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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CHAMBER?

On Wednesday 16 July the Swire Shipping vessel 'Shuntien' arrived at the Bell Bay port for its monthly call. The Swire multi-purpose international service to Asia was introduced by Bell Bay Aluminium and Swire Shipping to Bell Bay in April 2013 at a time when additional freight costs were impacting on the smelter's viability following the withdrawal of the inter-



national container service direct from Bell Bay in May 2011. The monthly service from Swire provides the smelter with vessels capable of carrying both break-bulk and containers from the Bell Bay port to various locations in Asia

The 'Shuntien', a new S-Class vessel was introduced to this service in early 2014. To welcome the new ship into port, Swire Shipping and Bell Bay Aluminium hosted a lunchtime function on the ship for a small group of guests, including employees, key suppliers and community stakeholders.

'Shuntien' Facts

- 31,000MT MPP Vessel
- 2114 teu container capacity couple with a 700 teu on deck capacity
- Flexible towage, accepting cargo up to 32 meters length underdeck and up to 8M in height, on cargo deck acceptance up to 70 meters
- 120M lifting capacity & Reefer plugs to accommodate 147 teus
- Increased speed capabilities and fuel efficiencies
- Key cargo types-Project Cargo, General Break-bulk and Containers
- Ventilation in all holds with 6 air exchanges per hour





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President's Report:

It's now officially half way through winter, so only (technically) a month and half to go and we hope all businesses are faring well with these short and cold days. I'm sure everyone will agree that this year is following similar trends to years past with everyone opting to stay inside next to their warm fires. We are not alone though with lots of reports coming through about Devonport mall being "dead" and Launceston is also having its fair share of quiet trading days.

NBN installation is steaming ahead and I hope that everyone is reaping the benefits or high speed, reliable internet. We have not had any negative reports from business since the changeover date, so I'm guessing things have been going smoothly. I have noticed a number of new contractors around, so it seems NBN Co. have really stepped up their game and are trying to get all businesses online asap. There still seems to be some issues with installation in multiple dwelling complexes and installs deemed to be "too hard" are just being pushed back. Don't forget to send us your story if you have had a bad experience with your installation. We would also love to hear from you if you have a positive story about how the NBN is allowing you to make innovative changes to your business. Good news stories are always great to feature in our Newsletters and also for the purposes of answering questions from the media.

So the next big thing on the cards for the Chamber is the 2014 George Town Chamber of Commerce, Bell Bay Aluminium Business Excellence Awards. Terri has been madly racing around trying to engage businesses to complete submissions for the Innovation Award and the Small Business Award and voting is also open for the people's choice award categories. Don't forget to engage your customers and get them to put in a vote for your business. This year we have introduced an online voting form. A great idea, if you have a laptop or a ipad, is to have it on your counter and ask your customers to take 2 minutes to quickly enter in an online vote for you whilst you are processing their transaction. The link is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WTRPFHV>; and is being circulated around face-book through the George Town (Tasmania) face-book page. A number of businesses are also sharing the link on their page prompting their likers to vote for them. 2 businesses in particular have picked up quite a few votes from this stream, so it is definitely a great way to engage your customers in the digital realm.

The awards will be presented again at Peppers York Cove on Friday the 15th August from 6pm. This year we have special guests the Bell Bouys who will be entertaining you all night long our guest speaker is Michael Bailey, CEO of the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Michael will shed some light on the future of business in Tasmania and what benefits we should soon start to see from having a majority Liberal government. Michael is a wealth of knowledge and is our direct link to the state government so it's great that he has agreed to come along and share some of his wisdom and spend the night networking with local business owners and managers. This year the awards night will also be open to ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, not just limited to businesses and their employees. This means that all your loyal voters and customers can come and join in the celebration of your success

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What has our Vice President been up to?.....

"Josie and I travelled to the UK for a 10 week holiday from 26/4 to 29/6 as part of my Long Service Leave.

We initially spent 4 days in London and then hired a motorhome for 7 weeks. During that time we toured around England, Wales, Ireland and Scotland and by the time we returned back to London we had travelled 5116 kilometres. We then finished the tour with a further 4 days in London, then on to Dubai for 5 days and then finally home to Launceston.

We visited such iconic places as the Westminster Abbey, Windsor Castle, The Tower of London, Buckingham Palace, White Cliffs of Dover, as well as visiting many towns along the way such as Canterbury, Portsmouth, Salisbury, Bath, Chester, York, Cardiff, Liverpool and Edinburgh.

We visited the majestic Lake District, walked amongst the mountains of Snowdonia and the Brecon Beacons in Wales as well as the mountains in Scotland. We also kayaked in many of these places.

We met a host of interesting local people who were only too willing to help out when we got into a bind and gives us tips on great places to visit/eat."

It goes without saying that Mark is having major problems settling back into his normal working life after returning from his first over-seas trip!! It's good to have you back Mark!

Chamber Executive Meeting:

The Chamber Executive Meeting, scheduled to take place on 8/7, has been rescheduled for Tuesday 29/7 @ 4:30pm—Pepper's York Cove.

Any-one interested is more than welcome to attend

