

The latest information and community news from Auckland's Port DECEMBER 2009

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Aucklanders turn out in their thousands for one of the largest fun runs in the world.

Ports of Auckland Round the Bays 2010

Ports of Auckland is to sponsor the Round the Bays fun run for the next three years, with Managing Director Jens Madsen looking forward to bringing a new dimension to the event.

"Round the Bays is a superb match for Ports of Auckland," said Mr Madsen. "The run starts right on our doorstep, and does a great job of showcasing Auckland's beautiful harbour and waterfront."

"Ports of Auckland has a long history as one of Auckland's cornerstone companies, supporting jobs and businesses throughout the region. We're very proud to have the opportunity to add our name to what is such an iconic Auckland event."

Last year's Round the Bays attracted around 70,000 runners and walkers, making it the largest mass-participation

event in New Zealand – and one of the largest in the world.

The fun run is 8.4km long over a flat course that follows the contours of Auckland's Waitemata harbour. It starts in the city on Quay St and finishes on the waterfront at St Heliers Bay.

Ports of Auckland has nominated the Waitemata Harbour Clean-up Trust as one of the charities that will benefit from proceeds raised through event entry fees.

The Trust works with volunteers and school groups to collect rubbish from the water and foreshore of the Waitemata Harbour and Hauraki Gulf. Since it was



set up in 2002 the Trust has collected more than 7,900 large wheelie bins full of rubbish.

Please mark Sunday 14 March 2010 in your diaries and join us at the Ports of Auckland Round the Bays!

Ports of Auckland Round the Bays is owned by Fairfax Media and the Auckland Joggers Club. Sponsors include Ports of Auckland, Pump Water, Mobico and Watercare Services Limited.

Double decker port bus tours a hit



Keen Port visitors line up to hop aboard the Ports of Auckland bus tours. Seeing the Port at work.

More than 2,000 Aucklanders recently took the opportunity to jump aboard a double-decker bus for a guided tour of the Waitemata seaport.

The tours were part of Ports of Auckland's annual SeePort event. Other attractions included exhibits, face painting and story-telling at the historic Captain Cook gate, and dancing tug boat displays at the end of Princes Wharf.

The hour-long bus tours gave people a special opportunity to come inside the famous red fence and see New Zealand's largest container port at work.

Managing Director Jens Madsen, who guided one of the tours personally, said he enjoyed showing off the biggest 'boys toys' in the country, including the port's eight container cranes.

"Small children enjoyed the face

painting and Captain Pugwash's storytelling, while the adults and older children enjoyed learning more about how the port works," said Mr Madsen.

In response to popular demand, Ports of Auckland put on two additional free bus tours during SeePort, both booking out within days. The SeePort event will run again in 2010.

Wiri Rail Link on track

Construction of the new rail link between the Waitemata seaport and the Wiri Inland Port in South Auckland is on track, with the first train expected early in the New Year. The rail link has the potential to save as many as 100,000 central city truck trips per annum, once fully phased in.

Auckland Anniversary Weekend

Ports of Auckland sponsors the annual Oceanbridge Auckland Anniversary Regatta. As part of the celebrations, we'll be putting on a special series of free boat tours of the port, and giving the public a chance to win a ride on a Ports of Auckland tugboat during the annual Tugboat Race. The competition and bookings for the boat tours will open in mid January – check www.poa.co.nz for details.

Public Walkway

As summer approaches don't forget about the fabulous waterfront walkway at the eastern edge of the Port. With lime chip and pohutukawas it is the perfect place to take a stroll, or even catch a fish! The entrance to the walkway is at Mechanics Bay, near Mikano Restaurant. As the walkway is near the main truck entrance to the Port, please take care and follow the pedestrian footpath off Tamaki Drive.

Community Boat Tours

Our free weekly boat tours of Ports of Auckland are going from strength to strength, with a new tour operator – 360 Discovery – and a change in day from Wednesdays to Tuesdays, when the port tends to be busier. So far this year more than 3,500 people have taken a free tour, spending an hour weaving in and out of the working wharves and inner harbour.

Our tour programme finishes for the year on Tuesday 15 December, starting up again on Tuesday 19 January. For more information see www.poa.co.nz.

Port project finalist in Engineering Awards

Ports of Auckland's project to deepen the Rangitoto Channel and extend the Fergusson container terminal was recently named as a finalist in the 2009 New Zealand Engineering Excellence Awards.

The Fergusson terminal extension was the first large-scale reclamation in New Zealand to be constructed entirely of "mudcrete", a pioneering technique which recycles dredgings into fill, delivering significant environmental benefits compared to more traditional methods.



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