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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 at MEGATRANS 2020



ICHCA Australia will be holding a one-day conference as part of the MEGATRANS 2020 event in Melbourne on Wednesday 1 April 2020. Topics for discussion will include the impact of the new IMO 2020 low sulphur fuel oil on shipping and ports; container packaging and its inherent dangers; automation; and safety in cargo handling.

Information about the program and a full list of speakers can be found on the Megatrans website:

www.megatrans.com.au.

To receive a reduction on the ticket price please use "ICHCA" in the promo code when booking your ticket here: <https://secure.tradeevent.com.au/Megatrans2020/>

For further details, please contact Peter van Duyn

The ICHCA conference segment is sponsored by:



ICHCA Australia AGM

ICHCA Australia Ltd. annual general meeting will be held on Thursday 2 April at 11.00am at Deakin Downtown, Collins Square, Tower 2, Level 12, 727 Collins St, Melbourne. Agenda will be sent prior to the meeting.

All welcome to attend. Please notify the company Secretary if you intend to attend.

ICHCA SA luncheon

ICHCA SA will be holding its first industry network luncheon in Adelaide on Thursday 19 March. Stewart Lammin, Chief Executive Officer, Flinders Port Holdings will be the speaker. Mr Lammin was appointed Chief Executive Officer in March 2018 after six years as General Manager of Flinders Ports. During that time, he was responsible for the overall performance of the Port's business.

Stewart's talk is entitled: *Future Port*.

For more information and to book your place, go to the ICHCA Events page: <https://www.ichca-australia.com/events.html>

The luncheon is proudly sponsored by:



ICHCA QLD long lunch

Reserve the date: ICHCA QLD will be holding a special lunch at the Howard Smith Wharves in Brisbane CBD on 8 May. For more information and sponsorship packages please contact Darren Fursman at NQBP: Email dfursman@nqbp.com.au; Mobile 0498 881 788.

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"Inaugural" - Logistics Long Lunch

Friday, 8 May 2020
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Rivershed West - Howard Smith Wharves

Secure your table now!

Table of Ten = \$1500.00
Two Course Meal
Three Hour Premium Beverage Package

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Jim Wilson joins Shipping Australia

The former editor of Lloyd's List DCN/Lloyd's List Australia, Jim Wilson, has joined Shipping Australia as a policy and communications executive. Mr Wilson comes to the role following a stint as the national correspondent for international trucking and logistics publication FreightWaves.

Before his arrival in Australia in 2010, Mr Wilson was employed by Fairplay International Shipping Magazine as its Singapore-based Asia Pacific editor and, prior to that, he was the publication's Dubai-based Middle East correspondent. He started his career in the UK as a maritime and logistics reporter with Fairplay about 15 years ago. In his new role, Mr Wilson will provide policy advice and support to the Shipping Australia membership. He will also research and report on industry activities, help develop policies, create and implement the communications plan, and write articles for publication in trade and other publications.

Plan to increase rail share for the Port of Melbourne

The Hon Melissa Horne, Victorian Minister for Ports and Freight, recently announced a \$125 million Port Rail Transformation Project, aimed at getting more freight off roads and onto rail.

Features of the project include:

- A new rail terminal at East Swanson Dock connecting directly with the East Swanson container terminal; this rail terminal is to consist of two tracks, each able to handle 600-metre-long trains.
- Upgraded access, connections and sidings within the port; these modifications are designed to support up to 1500-metre-long regional Victoria and interstate trains and provide operational flexibility for all trains accessing the port.

The project is part of the port's Rail Access Strategy, a key condition of the privatisation of the port.

