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Port Kembla trade booming

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Port Kembla has had record growth with total trade volumes at 27,309,000 tonnes, the highest since 1993/94.

“This record volume equates to an increase of 7.4 per cent or 1.87 million tonnes over last year’s results,” Ports and Waterways Minister Joe Tripodi said.

“The result is significant given that due to the drought there have been no grain exports through the port during the year.

“While the drought continues to affect Australia’s eastern states, the grain trade accounted for only 80,000 tonnes of imports.

“Almost all other areas of the ports business saw growth with imports up by 1 million tonnes and exports up by 0.87 million tonnes.”

Contributing to this record were:

- Iron and steel products up 0.5 million tonnes
- Coal and coke exports up 1 million tonnes.

“Port Kembla also got a taste of things to come with the start of relocation of the state’s car import business,” Mr Tripodi said.

“New trade transfers from Sydney have seen 60 car carrying vessels call at Port Kembla which equates to \$60 million flowing into the regional economy.

“The major port expansion project that is currently underway has had a significant part to play in achieving this result and it will be a major contributor to the future growth of the region.”

The port’s previous record of 26,783,000 tonnes was set in 1993/94.

Wollongong MP Noreen Hay said that with a major increase in the diversity of cargo being handled by the port she is expecting things to get even better for the region.

“With continued growth through all the ports, Port Kembla Port will benefit and this will have a flow on affect to all areas of the community,” Ms Hay said.

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