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MARKET SUMMARY

The only market summary we wish to report this week is for everyone to enjoy a break, forget the dramas of the 2020 logistics world, relax, and have a great holiday !

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the whole team at Tomax!



LATEST NEWS

SWEEPERS ARRANGED TO CLEAR CONGESTION

In light of the Port Botany congestion in recent months, ocean shipping lines are now arranging sweeper and extra-loader vessels to Australia “at a high financial cost” to help clear the empty container build-up, according to Shipping Australia.

Shipping Australia released a statement indicating that the willingness of shipping lines to make direct cost expenses and waiving revenue to reduce the empty container backlog, showed the “incredible support” given by ocean carriers to ensure Australia’s supply chain remains functioning.

“If a ship has two thousand imports and is only allowed 2500 exchanges, then only 500 boxes can be exported,” Rod Nairn, Shipping Australia CEO said, “container congestion is inevitable unless additional calls are made just to pick up exports. Our members are paying for extra ships and extra port calls in an effort to alleviate the problem. But this comes at a cost.”



Reference: Sexton, D. (2020). Shipping lines deploy sweepers. Retrieved from https://www.thedcn.com.au/liners-deploy-sweepers/?utm_source=DCN+Daily+Newswire&utm_campaign=3923e57cfa-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_12_18_2020_COPY_552&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_505d67c448-3923e57cfa-143548541 on 23rd December, 2020.



ST. MARY'S FREIGHT HUB TO CEASE CONGESTION

The new St Mary's Freight Hub in western Sydney was warmly welcomed, with its promising potential to ease future congestion.

Stuart Ayres, NSW jobs minister and MP for Penrith, was guest of honour at the sod turning ceremony this week, signalling the commencement of construction.

The new freight hub will enable shipping containers to be hauled by trains from Port Botany to St Marys rather than being transported by thousands of truck trips.

According to Pacific National CEO Dean Dalla Valle, St Marys Freight Hub would shift up to 301000 shipping containers onto rail each year, removing up to 80000 truck trips off Sydney's motorways annually. This aims to reduce congestion, improve road safety and reduce the daily commute time of motorists. People will be able to live and work locally as a result.

"By shifting more freight onto rail between Port Botany and Western Sydney, the number of truck trips on the congested M4 and M5 motorways will be reduced by 8.7 million kilometres each year – that's

equivalent to 23 (one-way) truck trips to the moon," he said, "with Western Sydney's population forecast to grow by another 1.7m people by 2036, freight will be in high demand as will the need for new skilled employment in the region."

Mr. Dalla Valle said the project will play a pivotal role in NSW economic recovery stating, "with the COVID-19 global pandemic creating the most testing employment conditions since the Great Depression, the St Marys Freight Hub will create 60 construction jobs during the peak construction phase and 175 skilled jobs once fully up and running."

Pacific National has joined forces with port logistics operator ACFS which will manage and operate the hub. Arthur Tzaneros, ACFS Port Logistics managing director and CEO, said the St Marys Freight Hub was in a prime location to process large volumes of containerised freight.

"Imported shipping containers will be hauled from Port Botany to St Marys Freight Hub by train and transported to nearby warehouses and distribution centres by truck," Mr. Tzaneros said,

“there are enormous opportunities to unlock the full potential of the Hub with future development of the site to enable unpacking of containers onsite, storage of goods, and then rapid distribution for B2B and e-Commerce. The opportunities are unparalleled in Western Sydney.”

Mr. Tzaneros believes the St Marys Freight Hub to be a game changer for commercial and industrial areas claiming, “the strategically located 43-hectare hub – initially 10-hectares in size – will increase reliability and cost efficiency of freight movements for ACFS customers. It is located outside of Sydney’s road toll zone and will help ensure freight deliveries are not delayed in traffic congestion.”

Reference: Sexton, D. (2020). Western Sydney freight hub set to bust congestion. Retrieved from https://www.thedcn.com.au/construction-starts-on-new-western-sydney-freight-hub/?utm_source=DCN+Daily+Newswire&utm_campaign=39e80d4bce-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_11_30_2020_COPY_548&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_505d67c448-39e80d4bce-143548541 on 22nd December, 2020.





AUSTRALIAN COAL OUTPUT FORECASTED TO DROP

As a result of China's ban on importing Australian coal this week, Australia's coal producers may have to start reducing output. This comes shortly after the Australian government forecasted a sharp fall in coal export revenue this year.

China is the second-biggest buyer of Australia's thermal coal, used in power plants and metallurgical coal, used to make steel. However, Australia's coal exports have been struck by delays at Chinese ports leading to fallen prices amidst growing tensions between the two countries.