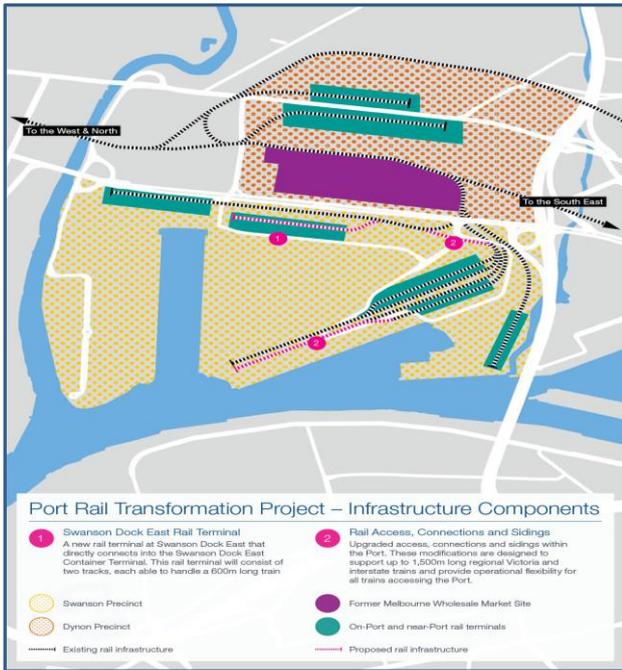


Diagram: Port of Melbourne

Ms Horne said the announcement was “the first step in getting more trucks off roads and more freight onto rail through the on-dock solution at the Port of Melbourne”.

The project will be funded by a levy of \$9.75 per import container (TEU). The Port of Melbourne is conducting industry and community consultation on the Port Rail Transformation Project as well as their 2050 Port Development Strategy.

Links to the documents below:

- [2050 Port Development Strategy](#)
- [Port Rail Transformation Project](#)

Infrastructure Australia releases its Infrastructure Priority List

Infrastructure Australia recently released the latest edition of the *Infrastructure Priority List*, presenting 147 infrastructure proposals of national significance – the largest number since the list’s inception. Infrastructure Australia Chief Executive Romilly Madew said the *Infrastructure Priority List* reflects both the diversity and urgency of our nation’s future infrastructure needs.

“Resilience was a key theme of our 2019 Australian Infrastructure Audit and this focus continues to be reflected in our latest edition of the *Infrastructure Priority List*,” Ms Madew said. “Compounding issues of unprecedented infrastructure demand, severe drought and other environmental changes, require a focus on our resilience strategies and a consensus on where to invest now for our nation’s future prosperity.”

Headlining this year’s resilience-focused planning and investment guidebook are five new high priority national initiatives covering water, the nation’s rapidly growing waste problem, coastal inundation and road maintenance.

“As an independent advisory body, it’s our role to bring these problems and opportunities into the national spotlight to spark investment and coordinated action from industry and government,” Ms Madew said.

Industry groups have stated that a focus on freight and rail is a positive element of the latest *Infrastructure Priority List*. The full list can be found here:

<https://www.infrastructureaustralia.gov.au/publications/infrastructure-priority-list-2020>

Cyberattack on Toll Group

A recent cyber security incident that has hit Toll Group has been confirmed by the company as a ransomware attack. “We can confirm the cyber security incident is due to a targeted ransomware attack which led to our decision to immediately isolate and disable some systems in order to limit the spread of the attack,” a spokesperson said. “At this stage, we have seen no evidence to suggest any personal data has

been lost. We're continuing to undertake a thorough investigation and we're working around the clock to restore normal services at the earliest opportunity."

Cyberattacks on shipping companies and logistics providers seem to be becoming more common and companies need to take measures to protect their systems as they become more reliant on electronic data transfer especially with increased automation.



The advertisement features a photograph of three workers in safety gear (hard hats and high-visibility jackets) standing in front of a blue forklift. Overlaid on the image is the text "Take us with you...". To the right, a tablet displays the ForkliftAction website interface, which includes a navigation menu, a welcome message, and several news articles under headings like "YOUR FOCUS", "INSIDE FORKLIFT ACTION", "GLOBAL NEWS", and "ANNOUNCEMENTS".

