

New signage highlights tighter port security

New highly-visible warning signs are the latest addition to the security upgrade in Fremantle Ports' operational areas.

The signs will be placed around the perimeter of operational areas and will highlight heavy Federal Government penalties that will apply to people who enter secure areas without authorisation.

Security at Fremantle's Inner and Outer Harbours has been further enhanced by a system using new, photographic identity cards. All regular visitors entering Fremantle Ports' operational areas must have a Fremantle Ports Identity Card.

The new system gives valid card holders automatic entry to the port, reducing congestion at port gates and providing a higher level of security.

The new cards complement a general tightening of security in the Inner and Outer Harbours in line with international and Federal maritime security requirements, Harbour Master Captain Eric Atkinson says.

"We have improved fencing around the port, we have new surveillance cameras and 24-hour security patrols, and we have implemented 30m exclusion zones around ships and berths.

"Fremantle Ports' security upgrade is part of a worldwide move to improve maritime security," Captain Atkinson said.

There have been no changes to public access to the western-end of Victoria Quay such as the ferry landings and the Maritime Museum.



The container trade at Fremantle continues to grow strongly.

Strong trade growth

Continuing buoyancy in the Western Australian economy and a huge grain harvest have resulted in a year of strong trade growth for the Port of Fremantle.

Trade was up by more than 10 per cent in 2003-2004, with increases in imports and exports in both the Inner and Outer Harbours.

Imports were up by 6.4 per cent compared with the previous year. Exports increased by 14 per cent.

In the Outer Harbour, total grain and oilseeds exports increased by almost 50 per cent to 4.8 million tonnes.

The container trade continued a strong growth trend, with an increase of just under 8 per cent to reach 465,982 TEUs (standard containers).

Fremantle Ports Chief Executive Officer, Kerry Sanderson, said the trade results were a good sign for the Western Australian economy.

"Even with a strong Australian dollar, exports are still exceeding last year's results," she said.

"Fremantle Port's strong trade growth in recent years, particularly in terms of the container trade, underlines the importance of forward planning to cater for future needs."

Displaying high standards

You may have noticed three new emblems on Fremantle Ports vehicles, stationery and publications.

These tick emblems are the logos which show Fremantle Ports' safety, environment and quality systems meet the rigorous international standards AS/NZ4801, ISO 9001 and ISO 14001.

Fremantle Ports recently passed a surveillance audit, which showed that our internal systems and procedures complied with the highest international and Australian standards.



Your feedback

Fremantle Ports is committed to continuous improvement and your feedback, both negative and positive, helps with our progress.

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Fremantle Ports youth leadership day-sail



Students learn the ropes and a little about themselves aboard STS Leeuwin.

Eighty students from the Fremantle region learnt about their own capabilities and working with others on a Leeuwin Ocean Adventure day-sail sponsored by Fremantle Ports.

As part of the on-board activities during the cruise off Fremantle, the students rotated through a number of duty stations on the vessel. Activities were designed to build team-work, and an understanding of leadership and life at sea.

The students were selected by their schools to take part in this leadership development opportunity. Some participants had also completed the City of Fremantle Youth Leadership Program, of which Fremantle Ports has been a major supporter. Others volunteered to help during the *Leeuwin's* refit in May.

Chief Executive Officer, Kerry Sanderson said support for youth was an important focus for Fremantle Ports' community sponsorship program.

"We are committed to making a positive difference to our community, and we see our link with the *Leeuwin* as an excellent opportunity to offer young people in our area a rewarding and challenging experience. In such an environment, the importance of teamwork is immediately apparent, and I think that as well as building self esteem, this is one of the important learnings from spending time on a sailing ship.

"Some of those involved in the recent day-sail have been part of a wider educational program involving Fremantle Ports, the City of Fremantle, the Education Department and Challenger TAFE.

"There are career opportunities in the maritime area, and we hope that some of those involved in this program will be sufficiently interested and inspired to go on to further training," Kerry Sanderson said.

Fremantle Ports provides ongoing support to the *STS Leeuwin* by waiving port fees and charges, and maintaining the ship's berth on Victoria Quay.

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Continuing consultation on Outer Harbour Project

Recent community consultation on the Fremantle Ports Outer Harbour Project has concentrated on the development of guidelines for a strategic assessment of options. The project, which is being undertaken jointly by Fremantle Ports and the Department for Planning and Infrastructure, concerns the future development of additional port facilities in the Naval Base/Kwinana area to take the overflow trade when Fremantle's Inner Harbour is at capacity.

