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PrixCar's first cars arrive

In late February PrixCar's first cars were driven from the AAT wharves, over the flyover bridge and into its new state-of-the-art pre-delivery inspection facility at the Whimbrel Street car precinct.

The Wallenius Wilhelmsen vessel, *Don Quijote*, delivered the 200 luxury vehicles, which were the first to be processed at the PrixCar facility. Capable of storing 6,500 cars, the facility can process more than 200 cars per day and features a range of sustainable design features.

PrixCar has been gradually relocating vehicles from Hamilton to its new facility since early February, with complete relocation scheduled for the end of May.



Left: Inside the processing area. Right: PrixCar staff transporting the cars.

New trailers give Chalmers a boost



One of the new Super B-doubles.

The Chalmers fleet has recently grown with the purchase of a new Heavy Super B-double and a Light Super B-double, specially designed by O'Phee Trailers.

O'Phee designs customised trailer combinations for Chalmers, all of which are unique in design and productivity benefits. The Heavy Super B-double combinations are 30 metres long, have an overall gross loading of 109 tonnes, and can carry either four 20-foot loaded containers, two 40-foot

loaded containers, or a combination of different sizes. They have several special features, including suspension with a 13-tonne rating per axle, electronic weigh scales, automatic front 'LIFT' axle kits, and steer axles on both trailers.

The Light Super B-double combinations are designed for the efficient transportation of empty and light containers. The lightweight B-double tandem axle/tandem axle skeletal combination can operate outside the port at 25 metres in length. Around the port, it can extend to maximum length, allowing it to carry two 40-foot empty containers or four 20-foot empty containers. This combination is also fitted with a rear steer axle.

Chalmers says these new concepts have helped it increase productivity and the versatility of its trailing equipment. O'Phee Trailers, a Rocklea company, has now been supplying Chalmers with semi trailer equipment for three years.

Kareela arrives at Adsteam

Adsteam Marine Brisbane has just boosted its fleet with the addition of the launch boat *Kareela*. The *Kareela* is 15 metres in length and, although it isn't a new boat, it is new to Brisbane, and is ideally suited to outside work, ferry and supply runs, and pilot transfers. The *Kareela* was previously working with Adsteam offshore in Western Australia.

The Brisbane fleet now includes five tugs, one tug/barge, two bay boats and four lines launches. Adsteam operates in 42 ports across Australia, Papua New Guinea, Fiji and New Zealand, and is a leading provider of towing and related services in the region.



The Kareela.

Last straddles head south

Following the official opening of Patrick's Brisbane AutoStrad@ Terminal, the last remnants of the terminal's manual days were recently shipped away.

11 manual straddle carriers were loaded onto the *Santa Fiorenza* for transportation to their new home at East Swanson Dock in Melbourne. The operation, a rare sight to see in Brisbane, involved a huge amount of securing work by local and interstate shipwrights, using miles of chains.

Patrick employees performed the stevedoring, using the Gottwald mobile harbour luffing crane to perform the lifts. The operation was a great success, and the straddles are now hard at work in Melbourne.



The Santa Fiorenza with the straddles loaded on board.

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