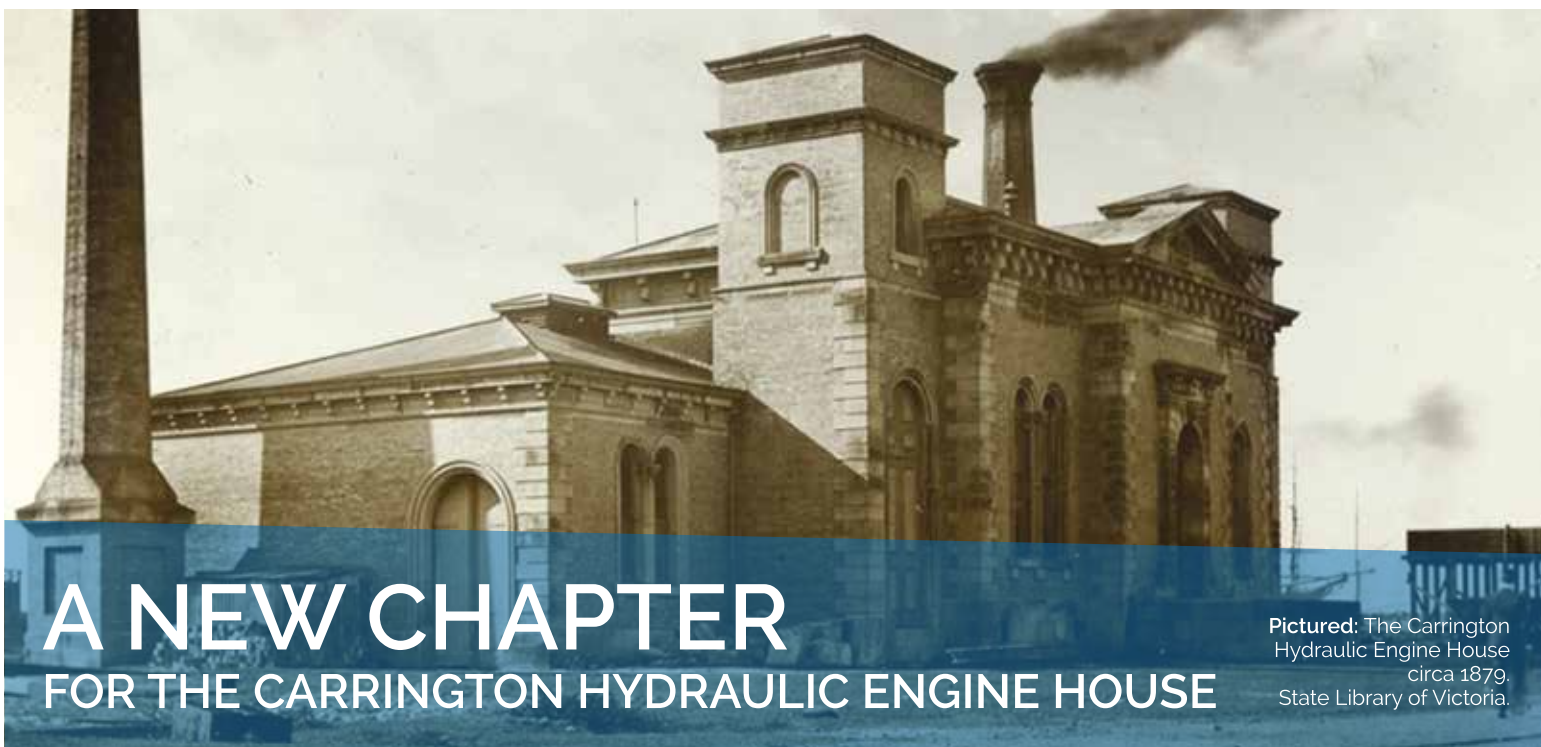


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A NEW CHAPTER FOR THE CARRINGTON HYDRAULIC ENGINE HOUSE

Pictured: The Carrington Hydraulic Engine House circa 1879. State Library of Victoria.

One of Newcastle's most treasured buildings will soon have a new lease on life.

In February 2017, the NSW Government announced \$500,000 towards the restoration of the exterior of the Carrington Hydraulic Engine House and the creation of a community accessible outdoor space.

The funding, awarded via the Newcastle Port Community Contribution Fund, includes \$300,000 for the creation of an outdoor plaza area in front of the building including landscaping, paving and seating and \$200,000 towards the restoration of the building's façade. Port of Newcastle will match the government's funding contribution.

