

# Media Release

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## Container exhibition officially launched

Narrabri Shire Council has officially launched the 'Container – The box that changed the world' on the exhibition site behind the Visitor Information Centre.

Container is a travelling exhibit that has been created by the Australian National Maritime Museum to demonstrate the importance and impact shipping containers have on the transportation of goods.

Deputy Mayor Robert Kneale officiated the event with Mayor Cathy Redding officially opening the exhibit in front of many distinguished guests.

Mayor Redding said, "This exhibition is particularly timely to our Shire, for three main reasons including our containerised commodities, our future Industrial and Logistics Hub and the Inland Rail Project."

"Although we are currently in a drought, on average, the container packaging businesses of the Narrabri Shire handle between 35,000 and 50,000, 20 foot shipping containers every year."

"With the added benefit of inland rail becoming a reality, Narrabri Region has never been more accessible for packing and exporting its product."

"Thank you to the Australian National Maritime Museum who selected Narrabri Shire Council to showcase this fantastic exhibition."

CEO of NSW Ports Marika Calfas spoke to the crowd about the exhibit and the important role logistics plays in our modern society.

Marika highlighted Container is a two year travelling exhibition that started in Darling Harbour and has since visited Wollongong, Wagga Wagga and now Narrabri.

Australian National Maritime Museum Head of Interpretation and Design Alexandra Gaffikin provided insight into how containers have changed the way we share, produce and consume goods and the significance of each of the six containers that are on display.

The exhibition is currently on display on the lawns behind The Visitor Information Centre, Tibbereena Street, Narrabri from 17 May until 28 July 2019. The exhibition will be open weekdays from 9am to 3pm.

For further information please contact Narrabri Shire Council's Community Development Officer on 02 6799 6866.

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