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The International Cargo Handling Coordination 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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A Message From ICHCA Australia

Dear ICHCA Members and Industry Colleagues:

Thank you for supporting ICHCA Australia - it is greatly appreciated.

In 2014 many of our members attended and sponsored and/or spoke at the successful Sustainable Supply Chain Solutions Conference held in Adelaide in October. It was gratifying to see that a significant number of non-ICHCA members attended the Conference and we trust they will attend future events and become ICHCA Members. The quality of the presentations at the Conference was exceptional and ICHCA is equally pleased that the same quality of speakers has also been achieved at its 2014 Luncheon events.

In 2015 ICHCA will be producing an ICHCA Members Directory that will be accessible on our web sites. There will be two listings of participating members – one accessible to members and non-members which will list company names only and a Members Only Directory listing member organisations, profiles and full contact details. This will enable ICHCA members to better utilise the ICHCA International and regional/country networks.

Internationally ICHCA is progressing with a wide range of policy and technical matters, particularly in the cargo handling area connected to the maritime sector. As a member of ICHCA Australia you have direct access to these initiatives.

As a not for profit, independent, self-funded non-political industry association we rely significantly on membership support provided to us in many forms ranging from sponsorship, advertising, attendance at events, volunteers and membership subscriptions. Despite cost pressures, ICHCA Australia will not be increasing its membership charges in 2015.

To our current members - we trust that you will renew your membership of ICHCA if you have not already done so, and to those that wish to join ICHCA, you would be very welcome.

Please contact me with any suggestions you may have on how we can serve you better.

Also ICHCA members (existing and new) don't forget to provide us with your updated one page company profile and web link so we can put your information on our website (www.ichca-australia.com) to assist you to promote your organisation's services. We will also use it in the ICHCA worldwide directory.

Best Regards

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New ICHCA NSW Coordinator

James Strang is the new NSW ICHCA Coordinator.

James is a Director with Strang International Pty Ltd. In this role, James looks after the financial and insurance matters for the company.

Before joining Strang International in 2003, James worked for various financial institutions both in Australia and the United Kingdom for over 12 years. He spent some time with businesses associated with the Baltic Exchange before moving on to the banking industry.

In his role with ICHCA he will coordinate planning for the ICHCA NSW lunch program. James' contact details are:

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Briggs Speaks at First 2015 ICHCA SA Lunch

The Federal Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, Jamie Briggs, will be the guest speaker at the ICHCA SA lunch in Adelaide on 18 February.

Mr Briggs will speak on the future direction for South Australian transport and logistics from the Federal Government's perspective. Mr Briggs will cover the Federal Government's vision to be recognised as an "Infrastructure Government". He says that to achieve that goal the Commonwealth will need to work with the States to develop a pipeline of projects.

The lunch will be sponsored by Flinders Ports Holdings at will be at The Adelaide Pavilion, Veale Gardens, Cnr South Terrace and Peacock Road starting at noon with a 2pm finish.

Details on the lunch, including registration, are included in the link below.

Meanwhile, dates have been set for the other ICHCA SA lunches in 2015:

- Wednesday 20 May
- Wednesday 19 August

- Wednesday 18 November

The ICHCA Australia AGM and Board meeting is scheduled for Adelaide on 1 April.



ICHCA SA Luncheon
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Report Says Forklift Confidence is Bright

Forkliftaction News reports that the forklift industry has confidence for 2015. The link below provides details on Allan Leibowitz's interview with a number of industry leaders about market conditions for 2015.

The report is particularly upbeat about the Chinese market which is expected to account for sales of more than 440,000 units.

Click on the link below to read more of the **Forkliftaction News** findings.



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Unlocking Supply Chain Benefits of Toowoomba Second Range Crossing

The Queensland Transport and Logistics Council has released A Focus on Freight on the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing. This report considers the likely industry specific benefits of the proposed Toowoomba Second Range Crossing and identifies opportunities to improve productivity through design and connecting network enhancements.

Following a \$1.6 billion commitment by the State and Commonwealth Governments to fund the construction of the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing (TSRC), the procurement and final design process is well under way.

