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TT Club Innovation in Safety Award winner announced

The winner of the 5th prestigious Innovation in Safety Award, made possible by the collaboration of ICHCA International (ICHCA) and TT Club, is AP Moller Maersk for its APMT Vessel Inspection App. The winner and fellow short-listed entrants, Exis Technologies and Intermodal Telematics were present at the ceremony in London to showcase their innovations.



Source: [Porttechnology.org](https://porttechnology.org)

Both ICHCA and TT are delighted that the now well-established industry accolade is once more celebrating safety innovation within the cargo handling and transport sector. Organisations across the world are now focused on searching for better solutions to the challenges of improving safety.

At the first 'live' Innovation in Safety Awards ceremony for four years, all three finalists gave presentations of their ground-breaking initiatives, which through their variety of applications reflected the broad categories represented by the twenty award entrants drawn from thirteen countries. The applications covered diverse fields including digitalisation processes, learning and predictive data applications, and safer physical operations and equipment. The winning innovation was APMT's Vessel Inspection Mobile App. "We are delighted with this recognition for the safety app we have developed in-house in collaboration with Maersk," said Jack Craig, chief operations officer at APM Terminals. "The app provides a standardised digital platform for terminals to carry out vessel inspections, highlighting potential critical risk. It underpins our continuous focus on safety throughout our operations and is a great example of how we can smartly deploy technology to be even better at preventing dangerous incidents."

Welcoming delegates (and online participants) to the awards ceremony and its accompanying safety seminar, ICHCA CEO Richard Steele underlined the aims of the ongoing innovation in safety campaign, of which the awards are a critical part. "We of course acknowledge safety innovation, especially at a time of increased operational demand on global cargo handling. However, this is much more than a celebration. Our mission is also about learning and thought leadership. Our priority is to share these ideas with a wide audience, improving how we all can commit to continuous improvement in health and safety. The award highlights direct evidence that our industry is actively innovating and changing."

Steele went on to recognise the awards sponsor, "If you want evidence of industry commitment, look no further than the TT Club. Not just sponsors in name, but actively rolling up their sleeves and proactively driving an innovation and continuous improvement agenda." TT Club has been a driving force behind these awards since their inception and is very much committed to improvement in safety across the industry.

TT Risk Management Director Peregrine Storrs-Fox said, "We are delighted that the award has continued to attract substantial interest around the globe and across the industry, again demonstrating a passion to enhance safety and dynamic action to make this reality. We are pleased to report that this passion is shared by such a diverse group of operators and suppliers, with this year also featuring submissions designed for environmental protection and monitoring."

"The Awards have been, and remain pivotal to our safety campaign," emphasised Storrs-Fox. "However, through our own, and our colleagues at ICHCA's cooperation with conference and exhibition organisers TOC, I am pleased to announce that the Safety Village initiative launched at TOC Europe last year will be repeated and enlarged at the same event in Rotterdam in June." The TT Club Safety Village will once more be the venue for workshops and panel sessions throughout the three days of the TOC Europe event. It will also provide opportunities for companies to showcase their innovative safety devices, processes and products. "Providing a focal point for discussion and promotion of such innovations at a leading industry

forum will continue to benefit the cause of safety in the supply chain and the development of new solutions to manage significant risks,” concluded Storrs-Fox. A recording of the proceedings is available on request.

New Intermodal terminal at Somerton

Intermodal Terminal Company (ITC), an investment platform owned by Aware Super, is developing the Somerton Intermodal Terminal 26 kilometres north of the Port of Melbourne at the Austrak Business Park. The proposed facility will be owned and operated by ITC. Construction of the Somerton Intermodal Terminal will start soon. The terminal will be a key node in the Port Rail Shuttle Network.

The Somerton Intermodal Terminal will create about 190 jobs during construction and a further 50 permanent jobs once the terminal is operational in 2025. ITC was launched in December 2022 and is backed by one of Australia’s leading super funds, Aware Super. ITC CEO Mishkel Maharaj said the company was delighted to announce the Somerton Intermodal Terminal as the first independently constructed, maintained and operated terminal in its portfolio.

Port Kembla to develop port facility to support offshore wind farms

NSW Ports has unveiled concept plans for a large-scale port facility at Port Kembla’s Outer Harbour, in the Illawarra, to support offshore wind development projects as the state transitions to renewable energy. NSW Ports, which holds the long-term leases for Port Kembla and Port Botany, has developed the concept plans to show how the port can be used to support offshore wind development projects.

NSW Ports CEO Marika Calfas said Port Kembla will be essential for delivering offshore wind projects to support the state’s growing renewable energy demand, due to its ideal location. “Port Kembla is close to greater Sydney’s growing population and surrounded by industrial lands. It is within the NSW Government’s proposed Illawarra Renewable Energy Zone and adjacent to the federal government’s proposed Illawarra offshore wind development zone,” she said. “Delivering such infrastructure in time requires significant collaboration between government, private enterprise, industry and the community over the coming years.”

The port already handles the import and transportation of onshore wind components to support the development of wind farms across NSW and is expected to support hydrogen and critical minerals in the longer term.

