





Message from the CEO (cont'd)

Clearly from a port perspective the Outer Harbor proposal provides a preferable solution that meets the needs of the South Australian grain industry, provides for other importers and exporters operating in the Outer Harbor, provides for the future of the Port of Adelaide and improves the area for local residents.

- On a lighter note, we welcome the announcement this month by Tourism Minister Jane Lomax-Smith of government part-funding for the upgrade of the Passenger terminal at Outer Harbor.

The development of the passenger terminal will serve to enhance the welcoming experience for an increasing number of cruise ship passengers visiting the State.

- This month, Flinders Ports Board members were involved in a tour of the regional ports. Touring the ports of Thevenard and Lincoln on the first day, and ports Giles, Klein Point and Wallaroo on day 2 proved to be a tight but rewarding schedule.



**Regional Ports tour  
Flinders Ports Board members**  
Left to Right:  
Peter Robertson - *Adsteam Marine*  
John Rickus (Chairman) - *MTAA*  
Vincent Tremaine - *(CEO) Flinders Ports*  
John Wood - *Egis Projects*  
Alan Stringfellow - *Egis Projects*  
Guillaume Rico - *Galaxy S.a.r.l*

- Finally, congratulations go to staff members Darcy Buttfield (Construction and Maintenance Supervisor) and Dennis Williamson (Coxswain Port Adelaide) who both celebrate 40 years of service this year with the South Australian ports organisation.



**Vincent Tremaine**  
Chief Executive Officer

## Upgraded Passenger Terminal to Benefit Tourism

***With Adelaide increasingly becoming a destination of choice with major cruise line operators, an injection of \$60,000 to assist an infrastructure upgrade to the Outer Harbor Passenger Terminal has been announced by the Government to provide a more professional welcome to the State.***

"South Australia is attracting an increasing number of cruise liners and it is important that we offer a warm welcome for these visitors," Tourism Minister Jane Lomax-Smith said.

More than 5500 cruise line passengers and 3000 crew visited the State in the 2001/2002 season.

"Many of these visitors travel out into Adelaide and around the State for day trips during their stay, injecting significant export dollars into the regional communities," said Minister Lomax-Smith.



Flinders Ports will contribute \$115,000 in refurbishment works which will ensure direct gangway access from the cruise ships to the terminal, upgraded fire sprinklers and firewalls, installation of new windows in the terminal area and escalator improvements.

A listing of cruise ships scheduled to visit South Australia in 2002/2003 can be found on the Flinders Ports website under the Shipping Services section at [www.flindersports.com.au](http://www.flindersports.com.au)

## New Website provides fast access to Key Information

***Following a process of redevelopment announced in the previous edition of the Flinders RePort, the new improved Flinders Ports website can now be accessed at [www.flindersports.com.au](http://www.flindersports.com.au)***

Visit the site to check out the latest scheduled vessel arrivals and departures, lodge an application for use of port facilities, source information about facilities and services provided, access shipping statistics, read all about the latest news from the Port and.....Let us know what you think!

Feedback can be provided to;  
[webmaster@flindersports.com.au](mailto:webmaster@flindersports.com.au)



## South Australia-leading the 'Cool Revolution'

**South Australia is at the forefront of Cold Chain export systems development, underpinned by smart training, partnerships, networking and applied technology.**

**The South Australian Freight Council, of which Flinders Ports and Shipping Australia are members, has been a key force behind producing vital information on temperature, product handling and operational aspects of the Cold Chain Logistics system. The Council's work was recognised in November 2001 with second place at the National Transport Outcomes Awards. This issue, Transport SA reports on some of the initiatives currently underway.**

Maintaining the integrity of the cold chain during the transport event is a critical success factor for South Australia. Food exports are a vital part of the State Food Plan that is committed to increasing SA's food value from \$5.5 billion to \$15 billion by 2010.

Transport SA is a key partner at a state, national and international level in making this happen, and has had a specific focus on the Cold Chain in the past few years.

Maintaining cold chain integrity is described as a logistical nightmare because of the plethora of people involved - up to 23 players involved in 39 movements!

To be successful in cold chain logistics requires;

- Good Information
- Skill Proficiency
- Seamless Systems
- Excellent communications
- Total commitment.

