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About ICHCA – International Cargo Handling Coordination Association

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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Changes to ICHCA Australia Board

- Tony Grant Steps Down – John Warda New Chairman

Tony Grant has stepped down from the position of Chairman and Director of ICHCA Australia and also as a Director of ICHCA International. Tony said, "I currently am coping with health issues and this means my ability to contribute to ICHCA in the role of Chairman and Director is currently limited."



*John Warda, Emerald Grain,
is ICHCA Australia's New
Chairman*

At the ICHCA Australia AGM in Adelaide on Wednesday, the highly respected grains industry executive and Acting Chairman, John Warda from Emerald Grains, was unanimously elected into the ICHCA Chairman's role.

Tony Grant has been Chairman of ICHCA Australia for the last seven years and a Director of the ICHCA Board for the last 10 years. During this time, Tony and the Board have successfully put ICHCA Australia in a sound financial position and strengthened its ties with ICHCA International.

ICHCA Australia has also organised four highly successful Conferences including:

- 2014 Sustainable Supply Chain Challenges Conference in Adelaide (in partnership with the South Australian Freight Council)
- 2012 ICHCA International Conference in Melbourne
- 2010 Australia-Asia Conference in Darwin
- 2007 Vision 20/20 Conference in Adelaide

The quality of the speakers and the crispness of the program at each of these events delivered great value to those that attended them and reflects the ethos of what ICHCA is all about. Tony's contribution to the success of these events was significant.

Apart from ICHCA, Tony has played an active role as Chair of the South Australian Freight Council and is also a member of the National Rural Health Alliance Inc., has held the office of President of The Seven Seas Club of Australia Inc., and is also [past](#) Secretary and Public Officer for Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Magill SA.

The Board of ICHCA unanimously thanked Tony for his past stewardship and leadership of ICHCA Australia as its Chairman and look forward to continuing to access his skills and knowledge on key issues in the future.

In other Board changes, Gary Campbell from North Queensland Bulk Ports (NQBP) takes up the Deputy Chairman role; Peter van Duyn from the Institute of Supply Chain and Logistics joins as a new Director; James Strang from Strang International joins the Board as a proxy for John Strang while Laurence Jones, TT Club, David Bendall and John Strang remain as Directors. Ian Lovell is the Company Secretary.

ICHCA Australia's Board Member Profile



Peter van Duyn

Peter van Duyn is a Maritime Logistics Expert at Victoria University's Institute for Supply Chain and Logistics in Melbourne and also runs his own logistics consulting business.

Through the Institute Peter has project managed a number of logistics chain studies for port authorities in Australia. He has also written a number of media articles on port privatization, stevedoring operations in Australia and port planning.

Peter was General Manager, Patrick Container Terminals from 2007 to 2009, responsible for the four main container terminals in Australia with a workforce of over 1300 employees and revenue of \$ 500 million p.a.

From 1989 till 2007 Peter held various senior operational management roles across the container terminals division within Patrick and its predecessors.

Peter is a Master Mariner and migrated to Australia in 1983 after a successful career with the Dutch merchant navy and the Port of Rotterdam.

Peter is a board member of Dutchcare Ltd, an aged care provider in Victoria and is active in the Dutch community in Victoria.

Peter worked in Port Moresby as a voluntary advisor for the PNG Ports Corporation which was facilitated by Australian Business Volunteers.

Further detail on the outcomes of the AGM and Board meeting will be published in the next Inside ICHCA.

What Can We Assist You With?

ICHCA Australia invites its members to bring key issues to the fore.

ICHCA is a well-regarded Non-Government Organisation (NGO) that is actively involved with issues affecting the logistics and cargo handling industry in Australia and internationally.

“We invite ICHCA Australia members to tell us what the key issues are so that we can analyse them and then where appropriate represent them in a targeted manner to government and others” said John Warda, Chairman of ICHCA Australia.

Over many years ICHCA has held two-way briefings with key government policy makers that have not only been informative but resulted in positive outcomes. As part of the value of being a member of ICHCA Australia, we want our members to raise key issues with us that we can progress them.

Please have your say by sending a brief description of your issues to the ICHCA Company Secretary at ian.lovell@ichca.com or ring 0400708182 by the end of April 2015.



