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## New ICHCA Australia directors

Jonathan Lafforgue and Michael Simms have been appointed as directors of ICHCA Australia Ltd. Jonathan, General Manager Operations & Environment at NSW Ports, is replacing board member Adem Long who stepped down from the position after leaving NSW Ports. Michael is Cargo Manager at Flinders Ports.

Chairman John Warda thanks Adem for his contribution to ICHCA Australia and welcomes Jonathan and Michael to the board. We look forward to their contribution to ICHCA's advocacy in the cargo handling industry.

## ICHCA International seminar tackles safety in cargo logistics

Let's tackle the unacceptable levels of fatal and serious injuries in cargo logistics. Join ICHCA International at a practical seminar in March 2019.



### Culture and Control: Tackling unacceptable levels of fatal and serious injuries in cargo logistics

**Wednesday 27 March at the Hallmark Hotel, Hull, United Kingdom.**

The Ports and Logistics sector is still experiencing unacceptable levels of fatal and serious injuries despite decades of development in the field of health and safety. This seminar will explore potential reasons for this and look at possible solutions from a range of presenters and open debate.

**Register your place to attend the seminar here.**

## DP World develops high bay container stacking



*Photo: DP World*

An international joint venture formed by global trade enabler DP World and industrial engineering specialists SMS Group will revolutionise the way containers are handled in ports.

A new and intelligent storing system will be applied for the first time ever at Jebel Ali Terminal 4, in time for the Dubai Expo 2020 world fair.

The High Bay Storage system was originally developed by SMS Group subsidiary AMOVA for round-the-clock handling of metal coils that weigh as much as 50 tonnes each in racks as high as 50 metres. AMOVA is the first company to transfer this proven technology to the port industry.

Instead of stacking containers directly on top of each other, which has been global standard practice for decades, the system places each container in an individual rack compartment. Containers are stored in an 11-storey rack, creating 200 per cent greater capacity than a conventional container terminal, or creating the same capacity in less than a third of the space.

Thanks to the rack's design each container can be accessed without having to move another one, enabling 100 per cent utilisation in a terminal yard. The system results in much greater speed and energy efficiency, better safety, and a major reduction in costs. Costs are further cut by the ability to shorten the time taken to load and unload mega-ships by as much as 30 per cent.

## ALC appoints new CEO

Mr Kirk Coningham OAM has been appointed as Australian Logistics Council (ALC) new permanent CEO. Kirk was the National Executive Director of the Urban Development Institute of Australia until December 2018 and has previously headed the Master Builders Association of the ACT as Chief Executive.

He has also occupied senior positions with Leighton Holdings, the Australian Medical Association and the Murray Darling Basin Commission, served as a diplomat, been a Captain in the Australian Army and held senior media roles within government. Kirk received his Medal of the Order of Australia for his work with the crisis taskforce following the Bali bombing of 12 October 2002.

Lachlan Benson has acted as ALC's Interim CEO since July 2018, during which time he has overseen the implementation of key structural and internal corporate changes that will be of lasting benefit to ALC and its members. Lachlan will remain at ALC for the next month to work closely with Kirk as he transitions into the role of CEO.

## MSC Zoe loses containers overboard in the North Sea



Photo: Havariekommando

The Dutch Coastguard has issued a navigational warning after an ultra-large containership lost scores of containers while underway in the North Sea.

On New Year's Day, *MSC Zoe* was in German waters when it lost the containers in heavy seas between Vlieland, the Netherlands, and the German Bight in the south-eastern North Sea. The Coastguard initially reported about 30 containers lost. However, in an update it said it now understands that 270 containers went overboard.

Photos released by Germany's *Havariekommando* show toppled boxes both fore and aft of the ship's superstructure. The Coastguard is warning ships in the vicinity to keep an eye out for containers floating in the water. At least 21 containers with loose goods have washed up on the Dutch islands of Vlieland, Terschelling and Ameland.

The *MSC Zoe* was underway from Antwerp, Belgium to Bremerhaven, Germany at the time of the incident. Delivered in 2015, the 396-metre-long *MSC Zoe* ranks among the world's largest containerships with a carrying capacity of 19,244 TEU.

The contents of all lost containers have not been confirmed; however, at least three are reported to contain hazardous materials.

The Coastguard is warning the public not to handle or approach any of the containers.

## New CEO for Southern Ports

Steve Lewis has been appointed chief executive at Southern Ports. Mr Lewis takes on the role after working as interim CEO at Mid-West Ports Authority and has more than two decades of experience as a CEO.

