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The World Ship Society Victoria branch meets monthly at 7.30pm on the first Tuesday at the Port Education Centre in Lorimer St Port Melbourne. Visitors are welcome. Membership enquiries can be made with our Secretary at PO Box 5038 Middle Park, Victoria 3206. or at our website www.wss-vic.org.au

WEBB DOCK UP AND RUNNING



The German owned and Luxembourg flagged, 7,847 teu *E.R.Long Beach* is photographed alongside at 4 Webb Dock by Paul Finnigan and has become the first ship to do a full discharge / load at VICT (Victorian International Container Terminal) - after the ANL Woomera loaded around 400 empty containers there a few weeks back as a trial. *E.R.Long Beach* discharged around 800 imports and loaded around 1900.

This vessel had previously called at East Swanson Dock but her air draft on this voyage meant she couldn't pass safely under the Westgate Bridge safely, hence the need to head for the new alternative at Webb Dock.

Despite the somewhat impressive photo with five ship to shore gantry cranes swung down, her port call extended to almost four and a half days due to what was described as 'teething problems' - a normal turnaround time for a vessel with this amount of boxes would be 48 - 60 hours so a lot of improvement will be required if this new player hope to succeed in a very aggressive market.