



FREMANTLE PORTS

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The Port of Fremantle is Western Australia's principal national and international sea gateway for container and general cargo trades. In 2011, it handled about 80 per cent by value of Western Australia's seaborne imports and 12 per cent by value of WA's seaborne exports.

It is of immense value to the State's economy and its infrastructure represents a huge public and private sector investment as the port has been developed, modernised and expanded over the years.

Fremantle is a sheltered, all-weather port situated on the west coast some 20 kilometres from the State capital, Perth.

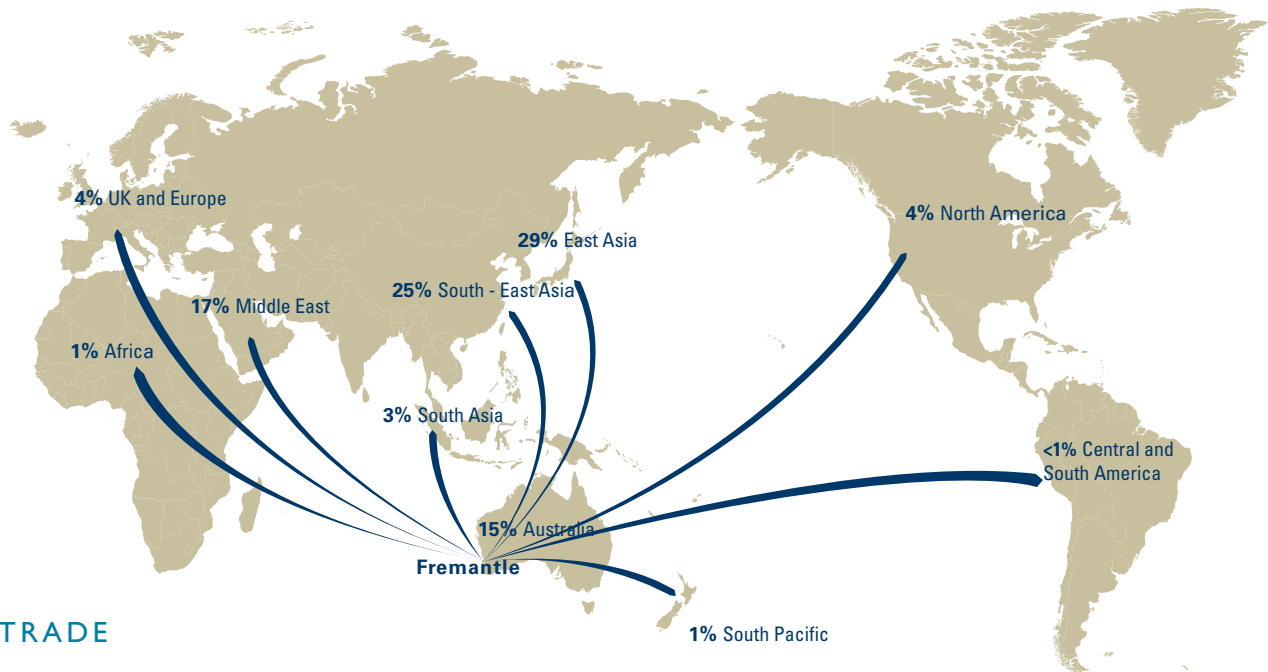
The port operates from two geographic areas. The Inner Harbour is located at the entrance to the Swan River adjacent to the historic City of Fremantle. The Outer Harbour is some 20 kilometres further south at Kwinana-Cockburn Sound. Its deepwater bulk port facilities were developed from the 1950s onwards to service the Kwinana industrial area.

The State Government-owned port is a mix of facilities and services managed by Fremantle Ports and private operators. Fremantle Ports provides and maintains shipping channels, navigation aids, cargo wharves at common user areas and leased terminals, the Fremantle Passenger Terminal, road and rail transport infrastructure within the port area, moles and seawalls and other port infrastructure such as storage sheds, water, power and public amenities.

Three of the jetties in the Outer Harbour are operated by private companies. They are the Alcoa, BP Refinery and CBH jetties. The Kwinana Bulk Jetty and the Kwinana Bulk Terminal are owned and operated by Fremantle Ports.

Services such as towage, pilotage, line boats and bunkering are provided by the private sector.