ForkliftAction: news, trading, networking for anyone who works with materials handling

For a review of activities of the materials handling industry in 2019 and likely trends in the future, see the article by Allan Leibowitz on the Forklift Action website:

<https://www.forkliftaction.com/news/statlink.asp?statlinkid=38810>

CBFCA and AFIF to merge

The Custom Brokers and Forwarders Council of Australia (CBFCA) and the Australian Federation of International Forwarders (AFIF) are merging to become the International Forwarders and Customs Brokers of Australia (IFCBA). The move is aimed at creating economies of scale for members and a united front for industry.

AFIF Chief Executive Brian Lovell said the Boards of both AFIF and CBFCA agreed that the industry requires a single peak body to represent all the members' issues and concerns. "This includes dealing with government regulators as well as the international logistics supply chain," Mr Lovell said.

"The combined entity will be in a position to pass on greater economies of scale, far-reaching experience and a greater united front for our industry."

An interim Board will be in place from 1 July 2020 until an Annual General Meeting in July 2022.

TT Club outlines liability due to coronavirus

TT Club a provider of insurance and related risk management services, has warned that the disruption to freight transport and supply chains resulting from the coronavirus will "continue to evolve on a daily basis".

In a briefing compiled with the assistance of specialist international lawyers, HFW, TT Club outlines how freight forwarders, logistics service providers and other intermediaries can protect themselves legally and minimise their liabilities, while still giving a quality service to their customers. Restrictions due to labour shortages at ports and cancellations of inland transport links within China, constraints in the supply of goods due to factory closures, and reduced schedules of air, ocean and rail carriers may expose forwarders to claims arising from delivery delays and cargo deterioration.

The TT Club briefing details the pitfalls and provides guidance on correct and comprehensive documentation handling. However, its underlying direction is to counsel transport operators to be proactive in their communication. "In such disruptive situations, as the one the coronavirus has precipitated, both the value of the operator's service to his customer and his protection against future liability claims lies in good, accurate communication," TT Club's Risk Management Director Peregrine Storrs-Fox said. "Up-to-date status reports on their cargo's progress, or lack of it, are vital to shippers. Forwarders and logistics operators will certainly prove their mettle if they can consistently make customers aware of the ongoing attempts to problem-solve."

Mr Storrs-Fox advised, "Careful recording of communication trails detailing such actions will also help in any disputes in the future." In attempting to deliver such solutions, however, a forwarder may need to use routes, carriers or modes that are less familiar, or to partner with other actors, of whom he has no experience. Such 'workarounds' are common at times of crisis when pressure from customers to deliver freight by whatever means can be intense. "Additional care and due diligence must be taken when working in unfamiliar environments. It might be necessary to take extra precautions in employing bills of lading, standard trading conditions, letters of indemnity and other means in order to protect the stakeholders from unforeseen costs and liabilities," Mr Storrs-Fox said.

The briefing explains these risks and the steps that can be taken to keep them to a minimum. "Common sense, proactive communication with counterparties as required and the adherence to good working practices will set operators in a better position to be protected in these abnormal circumstances," Mr Storrs-Fox said. "However, when stress can be heightened by unexpected pressures, it is useful to have guidelines that focus on the possibility of unusual risks, TT Club's briefing seeks to provide such guidance."

TT Club is a major sponsor of ICHCA International and ICHCA Australia and will be presenting at the ICHCA/Megatrans 2020 conference in Melbourne on 1 April.

LINX joins the AFLW as a sponsor

The AFL has recently announced several AFLW partnerships with two of Australia's leading organisations, with Coles and BHP joining as major partners. Each company has a solid community presence in Australia, and their involvement allows the AFL to further invest back into women's football at all levels. LINX Cargo Care Group, Thrifty, and AAMI have also joined the AFLW family, citing the synergy with the league and the movement it has created, while existing partners, Special K and Chemist Warehouse have both re-signed until the end of October 2022. AFL General Manager of Commercial Kylie Rogers said the dedication shown by partners to make a difference in women's sport is the foundation for the evolution of AFLW. "Demand from partners stems beyond a desire to be associated with football. We have developed long-term, value-based relationships with brands whose purpose and mission are aligned to ours."

