

## MEDIA RELEASE

# Shipping industry's major players combine to support Australian National Maritime Museum's major new *Container* exhibition

*Container – the box that changed the world – opens 26 October 2017*

The Australian National Maritime Museum is delighted to announce that the major players in Australia's shipping and transport industry have joined together to support the development of an exciting new exhibition exploring the history and impact of containerization and the way the humble container has revolutionized the way we live.

Opening in late October, *Container* will be a free, outdoor interactive exhibition housed entirely within six 20-foot shipping containers. It will explore the fascinating history, contemporary impact and future outlook for this most ordinary of objects. These will include shipping, ports, cargo, the role of shipping in our daily lives, the origins of everyday objects and even container architecture.

The exhibition has been embraced by the shipping industry with a large number of its key organisations coming on board to provide essential support to tell this important story.

**Major sponsor** is **NSW Ports** who has played a key role in the development of the exhibition.

**Sponsors** are **ACFS Port Logistics, Maritime Container Services, DP World Australia** and **Smit Lamnalco**

**Supporters** are **Transport for NSW, Shipping Australia** and **TT Club**

**Containers** supplied by **Royal Wolf**

**Precinct Partner** is **Property NSW**

Peter Dexter AM, Chairman of the Australian National Maritime Museum said, "The Australian National Maritime Museum has a mandate to share significant stories, both ancient and contemporary, from Australia's maritime history and that of the shipping industry, and in particular the container, is one that we are excited to be telling in this innovative way. The response from the industry has been exceptional and we are thrilled to have so many major businesses come together to make this exhibition happen. Our sincere thanks goes to all our supporters and in particular NSW Ports who have been instrumental in this project."

Marika Calfas, CEO NSW Ports said, "As the custodian of Port Botany and Port Kembla, import and export gateways handling people's valued goods, we are delighted to be able to partner with industry and the Australian National Maritime Museum to bring this exhibition to life."

*Container* opens at the Australian National Maritime Museum, Darling Harbour on 26 October and is FREE. It will run until late 2018 before touring locations across NSW and potentially nationally. For further information visit [www.anmm.gov.au/container](http://www.anmm.gov.au/container)

Further sponsorship opportunities are available, to enquire call the ANMM Sponsorship Team on 02 82418312.

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