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Port of Devonport Collision Incident Update

TasPorts welcomes tug *Svitzer Bondi* to Devonport

TasPorts has welcomed new tug, Svitzer Bondi to its north-west marine fleet, based in Devonport

Following the incident in late January, where cement carrier *Goliath* collided with two TasPorts tugs at the Port of Devonport (York Cove and Campbell Cove), TasPorts is pleased to welcome towage vessel *Svitzer Bondi* to its north-west marine fleet.

TasPorts Chief Operating Officer Stephen Casey said the tug arrived on Sunday and will play a critical role in supporting ongoing shipping and safety requirements at the Port of Devonport.

“*Svitzer Bondi* was selected after a review of available tug assets around Australia and will join the fleet on a 12-month charter, whilst a longer-term arrangement is confirmed,” Mr Casey said.

“At 23 metres in length and 10 metres in width, with a bollard pull of 47-tonnes, the 8-year-old *Svitzer Bondi* was named after Sydney’s iconic beach and prior to joining the TasPorts fleet could regularly be spotted towing tankers, bulk vessels, and (pre-COVID) cruise vessels around Sydney Harbour.

“On Friday morning, after completing initial familiarisation exercises and preparing the vessel for sea, the *Svitzer Bondi* departed Sydney Harbour with a six person TasPorts crew, for the 50+ hour journey to Devonport, arriving into port just prior to lunchtime on Sunday,” he said.

Following her arrival, TasPorts north-west towage crews will undertake further training on the vessel, to ensure they are familiar with its manoeuvrability. This will include supporting a number of vessel movements in and out of the Port of Devonport over the coming weeks.

“The vessel is a modern and reliable addition to the fleet, which will suit the unique environment at the Port of Devonport. *Bondi*’s arrival demonstrates TasPorts commitment to the continuity of safe marine services across our multi-port system,” Mr Casey said.

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