



## Papers - March 2019

### WA Port Operations Taskforce

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## Agenda

**WA Port Operations Taskforce**  
March 2019

Thursday, 7 March 2019  
8:00am-10:00am  
Fremantle Ports

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**Chairperson** • Graeme Wilson

**Next Meeting** • Thursday, 4 April 2019

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### Agenda

8:00am	Welcome, opening comments and apologies	Graeme Wilson
8:05am	Confirmation of last month's minutes	Graeme Wilson
8:10	Ship bunching and actions by the shipping line industry to manage/avoid it	Rob Boyce
8:30	Peak season impacts and how the shipping industry coped in Australia this year - including highlights, areas where industry could assist in the future	Rob Boyce
8:40	Federal Government investigation into Biosecurity Levy	Graeme Wilson
9:00	Wisetech Global purchase of Containerchain	All
9:15	Trade statistics	Sophie Gillespie
9:20	Discussion on any recent issues	All
9:30	Round table	All
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Container terminals</li><li>• Empty container parks</li><li>• Rail</li><li>• Shipping Australia</li><li>• Western Road Federation</li><li>• Transport operators</li><li>• Unions (MUA and TWU)</li><li>• Customs brokers/freight forwarders</li><li>• CBFCA</li><li>• Australian Border Force</li><li>• Department of Agriculture &amp; Water Resources</li><li>• Main Roads WA</li><li>• Freight &amp; Logistics Council</li><li>• Fremantle Ports</li></ul>	

9:55am

General business and meeting close out

All

**Attendees:** Australian Border Force, Fremantle Ports, Intermodal Group, Maritime Union of Australia, ORPS, Patrick Terminals, Qube Logistics, WA Transport Workers Union, Visa Global, Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, EES Shipping, AWH, Toll Global Express, Stevenson Logistics, Graeme Wilson, JD Container Logistics, Lou Valsecchi & Associates, Curtin University, Aurizon, DP World, CBFCA, ACFS Port Logistics, Mediterranean Shipping Company, Department of Transport, ARC Infrastructure

**Apologies:** Main Roads WA, Freight and Logistics Council WA, Superscoop Transport, CC Containers, ICL



## Meeting Overview - March 2019

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**Attendees:** Graeme Wison (Chairman), Michael Pal/Sophie Gillespie (FP), John Ward (AWH), Jessica U'Chong/Anthony Tuxford (DPW), John Park (CBFCA), Robert Boyce (MSC), Adam Ladlow (IMG), Matt Bronickis/Gavin Dobb/Brett Irvine (Qube), Andrew Clarke (Aurizon), Chris Nelson (TWU), Rachel Edwards (ABF), Brian Hack (EES), Eric England (ORPS), Cam Dumesny (WRF), Mark Valsecchi (Valsecchi), Christian Catalano (Arc)

Apologies: DAWR, ACFS, ICL, CC Containers, MRWA, FLC, Superscoop

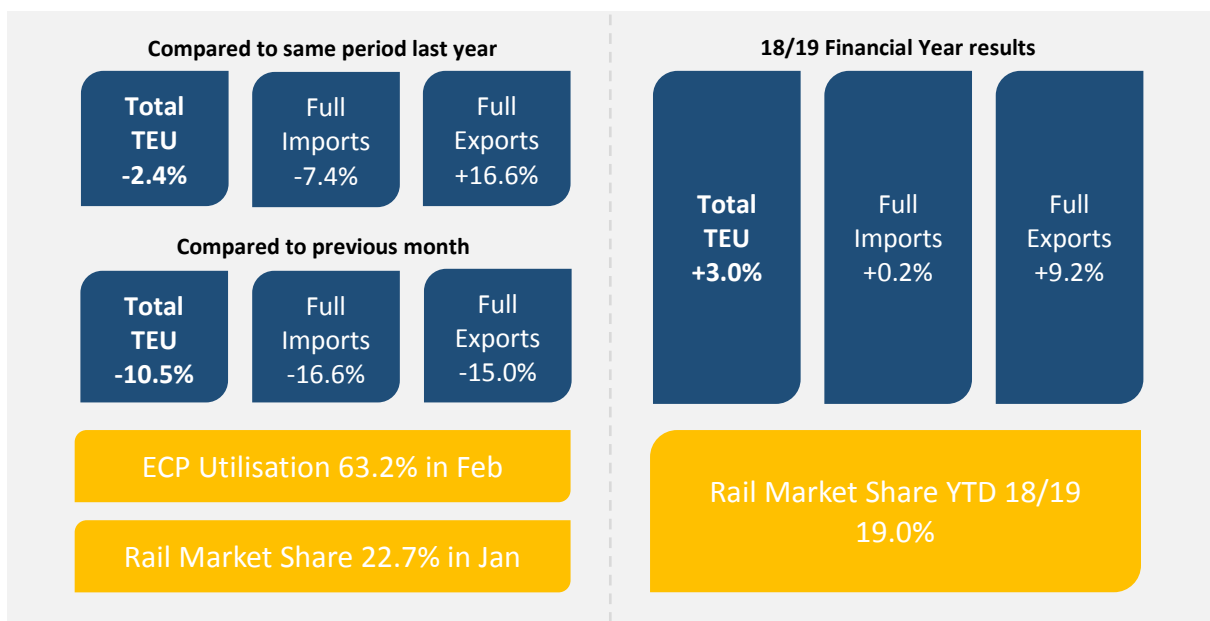
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### Key points of discussion

