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# PORT PAGE

**Welcome** to the September Edition of *Port Page*, Port of Melbourne Corporation's (PoMC's) quarterly news update. In this issue we provide the latest information about the projects which will ensure the port of Melbourne remains Australia's leading container and general cargo port, while looking at some of the community initiatives and partnerships that we have recently undertaken.



Footscray West Primary School's winning entry in the Port Art Competition on the theme 'Ships connect Melbourne to the rest of the world'.

## Port art focuses on crowds

Braving Melbourne's wild winter weather, a crowd of 160 people gathered at DP World's West Swanson Dock terminal at dusk on 2 August, to reflect on their connection to the port in a unique large-format photograph created by artist Simon Terrill.

PoMC's major community partnership project for 2008, *Crowd Theory Port of Melbourne*, was produced with the Footscray Community Arts Centre and brought together residents, port workers, industry and community leaders for a one-off 'art moment'.

The resulting artwork - *Crowd Theory Port of Melbourne* - will be on public display at the Mission to Seafarers, 717 Flinders Street, Docklands until 21 September 2008.

For more information visit [www.portofmelbourne.com](http://www.portofmelbourne.com) or [www.footscrayarts.com.au](http://www.footscrayarts.com.au)



## Kids on board for art competition

School students from the cities of Maribyrnong, Hobsons Bay and Port Phillip have been busy creating works of art on the theme 'Ships connect Melbourne to the rest of the world'.

A panel of PoMC staff and an independent expert from Footscray Community Arts Centre judged an entry from Footscray City Primary School, Footscray, to be the most outstanding and creative.

Footscray West Primary School (entry pictured top right) was awarded the prize for the most outstanding school.

A public exhibition of the students' art work will be held at the Port Education Centre on Lorimer Street, Port Melbourne, on 29 September and 1 October.

For more information please visit our education pages at [www.portofmelbourne.com](http://www.portofmelbourne.com) or contact Simon Upchurch Port Education Program Coordinator on 9683 1361.

## Channel Deepening Project on track

Now one-third complete, the Channel Deepening Project reached the 200-day milestone on 24 August, and work continues on schedule for this critical infrastructure project that will ensure the 'sea-highway' to Melbourne remains open for the next 30 years.

Channel deepening work by the *Queen of the Netherlands* at the Entrance to Port Phillip Bay is scheduled to be completed by Grand Final day, while the *Cornelis Zanen* and the *Goomai* continue their work along the Williamstown Channel. The *Storken* can be seen working around the services area in the Yarra River, near the West Gate Bridge.

Turbidity monitoring data shows environmental limits are being complied with in the bay.

For more information about the Channel Deepening Project visit [www.channelproject.com](http://www.channelproject.com)

## Port of Melbourne into global Top 50

The Port of Melbourne has confirmed its place among the world's leading container ports, ranked at No. 50 by London-based shipping industry journal *Container Magazine*.

The achievement is a clear indication of the Port of Melbourne's contribution to the wider Victorian economy, linking exporters and manufacturers with around 300 international markets.

In its seventeenth consecutive year of growth, the port's core container trade increased 7.8% to a total of 2.256 million containers in the year to 30 June. The port also handled a record 389,000 new motor vehicles - an average of over 1,000 vehicles per day.



## Record cruise shipping season ahead

Melbourne's historic Station Pier is gearing up for another record cruise shipping season, with 140,000 passengers and crew expected to visit Melbourne during the summer.

With 57 cruise ships scheduled to visit in 2008-09, PoMC has worked to upgrade Station Pier with the benefit of a \$15 million contribution from the Victorian Government. Installation of a new air-conditioning system which uses sea water for coolant, together with upgrades to passenger lifts, will be completed before the beginning of the cruise season in November.

To enable smooth travel around Station Pier throughout the upcoming cruise shipping season, PoMC is finalising traffic management plans with industry bodies and the City of Port Phillip.

For more information about Station Pier and to view this season's cruise shipping schedule, visit the Cruise Shipping pages at [www.portofmelbourne.com](http://www.portofmelbourne.com)

## Did you know?

- Originally called Railway Pier, Station Pier was officially opened on 12 September, 1854 and its 150th anniversary was celebrated in September, 2004.
- An average 61,000 overseas passengers arrived annually in Port Melbourne between 1949 and 1966. For many post-World War II immigrants Station Pier symbolises where their new life in Australia began.
- Station Pier is closed to the public on cruise shipping days, approximately 60 days per year, but is open from 6am to 9pm every other day of the year.

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