In response to food industry demands to further improve their Cold Chain skills, Food South Australia, Transport SA and the Douglas Mawson Institute of Technology developed a focussed Food Export Logistics training course, covering all topics from paddock to plate.

Nationally, South Australia has been a driving force behind the development of an Australian Quality Logistics system through the Integrated Logistics Network. This initiative melds current codes of practice and quality assurance programs into a coherent and flexible system. Studies show the system can reduce shrinkage for supermarkets by 5%.

Worldwide there is recognition of the importance of good cold chain management as a key to export success. SA Government agencies and the SA Freight Council held a successful Cold Chain Conference in May 2001, and continues to spread the word at other conferences interstate and overseas.

New technology is also being used for SA's cold chain exports with reefers to Asia being tracked by GPS systems and real time temperature and atmosphere information monitoring assuring excellent outcomes. Of course using the highly efficient Port of Adelaide is a good start to get the goods on their way!

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## ABB posts record Grain Shipment

**Australia's largest barley exporter, ABB Grain Ltd (ABB), completed shipping a record of more than one million tonnes of barley from the 2001/02 harvest to Saudi Arabia.**

The final cargo of last season's harvest left Port Giles aboard the vessel 'Navarino' in September, loaded with just over 55,000 tonnes of barley. Representing the largest single shipment of grain out of Port Adelaide, the Navarino was loaded with 43,325 tonnes of barley before topping up in Port Giles with an additional 11,800 tonnes and sailing to Saudi Arabia. The bulk grain is subsequently on-sold to the Bedouin who feed the barley to their livestock.

"The Navarino shipment completes our sales to Saudi Arabia of barley reaped in the last harvest and the total exported to Saudi Arabia for the 2001/02 season is a record at almost 1.1 million tonnes" said ABB Managing Director, Mr Iwaniw.

"This emphasises Saudi Arabia's place as the world's largest importer of barley and an extremely important customer for ABB."

The previous record of 42,500 tonnes of barley from Port Adelaide was achieved in August aboard the vessel Lancelot.



## Adelaide Brighton on the move in South Australian ports

***As one of South Australia's major bulk exporters, Adelaide Brighton Limited has become a fixture on the Port landscape. This edition, we profile the organisation that commenced its operations in the State in 1882.***

When you ship more than 3 million tonnes of raw material and bulk product through a single port in just one year, modern and efficient port facilities are your lifeline.

Adelaide Brighton Limited - Australia's major producer of cement - uses two of the seven South Australian ports managed by Flinders Ports. Adelaide Brighton bulk cargo constitutes almost 25 % of the 13 million tonnes of bulk cargo that pass through all South Australian ports each year.

The main port for Adelaide Brighton is Birkenhead, immediately adjacent to one of Australia's major cement factories. The Birkenhead plant produces clinker (the first stage in cement production) and finished cement powder, produced from grinding the clinker.

From the Birkenhead bulk cement and clinker loading facilities, Adelaide Brighton supplies customers in Victoria, Queensland and in the not too distant future to customers in NSW. Each month, three bulk cement carrier vessels load at Birkenhead for the voyage east.

The CSL Pacific and the CSL Stadacona ship more than 900,000 tonnes a year out of Birkenhead. That amounts to 75 percent of Birkenhead's annual production.



On top of that, off-white clinker from Adelaide Brighton's Angaston plant in the Barossa Valley and gypsum mined at Blanchetown is trucked to Birkenhead for sea shipment.

Besides finished product, Adelaide Brighton ships about 2 million tonnes of raw materials - namely limestone, a key ingredient in cement production - through Birkenhead each year. The limestone is mined on Yorke Peninsula and loaded at another Flinders Port facility, the purpose-built Klein Point on south-eastern Yorke Peninsula.



The purpose-built, LPG-fuelled ship Accolade carries the limestone.

Adelaide Brighton's shipping requirements at Birkenhead and Klein Point are growing and are increasingly important to the company.

## Staff celebrate 40 years at the Port

***Congratulations go to staff members Darcy Buttfield (Construction & Maintenance Supervisor) and Dennis Williamson (Port Adelaide Coxswain) on their fortieth years of service respectively with the South Australian ports organisation.***

As Flinders Ports longest serving staff member Darcy Buttfield commenced with the former SA Harbors Board in October 1962 at the age of eighteen. Darcy precedes Dennis Williamson, who started six weeks after in December as a fresh-faced fourteen year old.

