

# Media release

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## RECORD OCTOBER TRADE FOR THE PORT OF MELBOURNE

Total trade through the Port of Melbourne for October 2018 was the highest monthly trade result in the history of the Port of Melbourne.

The October 2018 result of 8.72 million revenue tonnes surpassed the previous monthly best of 8.51 million revenue tonnes recorded in July 2018. All cargo types contributed to the monthly gain with the exception of motor vehicles and dry bulk.

Total container throughput (full + empty) for October 2018 posted a 5.9 per cent increase over October 2017 to a record 270,088 containers, and was in turn up 6.9 per cent for the financial year to date.

This result exceeded the previous monthly high of 265,679 containers which was achieved last month (Sep 2018). Total container imports were up 3.4 per cent for the month and total exports gained 8.5 per cent.

### Container Throughput: (TEU)

	October-2018	Change (Oct. 2017)	Financial Year to Date	Change (Oct. 2017)
Full Imports	123,314	+ 3.9%	481,613	+ 5.5%
Full Exports	78,811	- 3.2%	318,175	- 1.0%
Empties	67,963	+ 23.9%	246,650	+ 23.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>270,088</b>	<b>+ 5.9%</b>	<b>1,046,438</b>	<b>+ 6.9%</b>

After an almost static result in September, liquid bulk trade recorded an 8.4 per cent increase over October last year, to be up 9.2 per cent for the year to date.

A 25.1 per cent (+73,300 tonne) increase in crude oil imports together with a 6.8 per cent (+9,800 tonne) increase in petroleum product imports were the main commodities responsible for the overall monthly increase.

### Non-Containerised Trade: Revenue Tonnes

	October-2018	Change (Oct. 2017)	Financial Year to Date	Change (Oct. 2017)
Motor Vehicles	605,049	- 3.5%	2,418,074	- 4.9%
Liquid Bulk	609,230	+ 8.4%	2,243,772	+ 9.2%
Dry Bulk	309,993	- 29.1%	1,429,893	- 21.3%
Breakbulk	85,931	+ 21.6%	403,947	+ 16.5%
Other	265,684	+ 1.7%	1,132,872	+ 14.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,875,887</b>	<b>- 4.2%</b>	<b>7,628,558</b>	<b>- 1.6%</b>

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