Mr Lewis led Dampier Port Authority (now part of Pilbara Ports Authority) and North Queensland Bulk Ports before returning to the west. Southern Ports includes Albany, Bunbury and Esperance. During the 2018

financial year it had a combined facilitated trade of more than 33.5 million tonnes. Mr Lewis replaces Nicolas Fertin, Southern Ports inaugural CEO

## Port of Mackay opens common user area

North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation (NQBP) has opened the Port of Mackay for new bulk material trades. NQBP Trade Development Manager Darren Fursman said Mackay is one of the major servicing centres for the Central Queensland mining and agricultural industries.

“As a business, we identified the potential for an area within the port to cater for a common user facility that can accommodate a variety of bulk trades,” Mr Fursman said. “The new common-user handling area provides regional businesses that need to import or export bulk materials the opportunity to get their product to market earlier, grow trade and, potentially, lead to the development of their own storage and handling facilities.”

The primary commodities currently traded at the Port of Mackay include fuel, sugar (raw and refined), grain, magnetite, fertiliser and scrap metal, as well as the port’s targeted growth market, breakbulk cargo. The new storage area would be suitable for trades such as minerals, timber, construction materials, scrap metal, grains and other bulk commodities.

## Forkliftaction report: A busy year for materials handling Down Under

It was a busy year for materials handling in Australasia, with two major trade shows, new model launches, fleet expansions and dealer developments. Some of the highlights covered by Forkliftaction throughout 2018 are provided in the report available [online here](#).

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## Port of Newcastle joins EcoPorts

The Port of Newcastle was this month granted membership of the International EcoPorts network, having completed rigorous assessments to benchmark its environmental and sustainability practices against 120 major ports across Europe, Asia, North America and South America. Developed in 1997, EcoPorts remains the only Environmental Management Standard (EMS) specific to the global port sector.

Jackie Spiteri, the port's environmental adviser, said the organisation had chosen to be a pioneer in the region as part of its commitment to continuous improvement as a resilient and sustainable port.

"Port of Newcastle is pleased to be part of a global network of ports operating within an established environmental and sustainability framework that understands and actively addresses the complex aspects of port operations," Ms Spiteri said.

EcoPorts membership comes as Port of Newcastle confirmed its intention to further expand automation and electrification of the port in an effort to improve efficiency, reduce emissions and minimise its environmental impact.

Port of Newcastle is now working towards achieving certification under EcoPort's Port Environmental Review System, which is independently tested against best practice management by Lloyds Register and is the only system of its type in the world.

## New boss for DP World Australia

Glen Hilton has been confirmed as new managing director and chief executive of stevedoring company DP World Australia (DPWA). In a message to staff, Mr Hilton said it was a "great privilege and exciting opportunity to lead this organisation of nearly 2000 people". Mr Hilton replaces Paul Scurrah.

Mr Hilton first worked for DPWA in 2005, running its container terminal in Adelaide. He later oversaw DP World's operations in the Dominican Republic before being appointed regional head of DP World's SE Asia operations. He left the group in 2013 to become chief executive at the Port of Tanjung Pelepas container terminal in Malaysia.

## Burning car carrier *Sincerity Ace* abandoned in the Pacific Ocean



Photo: US Coast Guard

The US Coast Guard has suspended the active search for one remaining crewmember of the *Sincerity Ace* who has not been accounted for. Four merchant vessels were able to rescue 16 of the 21 *Sincerity Ace* crew who abandoned the burning car carrier following a fire on New Year's Eve, roughly 2,000 miles north-west of Hawaii.

The Coast Guard says four missing mariners were located but remain in the water as they were unresponsive and unable to react to life-saving equipment.

Searches were conducted by a Coast Guard HC-130 Hercules aircrew and the crews of the motor vessels *Venus Spirit* and *Genco Augustus*. The *Sincerity Ace*'s managing company, Shoei Kisen Kaisha Ltd., is coordinating with the merchant vessels for the transport of the surviving crew from the vessels' next ports of call. The company will make attempts to recover the four unresponsive crewmembers still in the water when other contracted ships arrive on the scene.

The vessel remains abandoned and adrift. At last report, it was listing to starboard and still on fire. The cause of the fire and the disposition of the cargo remain unknown, the Coast Guard said.

## New CEO for ALEC

Mark Harvey-Sutton has been appointed chief executive of the Australian Live Exporters Council (ALEC), replacing Brett Pointing. According to a statement from ALEC, Mr Pointing was stepping down due to “a change in personal circumstances” which required him to return to Queensland. Mr Pointing had been in the job just three months, having replaced Simon Westaway, the former Jetstar communications manager who faced intense media questioning last year during the *Awassi Express* scandal.

Mr Harvey-Sutton (who was deputy CEO of ALEC) has previously worked for the Sheepmeat Council of Australia (now Sheep Producers Australia) and as policy director of Cattle Council of Australia.

## Fire on board container vessel *Yantian Express*

A fire has broken out aboard a Hapag-Lloyd containership in the North Atlantic sea off the east coast of Canada. In a statement posted to its website, Hapag-Lloyd said the fire started on January 3 in one containers on the deck of the *Yantian Express* and then spread to additional containers.

