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Seafarers to benefit from corporate donation

Ports Minister Joe Tripodi today presented a cheque for \$4,500 to Reverend Ian Porter of the Mission to Seafarers on behalf of Sydney Ports Corporation.

The presentation took place at Parliament House as part of the annual Shipping Australia Luncheon. Mission to Seafarers is a world-wide agency caring for seafarers of all nationalities.

It is actively involved in service to the seafaring community including seafarers' justice and welfare issues. They operate Seafarers' Centres in each port offering services such as telephones, postal services, a small shop, leisure facilities and local information.

"As port managers and operators we tend to focus on providing services for ships, trucks and trains. However it is the seafarers and other port workers who ensure that the system works" Mr Tripodi said.

"Sydney Ports Corporation has been donating to the Mission for over 9 years, and the sum of \$4,500 will go a long way towards ensuring that seafarers visiting the ports of Sydney are well looked after," he said.

"I congratulate the Mission to Seafarers on their devotion to the port community and wish them well for their future," Mr Tripodi said.

Minister Tripodi updated attendees on the Government's progress in meeting its commitments on freight in New South Wales, including:

- Resuming the development application for the Intermodal Terminal at Enfield
- Completing stage one of the \$140m expansion of Port Kembla
- Starting the final stage of the tender process for the expansion of Port Botany

"Trade is booming in New South Wales, with container trade up 12.6 per cent on last financial year"

"The NSW Government is making the tough decisions to deliver port and freight infrastructure needed to drive the economy."