The TSRC has long been one of the highest infrastructure priorities for Queensland. The existing crossing of the Great Dividing Range is plagued by congestion, poor road safety and slow transit times caused by steep gradients and tight curves.

Despite these limitations, the current range crossing is the gateway to Brisbane-based domestic and export markets and is used extensively by a diverse range of supply chains including key industry sectors such as livestock and meat, cotton, grain and horticulture.

The QTLC's Strengthening Queensland's Supply Chains report recommends that the design of the TSRC reflect end-to-end supply chain drivers and enhance productivity through improved alignment with connecting networks.

To this end, the QTLC examined the supply chain benefits of the TSRC and the potential for productivity improvement given a defined level of access, including enabling access to other strategic freight routes.

As anticipated, the QTLC analysis found that the TSRC will likely facilitate economic growth through enhanced productivity, reduced travel times, reduced congestion and improved travel time reliability.

Importantly, the study also identified a number of opportunities to enhance productivity and future proof the infrastructure so that it can meet growth in economic development and freight demand.

Neil Findlay, QTLC Chairman, stated that "the realisation of these proposed benefits will be greatly improved by taking a whole of supply chain view, understanding and meeting industry requirements, and by undertaking ancillary works to align connections east and west of the TSRC".

"It is critical that this once in a generation piece of catalytic infrastructure be constructed to meet freight demand and align with vehicle design and supply chain characteristics not only now, but well into the future".

A Focus on Freight on the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing can be viewed at www.qtlc.com.au.

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Jointly funded by the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads and the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development, the QTLC provides advice to State and Federal Governments, as well industry stakeholders, on the development, planning, regulation and operation of freight and logistics transport, infrastructure and services in Queensland.

As the peak body representing the views of the freight transport and logistics industry to government, the QTLC advocates for the provision of infrastructure, regulation and policy that will support sustainable and productive supply chains in Queensland.

Provided by Queensland Transport and Logistics Council - PO Box 16091, City East Qld 4002



Patrick Acquires Dampier Oil and Gas Facility

Patrick, part of the Asciano group of companies, has reached an agreement to acquire Apache Energy's Dampier Floating Deck (DFD) platform currently being constructed at the Port of Dampier in Western Australia. The DFD is designed to service oil and gas support vessel operations and, on completion, will provide an additional two berths and a range of on-berth vessel provisioning/support services not currently available in Dampier.

Murray Vitlich, Director of Patrick Bulk and Automotive Port Services, said the acquisition will expand Patrick's existing oil and gas services capabilities in the Pilbara region.

"The Port of Dampier is well positioned to provide ongoing services to vessels supporting oil and gas projects as they transition from construction to operations over the coming years. This platform will strengthen our existing regional port operations servicing the oil and gas sector in the Northern Territory and Western Australia."

Patrick will operate the DFD as an open access facility, with Apache Energy taking up a position as a foundation customer. The DFD project is due to be completed in March 2015.

Emergency Measures for US Imports

The Federal Government has introduced emergency measures for specific sea freight consignments of containerised and break bulk cargo sourced and shipped from the east coast ports of the United States.

The emergency measures affect all containerised and break bulk vehicles (including boats), machinery, automotive parts and containerised tyres sourced and shipped from the US east coast ports.

The measures are in response to a number of recent and unprecedented interceptions of Brown Marmorated Stink Bugs (*Halyomorpha halys*) found on and in machinery imported from the US. This bug is an exotic pest of considerable biosecurity concern to Australian agriculture. Juveniles feed on and severely

damage fruit and vegetable crops, and adults can enter vehicles, homes and factories in autumn months in large numbers looking for warm places to shelter.

The volumes of this pest being intercepted in machinery imports arriving in Australia are causing major treatment difficulties and logistic issues in the management of this risk onshore. Consequently, offshore treatment of goods is the only feasible measure available to the Agriculture Department to effectively manage the risk from this pest.

