

PORT OF GEELONG SAFETY & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN 2008
ANNUAL COMMUNITY UPDATE (SEMP)

The following is a summary of relevant SEMP matters discussed by the Consultative Committee during 2008.

The GeelongPort SEMP involves 3 organisations –

- Geelong Port
- Victorian Regional Channels Authority &
- Graincorp.

The material covered in the SEMP is an amalgamation of High level Safety & Environmental Risks identified within the Port. In terms of responsibility, VRCA are responsible from the wharf face outward (seaward into Corio Bay) and GeelongPort and Graincorp are responsible from the wharf face inward (landward). All three organisations along with other agencies such as the Police and CFA are also involved in both the Port Emergency Plan and the Port Security Plan.

Port Activities.

GeelongPort

The successful tenderer for the Corio Quay North wharf extension and loader project is McConnell Dowell & Tenova SEMF. The construction program outlined a start date of October 2008 and completion date of February 2010.

The HMAS Canberra docked at Bulk Grain Pier on 9th June. The vessel will be stripped, cleansed of any pollutants and must have all obstacles removed before being sunk off Point Lonsdale and Barwon Heads.

The ADA rig tender operation at Corio Quay North would continue operating until the end of December 2008.

A new rig tender operator "Apache" have signed a new 12 month contract with the Port to operate at Corio Quay South. The new operation, involving 4 to 5 vessels, will service the offshore oil industry in Bass Strait.

The Port and Bulk Rail Conference was held on the 19th of November 2008 with managers from Patrick Ports and Rail businesses.

A moving 1.5 hour safety presentation entitled "Safety is your Choice" was delivered by James Wood. During his presentation James outlined the effects that his industrial accident had on his life and the lives of his family, friends and workmates.

The GRAIP rail improvements for dual gauge access to the Midway and Graincorp operations in North Geelong have now been completed.

The GeelongPort auditing process included auditing a sampling of the SEMP Risk Assessments which were included into the annual audit schedule.

GeelongPort Community Consultative Committee revised "Terms of Reference"

The Terms of Reference now includes reference to the provision of a community perspective in the review process for the SEMP. The Consultative Committee also now includes other stakeholders, and fulfils the Port's legislative requirements for the SEMP.

Appointment of Members to the SEMP Consultative Committee

Due to the requirements of the SEMP members of the GeelongPort Community Consultative Committee were appointed to also act as the SEMP Consultative Committee, further more under the provisions of the SEMP there is a need to appoint members every 2 years. Letters were sent out to all community members appointing them for the next 2 years. Letters were also been sent to Government agencies asking for nominations.

ISO Certification

GeelongPort has maintained certification to AS/NZS4801, ISO AS/NZS9001 & ISO AS/NZS14001 & VWA Safety Map to 2009 achieving no major non-conformances, after the annual external audit by DNV

Port Emergency & Security Plan Desktop Exercise

- Exercise 1 – Maritime Security Plan Tabletop Exercise. This exercise was conducted on the 31st of October 2008.
- Exercise 2 - GeelongPort Emergency Management Plan Tabletop Exercise. This exercise was conducted on the 13th of November 2008.

Following the completion of the above exercises a review and update of the Port's 2004 Emergency Plan will be undertaken in early 2009. The document will then be recirculated to emergency services and port tenants.

Port Environmental and Safety Initiatives

The Port was re roofing No 2 shed at Lascelles Wharf which included guttering to catch water run off into tanks. The water would be used for high pressure cleaning of port equipment. New water tanks were being installed around the Port and a new one has recently been purchased for installation for Head Office at CQN No 3 berth.

Representatives from CoGG had recently visited the Port as part of its Healthy Waters Program. They addressed the Port about their proactive approach to waste water management. They seemed happy with the Port's long term initiatives which include the feasibility of installing a triple interceptor trap at Lascelles wharf over the next 3 years. The roof replacement project for Lascelles No 2 shed, at a cost of \$1.8 million, would also be undertaken over a 3 year period.

