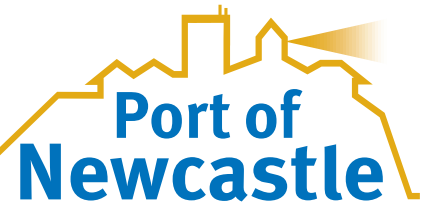


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YOUR PORT NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2017



REVITALISATION OF THE CARRINGTON MARINE SERVICES PRECINCT

Port of Newcastle is pleased to announce that the Carrington Marine Services Precinct is set to be revitalised.

Thales Australia and the NSW Government are investing in a major marine ship repair and maintenance facility, which will cater for vessels up to 55 metres long and up to 1,000 tonne displacement. Phase one will create 70 new jobs.

Thales has been operating in the marine services precinct for many years with the Minehunter Project and has a long term vision to establish a thriving local ship repair and maintenance facility.

"Thales's heritage in marine maintenance and sustained engagement with local businesses puts it in a unique position to reactivate the site, creating a new east coast marine precinct at the Port of Newcastle," said Chris Jenkins, Thales Australia's CEO

Port of Newcastle's CEO, Geoff Crowe, said the project will help grow and diversify the Port and builds on its rich history of ship building and repair.

"The Port of Newcastle welcomes Thales's expanded presence which fits well with our Port Development Plan and will benefit local skills, jobs and the wider economy."

Watch a video on Port of Newcastle's LinkedIn page:
[linkedin.com/portofnewcastle](https://www.linkedin.com/company/portofnewcastle)



Pictured: *Pacific Aria* was the first cruise ship to tie up to the new mooring bollards.

INVESTMENT TO BRING BIGGER SHIPS

Port of Newcastle's mooring bollard upgrade is now complete, funded by the NSW and Federal Governments, to enable the port to host larger ships carrying more passengers.

Cruise line Royal Caribbean has announced that its second largest cruise ship in Australia, *Explorer of the Seas*, will visit the Port twice in February 2019.

The luxury cruise ship carries up to 3,900 passengers, the most passengers to visit the Port of Newcastle to date.

That's an extra 1,100 passengers compared with the *Celebrity Solstice*, which currently holds the record for the biggest cruise ship to visit Newcastle.

With construction of the cruise terminal due to begin next year, the Port of Newcastle will soon be entering a new era of mega cruise ship travel.



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

Did you know that Newcastle is the largest port on Australia's east coast by trade volume?

Part of our role is to promote the capacity that the port offers and the diversity of its 25 cargo types. We aim to attract more businesses to the port over the coming years, bringing more employment and investment to the Hunter region.

As a Novocastrian team, we take pride in contributing to the revitalisation of our city and we are thrilled to announce that the global electronics and systems group, Thales, is expanding its presence within the Carrington marine services precinct.

Thales has been based at the site for many years and plans to invest in a staged development which will open up new opportunities in the defence market and create more skilled jobs for the region.

This year the port is seeing growth in coal, wheat, bulk liquids, fertiliser and steel. Coal is up 1.4 million tonnes on January to June last year and there is strong interest from Vietnam and India in high quality Hunter Valley coal, given the need for stable and affordable baseload power for their developing populations.

We have also attracted more cruise ship bookings and look forward to welcoming Royal Caribbean's mega-ship *Explorer of the Seas* in February 2019. Her visit is possible because of the joint NSW and Federal Government's investment in new mooring bollards at the Channel Berth.

The Port of Newcastle is a world class port with huge potential. I look forward to keeping you updated as we continue to grow and diversify the Port for our region.

Geoff

Geoff Crowe

PORT OPERATORS PLANT 2,243 TREES



Pictured: A bit of friendly competition between Port of Newcastle, PWCS, NCIG, Orica and Impact Fertilisers resulted in more than 2,000 trees being planted on Kooragang Island.

Port of Newcastle is teaming up with port operators to support grass roots causes that are making a big impact locally.

