

# AAT Update



Australian Amalgamated Terminals

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Welcome to another edition of the AAT client newsletter. Well the year has certainly started at a cracking pace with plenty of progress across the major works we've been undertaking at Fisherman Islands, Webb Dock West and our new Port Kembla facility. All have gone ahead in leaps and bounds. I'm pleased to say that late in December we were able to deliver the final stage of the Fisherman Islands project with the completion of the new linkspan – increasing our undercover storage there to some 16,000m<sup>2</sup>. As you'll also see, construction is well advanced on the expansion of Webb Dock West to increase the open yard capacity by another 550 car slots and also provide an additional 2 hectares of shade mesh for export vehicles. The biggest transformation though is occurring at Port Kembla where buildings are arriving on the site at a great pace, the first stage of the paving works are almost complete, and the new 15,000m<sup>2</sup> cargo shed is rapidly taking shape. We remain on schedule for a mid-May opening of the Port Kembla facility with the first general cargo/containers due to be handled at the site in June. The first cars are due to arrive in late September/early October prior to the full transfer of the Glebe Island operations by late 2008. As you can see there is a great deal going on and a number of important improvements to our facilities which I hope will help improve everyone's operations. We're also busily rebuilding our website ([www.aat.auz.biz](http://www.aat.auz.biz)) so we can provide you with more detailed and up-to-date information on our facilities, services and latest news. In the meantime, if you need any further information, please send us an email or feel free to give us a ring – **Dean Wells**, Chief Executive officer, AAT

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## PORT KEMBLA TAKES SHAPE .....



The steel supports for the 15,000m<sup>2</sup> cargo shed begin rising out of the Port Kembla site



The framework structure well advanced last week

## KEY DATES FOR PORT KEMBLA

- Mid-May 2007** – official opening of facility
- June 2007** – facility available for transfer of general cargo/containers from Darling Harbour
- Sept/Oct 2007** – facility available for transfer of WWL vessels from Darling Harbour
- Sept/Oct 2008** – facilities available for transfer of Glebe Island clients

The \$140m redevelopment of Port Kembla is approaching its first major milestone with construction works on schedule for the official opening of the Stage 1 general cargo/container operations in mid-May.

Recent weeks have seen rapid progress on the laying of the first 40,000m<sup>2</sup> of pavement and the erection of the 15,000m<sup>2</sup> cargo shed to cater for the general cargo/container operations which are due to begin transferring from Darling Harbour in June.

Chief Executive Officer of AAT, Dean Wells, said he was pleased with the way the site was developing given the size and complexity of the project.

"The ground works have been underway for many months now preparing the foundations for the new terminal but in recent weeks things have really started to move rapidly ... each day another piece of the jigsaw is falling into place," he said.

Port Kembla Port Corporation is well underway with their construction of the new Berth 107 after recently awarding the dredging contract for this berth. The demolition of the old RoRo ramp at Berth 103 has also commenced and is going ahead in earnest.

## Webb Dock gears up for expanded services

Webb Dock Automotive Terminal is close to finalizing major building works to handle increased car import and export trade at the expanded facility from next month.

Construction began last October on transforming land adjacent to the existing facility into an expanded car lay-down area catering for an extra 550 vehicles as well as the erection of an extra 2 hectares of shadecloth area.

The additional paved Import area will increase the capacity of the laydown area to 2,300 vehicles at any one time – enabling the terminal to handle additional vessels each week and streamline PDI processes for car importers.

The expanded Export area under shadecloth will accommodate an additional 1000 vehicles which will see a total of 3,400 Toyota vehicles able to be held prior to export if required.

With Toyota's export business expected to reach up to 90,000 units for 2007, the new facilities will ensure the vehicles are properly protected from the elements and are exported in pristine condition.

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**BEFORE—the development site in October 2006**



**AFTER—the new Webb Dock West car laydown area in late February 2007**

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