



Message from the CEO

I hope this update finds you well and enjoying a productive start to the second half of the year.

It's always a pleasure to connect and share the progress we're making together as an industry. This month's Industry Update highlights a recurring theme: the critical role of collaboration in building a resilient, future-ready supply chain.

In early July, Port of Melbourne joined global port leaders at the 10th Port Authorities Roundtable in Osaka, Japan. The event provided a valuable opportunity to engage on key issues shaping the future of our industry, including decarbonisation, digital transformation, innovation, and the impacts of ongoing global uncertainty. These conversations are essential as we work together to prepare for the future, ensuring our supply chains remain agile and sustainable in the face of evolving challenges.

Here at home, we've partnered with the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) to refresh the findings of the 2020 Container Logistics Chain Study. This important initiative will help provide greater confidence in supply chain planning, delivering updated insights that businesses across the logistics ecosystem can rely on as they plan for growth and navigate change.

On the community front, we're proud to extend our partnership with Williamstown FC for the fifth year running. As a city-port, our commitment reaches well beyond the port gate. We are dedicated to giving back to our local community, and the extension of this collaboration is a good example of a partnership that continues to benefit our local communities.

Whether we're collaborating on the global stage or working alongside local stakeholders, one thing remains clear: progress is only possible when we move forward together. By continuing to work together, we're laying the groundwork for an industry that is ready for the future.

Best regards
Saul Cannon

Trade & Supply Chain Update

	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	CY2025 H1
Total Container Trade (TEU)	288,512	262,543	271,767	272,419	292,935	271,301	1,659,477
Total Container Trade YoY	4.0%	-3.1%	-4.4%	-3.0%	3.5%	0.5%	-0.4%
Full Imports YoY	1.1%	1.1%	-4.9%	0.6%	3.3%	0.5%	0.3%
Full Exports YoY	7.4%	1.3%	2.3%	7.0%	-6.0%	-7.4%	0.5%
Empty Containers YoY	5.8%	-13.4%	-10.8%	-16.7%	13.1%	9.2%	-2.4%
Total Non-Container Trade (Rev Tonnes) YoY	16.6%	-0.1%	-13.9%	5.6%	-8.9%	-4.6%	-1.5%

In the first half of Calendar Year 2025 (H1 CY2025), total container trade saw a slight year-on-year decline. Full container trade showed solid growth early in the period, however this was offset by an overall drop in empty container movements across the period.

Non-container trade also declined year-on-year, with some uplift in dry bulk volumes.

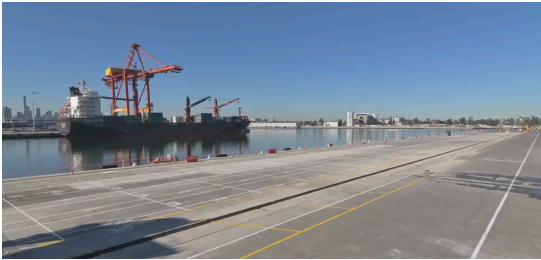
[Click here](#) to read more.

Port Infrastructure Update

Swanson Dock West Remediation

The Swanson Dock West Remediation Project is a three-stage project with works on Stage 2 being planned for September 2025. These works will be located at Berth 3 at the northern end of Swanson Dock.

From September 2025 multiple Notice to Mariners will be issued by Ports Victoria for designated areas as works progress.



Safety Works Continue Throughout Port Phillip Bay – Beacon Pile Replacement Program

There are 200 Aids to Navigation (AtoNs) which provide navigational assistance to vessel traffic while in port waters.

Port of Melbourne has been undertaking works to replace monopile beacons throughout Port waters to ensure the safe navigation of shipping channels, approaches and berths.



Works have been underway in the Port Melbourne and South Channels and will continue next month throughout the port with an additional 34 beacon piles being replaced in the Port Melbourne and South Channels, Williamstown Channel, Yarra River, Point Cook Reef and Gellibrand Shoal.

If you have questions about the next stage of works scheduled from August 2025, email CorporateAffairs@PortofMelbourne.com to find out more from the team.

A fact sheet is available [here](#).

During this period all steps will be taken to avoid impacts to shipping and recreational vessels, however a 50-metre clearance and minimum wake and wash will be required to ensure works can be undertaken safely.

Maritime Projects – Mid-Year Stakeholder Update

Port of Melbourne has a number of projects underway this year that ensure a safe passage for ships visiting the port. Each year approximately 2,600 ships visit the port utilising 52 kilometres of shipping channels. Port of Melbourne manages 95,000 hectares of port waters, including routine dredging and sweeping campaigns to allow sufficient draught, wharf works across various port precincts, maintenance works, and surveying to monitor port waters.

This month, welcomed stakeholders to the Port Education Centre to discuss our maritime projects, and showcase innovative techniques used including water injection dredging and the capabilities of our survey team.

With continued works at Swanson Dock West and the Beacon Pile Replacement Program continuing into additional areas of the port, this was a great opportunity to share our scope of works and hear from our stakeholders.

Thanks to those who came along and participated in this roundtable-style discussion. If you would like to stay updated on upcoming events, please [fill in this form](#).



West Gate Tunnel Project Update

The West Gate Tunnel Project continues to progress, with connections to and from Port of Melbourne rapidly reaching final stages of construction, and work on the West Gate Freeway focused on finishing the tunnel entry and exit portals. As the project gets closer to completion, roads around the port will continue to change, as areas closed for construction open up again. Visit westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au to plan ahead for upcoming changes to the way you travel.



