

# PORT PAGE



Port of Melbourne Corporation



FOR ALL THE LATEST INFORMATION AND COMMUNITY NEWS FROM AROUND OUR PORT...

Welcome to the December Edition of *Port Page*, Port of Melbourne Corporation's (PoMC's) quarterly news update.

Read about the projects, community initiatives and partnerships at Australia's leading container and general cargo port.

PoMC wishes all our neighbours best wishes for a safe and happy festive season.



## Trade update

Trade through the Port of Melbourne continued to grow strongly in the pre-Christmas period with a new Australian record 241,478 TEU (twenty-foot equivalent containers) moving through the port in the month of October.

This was followed by 230,000 containers handled in November, an increase of 9.6% over the same period last year.

Full container imports and exports both showed strong increases compared to the same time last year with container growth up 9.8% for the financial year to date.

## Princess christens new tug

Their Royal Highnesses the Crown Prince and Princess of Denmark visited Docklands on Thursday 24 November for the christening of Svitzer's new high performance tugboat, aptly named *Marysville*.

PoMC Chairman Mark Birrell joined Svitzer executives and representatives from the fire devastated town of Marysville to formally welcome the Danish Royal couple before the vessel was christened by Princess Mary.



## Have you had your say on Port Shared Spaces?

Australian native shrubs, planted as part of PoMC's initiative to improve open spaces around the Port of Melbourne, are already thriving at Footscray Wharf.

The greenery provides a small taste of the Port's draft Masterplan, a guide to the next five years of investment in shared spaces around the Port.

Have your say on the plans by visiting [yoursay.portofmelbourne.com](http://yoursay.portofmelbourne.com) or call 1300 857 662 to speak with our Land Use Planning Manager.

Open spaces around the port offer community access to the Yarra and Maribyrnong Rivers, unique views of port activities, and important separation from port operations.



## Community events

With warm weather approaching local festivals are on the agenda and PoMC is proud to support the Yarraville Festival and the popular Big Bay Swim charity fundraising event in Williamstown, which will this year include a community market.

Boat tours are also returning in March 2012 so keep an eye out in your local Leader newspaper for more information early next year.

PoMC is a proud supporter of Williamstown and Port Melbourne Life Saving Clubs in 2011-12, while continuing to assist local friends groups in Greenwich Bay Newport, and Westgate Park Port Melbourne, with their revegetation programs.



## STEER CLEAR

### Be safe, Steer Clear

Recreational anglers and boat operators enjoying Port Phillip Bay should do so responsibly by steering clear of large ships.

With around 8000 vessel transits in Port Phillip Bay annually PoMC reminds all bay users that anchoring or mooring in shipping channels is extremely dangerous and illegal and is like parking on a railway crossing.

To support PoMC's 'Steer Clear' community safety campaign, the *MV Tim Muir* will continue to patrol the bay, in conjunction with the Victoria Water Police, to educate and where necessary, enforce boating safety regulations.



## DID YOU KNOW?

- On average, 22 ships travel to and from the Port of Melbourne through Port Phillip Bay each day
- The Port of Melbourne handles around 13% of world trade in manufactured dairy products.