

Community engagement



**SEEPORT FESTIVAL
HOSTS MORE THAN
70,000 AUCKLANDERS**



**ENGAGING WITH OUR
COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS,
INCLUDING 300 COMMUNITY
MEETINGS**

We strive to be an active and responsible member of the community. This means being open and transparent about how we operate. It also means supporting community activities that bring life to the waterfront and promote health and wellbeing.

A key focus for us this year has been to engage with our community regarding our need to deepen the channel. This will allow us to accommodate the larger ships that are now commonplace in global shipping. While this engagement is not a requirement of the consenting process, we are committed to being open and transparent and have actively worked to notify community groups about this issue.





Community engagement on channel deepening

All ports need to dredge berths and channels for safe navigation or to accommodate larger ships. We are applying to Auckland Council for a new 30-year consent. While public notification of this dredging is not required, we have worked hard to keep our community informed, engaging with yachting groups and community groups. We began this process six months in advance of submitting the application so that we could keep our stakeholders informed.

Welcoming Aucklanders onto the port

SeePort is our annual open weekend, where we host thousands of Aucklanders across three days. This year we focused on technology and automation, showcasing the change happening across our industry. We had great participation from our partners again this year. A highlight would have to have been the support from KiwiRail and Pollock Cranes to bring a locomotive onto the waterfront, as a way of showing how the port is part of a wider supply chain and support industry. The carnival celebrates our maritime heritage and provides a glimpse into the future of the port and shipping industry.

Maintaining regular community engagement

In the past 12 months we have had more than 300 meetings with community organisations including advocacy groups, local business communities and iwi groups. We have also developed a new relationship with the Mana Whenua Kaitiaki Forum, an organisation representing 19 Māori iwi and hapū.

Working with local school communities

We have worked with local schools to develop an education programme about the port. The objective is to provide an overview of the shipping and maritime industry and develop pathways, vocational training and potential career opportunities in the industry. Schools can learn more about the industry in the classroom as well as coming on site for tours and to meet the team.