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ICHCA International Spearheads Improved Logistics Supply Chain Safety

ICHCA has been actively involved in the development of recent international legislation and guidelines that will help to improve safety in the logistics supply chain for containers and other forms of cargo transport systems.

Safety at sea will be enhanced when less containers are lost overboard, one of the issues that was identified in the MARIN “lashing@sea” report. The Dutch research organisation who sit in ICHCA’s technical panel highlighted that actual weights of containers differ in many cases from that which is declared. There is also work underway by the UN to improve both the actual packing and then the securing of cargo into transport units of all kinds, which will improve safety in all modes of transport.

As the only NGO (Non-Government Organisation) that represents the cargo handling sector within the various UN bodies involved (IMO, ILO and UNECE) , ICHCA’s members provide practical advice and guidance to policy makers on critical cargo issues such as SOLAS regulations relating to container losses at sea (MO 42) and container packing (CTU code).

ICHCA consults extensively via various mechanisms. Firstly, through its International membership, with a vast array of members across the globe which are either direct members of ICHCA International or through one of its regional or national branches (for example ICHCA Australia). ICHCA is able to gather the views of those who work in all facets of the logistics supply chain to give credibility to its arguments .

Secondly, ISP - ICHCA’s Technical Panel originally focused on “safety “ hence ISP (International Safety Panel) has now been widened to cover all aspects including environmental concerns, security and productivity. This body of over 70 experts from around the globe represents all disciplines associated with the logistics supply chain from the world’s leading port and terminal operators to classification societies, insurance companies, national safety administrations and specialist consultants. It is indeed a true reflection of ICHCA’s membership.

The Panel has been instrumental in lending its expertise to ICHCA’s technical advisor in the formation of an industry-wide response on measures to enhance protection against losses of containers overboard (the new SOLAS regulations on verification of container weight – manifested in the planned “MO 42” in Australia) and the non-mandatory IMO/ILO/UNECE Code of Practice for Packing CTUs (Cargo Transport Units) which will cover all modes of transport.

ICHCA took an active role in the development of the above measures including attending sessions of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) in London and the Group of Experts at the UN in Geneva. In fact, ICHCA member GSF (Global Shippers Forum) chaired the sessions at the UN that developed the Code and the ISP Deputy Chairman, Bill Brassington, was its editor and drafted the text, thus demonstrating further ICHCA’s involvement in high level international developments.

The “ISP” meets twice a year in locations across the globe and met in Melbourne in 2012. The themes of the meetings are focused on topical items and current and planned legislation figure very highly. The last meeting was a few weeks ago in Las Palmas de Gran Canarias and was attended by over 50 professionals from 16 countries who debated, among the legislation mentioned above, fatigue issues for port operatives, snag protection in STS cranes, working and rescue at height, terminal transport safety and straddle carrier incidents.

Every meeting also focuses on latest incident reports so pro-active prevention messages can be developed and specialist technical queries from the membership at large. The event was followed by a topical one day seminar on Managing Risk in Container Operations.

An event on a similar theme is now planned for Durban in South Africa followed by another in ICHCA's popular CTU Roadshows where the industry is brought up to speed by means of a range of interactive and informative presentations on aspects of the new CTU Code mentioned above. It is planned to hold at least one of the roadshows in Australia in 2016.



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New Head of Infrastructure Australia

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, Warren Truss, has welcomed Infrastructure Australia's appointment of Philip Davies as its new CEO.

Mr. Truss said Mr. Davies is an ideal fit for the role, bringing to the position a strong record of achievement and wealth of experience both in Australia and overseas. "Mr. Davies is an expert in infrastructure and transport planning. In addition to his experience as the Director, Infrastructure Advisory, Asia Pacific for AECOM Australia, he has also held the role of Director of Traffic Operations for Transport for London.

"The Government has reformed the governance of Infrastructure Australia to free it of the ministerial meddling which abounded under the previous Labor Government to make it a truly independent and more robust statutory authority.

"Under the Rudd/Gillard/Rudd governments Infrastructure Australia was not allowed to appoint its own CEO. Worse still, the then Infrastructure Coordinator reported solely to the Minister, never to an independent Board.