- Ship “bunching”
  - Involved discussions with terminals and other factors, including mapping of scenarios, when starting route planning
  - Terminals may not be able to take ships in at certain times, meaning consideration of increasing/decreasing speeds, etc. in planning
  - Weather, ship break downs, productivity at port can all affect the ability to keep ship on schedule - options are burn more fuel or miss port - neither desired; both having negative consequences
  - Planning carried out every twelve months, with review every three. Buffers built in but can get “burned up” quickly.
- Shipping Line perspective of Peak Season
  - Work that the Taskforce and industry have done means the increased volumes have been handled well.
  - Detention and other costs reduced dramatically
  - Proactive use of the Congestion Management System at the TMA by terminals
- Freight and Logistics Council WA Briefing
  - Update to come next month
  - Suggestion that productivity on rail has peaked - need to consider ways of progressing it on road
  - Rail IMT strategy and support must be secured prior to any road reforms
  - Requirement to develop a multi-modal strategy where various modes fit with one another, rather than looking at mode by mode
- Biosecurity Levy
  - Working group established by Minister - CBFCA seeking inclusion.
  - Main concern is where will the money be collected and where will it go
    - Needs to be some transparency of where the money is supposed to go. Often the money does not support that agency and the people they have collected it from. Suggestion that resources from ABF and DAWR are reduced, yet the funds raised by them are often not utilised to meet customer requirements.
    - Further concern that depending on where the charge is collected (e.g. stevedores, etc) there is the chance of multiple administration mark ups through the chain.

- Wisetech Global purchase of Containerchain (CC)
  - Likely to allow CC to have the resources they need for further developments
  - Possibility of mutual improvements in customer service needed
  - Concerns are:
    - future flexibility concerning obtaining required changes
    - information monopoly (particularly if they purchase 1-stop)
    - increasing charges for functionality
    - possible preferential service/functionality to Cargowise users
- Trade
  - Grain/Hay still very strong
- Round Table
  - DP World - new CEO; trialling doors rear (concerns at how operators can assist this if provide container with doors front; Patrick more flexible);
  - Forwarders - good peak and bookings starting up again out of China
  - Western Roads Federation - Working with VTA on monopoly owned ports/airports and charges; Strategic transport issues summit 3 April; Infrastructure WA bill comments; VTA review of port carrier accreditation and implications for WA
  - TWU - Need for sustainable rates to ensure safety; TMA at NQ is a valuable asset - more required like it
  - Rail continuing strong growth at a record 22.7% (based on preliminary trade statistics)
  - Qube and ICS - Increase in ECP holdings due to a number of cancelled repositioning voyages
  - ABF - LCL volumes very high, leading to long delays
  - FP - NQRT RFP released recently and closes end April.
- Other Business
  - Industry were asked to support the Shipping Industry Group Ball which the Chairman confirmed is a very worthwhile and enjoyable event.

