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OZ CENTURY LAUNCHES MV WUNMA SAFETY CAMPAIGN



OZ Century launched its MV Wunma safety campaign this week to remind anglers about the need to steer clear of the mine's 5,000 tonne transfer vessel.

OZ Century's Port Manager Greg Scanlan said that while locals and regular visitors to Karumba were familiar with the port facility, first-time visitors may not be aware of the safety precautions necessary around the MV Wunma.

"Our crews do everything they can to ensure that the MV Wunma's shipping activities do not impact on people's lifestyles and we're incredibly grateful and thankful that local people and regular visitors are aware of the need to steer clear of the vessel.

"The purpose of the campaign is to educate new visitors to the area about the need to stay at least 50m away from the OZ Minerals Wharf, at least 25 metres from the MV Wunma herself and not to anchor in the Norman River when the vessel is moving."

"While we do not anchor in the Norman River "transit channel", the MV Wunma is unable to turn out of the channel or stop when moving. This is why we ask that, for safety reasons, light vessels do not anchor in the river while the MV Wunma is moving."

"These simple precautions will keep our crews safe and ensure that people can fully enjoy their stay in beautiful Karumba."

Drink coasters, posters and flyers outlining safety precautions necessary around the MV Wunma will be distributed to taverns, accommodation facilities and other venues throughout Karumba.

The MV Wunma transports zinc and a small amount lead concentrate mined at Century's Lawn Hill operations to export ships anchored in a 45 kilometre designated area in the Gulf of Carpentaria.

The campaign will run from April to November.

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