The Engine House was built in 1877 to power hydraulic cranes which loaded coal onto ships along the nearby

waterfront stretch known as The Dyke.

Despite regular investment in the building by port operators over many years, significant repairs are needed and the building is currently fenced for safety.

Port of Newcastle CEO, Geoff Crowe, said the project was an important first step in restoring the unique building and Newcastle's industrial heritage.

"The Engine House is an important landmark for Carrington and our region. The Port of Newcastle team took on this challenge and developed the concept with a local architect to restore the façade of this magnificent old building to its former glory, whilst opening up the outdoor plaza area to the community," said Geoff.

The project is due to be completed in 2018.

Newcastle Port Community Contribution Fund

The Newcastle Port Community Contribution Fund is administered by the NSW Government for projects which enhance or maintain infrastructure and community amenity around the Port of Newcastle.

At least \$1 million is paid into the Newcastle Port Community Contribution Fund every year through the Newcastle Port lease agreement.

Other projects to receive funding via the Fund included Stage 2 of the redevelopment of Nobbys Lighthouse, the historic steamship William the Fourth, the 2017 Winter Heat Festival and new cricket nets for Carrington.

To find out how to apply for funding visit: www.hdc.nsw.gov.au



Welcome to the Autumn edition of Port of Newcastle's community newsletter.

There are a number of developments taking shape around the Port this year. It is exciting to be moving into a design and implementation phase for many of these projects.

In Carrington, new mooring bollards are being installed at the Channel Berth, which will enable Newcastle to host larger cruise ships carrying as many as 3,500 passengers. The work has commenced and will be completed by mid-year.

Planning for the cruise terminal is well advanced and we look forward to

sharing the concept design later in the year.

Throughout the terminal construction phase, which will largely take place in 2018, we will continue to welcome cruise ships, recognising the economic contribution that passengers make through tourism locally and across the Hunter region.

The restoration of the Carrington Hydraulic Engine House will begin this year, with the NSW Government providing a \$500,000 grant towards repairs to the building's façade and the creation of an outdoor plaza area. Port of Newcastle will more than match that grant with the total cost of the project including repair and restorative work to the building's façade, to come in at around \$1.2 million.

It has been great to work with local architects and the community in planning the plaza concept, which will

celebrate the building's history and create a new community landmark. At the Mayfield Site, Stolthaven's Mayfield 7 bulk liquids berth is on track for completion in late 2017. The expansion of Stolthaven's bulk liquids storage facility has been approved by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment and will help secure the region's fuel supply.

Finally, I am proud to say that we achieved a record trade year in 2016. The Port handled 168 million tonnes, with growth in both coal and non-coal commodities.

There is lots happening around the Port and there is still huge potential for diversification and growth. It is an exciting time to be a part of the revitalisation and change that is taking place in our city and region.

Geoff

Geoff Crowe



CRUISE TERMINAL PLANS ARE TAKING SHAPE

2017 will be an exciting year for the region's tourism industry, as plans for the Port of Newcastle cruise terminal take shape and the community welcomes familiar cruise ships back to Newcastle.

Over the next 18 months, Port of Newcastle will welcome 16 cruise ships, install new mooring bollards and build a cruise terminal.

Planning for the cruise terminal is well advanced and will progress to the design phase by mid-year.

The installation of new mooring bollards, which will enable the Port to host bigger ships carrying up to 3,500 passengers, is on track for completion by mid-year.

The bollards work involves driving 12 steel piles, each about 14 metres long, into the ground to provide a strong foundation for the bollards, which are a land anchor for ships to tie up to.

"We are thrilled to host six cruise ship visits this year, while we move ahead with infrastructure upgrades that will position the Port for future opportunities for the Hunter region," said Port of Newcastle CEO, Geoff Crowe.

You can keep up to date on the Cruise Terminal development and view the cruise schedule at www.portofnewcastle.com.au

Mooring Bollard upgrade \$800,000

Jointly funded by the NSW Government and the Australian Government

Cruise Terminal Development \$12.7 million

Funded by the NSW Government's Restart NSW Hunter Infrastructure Investment Fund



Pictured: Port of Newcastle's cruise volunteers provide a warm welcome to cruise passengers.