## Trade and statistics - February



# WA Port Operations Taskforce: Report from Fremantle Ports

Meeting Date: 7 March 2019

## 1. Trade Statistics

### Monthly Results

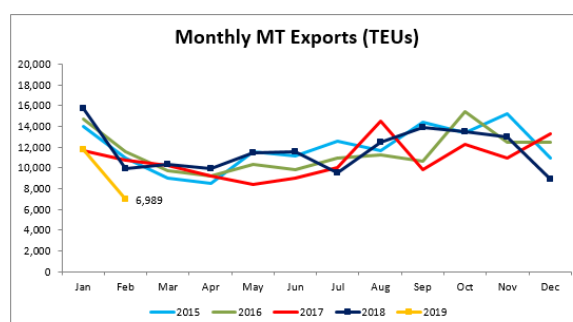
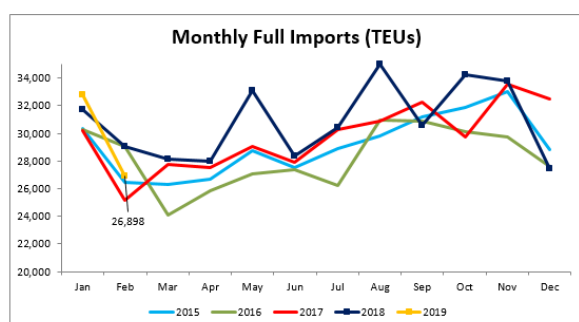
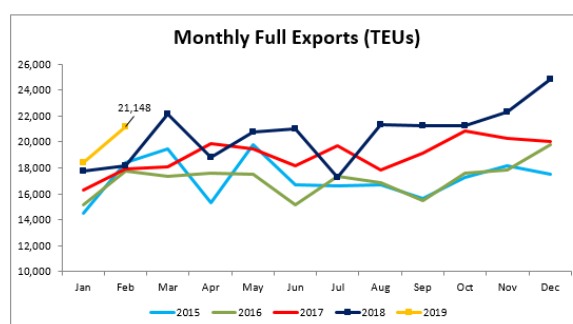
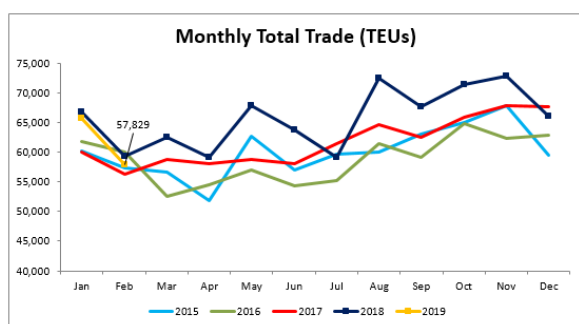
Total trade was down 1.7% in January compared to the same period last year. Both loaded imports and exports were up, 3.4% and 3.6% respectively.

According to estimates, total trade was down 2.4% in February, with loaded imports down 7.4%. Loaded exports however were up 16.6%. Compared to January, total trade and loaded imports dropped quite significantly, following the same trend as last year. Loaded exports increased significantly from January, with a much higher increase than last year.

There were 39 container vessel visits in both January and February.

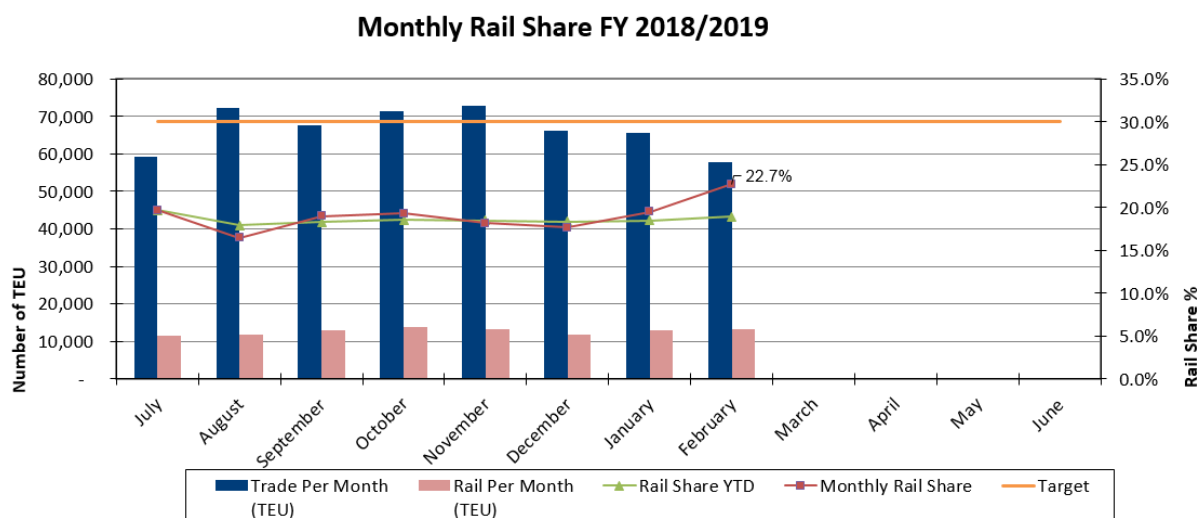
Year to date, total trade remains up 3%, with loaded imports up 0.2% and loaded exports up 9.2%.

