

Media release

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TRADE CONTINUES TO GROW AT PORT OF MELBOURNE

Total trade in revenue tonnes through the Port of Melbourne for April 2018 ended 5.6% above April last year and 8.9% up for the financial year to date.

Total container throughput (full + empty) for April totalled 226,867 TEU which was 3.0% above April 2017 and up 8.4% for the financial year to date. Total container imports for the month were up 1.7% while total exports increased 4.3%.

Container Throughput: (TEU)

Trade	April		Financial Year to Date	
	2018	Change on 2017	2018	Change on 2017
Full Imports	103,170	+ 1.4%	1,117,237	+ 7.5%
Full Exports	77,575	+ 1.5%	804,678	+ 9.6%
Empties	46,122	+ 9.3%	503,703	+ 8.8%
Total	226,867	+ 3.0%	2,425,618	+ 8.4%

Motor vehicle trade increased for the fourth consecutive month with a 21.4% increase over April 2017 to be up 9.4% for the financial year to date. All of the monthly gains came from the import sector with overseas imports of new passenger vehicles up 26.6% and imports of transport equipment (commercial vehicles) up 29.9%.

After three months of decline, liquid bulk trade returned a 21.6% increase over April 2017 to be up 1.0% on a year to date basis. Imports of crude oil and petroleum products were the main commodities responsible for the monthly increase, with gains of 13.5% (+23,700 tonnes) and 40.0% (+79,600 tonnes) respectively.

Other breakbulk cargoes continued to perform strongly, increasing 72.9% over April to be up 28.8% for the financial year to date. The majority of the monthly increase can be attributed to imports of non-electrical machinery, iron & steel and metal manufactures.

Non-Containerised Trade: Revenue Tonnes

Trade	April		Financial Year to Date	
	2018	Change on 2017	2018	Change on 2017
Motor Vehicles	604,875	+ 21.4%	6,102,590	+ 9.4%
Liquid Bulk	556,654	+ 21.6%	5,197,016	+ 1.0%
Dry Bulk	420,431	- 4.6%	4,219,942	+ 12.2%
Breakbulk	84,432	+ 72.9%	864,767	+ 28.8%
Other	251,137	+ 15.0%	2,553,329	+ 35.1%
Total	1,917,529	+ 15.2%	18,937,644	+ 11.1%

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