

11.8 VICTORIA

1. Victoria (VIC) has four modern and efficient trading ports and a number of non-trading regional ports. Three port authorities administer the commercial ports. The Port of Melbourne is operated by a private consortium, while navigation is managed by Ports Victoria. The ports of Westernport (Hastings) and Geelong are operated by private companies, with navigational oversight by Ports Victoria (formally Victorian Regional Channels Authority) and the port of Portland is managed by another private company. The port authorities have their own websites detailed in the Port Details Table on page 230.

11.8.1 PORTS VICTORIA

1. Ports Victoria formed on 1 July 2021 is the successor organisation to Victorian Ports Corporation (Melbourne), which was established following the lease of the port of Melbourne's commercial operations effective 1 November 2016.
2. Ports Victoria is a public entity established under section 10 of the *Port Services Act 1995* (Vic) and continued under section 141B of the *Transport Integration Act 2010* (Vic).
3. Ports Victoria retains responsibility for the Harbour Master, Station Pier, relevant safety and environmental regulation, waterside emergency management and marine pollution response.
4. All shipping movement within port waters is governed by the requirements of Harbour Master's Directions and is controlled by the Harbour Master through Melbourne VTS (located at the Port Operations Control Centre, Fishermans Bend) and Lonsdale VTS.

11.8.2 VICTORIAN REGIONAL CHANNELS AUTHORITY

1. The Victorian Regional Channels Authority (VRCA) is responsible for the management of the channels and in port waters at the Victorian regional ports:

- Port of Geelong
- Port of Hastings
- Port of Portland



11.8.3 VESSEL OPERATIONS

Ports Victoria

1. Ports Victoria (formerly Victorian Ports Corporation Melbourne) operates a 24 hour VTS covering the declared VTS area. The services provided include traffic organisation and information service designed to improve the safe and efficient movement of shipping in port waters. Melbourne VTS based at the Port Operations Control Centre is also an ordering point for all shipping services required for berthing and departure, including berth allocation and the ordering of tugs, linesmen, lines boats and pilots.
2. The master and owner of a vessel are responsible for complying with Harbour Master's Directions which are published with the Port Information Guide on the website.

Website:	www.vicports.vic.gov.au
Harbour Control Telephone:	+61 3 9644 9700

Port of Geelong

3. Ports Victoria operates a 24 hour marine control service at Geelong to ensure the safe and efficient movement of shipping in the port waters of VRCA.
4. The master and owner of a vessel are responsible for complying with instructions as published in the Port Waters of Geelong Operating Handbook. The publication is available by post on request, or can be viewed at the VRCA website.

Website:	www.regionalchannels.vic.gov.au
Harbour Control Telephone:	+61 3 5247 0300

11.8.4 MARITIME INFORMATION

1. Marine Safety Victoria publishes information, including Marine Notices for Victorian State waters, on their website.

Website:	www.marinesafety.vic.gov.au
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Melbourne, VIC (37° 49'S, 144° 55'E)	
UN/LOCODE: AU MEL	
Paper charts:	Aus 143, 155
AusENC cells:	AU5MEL01, AU438144, AU438145
Security Regulated Port:	Yes
Port Authority:	Ports Victoria
Website:	www.vicports.vic.gov.au
Email:	NavigationServices@vicports.vic.gov.au
Telephone:	+61 3 9644 9758
Vessel Traffic Service	
Melbourne VTS call:	Melbourne VTS
Telephone:	+61 3 9644 9700
Email:	melbournevts@vicports.vic.gov.au
Lonsdale VTS call:	Lonsdale VTS
Telephone:	+61 3 5258 3500
Email:	lonsdalevts@vicports.vic.gov.au
Pilotage:	Compulsory
Pilot:	Port Phillip Sea Pilots
Telephone:	+61 3 5258 1400
Fax:	+61 3 5272 1560
Email:	operations@ppsp.com.au
Ordering:	24 hours
Pilot:	Australian Pilotage Group
Telephone:	+61 436 033 763
Email:	dutypilot@apgpilots.com.au
Pilot Boarding Ground:	38° 21.30'S, 144° 32.37'E
Communication:	"Melbourne VTS" or "Lonsdale VTS"
Call up, emergencies:	VHF Ch 12
Port Operations:	VHF Ch 12
Pilots:	VHF Ch 09, 10
Tugs:	VHF Ch 02, 06, 13, 19
Safety:	VHF Ch 67
Small craft:	VHF Ch 74
For more information:	www.vicports.vic.gov.au/publications/Pages/hmd-and-port-information-guide.aspx

Varanus Island, WA (20° 39'S, 115° 34'E)	
UN/LOCODE: AU VAR	
Paper chart:	Aus 742, Aus 65
AusENC cells:	AU421115, AU230110
Security Regulated Port:	Yes
Port Authority:	Pilbara Ports Authority
Website:	www.pilbaraports.com.au
Email:	dampier.vts@pilbaraports.com.au
Harbour Master's office:	+61 8 9159 6508
Deputy Harbour Master	+61 8 9159 6565
Deputy Harbour Master	+61 8 9159 6546
Facility Operator:	Santos WA Energy Limited Pty Ltd
Website:	www.santos.com
Email:	varanus.fieldsup@santos.com
Telephone:	+61 8 6218 7600
Fax:	+61 8 6218 7618
Pilotage:	Compulsory 35m LOA
Pilot Boarding Ground:	20° 40.00'S, 115° 40.00'E
Communication	"Varanus Island Port Control"
Varanus Island Port Control (VHF)	VHF Channel 16/79
Telephone:	+61 8 91596556
Operator / Pilots:	VHF Channel 74
Notice of ETA:	96 hours