Efforts to extinguish the fire were launched immediately but were suspended due to a significant deterioration of weather conditions. At the time of the update, the ship was located approximately 650 nautical miles off the coast of Canada. The crew of eight officers and 15 seafarers are unharmed, Hapag-Lloyd said.

The ship was sailing from Colombo, Sri Lanka to Halifax via the Suez Canal, where it was expected to arrive on January 4. The US Coast Guard said that it is coordinating the response efforts to ensure the safety of the crew. The 7,510 TEU vessel is 320 metres long and is flagged in Germany and was built in 2002. No pollution or injuries have been reported.

## Maersk to begin container inspections

Maersk Line is set to begin physically inspecting container contents as part of its efforts to stem the increasing number of boxes where fires breaking out internally during transit or where cargo moves or is damaged due to not being lashed correctly. The project will initially focus on shipments into and out of the US.

The checks, initially paid for by Maersk, will be undertaken by the National Cargo Bureau and the containers will be selected at random. “We will endeavour to have the inspections completed as quickly as possible to reduce the delay in the intended transport of the container; however, if a container is discovered to be inadequately stuffed, lashed, and secured, or found to contain mismatching cargo compared to the given declaration, it may be necessary to take corrective actions for onward transportation. Such corrective actions may involve reworking the container to ensure it is compliant with given regulations.”

The cost for such reworking actions to resume transport of the container will be charged to the Shipper/Consignee (depending on direction of the container). “Since the inspections are being performed in the United States, a container that has already made sea transit may be selected for inspection,” Maersk said in a statement.

Maersk explained that the aim of the exercise is to collect data to develop “procedures that better ensure the accuracy of cargo descriptions provided to Maersk”, as well as improve the use of the IMO’s Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport Units (CTU Code), which is a guide for loading cargo in containers, but not yet mandatory.

The Maersk initiative comes as global shipping insurer the TT Club has launched its **#Fit4Freight** campaign in conjunction with the Global Shippers Forum, the World Shipping Council and ICHCA. “TT Club statistics indicate that as much as 66% of incidents related to cargo damage in the intermodal supply chain can be attributed in part to poor practice in the overall packing process, including not just load distribution and cargo securing, but also the workflow from classification and documentation through to declaration and effective data transfer,” TT Club’s Risk Management Director Peregrine Storrs-Fox noted in a commentary today.

“Critically, many low-level incidents could be avoided by adherence to the principles set out in the Code and similarly positively impact the occurrence of major maritime casualties, such as *MSC Flaminia*. The overall economic cost to the industry is estimated to amount to billions of dollars each year. Furthermore, the human cost is substantial, with deaths and injuries regularly reported,” he said.

## Review of BMSB biosecurity measures announced.

The Inspector-General of Biosecurity, the body aiming to enhance the integrity of Australia’s biosecurity systems through independently reviewing and reporting on the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources’ (DAWR) performance of biosecurity programs, has announced a review of the effectiveness of DAWR’s biosecurity measures to manage the risks of brown marmorated stink bug (BMSB) entering Australia, and what if any improvements should be made.

This review will not examine policy and activities that are the responsibility of stakeholders—other than the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources—including state/territory governments, individuals and biosecurity industry participants. The Inspector General is inviting submissions from key stakeholders. Details of the review plus submission cover documents are available on [the Inspector-General of Biosecurity website](#). Please ensure that a completed cover sheet is attached to your submission.

### Submissions close Friday, 22 February 2019.

The review was announced as a number of representatives of the DAWR Cargo Consultative Committee (DCCC) and sectors of the industry became increasingly concerned at the department’s handling of BMSB issues. Several roro vessels have been ordered away from the Australian coast since the start of the BMSB season and extensive delays of BMSB inspections at depots in Australia have led to additional costs for importers.

A number of credited BMSB treatment facilities in Italy had their accreditation revoked before Christmas which led to all BMSB treatment facilities in Italy refusing to accept cargo for treatment. A recent visit by DAWR personnel to Italy and other treatment facilities in Europe has resulted in the reinstatement of the accreditation of those facilities. There have also been extensive delays at treatment facilities in Australia due to a workplace health and safety issue for containers which have been directed for a rural tailgate or tailgate inspection and which have been treated with sulfuranyl fluoride. The department and its staff is working with industry and treatment providers to resolve this issue.

On a separate matter, meetings have been attended by the ICHCA Australia DCCC representative, Mr Peter van Duyn, with other DCCC members and wider industry stakeholders to attempt to reach satisfactory outcomes regarding the introduction of the proposed Biosecurity Levy.

For further information on the BSMB and the Biosecurity Levy visit the [DAWR website](#) or contact the ICHCA DCCC representative Peter van Duyn (contact details below).

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