Fremantle Port operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



(2011 statistics)

TRADE

The Inner Harbour at Fremantle handles almost all of the container trade for Western Australia. It also provides facilities for motor vehicle imports, livestock exports, other general cargo trades, cruise ships and visiting naval vessels. By 2011/12, the port was handling more than 600,000 teu (twenty foot equivalent unit) containers.

The Outer Harbour in Cockburn Sound is one of Australia's major bulk cargo ports handling grain, petroleum, liquid petroleum gas, alumina, mineral sands, fertilisers, coal, sulphur, iron ore and other bulk commodities.

Fremantle Ports has the facilities and infrastructure in place to handle a wide variety of bulk products in the Outer Harbour and works closely with importers and exporters to provide efficient and reliable services at the Kwinana Bulk Terminal and Kwinana Bulk Jetty.

Total trade through Fremantle Ports in 2010-11 was 26.1 million mass tonnes and the value of this trade was \$25.9 billion.

Fremantle Port is well positioned on Australia's west coast to service shipping lines on major trading routes connecting Australia with Europe, Asia, North America and Africa.

Additional container port facilities will be required once the Inner Harbour reaches capacity. Planning studies undertaken over time have shown that the Outer Harbour is the appropriate site for these.

The Western Australian Planning Commission has been tasked with looking at the issues that will enable provision of port facilities in the Outer Harbour to support the future of the State while protecting Cockburn Sound.

As well as the future need for additional container and general cargo facilities, continued growth in the bulk trades in the Outer Harbour is anticipated, resulting in the need for additional bulk port facilities.



PORT GOVERNANCE

The Fremantle Port Authority, which operates under its registered business name Fremantle Ports, is the port's strategic manager. It is a commercialised trading entity under the *Port Authorities Act 1999*, which sets out a clear role for Port Authorities in facilitating trade in a commercially responsible manner and establishes clear lines of accountability with the Western Australian Government.

Under the Act, Fremantle Ports has a duty to act on commercial principles.

Fremantle Ports' governing body is a Board of five Directors appointed by and responsible to the Western Australian Minister for Transport. The Board's role is to set the strategic direction of Fremantle Ports, agreeing goals for management and monitoring the achievement of those goals.



The enabling legislation sets out the roles, responsibilities and powers of the Board and the Chief Executive Officer, who is appointed by the Board and responsible for day-to-day management.

VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

The Vision and Mission describe Fremantle Ports' business intent. With the Corporate Values and Business Principles they provide the foundation for strategic planning and decision making, helping to prioritise and work towards common goals.

Vision

To be valued by our customers and the community for our leadership and excellence

Mission

To facilitate trade in a sustainable way

Values

- *Respect and Integrity*
- *Safety and Wellbeing*
- *Sustainability*
- *Responsiveness and Delivery*
- *Continuous Improvement and Innovation*



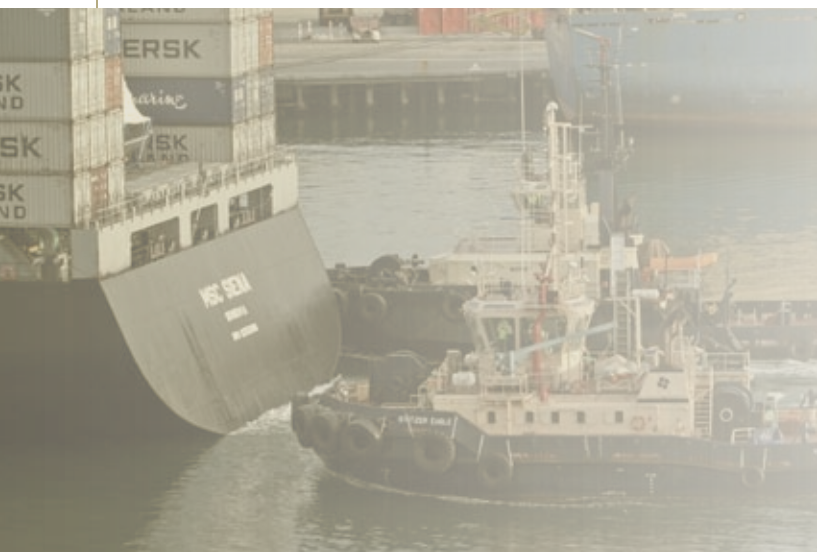


BUSINESS PRINCIPLES

Fremantle Ports' Business Principles are aligned with the Corporate Values and have a strong focus on understanding the needs and expectations of key stakeholders. Commitment to high standards of economic, environmental and social performance is reflected in the Business Principles, which have the following themes:

