

## **FACT SHEET**

## **Trade**

## **Expanding Melbourne's Port Capacity**

- The Port of Melbourne is Australia's busiest container port handling more than a third (around 36 per cent) of the nation's container trade.
- In the 2012-13 financial year, the Port handled more than 2.5 million containers, an average of about 7000 containers a day. The previous year, container trade also surpassed 2.5 million containers then setting an Australian record.
- In the last 15 years, container volumes have grown by more than 150%.
- Containers account for more than 70% of the port's total trade.
- Industry forecasts show the Port's container trade doubling over the next 10-12 years.
- In 2012-13, total port trade of 85.6 million revenue tonnes (35 million mass tonnes).
- Overall, the Port has achieved a compound growth in trade of around 6% annually for the past 20 years.
- The Port sees more than 3200 ship visits a year and is serviced by around 40 shipping lines.
- The average international container vessel visiting Melbourne carries about 3,100 containers, with the average exchange being around 1,700 containers.
- Leading containerised exports include, cereal grains, dairy products, beverages, fruit, vegetables, paper, paperboards, stockfeed, meat and other miscellaneous manufactures.
- Leading global export markets are China, New Zealand, Japan, USA, Indonesia, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand.
- Leading containerised imports include electrical equipment, furniture, fruit, vegetables, paper, clothing, machinery, metal manufactures, vehicle parts, toys, sporting goods and other miscellaneous manufactures.
- Leading global import markets are China, USA, New Zealand, Thailand, Germany, Japan, Malaysia, Indonesia, Italy.
- Most full container imports (87 per cent) are destined for a location within Melbourne's greater metropolitan area.

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- Other non-containerised commodities include motor vehicles, cereal grains, petroleum products, crude oil, cement and transport equipment.
- There were 55 cruise ship visits in 2012-13, with around 180,000 passengers and crew.
- Today, the Port has a catchment extending across south-eastern Australia, servicing the trading needs of millions of Victorians and Australians.
- Farmers and producers rely heavily on the Port for their exports as do others from across regional areas extending into South Australia, New South Wales and Tasmania. The Port is the primary mainland port for the transfer of Tasmanian cargo.
- The Port handles more than 370,000 new motor vehicles a year, making it Australia's premier automotive terminal for the export and import of motor vehicles. In 2012-13, new motor vehicle trade increased by 3.6% to 370,527 units.

## Port of Melbourne's trade catchment area:



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