Kooragang is now a little greener thanks to a tree planting challenge organised by Conservation Volunteers for World Environment Day on 5 June. Teams from the Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group (NCIG), Orica, Port Waratah Coal Services (PWCS), Impact Fertilisers and Port of Newcastle engaged in a friendly competition to see who could plant the most trees over two hours.

Well done to NCIG for taking out the top prize. In total, 2,243 trees were planted on the Ramsar listed site near Greenleaf Road, Kooragang Island. This is also a win for the thousands of migratory shorebirds that use the area to roost each year.

Another recent partnership between Port of Newcastle, NCIG and Orica is the joint sponsorship of a new fridge and freezer unit for the Soul Cafe, located on Hunter Street in Newcastle's CBD.

The new unit will assist the Soul Café to store more donated food and continue providing nourishing meals for its clients. The cafe also helps with providing access to legal aid, drug and alcohol rehabilitation, medical and mental health services.



YOUR PORT. OUR COMMUNITY.

Port of Newcastle continues to expand the reach of its Community Partnerships Program, with 50 applications received in the latest call for funding applications.

\$66,000 was awarded to 16 community organisations including Nobbys Surf Club, Stockton Historical Society, Cardiff Northlakes Brass Band, the Newcastle Micro Theatre Festival, the Science and Engineering Challenge, Camp Quality, the Newcastle Music Festival, the Rotary Club of Newcastle, the Lambton Waratah Scouts Group, Lynch's Hub and the Soul Café.

A second round of Community Partnerships funding will open in September 2017. If you would like to be notified when the round opens, please email us at community@portofnewcastle.com.au

BUMPER SEASON

FOR AUSSIE FARMERS

Wheat exports from the Port of Newcastle are the highest in many years. From January to June this year, the Port handled more than 1.2 million tonnes of wheat.

By comparison, 760,919 tonnes were exported in 2016.

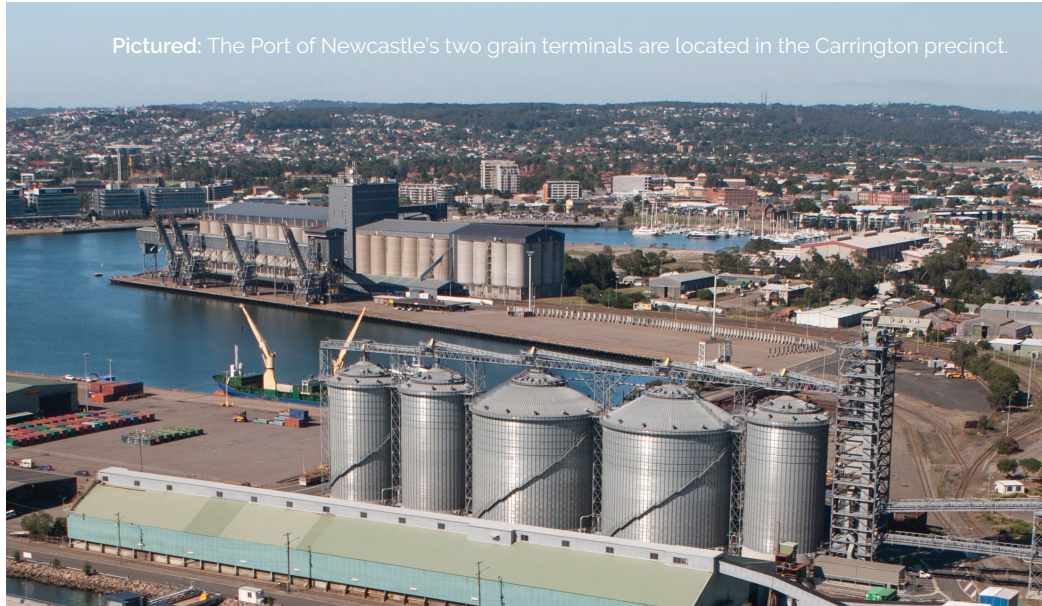
The Port of Newcastle's grain terminals, managed by GrainCorp and Newcastle Agri Terminal, have been meeting the demand of handling the bumper haul.