Capacity is expected to be reached by about 2017. Both the Inner Harbour at Fremantle and the proposed new facilities will then be needed to handle the container trade, most of which has its origin or destination in the metropolitan area.

Each of the four options for the additional facilities will be evaluated on the basis of economic, environmental and social implications. The guidelines being developed will establish the criteria for this assessment, and will be advertised in draft form for public comment in 2005.

The latest round of consultation included two workshops held at Kwinana in November. Invitations to participate were extended to a wide range of community and industry representatives, local authorities, conservation groups and sustainability specialists.

The recent workshops have built on earlier input from a large community workshop held at Kwinana in February 2004, a series of focus group discussions and stakeholder interviews.

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Safety message for Fremantle students

Fremantle Ports will partner with the Paraplegic Benefit Fund by sponsoring an education programme in the Fremantle area to alert young drivers to the risks of spinal injury in vehicle crashes.

The Youth Road Safety Programme made more than 100 visits to WA high schools last year. Talks are given by young paraplegics injured in vehicle accidents. This powerful testimony and accompanying video are followed by a class exercise where students discuss scenarios such as being in a car with a speeding driver.

"The exercise empowers students to act if they find themselves in a real situation like this, and we believe it is a very valuable programme for community and road safety," Fremantle Ports Chief Executive Officer, Kerry Sanderson, said.

She thanked the PBF for the opportunity to sponsor the youth road safety programme involving 12 high schools in the Fremantle district.

"This is particularly appropriate to Fremantle Ports' overall sponsorship programme because it will be used to educate young people in the Fremantle area," Kerry Sanderson said.

"Fremantle Ports takes a strong interest in the welfare and education of young people in the communities surrounding both the Inner and Outer Harbours."

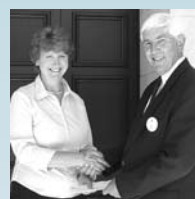
Supporting Fremantle Legacy

Fremantle Ports is contributing to the 75th anniversary celebrations planned by the Legacy Club of Fremantle for next year. Sponsorship has been provided to the club towards a lunch in the Fremantle Town Hall for war widows on 7th April.

Fremantle Ports' Chief Executive Officer, Kerry Sanderson, said there had always been a strong link between the port and the service and ex-service community.

"We are very pleased to help ensure that the 75th anniversary of the Legacy Club of Fremantle is suitably marked and enjoyed.

"Legacy has made a wonderful difference over the years to the lives of the thousands of families it has assisted, and Fremantle Ports is very pleased to have had the opportunity to be part of the 75th anniversary program," Kerry Sanderson said.



Fremantle Ports' Manager External Affairs, Ainslie de Vos presents a cheque to John Morris, President of Fremantle Legacy.

North Quay rail work underway



Construction of the North Quay rail loop is underway.

Work is underway on the construction of the new North Quay rail loop and stage 1 of the new rail terminal. The infrastructure will help to increase the use of rail for movement of container freight to and from Fremantle's Inner Harbour.

The project contractors, Henry Walker Eltin Contracting and MVM Rail, have already begun modifying road access in parts of North Quay and North Fremantle. More information about the 50-week long construction schedule is detailed in the North Quay Rail Newsletter which is available on our website: www.fremantleports.com.au.

Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, Alannah MacTiernan, and the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Transport and Regional Services, John Anderson, jointly announced the contract for the construction phase of the project.

The total cost of the new rail infrastructure, including the now completed design phase, is expected to be \$29 million.

The State Government, including Fremantle Ports, the Public Transport Authority and Main Roads Western Australia are providing \$19.5 million. The Australian Government is providing the remaining \$9.5 million under AusLink, the National Land Transport Plan.

Ms MacTiernan said the new rail loop would improve the efficiency of the rail network servicing the State's container trade.

The Minister said the project was a major part of the State Government's commitment to cutting heavy vehicle freight traffic on local roads.

"The project will facilitate the greater use of rail for transporting containers to and from Fremantle's Inner Harbour," Ms MacTiernan said.

"The 2002 Perth Metropolitan Freight Network Review identified that increased use of rail for the container trade was needed to reduce the impact of road freight traffic on the community as the

level of trade grows.

"In 2001, only around 3 per cent of the container trade to and from Fremantle Port was moved by rail. It has now risen to about 7 per cent, and our target is to achieve a rail share of 30 per cent by 2012," she said.

Mr Anderson said the funding recognised the critical importance of increasing the competitiveness of Australia's rail system.