"The Infrastructure Australia Board was established in September 2014 under the Infrastructure Australia Amendment Bill 2013, which improved the transparency and accountability of Infrastructure Australia.

“Infrastructure Australia is the primary independent source of research and advice to the Australian Government. Infrastructure Australia has been commissioned to develop a 15-year plan for the country's current and future infrastructure needs and plays a key role in assessing the merits of major infrastructure projects.”

Mr Truss paid tribute to outgoing Infrastructure Australia head, John Fitzgerald, who led the organisation first as Interim Infrastructure Coordinator and then as Acting CEO from April 2014.

“Mr Fitzgerald guided Infrastructure Australia through its transition to make it a more accountable and transparent body, refocusing its key priorities after amendments to the Infrastructure Australia Act 2008 in July 2014. I thank him for his efforts over the past 12 months.”

The new CEO will report to the Infrastructure Australia Board, which undertook an executive recruitment process to fill the position.

Construction Begins on Westconnex

The Commonwealth and NSW Governments have marked the start of construction on Sydney's new motorway, WestConnex. The first sod has been turned on the \$500 million M4 Widening, which is due for completion in two years.

WestConnex will link the M4 and M5 with continuous free-flowing motorway, creating 10,000 jobs and injecting more than \$20 billion into the NSW economy.

The project will increase capacity and slash travel times from Western Sydney and South Western Sydney to the CBD, Airport and Port Botany. It will also enable the urban renewal of Parramatta Road.

With an additional 1.6 million people expected to live in Sydney within 20 years, congestion will bring the city to a halt without major infrastructure projects such as WestConnex, NorthConnex and the NSW Government's investment in public transport projects like the North West Rail Link and Sydney Rapid Transit – including a second harbour rail crossing.

Travel time savings when WestConnex is complete include:

40 minutes cut from an average peak journey between Parramatta and Sydney Airport

23 minutes off an average journey between Burwood and Sydney Airport

29 minutes cut from the journey between Liverpool and South Sydney

40 minutes off a trip between Port Botany and Silverwater.

The M4 Widening covers 7.5km of the M4 motorway. This section will be widened from three to four lanes in each direction between Church Street, Parramatta and Homebush Bay Drive, Homebush.

The widened M4 will meet the new M4 East which is due to begin construction next year.

WestConnex is being delivered in stages at a cost of about \$14.9 billion with the NSW Government providing \$1.8 billion and the Australian Government \$1.5 billion in addition to a concessional loan of up to \$2 billion. The remainder of the financing will be provided by the private sector, based on tolls.

Visit www.westconnex.com.au for more information, including in eight community languages.

ICHCA SA Lunch

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EVENT Luncheon Meeting

DATE WEDNESDAY 20 May 2015

TIME 12:00 noon start, 2:00pm finish (Sharp)

VENUE The Lakes Resort Hotel, Brebner Drive, West Lakes, South Australia

SPEAKER



STUART BALLANTYNE

Managing Director, Sea Transport Corporation

- 7 years Merchant Navy – Deck Officer – Asia, Australia and South Pacific
- Royal Humane Society Vellum Award for Bravery
- National Service R.A.N. – Sub-Lieutenant
- 3 years full time study Naval Architecture
- 3 years Operations Superintendent – Australian National Line
- Formed Sea Transport in 1976 - Offices now in Qld, SA, HK and China
- Memberships - Fellow of Royal Institute of Naval Architecture
- Chairman - Interferry 2002-2004, Board Member for 12 years
- Winner of 6 International awards for services to the Marine industry
- Awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Science 2014 from Strathclyde University, Scotland

TOPIC

REINVIGORATING AUSTRALIA'S ECONOMY AND THE ENVIRONMENT THROUGH COASTAL SHIPPING REFORM AND NUCLEAR SHIPS – HAVE WE MISSED THE BOAT?

Come along to this luncheon to hear firsthand what needs to be done to reform Australian coastal shipping and how to overcome its longstanding issues. Also Stuart will discuss the case for nuclear sea transport – a timely topic for South Australia with its Royal Commission into nuclear energy.

Stuart is not only respected as a maritime expert in innovation but is a speaker with flair and is too good to miss.