As part of our ongoing safety awareness program the Port engaged Jim Ward who previously worked at ESSO (Longford plant) who was at the centre of the Longford Gas Plant incident, to be the guest speaker at the Ports Conference and to also address port workers groups at the ports Stop for Safety Day held in June, on how the explosion occurred and the valuable lessons learned from the incident and about safety in the workplace.

Some new equipment purchases were made by the Port to improve operations in terms of less product spillage from crane grabs and more fuel efficient loaders.

Introduction of an improved GSP ship management and data flow system for stevedores and Port which will be rolled out to other ports. This will improve the quality and quantity of operational data flows in the ports.

The port has been LTI free since 2005, part of the strategy is to involve all employees in safety observations and reporting of near misses.

A near miss campaign had resulted in 200% more reporting of near miss incidents and included the placement of signs, posters and safety messages on electronic boards with the aim of preventing accidents before they happen.

A Safety, Health, Environmental & Quality plan has been rolled out across port operations enabling each of the businesses to develop their own site safety plans.

Port of Geelong Land Use Strategy

The Geelong PLUS has been finalised and Vicroad's final version of the Geelong Freight Linkages Study and is likely to be released in June 2009.

Trade Opportunities

- Blue Circle Cement is investigating the possible development of a cement facility at Lascelles No 4 Berth. A 3 to 4 year time line is projected for this project.
- In response to an enquiry for a suitable land based marine storage and out loading facility to assist with an offshore construction project the Port is investigating the provision of wharf and quayside land suitable for a large supply base.
- GeelongPort has recently met with a Japanese group interested in the export of clean coal. The clean coal process takes the moisture content out of the coal and reduces the pollutants. The Port will also meet with another company in July wishing to export char from the Latrobe Valley.
- GeelongPort has recently received a number of large industry reports from Government including Marine Emergency Services Review, VTS (Vessel Tracking System) Report and Pilotage Review all of which require a considered response.
- Maersk jack up barge will arrive in May 2009 for a stay of 5 to 6 weeks; their refurbishment program will include the removal and replacement of 3 cranes.
- "Doulos" is due on the 11th of September at Cunningham Pier and will stay for a number of weeks. Security is a problem given the number of passengers on board and the location at Cunningham Pier.

VRCA SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES

VRCA Safety Initiative

VRCA's most significant safety initiative has been the completion of their docking aid at Refinery Pier. The docking aid is located on a pedestal that swings so that it can be used on Berths 3 and 4. The Sea Pilots have complimented VRCA on the docking aid that assists the berthing of large vessels.

VRCA Environmental Initiative

VRCA had undertaken sediment and biological surveys in port waters which showed the area was generally pretty clean in the areas surveyed. There were a couple of spots where arsenic was detected near Corio Quay (arsenic can also occur naturally) and aluminium fluoride at Point Henry. A base line biological survey was conducted to establish a basis for future comparisons.

VRCA Community Updates have taken the following forms during the last 12 months :

- Extensive media campaigns (television, radio and print) around the 'Keep Clear of Big Ships' theme.
- Participation in the 'GeelongPort Community Consultative Committee'.
- Several presentations on the Port of Geelong to Community Organisations such as PROBUS, Lions etc.
- Presentations to various groups, including Business Leaders.
- This comprised presentations as well as use of Harbour Master's launch, George Molland, to view the Port's facilities.
- Presentation of Port Education Programme to 900 secondary school students. This comprised an inter- active audio-visual presentation as well as visit to port facilities on 'George Molland'.
- Regular updates on Port Activities to 'Geelong Channel User Group' of which GeelongPort and Graincorp are members.

GrainCorp

GrainCorp Community Updates have taken the following forms during the last 12 months :

- Participation in the 'GeelongPort Community Consultative Committee'.
- Regular updates on Port Activities to 'Geelong Channel User Group' of which GeelongPort and Graincorp are members.

Safety and Environment Management Plan

- Graincorp have ISO AS/NZS9001 accreditation and have recently had an audit that recommended continuation of their accreditation. Graincorp are also looking at achieving ISO AS/NZS14001 environmental accreditation in the future.