SEAWAY acquires BCR Australia

SEAWAY (a new member of ICHCA Australia), one of Australia’s largest privately owned integrated logistics businesses, recently announced the acquisition of BCR Australia. Headquartered in Sydney, BCR is an international and domestic freight forwarding company, customs brokerage and third-party logistics provider. Operating for over 130 years, the business provides Australian-based companies and multinationals with customised logistics solutions.

“We’ve admired BCR and its leadership team over many years, as a company with a long history of delivering excellence, safety, quality, and great value for its customers. The integration of SEAWAY and BCR means we can offer our customers the best of our two businesses. It will enable us to create a strong structure, supporting our current customers as well as our future growth plans. This cements our position as a significant player in freight forwarding, providing reliable service and solutions for our customers,” said SEAWAY CEO Craig McElvaney.

“BCR Australia has a long and rich history and a strong culture, and this is another exciting step for us. Being part of the SEAWAY Group will allow us to create new opportunities and expand and grow our services. United, we will continue to grow and thrive,” said BCR Australia CEO Michael Thirgood. The integration of SEAWAY and BCR will progress over the coming months.

ECP for Port of Newcastle

The Port of Newcastle is establishing an empty container park (ECP) at its Mayfield 4 berth, adjacent to its multipurpose terminal. The ECP will complement Port of Newcastle’s multipurpose terminal container capability and growth, with empty container storage located adjacent to the terminal minimising additional landside movements. Port of Newcastle CEO Craig Carmody said that in the financial year ending 30 June 2022, over 60% of NSW container exports were empty containers. ‘Empty container management is a vital function for efficient container trade operations,’ Mr Carmody said. ‘Empty container parks aid in managing the imbalance between imports and exports that exists within Australian container operations by assisting container flow,’ he said.

Beneficiaries of the ECP will be agri-businesses throughout the Hunter Region, New England and North-West, who have often found it difficult to access empty containers to package produce for export. Back-of-berth hardstand expansion works are currently underway at the multipurpose terminal, with waterside works to begin later in the year to accommodate larger vessels. Once complete, the multipurpose terminal will be able to accommodate 85% of container vessels that arrive in Australia.

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ForkliftAction: news, trading, networking for anyone who works with materials handling

The advertisement shows three workers in safety gear (orange, blue, and red jackets) standing in front of a blue forklift. To their right is a tablet displaying the ForkliftAction website interface. The website features a navigation bar with 'NEWS', 'DIRECTORY', 'FORUMS', and 'MACHINERY-REQ'. Below the navigation bar, there are several news articles with headlines such as 'Five Tips for Forklift Battery Maintenance', 'Excavator zones and pedestrian safety', and 'How Best Informatics improves forklift operations'. There is also a 'Keep Moving' section and a 'Global News' section.

Chair of Ports Australia reappointed

Ports Australia has reappointed an industry executive as its chair for another two-year term. Flinders Port Holdings Chief Executive Stewart Lammin will serve a second term in the role. Australian Ports handle more than eight million containers annually, with billions of dollars of goods imported and exported.

Ports Australia represents the ports community at the national level. Mr Lammin said he looked forward to representing South Australia for a second term on the national body, and appreciated the opportunity to chair an organisation which would oversee such a significant industry and its contributions to the Australian economy. “Ports are central to Australia’s supply chain, with 98% of our trade coming and going through our ports,” Mr Lammin said. “With a strong network of ports around Australia, we are reducing the cost of living for Australians as goods are imported and exported efficiently, and we are increasing the competitiveness of our goods in overseas markets. Most consumer goods arrive in containers, including electronics, furniture, food and medicine, and our role is to ensure this movement happens effectively and efficiently.”

Crane incident in Port Kembla

A ship crane cable broke on 1 February, causing a 24-tonne steel coil to fall onto the wharf at Port Kembla while vessel *Pan Ivy* was unloading at the port, the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) has reported. The vessel was unloading the steel coil using a No.4 Crane when the crane runner-wire broke. AMSA understands this resulted in the coil landing on the wharf.

No injuries were sustained as a result of the accident and the discharge of the vessel was completed using shore cranes. “AMSA has inspected the vessel and stipulated that the cranes are not to be used in Australian Ports until certified by a competent authority.” *Pan Ivy* is a Panama-flagged bulk carrier. It departed Port Kembla on 5 February heading to Abu Dhabi.

NPDL to employ new vessel to service Norfolk Island

Neptune Pacific Direct Line (NPDL) will be deploying a new purpose-built landing craft for the Norfolk Island trade. The m/v *Norfolk*’s commissioning is proceeding to plan, with the vessel’s delivery slated for early April, NPDL said in a statement. The vessel is to proceed to Singapore for bunkering in April prior to its arrival in Brisbane in late April or early May.

“The purchase and refitting of the m/v *Norfolk* signifies NPDL’s long-term commitment to providing reliable, efficient and sustainable shipping and supply chain services to the Norfolk Island community,” the company said. NPDL’s barge service to the island is continuing with three confirmed voyages remaining, the last scheduled to depart Brisbane on 7 April.