- Minimising or reducing adverse land transport impacts
- Building synergies with others' plans
- Protecting the environment
- Ensuring commercially sound and justifiable outcomes
- Supporting local communities
- Continuing to improve port safety and security
- Complying with legal requirements
- Ensuring efficiency and continuity of all port services
- Contributing to the aspirations and growth of our people and the port community
- Capitalising on opportunities and managing risks





LOOKING BACK

The Nyungar aboriginal people have had a close connection with Fremantle for many thousands of years and European explorers are recorded as having visited the area from the early 1600s.

Fremantle's role as a port began with the foundation of the Swan River Colony in 1829.

The port city derives its name from Captain Charles H. Fremantle who arrived in HMS *Challenger* and took possession of this part of the continent in the name of His Majesty King George IV at Arthur Head on 2 May 1829. Captain James Stirling arrived with 68 settlers in the transport *Parmelia* one month later and established the settlement on the Swan River.

In 1891, Western Australia's first Premier, John Forrest, (later Sir John) appointed Charles Yelverton O'Connor as Engineer-in-Chief. Work on O'Connor's scheme for the development of a safe harbour within the mouth of the Swan River began the following year.

The project involved blasting and removal of a rocky bar to open up the entrance, dredging to deepen the river basin, construction of the North and South Moles and land reclamation for construction of quays and warehouses.

The official opening of Fremantle Harbour on 4th May 1897 was the beginning of a new era in the history of shipping in Western Australia. While the harbour has been deepened, facilities extended and modernised over the years and land reclaimed through dredging, the basic structure remains essentially unchanged, testament to the boldness, brilliance and foresight of its designer.

WARTIME ROLE

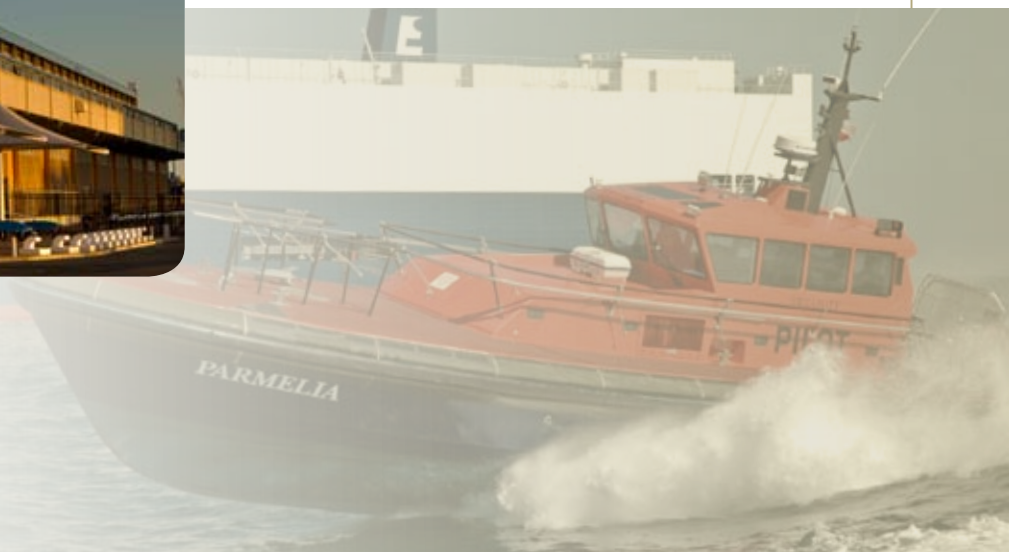
As well as its contribution to Western Australia's economic life, the Port of Fremantle has had a vital wartime role.

During times of hostilities, the harbour and its facilities have accommodated scores of Australian and allied naval vessels on active service - battleships and troop transports, hospital ships and support vessels, including many passenger ships and commercial vessels seconded to the war effort.