Hope to see you there!

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EVENT Luncheon Meeting
DATE Wednesday 20 May 2015
TIME 12:00 noon start, 2:00 finish
VENUE The Lakes Resort Hotel, Brebner Drive, West Lakes, South Australia
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IMO Course on Port Operations and Management

ICHCA members have been advised of the twenty-ninth Advanced Course on Port Operations and Management in Le Havre, France, from 7 September to 9 October 2015.

The International Maritime Organisation (IMO) said the main purpose of the course is to assist developing countries to improve the management and operational efficiency of their ports. It is designed for high-level officials and decision-makers of maritime and/or port authorities and/or administrations from developing countries.

The course will be conducted in both English and French. It will consist of lectures by senior managers of port authorities, maritime specialists and university professors and includes field trips.

\$61.6 Million to Upgrade Queensland Highways

Improvements to the New England, Flinders, Landsborough and Cunningham Highways will be delivered as part of the Federal Government's \$229 million National Highway Upgrade Programme.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, Warren Truss, said the funding is to improve key arteries on the national highway network in Queensland.

"This programme will fund much-needed upgrading works around Australia such as additional overtaking lanes, road widening, intersection upgrades and pavement reconstruction," Mr Truss said.

Works to be delivered on the New England Highway include the provision of a further overtaking lane, pavement widening works and intersection upgrades.

Drivers on the Flinders Highway between Hughenden and Cloncurry will benefit from pavement widening and strengthening, while the Landsborough Highway will be upgraded between Morven and Kynuna. There will also be pavement rehabilitation on the Cunningham Highway between Mutdapilly and Warrill View.

Construction on projects funded under the National Highway Upgrade Programme is expected to start in 2015–16.

LA Ports Begin Collaborating on Supply Chain Efficiencies

Top executives from the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles have begun work to eliminate backlogs and improve the speed and efficiency of cargo movements through their respective ports.

A meeting on "cargo conveyance strategies that will enhance velocity and efficiency throughout their gateway's supply chain" was their first since formal discussions were approved by the Federal Maritime Commission, allowing staff of the two San Pedro Bay ports – the busiest seaport complex in the United States – to work together to get cargo moving more efficiently.

The initial meeting set the stage to discuss a framework for how the ports will cooperate, work with stakeholders from throughout the supply chain and communicate the results of the efforts.

At the end of February, the Federal Maritime Commission agreed to allow the two ports to cooperate more strategically on finding new ways to prevent congestion and cargo delays, improve the transport network and enhance air quality. The decision came after several months of severe congestion and shipment delays caused by a number of factors.

Despite a tentative agreement following a nine-month stand-off between unions and employers that led to severe disruptions to cargo flows, cargo backlogs at the ports are expected to take several more weeks – or possibly months – to clear.

They stressed that the deployment of larger ships, coupled with a new level of vessel-sharing dynamics created by carrier alliances, have created congestion issues at many large ports, but the problems have been especially severe at the San Pedro Bay ports due to the higher volumes of intermodal cargo that flow through the gateway.

The ports will discuss innovative approaches to improving the efficiency of marine terminal, trucking, rail and vessel operations. The ports also plan to discuss legislative advocacy, security enhancements, infrastructure, technology and environmental improvements related to supply chain optimisation.

The Port of Los Angeles and Port of Long Beach are the two largest ports in the US, first and second respectively, and combined are the ninth-largest port complex in the world. The two ports handle about 40% of the nation's total containerised import traffic and 25% of its total exports.

Resources Drive WA Results

Western Australia remains the nation's top mining investment destination, snaring over half of the country's resource industry expenditure, WA Mines and Petroleum Minister, Bill Marmion has announced.

The value of the State's mineral and petroleum industry in 2014 reached \$114 billion, eclipsing 2013 by \$200 million. Together, iron ore and gold accounted for \$73.7 billion (85%) of mineral sales.

This is one of the key mining and petroleum industry statistics released by the Department of Mines and Petroleum, ahead of publication of next month's annual statistics digest.

Although recent falls in commodity prices have caused some companies to re-evaluate their investment position, the resources sector is set to continue playing a dominant role in the WA economy.



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