"The bottom line for Australian coal producers is lower profitability and the likelihood of production cuts the longer the Chinese restrictions remain in place," says the Australian Department of Industry.

China's top economic planner had granted approval to power plants enabling the import of coal without clearance restrictions, except from Australia, as reported by the Chinese media.

China's foreign ministry spokesman alleged he was unaware of the situation but the competent authority had been adopting related measures on Australian imported goods.

Metallurgical coal export revenue is expected to drop 35% to \$22bn in the year to June 2021 the Department of Industry

reported. The forecast is \$1bn lower than the previous outlook in September due to the slump in prices for Australia's metallurgical coal during the December quarter. Coal volumes are expected to fall around 5%.

"The recovery of Australian metallurgical coal prices will largely depend on Chinese government policy and signals," the department said.

Thermal coal export revenue is forecast to drop 29% to \$15bn, in line with its previous outlook. Volumes are predicted to fall by almost 7% to 199 million tonnes after suffering their largest quarterly fall in the September quarter, states the department.

Nonetheless, the government raised its outlook for total resources and energy exports for the year to June 2021 to \$279bn, upwards 9% from its September outlook, because of the soaring iron ore prices.

Iron ore export revenue is expected to climb to a record high of \$123bn, up by 20% from last year, carried by strong Chinese demand and supply issues in Brazil.

Reference: Wallace, P. (2020). DROP IN AUSTRALIAN COAL OUTPUT FORECAST. Retrieved from [HTTPS://WWW.THEDCN.COM.AU/DROP-IN-AUSTRALIAN-COAL-OUTPUT-FORECAST/?UTM_SOURCE=DCN+DAILY+NEWSWIRE&UTM_CAMPAIGN=AD9BF8B04E-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_12_18_2020_COPY_551&UTM_MEDIUM=EMAIL&UTM_TERM=0_505D67C448-AD9BF8B04E-143548541](https://www.thedcn.com.au/drop-in-australian-coal-output-forecast/?utm_source=DCN+DAILY+NEWSWIRE&utm_campaign=AD9BF8B04E-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_12_18_2020_COPY_551&utm_medium=EMAIL&utm_term=0_505D67C448-AD9BF8B04E-143548541) on 23rd December, 2020.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

WHAT DO YOU DO AT TOMAX?

I assist at the Hoppers Crossing Warehouse sorting out freight and I also do deliveries in South Australia every week.

HOW DO YOU SPEND YOUR WEEKENDS?

On the weekends I mostly relax, do some gardening, repair consoles as a hobby and sometimes draw.

FIRST THING YOU'D BUY IF YOU WON THE LOTTERY?

I'd like to buy a house, nothing too fancy- just functional.

YOUR FAVOURITE CUISINE AND WHY?

I love food! My favorite is Filipino cuisine because they have many tasty dishes. Search up "sinigang" or "adobo"- they both taste really nice!

A FAVOURITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY OF YOURS?

My favourite childhood memory was when I used to hang out with my cousins. It was a much simpler time. No fancy electronic gadgets or phones. We'd catch bugs and play games outside because there wasn't much to do inside, unlike these days, kids are kind of stuck inside.

ANY PLANS THIS CHRISTMAS/ END OF YEAR?

For Christmas Day, I don't have anything planned in particular apart from spending time with family. These holidays, I'll be building a greenhouse and maybe some outdoor furniture. I'll also do some travelling around the state since we can go out now!

MEET KARL BALDONADO



Check out Karl's 10 minute drawings!



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THANK YOU!

The Tomax team would like to extend our sincere gratitude for your continuous support. Please see below our Christmas operating hours across all departments. May you and your family have a happy and safe holiday!

TOMAX CLOSING & REOPENING DATES:

**TOMAX LOGISTICS (includes
Brisbane office)**

Closed only on public holidays

TOMAX TRANSPORT

Closed 25th December 2020
until 4th January 2021

TOMAX WAREHOUSING

Closed 25th December 2020
until 4th January 2021

Merry Christmas



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FRIDAY XMAS FUNNIES

We hope these Christmas themed funny or not-so-funny jokes will get you into the festive spirit as we approach the holiday season!

What do the elves
cook with in the
kitchen? Utinsels!

What do snowmen
have for breakfast?
Snowflakes!

Who is Rudolph's
favourite pop star?
Beyon-sleigh!



How do snowmen
get around?
They ride an icicle!

What do Santa's little
helpers learn at school?
The elf-abet!

What do angry mice
send to each other
at Christmas?
Cross-mouse cards!

The difference
between Santa
Clause and a
knight? One slays
a dragon, the other
drags a sleigh!

How do you know when
Santa is around?
You can always
sense his presents.

What do you get if
you cross Santa with
a detective?
Santa Clues!