Jan-19	TEU	Variance to 2018	YTD Variance to FY17/18	Variance to previous month	Containers	Variance to 2018	YTD Variance to FY17/18
Total	65,757	-1.7%	4.0%	-0.6%	44,014	-1.1%	1.3%
Loaded Imports	32,813	3.4%	1.5%	19.6%	22,064	3.8%	-1.1%
Empty Imports	2,774	68.2%	51.8%	-43.6%	2,306	75.8%	58.5%
Loaded Exports	18,382	3.6%	8.2%	-26.1%	13,298	5.0%	5.4%
Empty Exports	11,788	-25.1%	-3.9%	32.4%	6,346	-31.7%	-11.8%
Feb-19	TEU	Variance to 2018	YTD Variance to FY17/18	Variance to previous month	Containers	Variance to 2018	YTD Variance to FY17/18
Total	57,829	-2.4%	3.0%	-10.5%	39,187	-2.0%	0.7%
Loaded Imports	26,898	-7.4%	0.2%	-16.6%	18,040	-7.7%	-2.0%
Empty Imports	2,794	33.4%	45.8%	26.5%	2,094	30.1%	51.0%
Loaded Exports	21,148	16.6%	9.2%	15.0%	15,253	18.8%	0.6%
Empty Exports	6,989	-29.9%	-6.6%	-40.7%	3,800	-36.7%	-2.5%



## 2. Rail Services

Rail recorded strong volumes again in February, reaching a record of 22.7% market share (based on preliminary trade statistics which may be subject to change). YTD, rail has accounted for 19% of total trade.



## 3. Empty Container Parks: ECP stocks and capacity utilisation

Container Parks' stocks, as recorded on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month, are shown in the table below. Overall stocks in February were at 63.2%, up from 56% in January.

January 2019	Current Month						
	Capacity (TEU)	Holding 20'	Holding 40'	Holding TEUs	% Utilisation	Share of Total Capacity	Share of Total Holdings
QUBE Container Park	7,500	2,026	1,478	4,982	66.4%	30.1%	31.6%
QUBE Central	5,850	1,263	1,151	3,565	60.9%	23.5%	22.6%
Tyne-ACFS	6,147	872	936	2,744	44.6%	24.7%	17.4%
ICL 1	1,100	526	136	798	72.5%	4.4%	5.1%
ICS (Forrestfield)	2,600	915	715	2,345	90.2%	10.4%	14.9%
Patrick Cargolink	1,700	-	655	1,310	77.1%	6.8%	8.3%
<b>Total Container Parks</b>	<b>24,897</b>	<b>5,602</b>	<b>5,071</b>	<b>15,744</b>	<b>63.2%</b>		

# International Trade Ball

Join in the fun at the inaugural International Trade Ball, bringing the industry together, for an old-school night out.

**Date: Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

**Where: Duxton Hotel, Perth City**

**Dinner: 7.30pm**

**Dress: This is a Black Tie Event**

**What's On: Switch (the band) for Sizzling Entertainment, Fine Food (3 courses), Wine, Photo-booth and Dancing 'til Midnight.**

**Ball Ticket Cost: \$140.00 per person (All Inclusive)  
Table of Ten \$1400.00**

**To book a ticket or table go to this link -  
<https://goo.gl/forms/9qSi0iN04OMMkRRM2>**



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