With a workforce of 1,120 employees in 1962, the Harbors Board was then responsible for thirty State-owned Ports and for the maintenance of forty five jetties for fishing and recreation purposes.

Darcy has been involved in every major construction project undertaken at Port Adelaide, commencing work as a base grade labourer on the construction of the 27 berth bulk-handling facility. With experience in labouring, plant operation and diving Darcy was promoted to supervisor in 1970.

*"After 40 years, I still enjoy my job and the challenge of working in the port," says Darcy.*

Commencing as a deckhand on the pilot launches, Dennis obtained his Master 5 coxswain qualifications in the mid 70's and has since been a coxswain located in Port Adelaide.

Dennis leads a team of highly experienced coxswains with a combined total of 161 years of service - the baby of the team contributing a mere 26 years service.

Darcy and Dennis have been very much a part of the evolution of the port authority, from government department to government enterprise, and through to privatisation.

Congratulations Boys.



## Pasminco wins Export Award

***Congratulations go to Pasminco Port Pirie Pty Ltd on their winning of the Minerals & Energy Award sponsored by Flinders Ports at the 2002 Business SA Export Awards.***

Held at the Adelaide Convention Centre on 20th September, the Awards presentation was opened by the Hon. Paul Holloway, Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries and Minister for Mineral Resources Development.

Other Award winners included;

### **Agribusiness Award**

- *Dover Fisheries*

### **Education Adelaide Education Award**

- *Flinders University*

### **United Water Emerging Exporter Award**

- *Newsworthy Pty Ltd (Surcare Australia)*

### **Playford Capital Information and**

### **Communications Technology**

- *Agrilink Holdings Pty Ltd*

### **EFIC Large Advanced Manufacturer Award**

- *Schefenacher Vision Systems Australia Pty Ltd*

### **Channel 7 Services Award**

- *Tenix LADS Corporation*

### **AusIndustry Small to Medium**

### **Manufacturer Award**

- *Bordex Wine Racks*

### **Austrade Regional Exporter of the Year Award**

- *Angove's Pty Ltd*

### **Premier of South Australia Award for Excellence in Exporting**

- *Two Dogs International Pty Ltd*



Left to Right:  
Vincent Tremaine - CEO Flinders Ports  
Chris McQuade - Manager Business Support Pasminco Pt Pirie  
Dr Patricia Crook - President Business SA

## Wine Export Facility moves to the Port

***In yet another example of the wine industry consolidating its export activities at the Port of Adelaide, Flinders Ports welcomes the relocation of Vintners Australia to the Port.***

Formed as a subsidiary of the newly merged McGuigan Simeon Group, Vintners Australia are responsible for the packaging and fulfilment of the company's bulk and bottled export orders.

Vintners Australia are currently responsible for the Simeon Buronga Hill, Loxton and Yaldara products, which will be followed by the McGuigan branded products in the future.

The move by Vintners underlines the general industry support for the development of Port Adelaide as the preferred port for the export of wine in Australia. Industry confidence will greatly assist efforts to attract direct liner shipping services to the State.

## CSX introduces new Container Depot

***In early September, CSX World Terminals Adelaide opened their new empty container depot, situated within its Outer Harbor Terminal.***

The depot has the capacity to handle up to 3,000 TEU's and offers a full range of services including reefer pre-trip, container steam cleans, AQIS inspections, food quality upgrades, and a full maintenance and repair service.

"CSX view the addition of the depot as a 'value added' feature to our extensive range of services," said Sharon Coulson, Depot Manager.

"This will streamline the process for transport operators dropping off export containers and give them the option to pick up an empty container at the same time".

The depot also has the added advantage of rail access within the CSX terminal which will enable empty units to be positioned into and out of the depot in a cost effective manner.

It is CSX's intention to operate this in conjunction with their Navis Express System which incorporates a Vehicle Booking System (VBS) expected to come on stream in the near future.

For further information in regards to the CSX Container Depot contact Sharon Coulson  
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Depot Manager, Sharon Coulson at the new CSX Container Depot