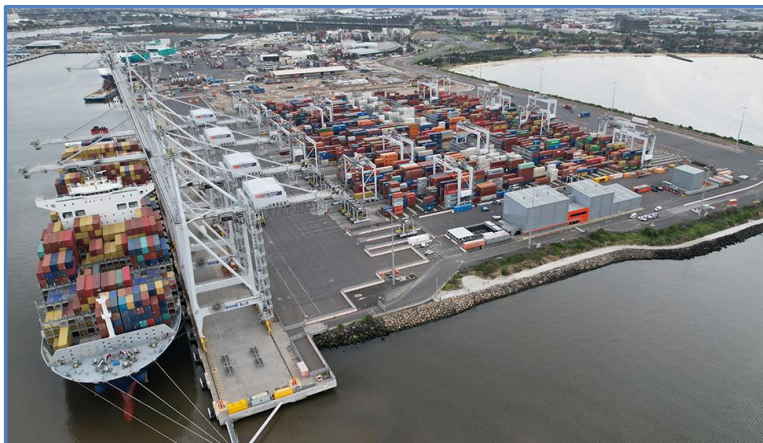
New CEO for VICT

Bruno Porchietto recently commenced as the new CEO of the Victorian International Container Terminal (VICT) at Webb Dock. He is an experienced and successful business leader, having spent the last five years working for International Container Terminal Services, Inc. as the CEO for Tec Plata in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He has been developing his career across several countries in Europe and Latin America, assuming growing responsibilities in blue chip multinationals.

Mr Porchietto will continue VICT’s vision to set a global benchmark in port automation in Australia and lead the company through their next stages of growth. VICT farewells previous CEO Tim Vancampen and thanks him for his achievements over the past three years.

ICTSI outlines proposal to extend its current footprint

Global port operator International Container Terminal Services Inc. (ICTSI) has outlined a proposal for the expansion of the Victoria International Container Terminal (VICT), its wholly owned subsidiary in the Port of Melbourne.



ICTSI could invest over AU\$500 million in addition to the more than AU\$700 million it has already invested in the VICT since its establishment in 2014. Under this proposal, ICTSI would undertake a phased development of the Webb Dock North Container Terminal and integrate its operations with VICT. The development would increase VICT's container capacity to 3.7 million TEU, allowing for 4 container berths with the ability to service vessels up to 14,000 TEU and 367 metres in length.

Source: ICTSI

“Victoria’s growing economy presents the Port of Melbourne with the opportunity to consolidate its position as Australia’s number one container port,” said ICTSI’s Executive Vice President Christian Gonzalez. “ICTSI is keen to solidify its partnership with the Port of Melbourne to deliver the lowest cost, most efficient and environmentally sustainable solution.”

ICTSI has engaged multiple global firms to assess the merits of its proposal in comparison to other expansion designs for the Port of Melbourne. Engineering services company Jacobs Solutions did a detailed technical assessment, including estimates of construction costs, while Boston Consulting Group focused on market and economic assessments. Mr Gonzalez said preliminary discussions had been held with the Port of Melbourne and its owners as well as the Victorian government and other key industry stakeholders. He noted that ICTSI has made it clear that it is ready and confident to test its proposal in any competitive process that the Port of Melbourne requires under its plans for the future of the Webb Dock facility. “We believe we can partner with the Port of Melbourne to deliver the superior proposal for Webb Dock and in turn, lock in further economic prosperity for Victoria,” said Mr Gonzalez.

Fire on board ro-ro at Webb Dock

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) recently detained m/v *Hoegh Trooper*, which caught fire at Webb Dock. The Norwegian-flagged ro-ro carrier was at berth on 18 February when a fire broke out in the engine room. AMSA has launched an investigation into the incident and confirms the fire was extinguished and there were no injuries arising from the fire. An AMSA spokesperson said “AMSA is responsible for monitoring the safety of foreign vessels in Australian waters and has detained the vessel in port until its seaworthiness and safety has been restored. AMSA is investigating the cause of the fire and will monitor the wellbeing of the crew while the vessel is detained. As the investigation is underway, it would be inappropriate to comment further at this time.”

WADSICs to be mandatory by 1 April

The Australian Border Force has confirmed that the Warehouse and Depot Security Identification Card (WADSIC) will be mandatory from 1 April 2023. WADSICs will be mandatory requirement for every person

who is physically present and participating in any of the operations of the Section 77G Depot or Section 79 Warehouse licensed place.

The licence holder shall issue to all persons who participate in the operations of the licensed place a tamper proof WADSIC. The WADSIC is to be issued within seven days of the date the licence holder verifies the identity of the person. The WADSIC shall bear the photo and name of the person and the day, month and year of issue or expiry. The licence holder must ensure that any person who is physically present at the licensed place and participating in any of the operations of the licensed place properly displays a WADSIC issued to them by the licence holder, or an aviation security identification card (ASIC) or maritime security identification card (MSIC).

Updates from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

DCCC meeting

The next DCCC meeting will be held on 6 April in Canberra. If you want to raise any issues, please notify Peter van Duyn who will represent ICHCA Australia at the meeting.

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