As a result, the following requirements apply to consignments from Monday, 23 February 2015:

- Treated prior to shipping
- Accompanied by a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) certification of efficacy of treatment
- On-arrival inspection of high-risk consignments as determined by the department.

These mandatory requirements apply for the following consignments:

- All break bulk vehicles (including boats), machinery, and automotive parts within 48 hours prior to loading.
- Containerised shipments of vehicles (including boats), machinery, automotive parts, and tyres within 24 hours before loading.

Acceptable pre-shipment treatments include:

- Heat (60°C/140°F) for 30 minutes in the coldest location of the cargo. Methyl bromide (32g/m³@21-25°C for 24 hours).
- Sulfuryl fluoride (32g/m³@21-25°C for 24 hours or 40g/m³@16-20°C for 24 hours).

For high-risk consignments that are currently in transit (without a USDA treatment certificate) from a number of US East Coast ports, on-arrival risk assessment and treatment measures will apply.

As part of the on-arrival measures (among others), high risk consignments will require assessment in-situ on the vessel by biosecurity inspectors and will not be permitted discharge (at first port or arrival or any subsequent ports) until Inspectors are confident that the biosecurity risk can be contained/managed and any required treatments confirmed within required timeframes. This includes any cross-contaminated goods. If this is unable to be achieved, the department may require the goods to be re-exported. Goods that are permitted to be discharged can only be landed on the wharf and must not be moved until the biosecurity officer has released the goods from quarantine (following intervention and any treatment if required).

Relevant ICON cases detailing the import conditions will be amended accordingly and further information about on-arrival measures for the above consignments without offshore treatment certificates will be found in the department's ICON database.

Pending inspection outcomes, the department anticipates that these measures will be in place until the end of April 2015.

Japan-Australia Trade Agreement Starts

Arrangements have started under the Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement (JAEPA), which will eliminate or reduce tariff rates on many of Australia's key agricultural products destined for Japan.

Minister for Agriculture, Barnaby Joyce, said JAEPA is good news for Australian farmers with tariffs notably reduced or eliminated on beef, livestock, dairy, seafood, wine and horticulture. "The management work of the Coalition Government is paying off with record beef prices and record sheep prices now being recorded. Expanding the live cattle trade and live sheep trade and finalising free trade agreements means a better price is coming through to the farm gate and farmers are now making the money needed to reinvest in their farms and our nation.

"Go to the sale yards and ask if the prices are better than two years ago – ask if we have made a difference. The first round of tariff cuts will run until 31 March 2015, and future tariff cuts will happen annually on 1 April, starting this year, to align with the Japanese financial year," Minister Joyce said.

"Reduced tariff rates are cost saving for Australian exports and give our exporters a real advantage over international competitors. For example, from today the 38.5% tariff for chilled and frozen beef will be reduced dramatically to 32.5% and 30.5% respectively, providing Australian beef exporters with significantly improved market access."

To stay up-to-date on the Japanese quotas all interested parties need to do is join a simple email subscription list -email quota.admin@agriculture.gov.au with your details and 'subscribe' in the heading. For more information about the Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement (JAEPA) visit www.agriculture.gov.au.



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Gateway WA Passes Halfway Mark

Construction of the \$1 billion Gateway WA Project is steaming ahead after passing the halfway mark six months earlier than originally scheduled, with final completion projected by mid-2016.

The Gateway WA project is the largest road project ever to be undertaken in Perth and is jointly funded by the Australian (\$676 million) and the Western Australian (\$310 million) Governments.

Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, Jamie Briggs, said that when complete, Gateway WA would deliver a fully upgraded road network around the consolidated Perth Airport terminal and nearby Kewdale and Forrestfield industrial estates.

“This game-changing project, which is supporting 1,300 construction jobs, will significantly improve access around the airport and surrounding industrial areas, meaning businesses can get products to market more quickly and efficiently,” Mr Briggs said.

WA Transport Minister, Dean Nalder, said reaching 60% of the construction program marked a significant milestone for the Gateway WA Perth Airport and Freight Access Project. “The transformed road network will have a huge impact on alleviating congestion for road users,” Mr Nalder said.

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