



# PoMC in our community

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## Melbourne's port for over 150 years

Since the first trading ships docked along the Yarra River more than 150 years ago, the Port of Melbourne has shared close links with its neighbouring communities.

Inner-city suburbs including Port Melbourne, Yarraville, Newport and Williamstown viewed port operations as an integral part of the maritime lifestyle of bayside Melbourne.

Today port operations are bounded by the Cities of Melbourne, Maribyrnong, Hobsons Bay and Port Phillip and the Shire of Queenscliff, home to the Point Lonsdale lighthouse. Amid unprecedented international trade growth, the port's manager, Port of Melbourne Corporation (PoMC) remains committed to building and strengthening these important local bonds.

## Information and assistance

Ongoing port development requires close consultation with local government and the community. PoMC provides regular information on port development plans and project updates. Staff members are available to provide port activity updates to local groups.

### If you have questions or comments:

- Call PoMC's Community Relations Team on our Community Contact Line: 03 9683 1565.
- Email us at [community@portofmelbourne.com](mailto:community@portofmelbourne.com)
- Visit the Community and Education pages of our website.



News about the port is printed in *Port Page*, a quarterly news advertisement published in the Melbourne, Hobsons Bay, Maribyrnong and Port Phillip Leader community newspapers.

A telephone line and email service is available to assist with any queries about PoMC or the Port of Melbourne. PoMC's Community Contact Line and Community email services are staffed between 8.15am and 5.00pm on business days.

## Sponsorships

PoMC's community participation program aims to foster connections with our local neighbourhoods and promote fun, family and community spirit. The program focuses on sponsorship and partnership of community-run events and projects, particularly those with an educational or maritime link in which PoMC employees can also participate.

In addition to conducting tours of port waters for local residents, PoMC currently sponsors the Yarraville Arts Festival, the Williamstown Literary Festival and the Big Bay Swim, a charity fundraising event.

For the latest information on community projects which PoMC is supporting, or to request support for your project, please view our Sponsorship Guidelines at the Community pages of [www.portofmelbourne.com](http://www.portofmelbourne.com) or contact a member of our Community Relations team.



Former Olympic swimmer Daniel Kowalski at the 2010 Big Bay Swim at Gem Pier, Williamstown

## Port Education Centre

Have you ever wanted to see inside the port? Do you know what a shipping container is? Want to know the journey your plasma TV took before arriving in Melbourne?

Students, community and industry groups can learn about the Port of Melbourne and the shipping industry at PoMC's Port Education Centre (Port Ed).

Port Ed is located in the heart of the port, on the Yarra River, opposite Australia's busiest international container terminal. Port Ed draws on the skills and experiences of those who work at PoMC to deliver tailored, interactive information sessions on all aspects of the port.

For more information on the Port Education program view our Education pages at [www.portofmelbourne.com](http://www.portofmelbourne.com) or contact the Port Education Officer.

## Schools On Board

Schools On Board is an exciting education initiative giving local school students an insight into the world of container ships. Through a unique partnership between PoMC, container terminal operator Patrick Terminals and a number of shipping lines, local schools can take an inside view of a real-life container ship.

With an emphasis on long-term relationships between local school communities and Melbourne's port industry, Schools On Board offers students the chance to board a container ship for a guided tour with the captain and crew.



Terminal Manager Damian Ryan with local students at Patrick Terminals' East Swanson Dock

## Steer Clear boating safety

Each year, PoMC conducts the *Steer Clear* information program aimed at recreational boaters. The program highlights the dangers of anchoring or drifting in the shipping channels and transit only-zones.

## Contact information

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