



Chicago chiefs visit shops

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CHICAGO Freight Car Leasing Australia's (CFCLA) new Goulburn facility received a visit from its USA parent company's senior executives on Tuesday afternoon.

The president of Chicago Freight Car Leasing (North America), Fred Sasser and his chief financial officer Luke Lukens, who are undertaking a 10 day tour of the Australian company's facilities, said they wanted to meet executives and catch up with staff and key customers in several states.

And their visit to Goulburn Railway Workshops, which is CFCLA's most recent acquisition, which trades as the Australian HorsePower Service Centre, coincided with the release of the facility's first locomotive repaint -company-owned locomotive C502.

Mr Sasser said he was impressed with the Australian operation which "has been experiencing steady growth, and expected to continue to do so, with no fewer than 76 locomotives and 1961 items of rolling stock now on its books.

"They are collectively valued at more than \$350 million with examples operating in most states," he said.



VISIT: Mr Sasser (second from right) and Mr Lukens (extreme right) during their Goulburn workshops visit with (from left) CFCLA's Wagon Asset Manager based in Adelaide Mike Stigwood; CFCLA's chief executive officer Ian Gibbs; Goulburn facility manager, Alan Gardner and CFCLA's head of workshops.

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