Fremantle Port accommodated the largest allied submarine base in the Southern Hemisphere during the Second World War.

Australian naval ships and those of foreign navies continue to call at Fremantle and are usually berthed at Victoria Quay.





CRUISE SHIPPING

With cruising now one of the fastest growing sectors of the tourism industry worldwide, Fremantle is receiving an increasing number of cruise ship visits. Fremantle Ports is represented on Cruise Down Under, the peak body for cruising in Australia and is working with other ports and tourism organisations to promote Fremantle and Western Australia's attractions to cruise companies.

The heritage-listed Fremantle Passenger Terminal on Victoria Quay was opened in 1960 and is a place of special significance for hundreds of thousands of post-World War Two migrants who arrived by sea from Europe to settle in Australia. It has undergone significant refurbishment and upgrading in recent years in response to the need to cater for the large numbers of passengers embarking and disembarking from some of the larger cruise ships calling at the port.

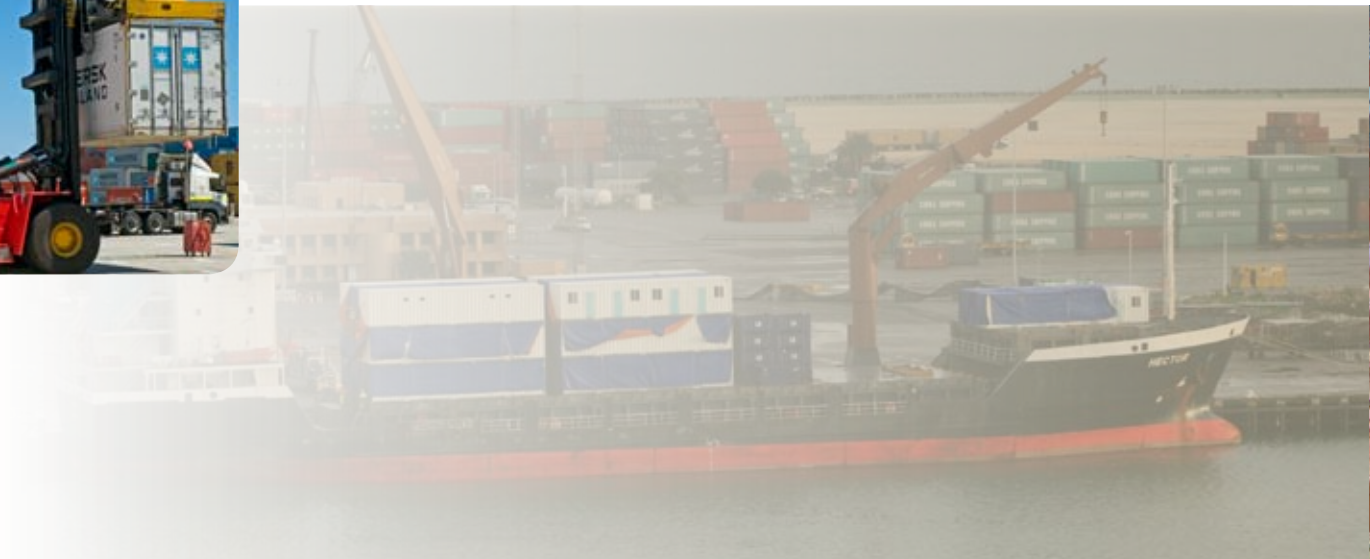
VICTORIA QUAY WATERFRONT

The Fremantle Waterfront Masterplan to revitalise the western end of Victoria Quay and improve links with Fremantle city is being progressively implemented. This area of the port is open to visitors 24 hours a day, providing outstanding views of shipping activity. The world-class Fremantle Maritime Museum is located on the quay and the E Shed Markets are another attraction, with shopping and dining.

B Shed Ferry Terminal, adjacent to O'Connor Landing, provides excellent facilities for passengers using Swan River and Rottnest Island ferry services. The Rottnest Island Authority also has offices in this heritage-listed building.

Sail Training Ship *Leeuwin* is home-based at B Berth, Victoria Quay, adding interest to this busy waterfront.

The development of a commercial precinct is included in the overall planning for this part of the port, close to bus and rail public transport.



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