**FEB
2017**

Mooring bollards construction commences

**MAY
2017**

Mooring bollards completed

Cruise Terminal design confirmed

**LATE
2017**

Tender awarded for Cruise Terminal construction

**EARLY
2018**

Cruise Terminal construction commences

**LATE
2018**

Cruise Terminal commissioning

Key



Cruise ship visit



Cruise Terminal milestone



Mooring bollard upgrade milestone

* Timeline current at March 2017

Pictured: The PWCS
Carrington terminal

NEW TRADE RECORD FOR THE PORT OF NEWCASTLE

A surge in coal and wheat exports underpinned a new trade record for the Port of Newcastle in 2016.

168 million tonnes of trade was handled by Australia's third largest port last year (trade value: \$AU18.69 billion), an increase of 3.8 million tonnes on 2015.

Farmers finished the year with a very productive season, which saw wheat exports rise to nearly 761,000 tonnes, an increase of 467,000 tonnes on 2015, while fuel imports rose to 1.7 million tonnes, an increase of 15% on 2015.

Coal represented 96% of the Port of Newcastle's trade, with just over 161 million tonnes exported (an increase of 2% or almost 3.3 million tonnes on 2015) and a new monthly export record of 15.9 million tonnes was achieved in December 2016.

Coal continues to provide the stable foundation for further growth and diversification of other trades, including fuel, cruise ships, agriculture and steel.

"This is a great result for the Port, the Hunter region and the state, and we continue to work with industry and businesses throughout our New South Wales catchment area to deliver new trade," said Port of Newcastle, CEO, Geoff Crowe.

**THIRD
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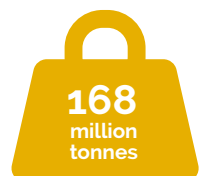
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INCREASE
on 2015**



**WHEAT
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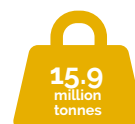
**2,258
VESSEL
VISITS
in 2016**



**2016
TRADE
VOLUME
worth**



New monthly
**EXPORT
RECORD**



BUOY, OH BUOY

Red and green buoys are a familiar sight in the port, bobbing up and down, day and night, to mark the width of the channel.

There are three types of buoys used in the Port of Newcastle – Ocean, Harbour and River Class.

In February 2017, Port of Newcastle completed a changeout of the steel

port buoy in front of Queens Wharf.

The barnacled buoy had defined the width of the channel for four years and was replaced by a shiny, new polyethylene buoy, which will allow for maintenance to be conducted whilst the buoy is in the water.

Red buoy - port (left) marker for vessels entering the channel.

Green buoy - starboard (right) marker for vessels entering the channel.

Pictured: The buoy changeout was completed at Port of Newcastle's West Basin area.



YOUR PORT. OUR COMMUNITY.

Port of Newcastle's Community Partnerships Program assists local community groups looking for a helping hand with their next community project, program or event.

For more information on the program and how to apply, visit www.portofnewcastle.com.au.

Fern Bay Public School



Pictured: Fern Bay Public School kindergarten students trying out the new readers.

Fern Bay Public School recently launched its 'Literacy for Life' program for kindergarten, year 1 and year 2 students.

Port of Newcastle's donation funded new levelled books and two group reading tables and we have received reports that they are being put to good use.

Fort Scratchley Historical Society

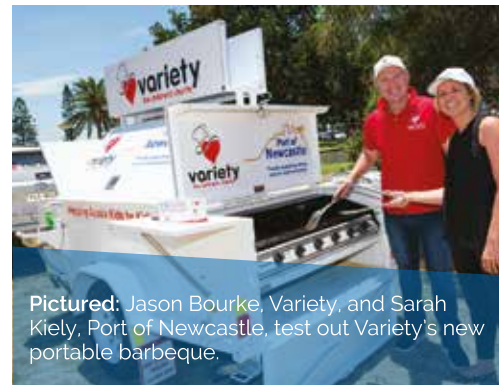


Pictured: Fort Scratchley volunteers, Keith Firth and Jennifer Holder.

A Japanese Star Shell is now on permanent display as part of the Fort Scratchley World War II exhibition.

Port of Newcastle provided funding for a cabinet to ensure the long term preservation and display of this unique historical artefact. Fort Scratchley welcomes thousands of visitors each year.

Variety - The Children's Charity



Pictured: Jason Bourke, Variety, and Sarah Kiely, Port of Newcastle, test out Variety's new portable barbeque.

Variety supports children and families who are facing challenges through sickness, disadvantage or living with a disability.

Port of Newcastle recently sponsored the purchase of a portable barbecue, which Variety will use to support its fundraising efforts for local children in need.

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