The project has launched an online tool to help drivers experience the road before it opens later this year. If you're planning routes or getting ready to drive West Gate Tunnel - you can now use the project's interactive map to see journey options using West Gate Tunnel and West Gate Bridge, with modes for light and heavy vehicles showing videos of what it'll be like to use the new and upgraded road infrastructure in a car or truck.

Head to westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au/drive to explore future journeys and contact the project on 1800 105 105 or info@wgta.vic.gov.au to set up a tailored training session for your organisation.

Alongside preparing for West Gate Tunnel to open, the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) continues to get ready for the new 24/7 no-truck zones that will take effect on six inner west roads when the project opens - and the Freight Victoria team is engaging with impacted businesses. Learn more at transport.vic.gov.au/no-truck-zones or reach out to DTP via freightvictoria@transport.vic.gov.au for more information.

Government and Industry Engagement

Refresh of the 2020 Container Logistics Chain Study

Since 2020, the Container Logistics Chain Study (CLCS) has served as an important planning tool for government and industry. Output from this study has been integral in assessing the freight benefits of major projects, such as the West Gate Tunnel, intermodal terminal developments, and freight rail network planning.

Port of Melbourne has partnered with the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) to update the analysis of landside container movements in Victoria by refreshing the results of the 2020 CLCS.



With Victoria's container freight task estimated to increase to almost 7.11 million TEU by 2055, it is crucial that we have the data to understand how and where containers move within the landside logistics supply chain to guide future planning and investment decisions

Insights from this upcoming CLCS Refresh will guide government and industry investment and infrastructure development, and will inform transport and land use policy development, planning, and decision making.

For more information, [click here](#).

10th Port Authorities Roundtable

In early July, port representatives from around the world convened at Osaka for the highly anticipated 10th Port Authorities Roundtable, hosted by our sister port, Port of Osaka. Across 3 days, the delegation discussed topics pertinent to global ports in preparing for the future: decarbonisation, digital transformation and innovation, and the challenges posed by uncertain external factors.



Port of Melbourne was represented by Executive GM of Commercial, Shaun Mooney – who presented about adapting to larger vessels, capacity expansion, enhancing supply chains, strengthening inland transport, and hinterland development – and Sarah Browne, Executive GM, Corporate Relations. We also heard insightful updates from other ports about their regional approaches to future fuels and the implications of evolving geopolitical factors.

Congratulations to Port of Osaka, for hosting an incredibly successful event!

The Sister Ports Conference 2025

Following the Ports Authorities Roundtable, Port of Osaka and HAROPA PORT joined Port of Melbourne at the Australia Pavilion for the Sister Ports Conference 2025. Bringing together more than 150 countries, Expo 2025 provided an excellent opportunity to strengthen our global port partnerships, which foster international trade and economic prosperity, encourage bilateral investment, and promote expertise sharing.

It was also wonderful to see how Victorian exports are being showcased at the Australian Pavilion at the World Expo. So many high-quality products such as meat, dairy, fruit and vegetable move through our port to Japan, and we look forward to continuing to support this trade relationship.

With our sister-port relationship with Port of Osaka commencing nearly 51 years ago, it was an honour to host them, and HAROPA Port, at the Australia Pavilion.



Maritime Industry Australia 5th Maritime Decarbonisation Summit

On International Day of the Seafarer in June, more than 180 local and international delegates gathered for the Maritime Industry Australia Ltd (MIAL)'s 5th Maritime Decarbonisation Summit to explore the maritime industry's progress towards net-zero.

Port of Melbourne's Senior Sustainability Manager, Tim Dornom, joined a panel discussion to share some of the work we're doing with our local and regional partners to explore avenues of port supply chain decarbonisation.



This includes looking at the commercial feasibility of establishing a Low Carbon Methanol bunkering hub at Port of Melbourne, in collaboration with industry leaders spanning the supply chain - from port and transport providers to fuel producers and shipping lines.

Learn more about sustainability at Port of Melbourne [here](#).

Community Engagement

Port of Melbourne Extends Partnership With Williamstown FC

One of Williamstown Football Club's programs supported by Port of Melbourne is the Seagull Session clinics, delivered to schools across Hobsons Bay and Maribyrnong. In the last 12 months, more than 1,100 primary school students have participated in the program funded by the Port, building skills, boosting confidence, and improving participation in sports among the next generation of young athletes.

Port of Melbourne is proud to extend our partnership with Williamstown FC for the fifth year running. The extension of our major sponsorship of the club will support initiatives aimed at nurturing young talents and promoting active lifestyles among students.

Read more about the partnership [here](#).



Australian Logistics Council's Wayfinder: Supply Chain Careers for Women

Australia's supply chain logistic sector has historically been male dominated. According to the latest data from the Commonwealth Government's Workplace Gender Equality Agency, only 26% of the nation's transport, postal, and warehousing industry division are women.

This is why Port of Melbourne is investing in promoting gender equality. On 1 July, we hosted attendees of the Wayfinder Freight Heartland Awareness Tour on a boat tour of the port.



Part of the Australian Logistics Council's Wayfinder: Supply Chain Careers for Women initiative, the one-day, fully-funded tour offered more than 30 women who are interested in joining the industry an insider's look at the operations that keep Australia's supply chains moving.

Port of Melbourne is proud to be a Wayfinder sponsor, alongside Toll Group, Foodbank Victoria, DP World, and Victoria International Container Terminal, helping to connect local talent to the exciting world of supply chain and logistics.

To learn more, click [here](#).

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