

Media release

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RECORD CONTAINER TRADE FOR PORT OF MELBOURNE

Total trade growth for the Port of Melbourne in the 2017/18 financial year was the strongest in 6 years, growing 8.5% to a total of 95.0 million revenue tonnes. Total container throughput achieved a record 2.93 million TEU's.

Total trade throughput for June 2018 finished 4.1% above June last year with all cargo types, with the exception of the liquid and dry bulks, recording gains for the month.

Total container throughput (full + empty) for June 2018 increased 5.5% over the same month last year to a total of 238,311 containers, resulting in the total container throughput for 2017-18 being 8.6% above the 2016-17 financial year.

Total container imports for the month recorded a 6.8% increase and total exports gained 4.3%. Overseas imports were up 7.5%, imports from Tasmania increased 17.9%, and mainland coastal imports increased 88.1%.

Import commodities most responsible for the monthly increase included timber (↑ 56%), furniture (↑ 13%), metal manufactures (↑ 13%), ceramic goods (↑ 27%), aluminium (↑ 43%), and plastic ware (↑ 18%).

Container Throughput: (TEU)

Trade	June		Financial Year to Date	
	2018	Change on 2017	2018	Change on 2017
Full Imports	109,896	+ 8.9%	1,352,394	+ 8.5%
Full Exports	76,999	- 4.7%	966,177	+ 7.6%
Empties	51,416	+ 16.5%	610,906	+ 10.5%
Total	238,311	+ 5.5%	2,929,477	+ 8.6%

Motor vehicle trade recorded a 10.3% increase over June 2017 to be up 8.0% for the 2017-18 financial year. Transport equipment (commercial vehicles) imports were the main contributor to the monthly result; increasing 70.9% while imports of the new passenger vehicles were up 6.7%.

Other breakbulk cargoes such as imports of iron, steel and machinery continued well above last year's levels, increasing 80.2% over June 2017 to be up 34.4% for the full 2017-18 financial year.

Non-Containerised Trade: Revenue Tonnes

Trade	June		Financial Year to Date	
	2018	Change on 2017	2018	Change on 2017
Motor Vehicles	690,900	+ 10.3%	7,361,492	+ 8.0%
Liquid Bulk	495,907	- 13.2%	6,251,260	- 0.5%
Dry Bulk	407,601	- 14.6%	5,004,623	+ 7.8%
Breakbulk	108,690	+ 80.2%	1,069,909	+ 34.4%
Other	260,701	+ 8.7%	3,092,445	+ 29.5%
Total	1,963,799	- 0.6%	22,779,729	+ 8.8%

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