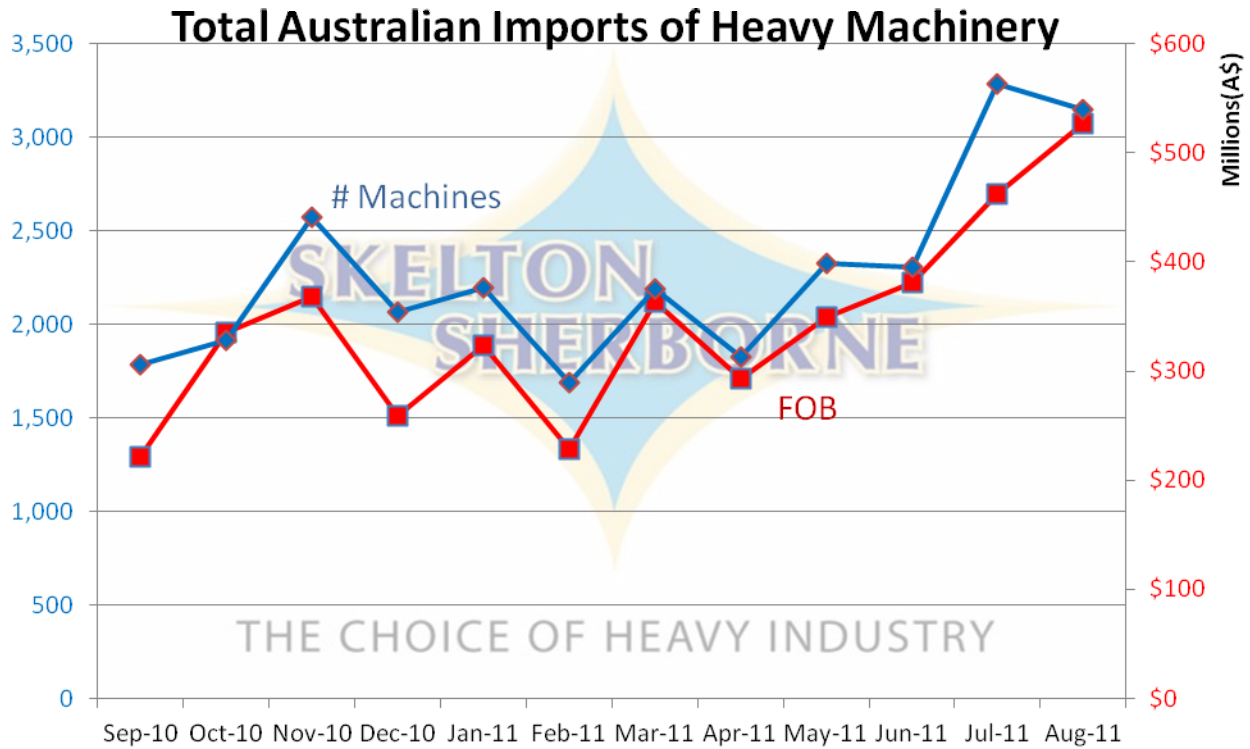


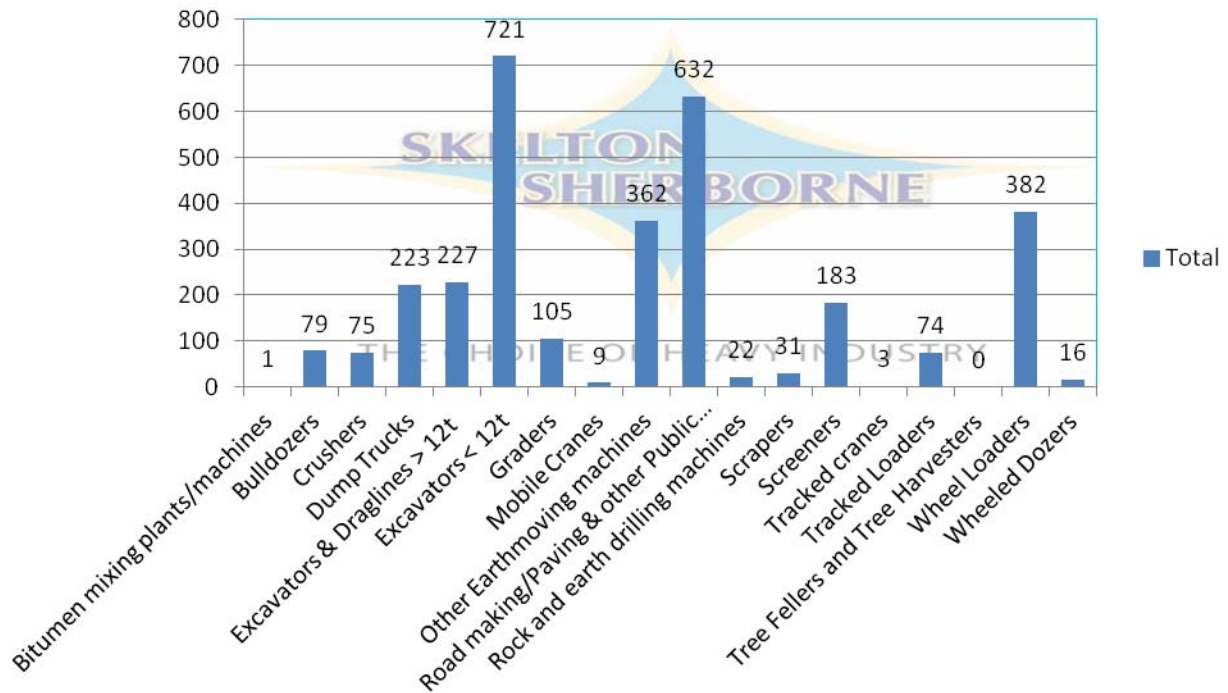
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- While machinery import volumes in August decreased by 4% to 3145 units there are increasing numbers of mining equipment arriving on our shores. The current trend is definitely up and forward bookings and cargo volumes are improving from most of our customers. Hopefully the significant falls in commodity prices which occurred last night will not spook the market into thinking that "GFC mark II" is on it's way rather than our illustrious treasurers "Mining Boom mark II".
- The Customs FOB value rose from \$463m in July to \$527m in August an increase of 14%. This reinforces that higher value/mining type machine volumes are rising.
- Significant movements in various categories are as follows:

Crushers	UP	47%
Scrapers	UP	158%
Road making/Paving & other Public Works Equipment	DOWN	37%
Wheeled Dozers	UP	45%

- New finance contracts for Construction and Earthmoving equipment.

	AUD
August 2010	4m
September 2010	4m
October 2010	19m
November 2010	33m
December 2010	29m
January 2011	4m
February 2011	4m
March 2011	40m
April 2011	9m
May 2011	26m
June 2011	19m
July 2011	10m

- The [Baltic Shipping Index](#) has increased to 1,764 as of September 20th.
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