which will mean a level playing field for Australian ship owners.

"The changes announced are equally beneficial for both the primary and international shipping registers. This combination is critical for a country like Australia who is utterly reliant on maritime trade. Maximising

the number of Australian ships is in our national interest to ensure we survive and thrive. Securing our maritime domain means investing in our defence capability and also means an investment in building our sovereign commercial shipping capability,” Ms Lloyd said. “With commitment now from the Coalition and ALP, we have the assurance that the commercial maritime industry is considered vital within our national security construct, and we will now have a level of self-reliance, and assurance that has declined over previous decades.” MIAL and its 78 members stand ready to support the implementation of the proposed measures. It will now be up to the newly appointed government to implement the required regulatory changes.

## New RTGs for DP World Port Botany



DP World recently announced the arrival of five new Kalmar Rubber Tyred Gantry cranes (RTGs) at their Sydney Terminal. The long awaited RTGs arrived on board the *MV Chipol Taihu* and were discharged upon arrival. The new machines are part of DP World’s ongoing renewal program and are a significant investment to provide continued efficiency and service performance levels for its customers.

The five new RTGs will join the existing fleet and are configured to provide greater fuel economy and lower emissions, with 40% more fuel efficiency as part DP World’s commitment to more sustainable operations. With lifting capacity of 41 tonnes, the new RTGs will provide enhanced performance, reliability and safety features to drive further productivity. With a further additional five RTGs scheduled for delivery in 2023, DP World continues to invest across its Australian portfolio, with over \$250 million being invested into terminals in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Fremantle over the past 5 years.

Image: Michael Kelly

DP World Australia CEO Andrew Adam said: “The latest addition of five Kalmar RTGs contributes to DP World’s ongoing upgrades across our Australian portfolio to drive further productivity improvements and support additional capacity at our Sydney terminal.”

## Works to commence on SCT Altona freight terminal

The Victorian Government is commencing works on a freight rail facility to help move more freight by rail from Melbourne’s west. The SCT Logistics interstate freight facility will be based in Altona and will provide easier access to the Port of Melbourne, with work now underway. Once complete, it will form a major part of the state’s Port Rail Shuttle Network and will allow for a direct rail connecting to the Port of Melbourne, resulting in slashed transport costs for businesses.

In a plan to take trucks off Melbourne roads, the project is also expected to provide 40 new jobs and strengthen the workforce of many Victorians. It will also help increase efficiency at Australia’s largest port, which already handles around 36% of the nation’s container trade, according to the government. SCT Logistics will contribute \$16 million to the facility to expand container hard-stand areas and rail-siding extensions, alongside a joint government investment of \$9.2 million. Altona is one of three key projects being delivered to create the Port Rail Shuttle Network, with works linking the Salta Properties terminal in Dandenong South to the Port of Melbourne already underway.

## Victorian Government accepts Port of Melbourne undertakings

The Victorian Government has accepted the Port of Melbourne's enforceable commitments made on pricing and consultation, to ensure the port operates to the benefit of all Victorians. The port's package of commitments responds to the Essential Services Commission's review of the port's compliance with the official pricing order, under which tariffs can only be increased once a year, and by no more than the consumer price index.

The Victorian Government legislated to provide this important protection for port users and end consumers, and the Essential Services Commission's report found that port users had not been financially impacted by identified areas of non-compliance. The Port of Melbourne's commitments can be expected to place a downward pressure on future tariffs and provide clearer processes for the port to engage with businesses. Legislation relating to the lease of the Port of Melbourne gives the Essential Services Commission important regulatory responsibilities, including the undertaking of five-yearly reviews of the Port of Melbourne's pricing order.

## Members for the NSW FTAC appointed

Fifteen members have recently been appointed to the new NSW Freight Transport Advisory Council (FTAC), to be chaired by Duncan Gay. Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Sam Farraway congratulated the inaugural members and the incoming chair on their recent appointment. "Appointing Duncan as chair to the new body will give the group a wealth of experience when interacting with government and understanding policy," Mr Farraway said.

The new appointees come from a wide cross-section of industry, including road and rail bodies, intermodal operators, port representatives, couriers, retailers and producers. The new body will not only discuss freight and supply chain issues, but provide input into government strategies, policies and projects.

The new council replaces the Freight and Logistics Advisory Council and the Road Freight Industry Council to represent the entire freight chain across different transport modes as a single council. Mr Gay welcomed his appointment and said, "I am honoured to be appointed as inaugural chair and look forward to giving the entire freight industry a united voice that will help inform NSW Government policy as freight demand continues to rise." The new council will meet four times a year, with the first meeting to be held in June. Appointees will remain on the council for a term of two years.

## Updates from the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment

### Launch of Biosecurity portal in Western Australia

Those wishing to book and manage import inspections at sites in Western Australia can now book them via a new Biosecurity Portal, which opened on Monday 23 May 2022. The Biosecurity Portal is being deployed in phases and is already available for sites in NSW, QLD, SA, NT and ACT. An Industry Notice will advise ahead of time when it will be launched for Victoria.

The Department is working to deliver a client and workload management capability to support a cost effective, modern and client-focused service delivery model across biosecurity operations. This work is being carried out in close consultation with industry.

## **End of BMSB season**

On 1 May 2022, the 2021-22 BMSB season ended. Goods shipped or vessels departing from BMSB identified target risk countries on or after 1 May 2022 will no longer be subject to the BMSB seasonal measures, including the Seasonal Pest Inspection (SPI), on arrival. Target high-risk goods manufactured in or shipped from target risk countries that are shipped on board vessels between 1 September 2021 and 30 April 2022 are subject to BMSB measures on arrival, regardless of the arrival date.

Importers are reminded that it is their responsibility to continue to ensure that any goods imported are free of biosecurity risk material throughout the year, not just during periods of heightened seasonal measures. All vessel masters and agents are reminded of their obligation to continue to report all insect detections in pre-arrival reporting.

## **DCCC communique**

Information on the latest DCCC (of which ICHCA is a member) meeting held in March can be found [here](#). If you would like more information, please contact ICHCA Australia's representative on the DCCC Peter van Duyn. The next DCCC meeting will be held in July 2022.

## **DAWE Melbourne offices consolidating**

This notice affects clients and service providers who interact face-to-face with the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment at its Melbourne-based offices. The department is relocating its Melbourne offices to 1–21 Dean Street, Moonee Ponds, Melbourne. The move is necessary for the department to meet its business requirements and to obtain efficiencies in leasing, administration, and operating costs. The relocation is scheduled to take place from July 2022.

For further information, please contact the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment: <https://www.awe.gov.au/about/contact>.

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