"There is some real passion and enthusiasm along the supply chain and Port of Newcastle works closely with the grain terminals and the ARTC in driving innovation from the paddock to the port," said Geoff Crowe, Port of Newcastle's CEO.

Wheat, meal and grain products are exported from the Port's Carrington precinct to Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, Vietnam, Japan, Fiji, Yemen and Indonesia.

Demand for Australian grain will continue to grow, thanks to its high protein content, which is attractive to Asian customers and is used to make products such as noodles. Australian durum wheat from the fields of North Western NSW is also popular in Italy, ending up in the pasta and pizza doughs that Italy is world famous for.

Pictured: The Port of Newcastle's two grain terminals are located in the Carrington precinct.



On the back of the strong export season for NSW farmers, fertiliser imports have also increased 42% on 2016 volumes.

The Port's fertiliser importers, Wengfu, Incitec Pivot and Ameropa, operate from the busy K2 and K3 berths at Walsh Point.

FACTS & FIGURES JANUARY - JUNE 2017



STEEL
up by
47%
on 2016



GRAIN
exports
increase
232%



1,167
VESSEL
VISITS



COAL
exports
up more than
1.4 million
on 2016



fertiliser
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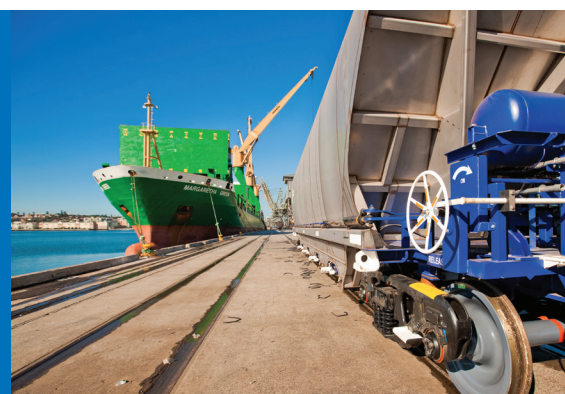


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DID YOU KNOW?

The Port of Newcastle is the only port on the eastern seaboard with a direct rail to ship connection to and from the main rail line.

The Port has handled thousands of rail wagons at its West Basin berth in Carrington, including coal, grain, passenger, intermodal, aggregate, locomotives, track machines and ballast wagons.



AROUND THE PORT SHIP SPOTTING



Over 10 kilometres of publicly accessible Foreshore, including footpaths, seating, parks and amenities, hugs the Newcastle and Stockton sides of the harbour.

We've rounded up a few of the best locations for showing off Newcastle's famous working harbour to visitors or just sitting down to watch the ships go by.

Honeysuckle Foreshore

Whether you are dining or taking a stroll along the waterfront, the Honeysuckle area provides direct views of the Port's Basin area.

The Basin is one of the oldest areas of the Port and is framed by the 19th century Carrington Hydraulic Engine House.

Svitzer's tugs tie up opposite the Grain Corp grain silos and a variety of cargo types are handled at East Basin, including steel and project cargo.

With the bumper grain season underway, you're likely to catch a grain vessel loading at West Basin.

Horseshoe Beach

Take advantage of the unique sights and sounds of the Port of Newcastle from Horseshoe Beach, near Nobbys.

Wave to cruise ship passengers and hear the ships honk their horns as they round the bend to notify other vessels in the channel of their arrival or departure.

Plan your visit by checking the local tides as the larger vessels glide in and out of the harbour on the high tide.

Make sure you have your camera ready to capture the sunset over the city skyline and the Newcastle Agri Terminal grain silos.

Stockton Foreshore

Experience a different perspective of the changing Newcastle skyline and the Port's Carrington precinct from Stockton's Foreshore.



Pictured (top to bottom):

1. The Basin area from the Honeysuckle Foreshore area.
2. The Nobbys breakwall is a popular location.
3. The Carrington Engine House at night.

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