

PORT PAGE



Port of Melbourne Corporation



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

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

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



Trade Update

Trade through the Port of Melbourne surged to record highs for calendar year 2010, with stronger than expected growth for containers and new motor vehicles.

The platform for this strong performance was set in the first half of the year with container volumes growing at an average monthly rate of 15.8% from January to June.

The second half of the year saw four separate months where more than 200,000 containers moved through the port, including a new national record of over 217,000 units in October.



Boat Tours return for sponsorship season

Another busy community sponsorship program is underway, with PoMC this year supporting life saving clubs in Williamstown and Port Melbourne in addition to the Yarraville Arts Festival, the Williamstown Literary Festival and the Big Bay Swim charity fundraising event.

PoMC's popular boat tour program for local residents is also making a return, with tours scheduled for March and May. Visit www.portofmelbourne.com/community for more information or to book online.

221 Whitehall Street remediation set to commence

Remediation of the former industrial site at 221 Whitehall Street, Yarraville, has commenced, after a clean-up plan was determined in consultation with the Environment Protection Authority (EPA).

After removing several derelict buildings, PoMC will compact clean soil on the site to construct a hard stand surface ready for future use.

All work will be delivered under strict environmental guidelines and PoMC asks motorists to drive carefully around trucks entering and exiting the site near Somerville Road.

Works are scheduled for completion in mid-2011.

Footscray students visit the Queen

PoMC's innovative *Schools on Board* program took an exciting twist on 25 February with the arrival of the majestic *Queen Elizabeth*, on her maiden visit to Melbourne's historic Station Pier.

Twenty lucky students from Gilmore College for Girls in Footscray had the opportunity to board the vessel, accompanied by PoMC's Station Pier Manager, Evda Marangos, a former student of the school (then Footscray Girls).

Schools on Board aims to demystify the Port of Melbourne and the world of international shipping by offering local students a first-hand learning experience on board visiting ships.



WW1 Honour Board unveiled

The Melbourne Harbour Trust (MHT) Roll of Honour Board, which formerly adorned the Port Authority Building in Market Street has found a new home at Seaworks in Williamstown.

Donated to the National Trust by the MHT, the honour board was carefully restored by Seaworks volunteers and commemorates those employees who served and lost their lives in World War 1.

PoMC CEO Stephen Bradford unveiled the board during a brief ceremony at the Nelson Place site, the location of the former Port of Melbourne Authority workshops, adjacent to Ann St Pier.



DID YOU KNOW?

- 36 ships berthed at Station Pier during the 2010-11 cruise season
- Each cruise ship visit brings an estimated \$1 million into the Victorian economy
- The Port of Melbourne handled a total of 2.35 million containers in 2010