"The amount of freight carried in Australia is forecast to rise dramatically over the next twenty years.

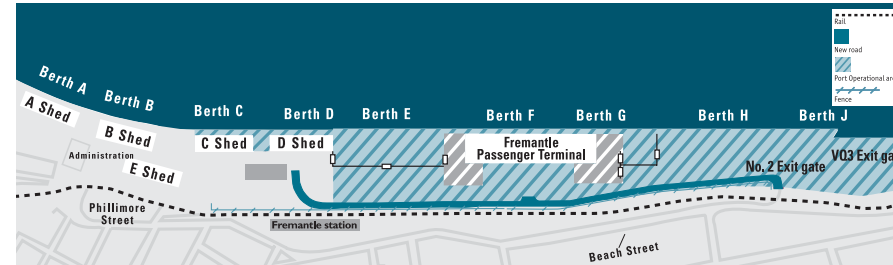
"Under AusLink, \$1.8 billion will be invested in the rail system over the next five years, as part of our \$12.5 billion commitment to upgrade Australia's land transport infrastructure," he said.

Fremantle is one of Australia's major trading gateways and one of the nation's fastest growing container ports.

The North Quay rail system will accommodate narrow and standard gauge tracks carrying interstate and intrastate trains. The new rail terminal, to be built behind the North Quay container terminals in two stages, will ultimately be able to accommodate trains up to 600 metres long. One 600 metre train, double stacked with containers, has the freight carrying capacity of 70 to 90 trucks.

The rail loop, which will enable the redevelopment of the Leighton marshalling yards, requires a new bridge across Tydeman Road in North Fremantle. It will also involve a partial realignment of the southern end of Port Beach Road.

Relocation of Victoria Quay Road



Work is well advanced on the realignment of the road along Victoria Quay.

The new road will greatly improve public access to the western end of Victoria Quay and will also make available additional land at the eastern end of the quay for cargo handling, particularly for motor vehicle imports.

The road is scheduled for completion in March 2005.

The overall project has also involved the relocation of the rail freight line closer to the passenger line. This has now been completed.

The \$4.9 million project is being undertaken by Fremantle Ports and the Public Transport Authority.

Fremantle Ports Chief Executive Officer, Kerry Sanderson, said the new road

was another way Fremantle Ports was improving access to the western end of Victoria Quay and contributing to the development of the area's tourism potential.

"The western end of Victoria Quay is unique, as it is a readily accessible public area in the heart of a working port," Kerry said.

"This maritime precinct is an important recreational, education and tourism area and Fremantle Ports has contributed greatly to the improvement of the infrastructure.

"The permanently-open road on Victoria Quay will provide direct access to the proposed commercial precinct, E Shed Markets, the O'Connor Landing ferry terminal and the WA Maritime Museum."

A real icebreaker

The Japanese Antarctic vessel, *Shirase*, paid its annual visit to Fremantle in December for provisions and mail before taking 60 scientists to spend the summer in the frozen south.

The *Shirase* is Japan's main Antarctic support vessel. A powerful icebreaker, it carries a post office on board and normally makes one single long voyage



Japanese icebreaker, Shirase, is an annual visitor to Fremantle.

each season to Antarctica from Japan via Fremantle.

Shirase is named after Japan's first Antarctic explorer, Nobu Shirase (1861-1946), who privately funded his own expedition during the period 1910-1912 in an attempt to be the first person to reach the South Pole.

When he heard that Scott and Amundsen were ahead of him, he decided to put the expedition to scientific research on the weather and the ocean area around the Antarctic. On the east coast of the Ross Sea, his name has been given to the Shirase Coast

Shirase will also deliver stores to a number of Antarctic bases belonging to different nations before returning to Sydney in March 2005.

Vehicle trade strong

If you have bought a new imported car recently it was probably one of the record number landed at the Port of Fremantle last financial year.

In the 2003-2004 financial year more than 60,000 new vehicles were imported through Fremantle, an increase of almost 20 per cent compared with the previous year.

Most of this trade is handled on Victoria Quay, which has dedicated facilities for on-wharf processing of the vehicles. Roll on-Roll off vessels carrying European motor vehicles also operate from Berth 11 on North Quay.

Prixcar Services and Patrick Autocare have leased on-wharf car detailing facilities at Victoria Quay since 2000.

Processing the vehicles on the wharf provides savings in transportation costs and also adds value to the vehicles because they can be delivered directly to the dealer without the extra cost of transportation to Kewdale for processing.



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