New partner LINX Cargo Care Group acknowledged the role it plays in creating opportunity for diversity within its own business. "The supply chain and logistics industry has until recently been largely a male-dominated sector, much like Australian football, until the AFLW paved the way for a more diverse, inclusive sporting landscape," Anthony Jones, CEO, LINX Cargo Care Group said. "LINX Cargo Care Group is committed to bringing that same inclusive and disruptive ethos to the supply chain and logistics sector, which makes our partnership a natural fit." Ms Rogers added, "The opportunity to be involved in football

should be the right of every girl and woman regardless of background or ability. We are proud that our partners share the same vision".

Australian Women's Leadership Symposia

The Australian Women's Leadership Symposia are a series of events focused on the experiences of women leaders in the contemporary workforce. Taking place in every state and territory capital between May and September, the Symposia are an unparalleled gathering of the best and brightest female talent. Keynote speakers include: Nova Peris, Ita Buttrose, Libby Trickett, Ann Sherry, Catherine Fox, Tammie Matson, Sallyanne Atkinson and many, many more. The events will feature a range of presentations, panel discussions and interactive sessions covering a captivating range of topics.

An attendance discount of 25% is available for ICHCA members and friends by entering code ANSY20 at the time of booking (available until each symposium sells out).

For more information and to book: www.wla.edu.au/symposium

Automation for bulk discharge in Whyalla



Photo: miningmagazine.com

QUBE Logistics says its bulk team in Whyalla has been working with autonomous solutions provider RCT to develop "a safer and more productive way" to remove bulk cargoes, such as coal and limestone, from bulk vessels. Those cargoes are needed to support the Whyalla steelworks.

According to Qube, RCT installed and commissioned a ControlMaster® line of sight automation solution as well as a single camera tele-remote solution onto a Liebherr excavator. "This has enabled machine operators to stand at a safe distance and use the automation technology to carry out the full range of functions that would normally be available to them when sitting in the cab of the machine," Qube said in a statement.

RCT account manager Phill Dean was quoted as saying the project had been "a complete success". "Now operators have a much safer and productive way of carrying out their work and ensuring operations at the Whyalla Port run smoothly," Mr Dean said. Qube Whyalla Manager Sean Walsh said he was thrilled with the project, adding "RCT carried out a great job and we are very happy with the performance of the new solution".

Updates from the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment

New name and new ministers

The Department of Agriculture has been renamed with the addition of Water and the Environment, taking effect from 1 February 2020. The Hon David Littleproud MP has been appointed as the new Minister for Agriculture in the ministerial reshuffle after the resignation of the Hon Bridget McKenzie. The Hon Sussan

Ley MP represents the Environment and the Hon Keith Pitt MP takes on Resources, Water and Northern Australia.

Brown Marmorated Stink Bugs (BMSB)

For more information on the BMSB, please find the Department's latest *General updates for the 2019-20 Brown marmorated stink bug season (Edition #5)* at: <https://mailchi.mp/agriculture/bmsb-general-updates-newsletter-8fcv9gzexh?e=c62394d29b>

The Department's latest *BMSB newsletter – Master Consolidators (Edition #5)* relating to the importation of Less than Container Load (LCL) consignments in Freight of all Kind (FAK) containers for the 2019–20 Brown marmorated stink bug (BMSB) risk season is also available. See: <https://mailchi.mp/agriculture/master-consolidators-bmsb-newsletter-mfyndno0ja?e=c62394d29b>

Biosecurity levy

The Department has established a Biosecurity Levy Industry Working Group consisting of the Department of Agriculture Cargo Consultative Committee (DCCC) members, and other industry stakeholders, to advise the Minister for Agriculture on how best to implement the levy in the future and the mechanisms available to collect the levy. The working group has been meeting regularly (either face-to face or phone hook-up) and is coming closer to reaching a conclusion. Wider industry will be able to provide input when the Department schedules information sessions in the near future.

ICHCA Australia is represented on the Biosecurity Levy Industry Working Group. If you would like to comment or have input to the process, please contact Peter van Duyn (contact details below).

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