

Fast Facts

- Operates 24/7
- Employs more than 500 staff
- 8 container cranes including Fergusson container terminal's three ZPMC cranes, the biggest in the country
- 40+ straddle carriers, worth around \$2m each
- 5 tugs and 2 pilot boats
- Four parallel rail lines, each 650 metres long and able to hold 128 rail wagons
- Handles around \$27b of trade annually, the equivalent of 15% of New Zealand's gross domestic product (GDP). This is about the same as the ports of Tauranga, Whangarei and Lyttleton combined
- Winner of a 2009 Green Ribbon Award for environmental management
- Ports of Auckland is 100% owned by Auckland Regional Holdings, the investment arm of the Auckland Regional Council



Ports of Auckland Timeline

1840	Governor, Captain William Hobson, establishes Auckland as the first capital of New Zealand because of "its central position and the facility and safety of its port." Commercial Bay becomes the hub of the port's activities and a creek in the centre of Commercial Bay is filled in to make Queen Street
1851	Queens Wharf stretches out into the bay as an extension of the street
1881	First shipment of frozen meat opens up huge export markets for New Zealand lamb and dairy products
1901	Reclamation has transformed mudflats from St George's Bay in the east (where The Strand, Parnell, is today) to Freemans Bay in the west into land
1951	Ships lie idle and families go hungry during the famous waterfront dispute – the biggest industrial confrontation in New Zealand's history
1971	Fergusson container terminal constructed
1973	First container ship arrives
1985	Greenpeace vessel the <i>Rainbow Warrior</i> sunk off Marsden Wharf by French operatives
1989	Ports of Auckland takes over from the Auckland Harbour Board
2008	Rangitoto channel deepening completed
2009	Extension of Fergusson container terminal completed
2010	Queens Wharf released for redevelopment

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Ports of Auckland – a city port

Welcome to Ports of Auckland, New Zealand's leading port.

We connect New Zealand's importers and exporters with 164 international ports in 67 countries.

Our Auckland seaport is New Zealand's largest container port, handling more than 840,000 20-foot equivalent container units (TEU) per annum.

Auckland is also New Zealand's premier cruise port, hosting around 70 international cruise liners each year.

We are also the country's primary import destination for vehicles and handle a wide range of other non-containerised cargo include cement, wheat and steel.

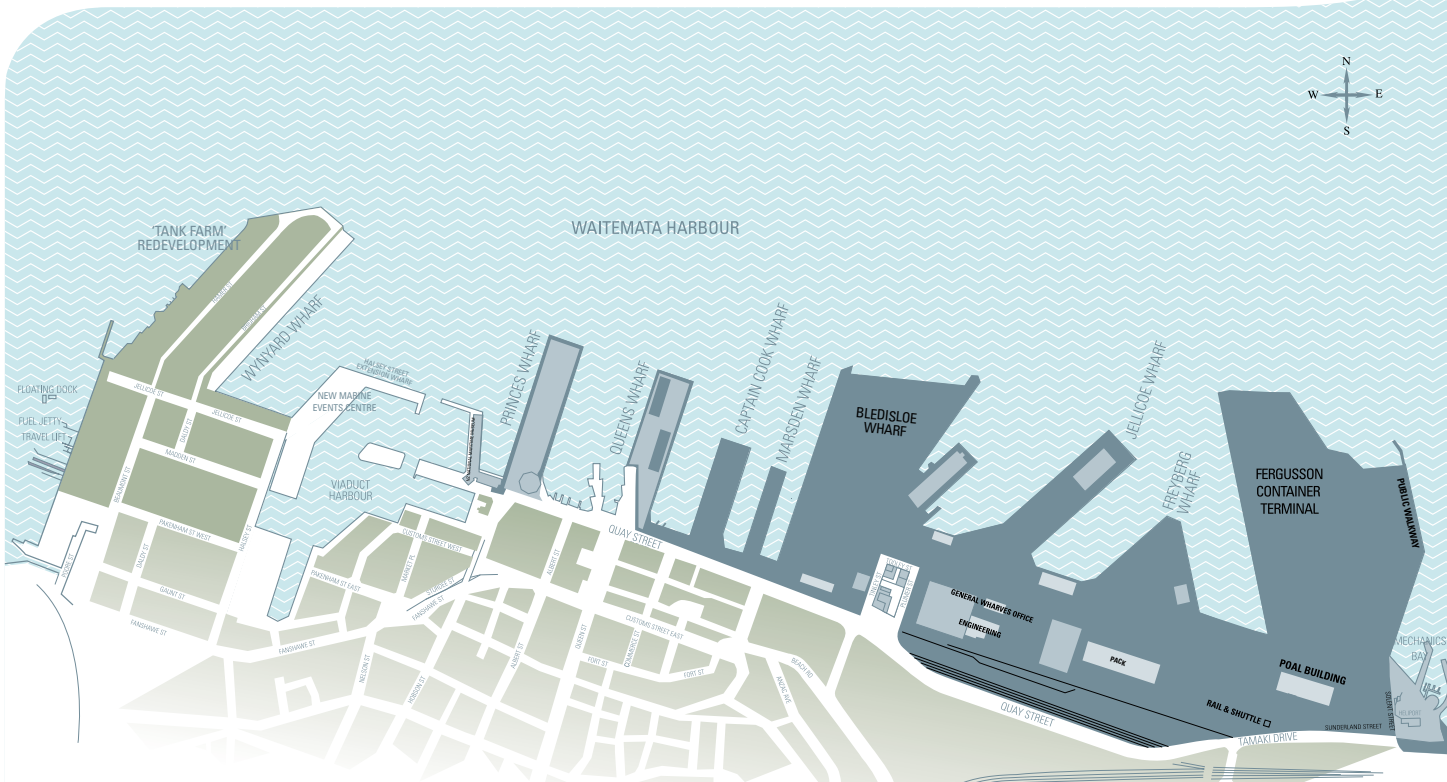
Since 1996, the volume of containerised cargo that we handle has more than doubled. At the same time, by working smarter and using new technology, we have been able to reduce our waterfront footprint by nearly half, from 140 hectares to 77 hectares.

The released land includes the Westhaven Marina, the Viaduct, the Wynyard Quarter 'Tank Farm', Princes Wharf and Queens Wharf – 'party central' for the 2011 Rugby World Cup.

We are also working to enable public access to the 2.1 ha Captain Cook Wharf in the future.

One of Auckland's most exciting waterfront developments is on former port land at the Wynyard Quarter 'Tank Farm', which is being converted into a mixed-use, people-friendly environment incorporating the fishing and marine industries.

In 2008, a public walkway at the eastern edge of the port was opened. The 400-metre-long walkway, which boasts a superb view of the harbour and port operations, includes two viewing platforms, pohutukawa plantings and some great spots for fishing. The walkway can be accessed at Mechanics Bay, near Mikano Restaurant.



Top: City, port and harbour – side by side.
Bottom: Wynyard Quarter 'Tank Farm' redevelopment.